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# From Bataan To Solomons They Call It Pacific

By Clark Lee

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was called to Washington. The President told Hurley and a job for him.  
The job he took and also the funds that the President gave him and got in an airplane and flew across the Pacific. He went to Australia and flew up north to Port Darwin and then over to Java.

Hurley chartered five ships and loaded them with 56-caliber ammunition, hand grenades, 2-inch aerial bombs, aspirin, bandages, quinine and sulfanilamide, and ships cannot go. Two of the ships were lost near Darwin Harbor when the Japs staged their first big raid of the war there, catching us by surprise and inflicting heavy damage on a big convoy.

The other three all got through to the Philippines. That meant that all three ships that started, made it. There may have been other ships, too, because Secretary Stimson, on the basis of information given to him, announced after the fall of Bataan that for every ship that got through two ships were sunk.

Hurley mounted some 50-caliber guns on his three ships for protection against dive bombers and got American soldiers to man the guns. The ships' crews were given bonuses, but it would be unfair to believe that they made the trip in order to make money. Nobody who saw the ships sail northward thought the crews would live to spend their bonuses.

Those ships made the trip just at the time when huge Japanese expeditionary forces in transports and warships were coming south through Macassar and Molucca Straits.

While those ships were on their way running north to the Philippines, MacArthur had already set up a "blockade-running" organization of his own. That organization functioned because in the first three months of the war there was not any fixed Japanese blockade of the Philippines. Occasionally the Japs sent a warship into Philippine waters.

MacArthur had about a dozen ships which had been engaged in inter-land trade before the war and which had survived the bombings. None of them was armed. The largest was the Legaspi, a modern 3,000-ton passenger and freight ship. The others ranged in size down to 75 and 85-ton motor launches, but most of them were fairly roomy with three or four decks.

MacArthur sent one of the ships out through Corregidor's mine fields one night late in January. It was the Don Eisevan. Two weeks later, with the Philippine Army's three Q-boats quelling it, it came back into Manila Bay. It had been to Iloilo and it brought back sorely needed supplies, rice and a little fruit and some medicine.

Then MacArthur sent the Legaspi and it got through. Then the Princess made it.  
When the first boats came back it was a tremendous uplift to the morale of the men in Corregidor and Bataan. The reports of what they brought were exaggerated. The arrival of one small ship was enough to cause rumors that our convoy at

# Appeal Made By Railway

Asks Co-Operation  
Regarding Baggage

With vacation travel steadily increasing toward its summertime peak, the already overcrowded Railway Express Agency at Charlotte appealed today for careful co-operation by residents who desire to ship excess baggage and vacation equipment by this service.  
The company's statement said the organization here, while operating under strict Federal regulation of trucking and other phases of this service, has made all possible preparations for moving an anticipated large volume of traffic resulting directly from vacation travel. Particularly, the agency urged the public to place agency in advance of the day of departure any calls for an express truck to pick up luggage and other express packages. "It is seldom possible for a call to be made by a pickup truck on the day the request is filed," the agency said.

Since the Office of Defense Transportation has limited the number the agency's trucks may travel, it was emphasized that it is most important to have someone at home when the trucker calls for an offered shipment. The public also was urged to exercise great care in loading, strapping and addressing packages and said the names and addresses of both sender and receiver should be firmly affixed in more than one place on each package.

# Will Discuss Textile Plans

Possibilities of expanding the activities of the North Carolina Textile Institute, now handicapped by a lack of machinery, will be discussed by members of the board of directors in session at the institute late today, said James B. Vogler of Charlotte.  
He said many applications have been filed at Raleigh by persons desiring to take this course of training but lack of equipment is retarding the activities of the institute, located near Charlotte on Wilkinson Blvd. Additional machinery probably can be obtained and installed before the beginning of the Fall term, he said.

last, had arrived. Soldiers at the Bataan front refused to believe that only one ship had come in.  
Captain Arthur Wernuth got mad as hell as he one night when I told him the truth—that a group of small ships which had been captured and sent to the Japs between Corregidor and Bataan was not a convoy but a group of small ships being moved from the south side of Corregidor to escape the Japs who were at Cavite.

MacArthur's blockade—running was getting results, so he sent Major Blunt of the Quartermaster Corps down to Cebu to arrange for transshipment of the supplies that he knew were en route from Australia. Bird squeezed himself into the fuselage of a P-40, which is strictly a one-man airplane, and the pilot pulled it off the Cagaban runway one night and set it down in Cebu two hours later. Bird worked with Colonel Thomas Cook in Cebu.

The supplies from Hurley's ships reached Cebu but they never got to Corregidor. The Japs sent a warship into the Inland Sea and it sank all but about six of MacArthur's small ships that they had missed on their previous raids, including one carrying President Quezon's luggage. The Japs almost got Quezon too, but he slipped through their hands on a PT boat and got to Mindanao where he boarded an airplane for Australia. One or two of our small ships were captured intact by the Japs while their crews were ashore.

