

# ALLIES IN MASSIVE DARWIN ASSAULTS

## A News Editorial: Let The People Speak

From all over America a great and impatient protest is rising. That gives us some idea of the harrowing fear that this nation is not by any means doing all that it could do and must do to turn the tide of a war that goes badly against us on every front except the one against the Axis and the Chinese. People—not necessarily all the people, but a considerable portion of them—feel quite anxiously—

(1) That the Administration is bogged down in its own cumbersome organization;

(2) That the President is stubbornly determined to preserve social and economic reforms which are believed to retard our war effort;

(3) That Congress has renounced its own authority and has become a rubber stamp;

(4) That as a consequence of the foregoing the productive machinery of the United States is running at a good bit less than full speed.

What these protests amount to, in sum, is a conviction which firms up every passing day that the Government of the United States is moving itself unequal to the peril of the United States. And in nearly every case specific remedies proposed center upon longer hours of work in industry and the outlawing of strikes.

To what extent these protests arise from an underlying disapproval of the President's labor reforms, to what extent from a sense of urgency, and to what extent from panic, cannot easily be told, nor does it matter.

The point is that the people, whenever a sufficient number of them have reached an opinion, are entitled to urge that their opinion be acted upon. And the further point is that a considerable number of the people have reached the opinion that the Administration needs to be pressured into taking action which they, the people, believe to be essential to winning the war.

It is easier said than done. The sole means by which the people may have the action for which they clamor is through the instrumentality of the Congress. And Congress is made up of 435 Representatives and 96 Senators, and though an individual Congressman is responsive to the demands of his constituents, the Congress as a whole is much governed by considerations of party loyalty and political evasion.

Nevertheless, any effort to move the whole Congress en bloc must come from the sheer magnitude of the UNDERLIEING. Above all, the separate communities can do it to make sure that the Congressmen from their own districts and their own states are informed of the people's demands. And if enough communities thus manage to awaken Congressmen, the thing is as good as done.

Whatever communications go to Washington from our own communities will be so much influence that Congressmen will be brought to mass meetings may be held, either in their own districts or in the city of Congressmen, will be so much affect the whole of the nation. And whatever measures are taken here, if likewise they are taken elsewhere, will aggregate a force of public opinion which Congressmen will be unable to ignore.

If each one of us, then, take it upon himself to express his views to Congress, we shall have done about all that we can do. If we fail to do this, we shall have done nothing.

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UNDER NAZI PRESSURE

The Admiralty had not yet issued any report of naval action.

### British Troops Stiffen Resistance In Burma

ANDALYIA, Burma—(Delayed)—British Imperial forces, after a fierce house-to-house fight in a village, have successfully repulsed a Japanese attack, according to a report from the British press.

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Neither gunfire nor the plane's motor was heard from the south coast.

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### Government Regulation Of Natural Gas Upheld

#### Supreme Court Makes Decision

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In an opinion holding Constitutional the 1938 Federal Natural Gas Act, the Supreme Court today left the Federal Power Commission free to adopt a proposal advocated by President Roosevelt for valuing public utilities for rate-making purposes on the basis of the amount "prudently invested."

Chief Justice Stone delivered the unanimous opinion that upheld a Power Commission order directing the Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America and Texas Natural Gas Co., both of Chicago, to reduce their rates sufficiently to lower operating revenues by \$3,750,000 annually.

### Tanker Sunk Off Carolina Shore, Survivors Landed

#### "It Was Hell," Says Young Sailor on First Voyage; Sub Never Sighted

WILMINGTON—(AP)—A story of death by fire on oil-covered seas and of men being ground to bits by the propeller of their sinking ship was told today by survivors of a large American tanker torpedoed Thursday night.

The explosion and fire following the hit by an Axis submarine were heard and seen on shore at two Carolina beach resorts, Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach. For hours after the tragedy, residents along the beach stood on shore watching the blazing fire in the sea, not knowing what had happened.

### Red Forces Standing at Approaches Of Kharkov

#### "Liberation" of City Near

MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian soldiers applying great pressure on the Germans in the Ukraine and the Donets Basin were reported today to be standing upon the approaches to the important city of Kharkov, whose "hour of liberation" was declared near.

Soviet dispatches also claimed that the Red Army had smashed through German positions on the Kharkov-Kursk-Orel line below Moscow while drawing ever tighter the ring of fire and steel around the German 16th Army trapped at Staraya Russa, below Leningrad.

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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### U. S. Bomber Hits Jap-Held Airport

#### At Least Two Enemy Planes Blasted On Ground, Runways Damaged

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department reported today that an American four-motored bomber attacked a Japanese-held airport on the island of New Britain last Friday, destroying at least two enemy planes on the ground and damaging the runways.

In a communication, the Department said that the single American plane was hit by a single Japanese plane when it attacked the Vunakanau airfield at Rabaul.

### War Board Row Breaks

#### Conflicts Impeding Production Efforts

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Donald M. Nelson, War Production Chief, said today that "personal conflicts" between Robert R. Guthrie and members of Guthrie's staff were impeding production efforts.

Guthrie's resignation from the War Production Board was announced today.

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The bowl, used during the first World War and more recently in the peace-time lotteries, will be filled with 7,000 numbers. These will be drawn singly to determine the order of liability for military service of some 9,000,000 men who are registered under the Selective Training and Service Act.

### Say American Troops Held

#### Japs Claim 500 Yanks Captured on Java

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcasts)—Four hundred American troops were captured by the Japanese at a battle on Java, according to a Japanese dispatch today.

War material seized from the Americans included 26 tanks, 100 machine guns, 390 automatic weapons, 100 motorcycles, 100,000 rounds of ammunition, the dispatch said.

### Army Private Beaten to Death

#### CAMP LEE, Va.—(AP)—Private Charles E. Haas, 23, of Maitland, W. Va., was bludgeoned to death last Thursday night and a missing soldier, John W. Statchen, has been charged by the FBI with murder. H. I. Bobbitt, agent in charge of the Richmond FBI office, announced today. Haas' body was found Friday morning in a thicket in the Peterburg National Park, adjacent to the camp, by a soldier participating in a search for a missing soldier.

### Fertilizer Men Plead No Defense

WINSTON-SALEM—(AP)—Approximately 100 firms and individuals on the fertilizer industry are trying an trial here on charge of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Law. All pleaded nolo contendere, this afternoon before Judge Johnson J. Hayes.

Immediately after the pleas were entered, Judge Hayes directed the government to present the case to the court. He will announce a final judgment in the case.

### Russia Reported Well Prepared For Possible Japanese Attack

LONDON—(AP)—Russia's well-armed Siberian forces and naval bases are ready for instant action against a Japanese attack which might be launched in the near future, British reports said today.

A dispatch from Stockholm to the Daily Mail said the Soviet had "issued battle orders which could be put into instant operation" at Vladivostok, across the sea of Japan, from the Japanese coast.

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