

Huge Jap Forces Far Outnumbered Tiny U. S. Army

One Hundred Nurses for 10,000 Men; Nurses Phyllis Arnold (left), of Minneapolis, and Deanna Williams of Culpeper, Va., were among those who worked as hard as General Wainwright's men on the epic defense of Bataan. Here they are preparing bandages in an operating ante-room.

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AFTER saying good-bye to General MacArthur on March 10, 1942, the day he told me he was pulling out for Australia, I walked slowly back to the Malinta Tunnel...

It was a quiet ride back to Bataan on the little boat, and my thoughts were filled with the events running down the time my wife and I arrived in the Philippines...

Sgt. Carroll, my orderly, met us at Mariveles with the jeep. We climbed in silently and drove back to my trailer headquarters in the woods south of Baguio...

I would have, in all, about 70,000 men, not nearly all of them combat troops. General Homma's new landings in the Lingayen Gulf area had increased the Jap force to about a quarter of a million men...

I would now command both the I and II Corps. They made up about 60,000 of my men, with about 35,000 in the I Corps and 25,000 in my II Corps...

Far to the north I had two battalions of telephone and still reachable by radio. On Corregidor and the three smaller forts in Manila Bay—Peters Drum, Frank and Hittches—were about 10,000 men...

My "Navy" was that time consisted of four motor torpedo boats, commanded by Lt. John Bulkeley, and three small minesweepers and a few miscellaneous craft...

On the morning of March 12, I lined up all general officers of the I Corps at my headquarters in the woods south of Baguio...

I watched their faces as I spoke. They were all in a daze, as if they had just been hit by the news that our great commander had been forced, by order of General Roosevelt, to leave the island...

I heard his voice dimly again, so I yelled across the clearing that I understood. They realized as well as I what the score was. I then gave command of my old I Corps to Gen. A. M. Jones...

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Bullets Fly In Venezuelan Revolution

American Official Fired Upon Armed Conflict Breaks Out

WASHINGTON (AP)—A United States Embassy officer at Caracas was fired on at night in the course of spreading revolution in Venezuela.

The conflict is between rebel military and Government forces. The incident involving the Embassy officer during the Dion Park, Md. home after a beer party.

MEANWHILE, Government forces under the leadership of President Generalissimo Francisco Franco, who has taken personal command, have captured the San Carlos barracks at Caracas.

HEAVY FIRING Heavy firing was reported this morning shortly after midnight. The shooting took place at Caracas.

At the town of Maracaibo, about 100 miles east of the capital, it was reported that there was heavy fighting and that the rebels had some motorized equipment at their disposal.

The Government forces claimed to control Maracaibo Air Field. The State Department's cables from Ambassador Corrigan were, at least in some instances, timed to 9 P. M. yesterday.

The State Department's communication between the Embassy at Caracas and the State Department in Washington was, it was reported, that an American officer of the Embassy was on his way from the Embassy to the cable office when he was fired upon near the Plaza Bolivar.

He was forced to turn back and that resulted in the delay in Corrigan's dispatches to Washington. There was no authoritative word on the issues involved.

Venezuelan sources here speculated that the time when army officers perhaps were displeased with the two presidential candidates, provided they were paid off in twelve quarterly installments. Under the present law, they have only six months from the time they return to this country to work out a payment plan with the collector.

Men who entered the service before the pay-advance tax law went into effect would have been through recognition proceedings, may cancel out income not in excess of \$14,000 earned in civilian life for years prior to 1942.

The benefits approved for business were: 1. A one-year extension, from Dec. 31, 1945, of the period in which corporations may retire their own bonds at less than face value without recognition of gain.

2. A similar extension of the period in which railroads, which have been through recognition proceedings, may cancel out income without recognition of gain.

3. Slight losses Details of the enlisted men's service pay forfeitures remained to be worked out. The dates proposed were:

'Did It Very Nice' Maryland Man Whipped By Sheriff For Beating Wife

UPPER MARLBORO, Md.—A 39-year-old gas company employee convicted of beating up his 38-year-old wife, was handed ten times with whip by the Sheriff of Prince Georges County today.

Michigan Power Walkout CIO Strike Begins To Cut Off Heat In Two Cities

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Peron Grip Tightened

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Col. Juan Domingo Peron will be permitted by the Army to run for President next April, a reliable source reported today as a stunned populace dazedly accepted his swift return to power.

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