Later, two submarines went to Cebu to try to take some of the supplies to Corregidor, but again it was too late. The Japs by that time had finished their campaign in Java and Malaya and had come back to mop up the Philippines.

The submarines, however, had previously performed several valuable missions in running into Corregidor. In all, at least seven

submarines made the trip between late January and early May, when Corregidor finally fell. I'll never forget the arrival of the first sub. Its trip was supposedly secret, but word quickly spread with electricity. The sub tied up at the south end of Corregidor and I went down to talk to the sailors. They had been at Pearl Harbor and the reports they gave were far grimmer than the official announcements of damage. But they had good news too.

"Darwin is busy with American soldiers," they said. "The harbor is chockfull of ships and they should be heading up this way soon. There are so many troops there that they have to ration beer. Only five thousand bottles are sold every day and our soldiers stand in line for hours to get one. We've got plenty of planes there too."

Other subs came in from time to time. They brought supplies and they took out a few fortunate people: Quezon and his family and staff; Sayre and his group, some Navy officers, and a number of Army pilots. One of them also took out \$2,000,000 in gold bars belonging to the Philippine Government. The paper money on Corregidor was burned, several million dollars of it, while soldiers and sailors looked on enviously.

Hurley's three ships and those submarines represented the only efforts that the United States made to get aid to the Philippines, except for the bombing raid that MacArthur arranged after he reached Australia. That raid was really a salute to the dead of Bataan who would have, since been living if the United States had not decided that the Pacific was a secondary front.

Even months after that last raid MacArthur still did not have the men or planes or ships in Australia to take the offensive against the Japs. Those materials, it turned out much later, were going to North Africa.

# Turkey Will Stay Neutral

Recent Allied Relations  
Have Not Changed Ideas

ANKARA, Turkey—(Delayed)—The Quasi-official Istanbul newspaper Aksham said today that Turkey's relations with Britain and America in no way warrant any "expectations" that Turkey will abandon her neutrality and participate in the war.

The editorial was written by Necmeddin Sadak, a former diplomat with close connections in the foreign office. It attacked Axis claims that American and Britain were trying to push Turkey into the war.

"Turkey's neutrality is not conditioned by time or circumstances," the editorial said, "her policy being a national policy decided upon for the duration of hostilities."

The writer said that close contacts between Turkish and British and American leaders had resulted in a complete understanding between the three Governments upon Turkey's position.

DEFENSIVE STAND  
He added Turkey never intended to enter the war on certain conditions, or for this or that reward. Turkey... realizes full well that the present conflict is outside the realm of her own interests and has therefore decided to take up a defensive stand.

Balkan sources reported, meanwhile, that German Generals Alexander Leehr and Haarder met Bulgarian General Silikoff and a number of Italian generals at Salonika recently to consider changes in defense plans for the Aegean area.

In Belgrade a large number of anti-aircraft guns have been placed and air raid shelters are being hurriedly constructed, these sources said.

# F. R. Speaks Against Setting Up Food Czar

WASHINGTON—197—President Roosevelt spoke out again today against the setting up of a so-called food czar and said that the question at issue is whether we are for inflation or against it.

He told a press conference that Congress could take the path toward inflation if it wanted to, but that if it did the responsibility would rest 100 per cent on the legislators.

Suggestions that someone be given complete authority over all phases of the food program he characterized as close to a red herring. The real question, he said, is whether prices are to be kept down and whether we want to go into an inflationary spiral or not.

Suppose we had the Angel Gabriel as a food czar, the Chief Executive remarked. How is he going to get more food to the people at the present cost?

Sure, he went on, we all favor growing more in 1944, that would be grand. But he said it would not take care of the late 1943 or early 1944 and that Congress could not take care of that period, or a food czar.

Some people on Capitol Hill, the President asserted, think the easiest way to use up surplus buying power is to let prices go sky high. And, speaking in a sarcastic manner, he said he had heard some one on the radio suggest the same thing.

This latter person, Mr. Roosevelt said, asserted the richer people would be able to pay higher prices and the poor would suffer but that surplus buying power would be eliminated.

Mr. Roosevelt agreed that the poor people certainly would suffer under such conditions. Describing what he meant by an inflationary spiral in response to a question, the Chief Executive said that the cost of food is about a third of a family's income, and with larger wages, everybody is eating more now at greatly increased prices.

People with the largest financial

SEeks MISSING WIFE  
GASTONIA—J. W. Carrigan of West Gastonia, an employee of the Arlington Mill, today solicited the aid of newspapers and police in efforts to locate his wife, Mrs. Nadine Carrigan, nineteen, who disappeared from home on Friday June 4, almost four weeks ago.

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kins, he said, still have a surplus of funds even after buying their war bond quotas, and if prices keep going up a lot of people, most of them relatively small wage earners, will have to spend a great deal more for food. Then they will demand more pay and probably get it, he said, which would lead to requests for higher wages, he said, and then... to farmers would rise again, and so on.

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