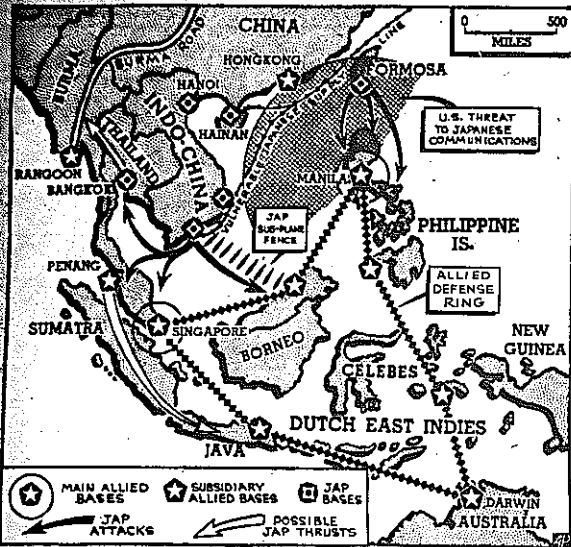


What It Means:

The Japanese War Plan

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WASHINGTON—The pattern of the Japanese plan for subjugation of the Far East has become apparent.

It is plain Japanese naval commanders hope to prevent or delay the operations of the combined fleets of the Allies. To this end, part of their operations aim at creating a communications link between the main Japanese base at Singapore and the Philippines. The route that established a beach head at Miri in Sarawak and another at Brunei in northern Borneo is a key.

The line from Indo-China—held by Japan—to Borneo constitutes the "backbone" of the Japanese plan. Control of both sides of the line gives Japan bases for a possible rapid advance and a possible rapid retreat. The line is a direct route to "effect a junction and strengthening of the line" between the main Japanese base at Singapore and the Philippines.

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There is some evidence also that the Japanese contemplate a possible advance from the Philippines across the 1,200-mile stretch to the Japanese base at Singapore, thus harassing an attempt to secure via the more circuitous route.

At the same time, the Japanese are establishing at the shore points which Allied fleets depend. The main bases, of course, are Singapore and Manila. Both are objects of great Japanese interest. The land attacks that followed the capture of Manila and Singapore are examples of the attacks against the main bases.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are primary objectives for different reasons. Manila menaces the

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long supply line Japan must keep open to supply her forces in the southern theater. Suffering the flank of the line, Manila can send out submarines, surface and air raiders to the Philippines.

U. S. submarines have taken the line. Until it is knocked out, no Japanese commander can rest easily with his communications under constant threat. So far, General MacArthur's Philippine command has brilliantly resisted any penetration of the Manila area proper, so long as that holds, the rest of the Philippines can be held.

So the picture takes shape, with Japan threatening for bases to anchor forces to impede the movement of the Allied fleet. Then, without expelling her grand fleet's advance, she hopes to whittle down the separated and weaker fleets with planes and submarines.

Singapore guards against Japan's ultimate goal—capture of the rich Netherlands Indies and Malaya. If it falls, there is little to prevent Japan from investing Ceylon, Sumatra and the other islands of the group.

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Best Forgets His Old Feud With Morrison

Raleigh Newsman Urges District to Elect By Acclamation His One-Time Enemy

Maybe it is the Christmas spirit or maybe it is the old saw about time being a healer of old grudges. The Greensboro Daily News' Raleigh correspondent, Tom Scott, is urging voters of the Tenth Congressional District to elect Cam Morrison by acclamation. In an article in his paper Tom says no one should run against his one-time enemy, the late Senator.

Tom's position recalls the feud between the two men when Cam was Governor. It grew until Tom was barred from the Governor's office. Tom wrote uncompromising pieces about Cam and Cam gave uncompromising statements to other reporters about Tom.

Later at night, Morrison sometimes ails in his bed along the upper half of the Hotel St. Walpole, strumming a guitar and just as softly singing one of the many folk songs he learned in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Perhaps it was while he was in one of those mellow moods that he reflected and decided to write a piece in favor of Cam.

At any rate, here's the piece Tom wrote. It appeared in yesterday's edition of his paper:

"RELATED RENANCE"
"Morrison's" feud with Morrison might be regarded as a feud between a former Governor, former United States Senator Cameron Morrison, and the late Senator.

