

U. S. FORCES BATTLE DESPERATELY AS MANILA'S FALL APPEARS NEAR

Allies Hint At Attack Somewhere Against Japs

War-of-Nerves Technique Used

WASHINGTON (AP)—With the battle for the Philippines in its crucial hour, the Allies invoked war-of-nerves technique against Japan today to mask the grand strategy of operations that might develop anywhere along a 5,000-mile front.

The overwhelming Japanese forces were smashing closer to the gates of Manila, but Tokyo refused signs of uneasiness over the possibility of developments elsewhere.

Whether the Allied "nerve" offensive presented a lightning thrust against Japan at some unexpected point, was a subject of lively conjecture here, where all eyes were on the tide of the fighting in the Philippines.

President Roosevelt spoke cryptically yesterday at Kansas City, the Soviet Siberian Peninsula which has been the tip of the Japanese island chain.

Prime Minister Churchill issued a radio broadcast in London.

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TITLER PREDICTS 1941 NAZI VICTORY; NAZI PRESS LASHES AT F. R.'S TALK

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Addressing his troops on the eastern front, the Fuehrer asserted that "Germany does not want and cannot afford to be involved in battle again every 25 years."

Hitler Says 1942 Will See Russia's Power Broken

Hopes Blood That Has Been Spilled in 1941 Shall Be the Last To Be Shed in Europe for Generations

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Nazis In Retreat Along All Fronts

Falling Back in Russia and North Africa as Year Runs Out

Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, standing at the crossroads of a New Year, acknowledged a sharp reverse for his Crimean armies today as the once conquering German legions were reported in retreat on all fronts.

Surprises Await Japs

OTTAWA, Ont. (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill (left) and the British ambassador to the United States, Lord Halifax, are expected to arrive in Washington today.

Hitler-Jap Defeat Is Written In The Skies

LONDON (AP)—British astrologers who call the heavens for signs of the future are agreed that the Moon, Jupiter, Venus, Neptune, Mars, etc. are doing to put the box on Hitler, Hirohito & Co. in 1942.

American And Filipino Troops Face Heavy Odds

Battle Line Near Island Capital

MANILA (AP)—Greatly outnumbered American and Filipino forces north and south of Manila "are being pushed back" by hordes of Japanese infantry, tanks and dive bombers, General Douglas MacArthur grimly acknowledged today.

The southern battle line was only 30 minutes from the capital by automobile early today. An Associated Press staff reporter, Clark Lee, made a trip to that front and back this morning in an hour.

The ominous tone of General MacArthur's morning communique and the fact that the Japanese were within 20 minutes' driving range of Manila indicated that perhaps the fall of the open and defenseless capital was imminent.

The enemy is driving in great force from both north and south. "His dive bombers practically covered the road from the north. The Japanese are using great quantities of tanks and armored cars. Our lines are being pushed back."

British Sink Five Axis Schooners

LONDON (AP)—The sinking of five Axis schooners, including the German submarine, by British submarines in the Mediterranean was announced today by the Admiralty.

Von Papan To Leave Turkey

ISTANBUL (AP)—A usually reliable Ankara diplomatic source said today that German Ambassador Franz von Papan would leave Turkey shortly to confer with Adolf Hitler in Berlin.

Allies Must Hold Singapore So As To Have Base For Offensive

LONDON (AP)—Allied strategists called for defense of Singapore "with all the means at our disposal" in a statement today.

Lines Adjusted To Combat Japs

Army Attempts to Evacuate 300 Seriously Wounded Americans by Ship From Luzon Island

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Heavy Losses Inflicted On Japs

War Department Reports Strong Resistance Being Put Up

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See No Way U.S. Can Aid

MANILA (AP)—The Philippine government today said it saw "no way" in which the United States could aid the Philippines in its fight against the Japanese.

Durham Gives Up Hope Of Matching Climate

Only the Cabs Will Resemble California, With Their Rates Boomed to \$2 Minimum

DURHAM (AP)—Durham, with an accosting eye on the weatherman who has provided perfect New Year's weather conditions for the past few years, gave up on the hope of matching the climate for tomorrow and turned to the "holiest" of wishes.

Evacuees Reach San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A large group of evacuees from the Pacific war zone arrived today in San Francisco.

Venezuela Cuts Ties With Axis

WASHINGTON (AP)—Venezuela today announced that it had cut diplomatic relations with the Axis powers.

Auto Defense Plans Will Run on Tomorrow

DETROIT (AP)—New Year's Day will not mean a holiday in the production of the automobile industry.

Weather

Forecast for the next few days.



Portrait of a man, likely a news anchor or reporter.

The Voice of Spring: Allies Will Have To Wait Until Weather Clears To Bomb Nippon

(Note: The question many Americans are asking today—when will Japan be bombed?—is answered by J. W. Snyder, economist and statistician, who says that Japan made a special study of Nippon's vulnerability to air attack. This is the first of two articles. —Editors, The News.)

Winter is Japan's friend. Spring should see deterioration rain out of the skies on Tokyo and Yokohama, on Osaka and Kobe, on Kyushu and Nagasaki, on Hiroshima and Kure. Allied pilots will find many a target easier to bomb than to pronounce.

From Vladivostok, Kamela's Far Eastern outpost city, it is a two and a half hour flying time in any important weather by Japan proper. When the winter is in its full swing, Soviet planes will spring with ease toward the few vulnerable points. Now a major campaign for hangars over the Sea of Japan, the most