The district should do this, if for no better reason than to make a start toward reconciliation. Of course Mr. Morrison should have no opposition and probably will have none. The Washington Government would have in him a propaganda of great value and the country could get a good look at North Carolina, the commonwealth which gave Morrison a place in the Senate to make room for Bob Reynolds.

The new district in Congress did its part in this state-wide shame. Mackleburg County voted against the distinguished ex-Governor and Senator. That is the opinion of historians that Morrison suffered a defeat for the time which politically led to the defeat of the Democratic Presidential nominee in 1928, and Frank McWhorter, for loyalty to the state.

The photograph of the latest election was made by the photographer, who has made pictures of all the other members of the Council Chamber.

land armies invest the strong points.

Signature of the key bases would put the Allies at a grave disadvantage. Their main battle fleets would find it almost impossible to operate in the area, without either Singapore or Manila. Happily, the defenders of both bases have given evidence that they have a better than even chance of keeping the Japs out of the vital zones.

If the bases hold, it's only a question of time until the heavy Allied fleet units come up. With the backing of the bases, they can ultimately make a better than even chance of keeping the Japs out of the vital zones.

When that time comes, Japan must risk her grand fleet to keep the line open—and that's the moment some gruff-faced sailors are living their lives for right now in the Pacific.

Japan has got to take those bases quickly. Keep the lighter Asiatic fleets separated and consolidate the area before her grand fleet can be outgunned by Allied reinforcements coming up. Her South Seas gamble is a bust. The odds were all against it from the start. Despite its careful and surprise offensive. They grow greater day by day.

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non opposed McWhorter's confirmation of the Charlotte crusader would have been a great confirmation. Had Bailey been in the Simmons seat and able to call the Simmons vote, however, McWhorter would have been beaten.

"Meanwhile, Bailey beat Simmons on the basis of party loyalty and later Reynolds defeated Morrison whose popularity he had built up. The Reynolds course in the Senate for the time being has been as near to party, state, and national disloyalty as could be made. It is his constituents will ascribe that course to the Reynolds vision rather than to his inherent viciousness. Mr. Reynolds is the type of statesman who climbs a tree to see the country line."

"When Max Gardner had to name a United States Senator his Excellency had every reason not to promote Mr. Morrison who had advanced Mr. Gardner any during the young man's career. But Gardner thought in 1930 that the state and the nation needed some North Carolinian who had seen a great deal of public service and had a national mind. So Morrison drew the appointment. And the state which had felt that it owed Morrison much for his leadership in the state and schools, cast him out for Reynolds."

"The Morrison district, then the old Ninth, helped to build a solid reputation for Morrison. The district is now divided and has a new name, but the part of it which would be represented by Morrison could do a penance by electing him to Congress."

"Many weeks ago the Raleigh Times sent out the word that such a movement for Morrison was in the making. The Charlotte farmer-statesman, put it down. There will be satisfaction that he does a little thing and helping of his own and will make the race."

Douglas Picture Joins Gallery

A striking likeness of Charlotte's 34th mayor was today added to the gallery in the Council Chamber of the City Hall when a photograph of former Mayor Douglas was hung on the wall.

The photograph of the latest election was made by the photographer, who has made pictures of all the other members of the Council Chamber.

Vote Free French Rule

Some Cities in U. S. Are Rehabilitating Street Cars, but Duke Co. Hasn't Got Any

ST. PIERRE—On a plebiscite showing a 902 per cent margin for General Charles De Gaulle has "definitely established" the matter of Free French rule over St. Pierre and Miquelon islands, the Free French Information Bureau said last night.

The bureau announced the final vote as: Free France, 785; voted; collaboration with the Vichy French Government, 14.

An expedition aboard four corvettes arrived Christmas Eve and announced there would be an "exchange of views" between General De Gaulle and interested Allied governments on diplomatic questions involved in the occupation.

Trolley Cars Won't Be Restored To Duty

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Some cities of the United States may soon witness restoration of the trolley car to street transportation services but that is out of the picture for Piedmont Carolina where the Duke Power Co. operates these services because the company has disposed of all its old, clanking cars.

Free reports of recent days have said that some utility companies in widely scattered cities have ordered restoration of the electrically propelled trolley cars to service because of the rationing of gas and motor truck production to military requirements and increases in passenger traffic.

Street transport lines of the Duke Power Co. in a dozen or more Piedmont Carolina cities exclusively operate buses, though in two or three cities a few trackless trolleys (buses propelled by electric power) are operated. All the heavy old-style trolleys, operating on rail

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