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## CHURCHILL, ROOSEVELT MEET IN N. AFRICA; VITAL WAR PLAN DRAWN UP

HE GETS AROUND

It was announced yesterday that President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill had just concluded a 10 day conference at Casablanca in North Africa. They reached complete agreement on war plans for 1943, aimed at bringing about the unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy, and Japan.

M. Stalin was unable to attend the conference because of his duties as Commander-in-Chief in actions which were comprising the great Russian offensive. Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek were kept informed on all stages of the discussions during the conference.

MOSCOW radio announced on Tuesday morning that M. Stalin and M. Molotov had received the British and American Ambassadors, presumably in connection with the decisions reached at Casablanca.

President Roosevelt declared that methods of pooling Allied resources had been fully discussed. Both he and Mr. Churchill expressed recognition of the weight the Russians were successfully carrying, and said that the primary object of the plans was to take as much of the burden off the Russians as was possible by pressure on the Axis elsewhere.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT said that all possible material would be sent to Russia and China. In the Pacific, the Allied job was to stop Japan forever from dominating that ocean.

The Allies were determined not to eliminate the peoples but the military powers of both Germany and Japan.

Mr. Churchill described the conference as the most important he had ever attended. He said he regretted the absence of M. Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Nevertheless, the conference would give Allied troops the best chance of victory. "Heavy actions are pending," he concluded.

The conference was attended by General de Gaulle and General Giraud, High Commissioner to French North Africa, both of whom expressed agreement with decisions reached at the conference and between themselves.

### 43 PEOPLE GASSED IN SYDNEY

FORTY-THREE people in Chippen-dale were gassed yesterday when the top of a cylinder containing liquid chlorine was accidentally knocked off on a lorry. The chlorine quickly vaporized and was carried at least a mile.

Many people in their homes and at work were affected and had to be revived by firemen with respirators.

Firemen had to break into some houses to effect rescues. Thirty-one people were subsequently treated at hospital, two were admitted and 11 others were treated by ambulance officers and firemen.

THE Russian Minister to Australia and his staff are expected to arrive in Australia soon. Adequate accommodation has been arranged in Canberra for the staff.

Commenting on the results of the meeting, the London "Daily Mail" states that tremendous things may break shortly.

The "Daily Herald" expresses regret that a supreme strategic council of representatives of the four great Allied nations was not formed. The New York "Herald Tribune" registers amazement that not one person from the Far East was present.

### CURTIN CONTROLS MANPOWER

FEDERAL Government has decided to concentrate full control of manpower and the War Commitments Committee under the Administration of the Director-General of Manpower (Mr. W. C. Wurth) and under the Ministerial control of the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin).

### Australia's Casualties

IN the House of Representatives yesterday, the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) said that Australia's casualties since the outbreak of war were: Killed, 6,800; wounded, 12,000; prisoners of war, 9,000; missing, 24,000.

### Trainer Mentioned At A.W.C. Inquiry

JOHN LEONARD STEPHENS, giving evidence at the Allied Works Council inquiry, said he heard Maurice McCarten, former jockey, now a horse trainer, had got out of an A.W.C. call-up because he was in the N.E.S. and a "pool" driver.

Stephens is one of the four clerks suspended by the council. He added that the "pool" was an organisation formed to rescue racehorses in the event of an air raid.

Stephens said when he received his letter of dismissal he had had to pay 6d. because it was insufficiently stamped.

The only evidence of Gestapo tactics by the Director of Personnel (Lieut. Packer) was that he once had eight military police outside Mr. Packer's room while he was seeing a deputation.

### R.A.F. Raid On Trondheim Reported; Big Sweeps Over France and Belgium

BRITISH bombers were out over Germany again on Tuesday night, but the British Air Ministry has not released the name of the target. This raid followed daylight sweeps by British, Canadian and American fighters over France and Belgium. Four Allied planes were lost. Three German fighters were destroyed.

A STOCKHOLM message says that the German naval base at Trondheim, in Norway, had its biggest hammering of the war on Tuesday. R.A.F. bombers crossed the town time and time again and concentrated their attacks on the harbor area. It was not revealed whether the Scharnhorst or the Gneisenau was in dock.

Houses 60 miles inside the Swedish frontier were shaken by the explosion of British bombs. Meanwhile, London has made no mention of the reported attack on Trondheim.

### Jap. Vessel Rammed

A SHIP of the Royal Indian Navy, on patrol in the Mayu River area of Burma on Sunday night, rammed a Japanese craft filled with troops, then backed away and opened fire and sank the Japanese vessel.

Further air attacks were made on enemy transport in south-west Burma.

Don't Let A Mosquito Beat You—Take Quinine



The British Prime Minister (Mr. Churchill), who has been abroad again. He had previously met M. Stalin in Moscow and Mr. Roosevelt in Washington and mid-Atlantic.

### Rommel Still On The Run

REMNANTS of Rommel's fleeing armies are still moving across the Tunisian border with British advance units on their heels. Allied aircraft are pounding retreating Axis columns far ahead of ground forces and are blasting enemy air bases at Medenine and Bengardene.

In Tunisia, local fighting is proceeding in the triangle formed by Pont du Fahs, Donarava and Robaa, with Allied patrols active north-east of the Ousseltia Valley.

### Gaol Sentence For Black Marketing

IN the first prosecution in Victoria under the Commonwealth Black Marketing Act, James McLeod, proprietor of a men's clothing shop in Bourke Street, Melbourne, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment yesterday, but on giving notice of appeal was released on a recognisance bond of £30.

McLeod had been found guilty to having sold goods without having obtained sufficient coupons.

### Moresby Raid 103

THREE medium bombers dropped bombs in the Moresby area early yesterday morning, causing slight damage but no casualties. Night fighter interception was made but results were not observed.

# Bad Medicine In Large Quantities

## Here's The Miracle Shipbuilder



Henry J. Kaiser, U.S. shipbuilder and holder of the world records for building 10,500-ton Elbert cargo ships, demonstrates on a 14-foot demonstration, he put together the prefabricated, numbered parts in 7 minutes in the same way his shipyards assemble sections and launch model how his mass prefabrication production system works. In this the vessels in a few days.

### Japan's String Of Beads

EX-PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER analyses the weak point of the Japanese position in these words: "All Japan's conquests are a string of beads, with her merchant marine the string. Cut the string and they will drop off. As it is, there are signs that Japan is already cramped for shipping.

"We have sunk a good deal of what she started the war with, and Japan cannot replace it at the high rate we build ships."

### NICKEL CHIEF AND WIFE FOUND DEAD

THE Canadian Press says the bodies of Donald Macaskill, former Vice-President of the International Nickel Company, and his wife, Jane, were found in a bedroom at their home.

The police said it was murder and suicide by pistol. Macaskill had been in ill-health since his retirement in December.

THE War Department has been informed through the International Red Cross that Lieutenant-General Jonathan M. Wainwright and 12 other generals are held prisoners of war by Japanese in Taiwan camp on the island of Formosa.

### Dogs Locate Snipers

DOGS are being used by American scouting parties in the Solomons, and frequently locate camouflaged Japanese snipers and enemy positions. This was stated by the Hawaiian Department quartermaster (Briggen White), who added that 200 dogs trained in Hawaii were now on active duty in the South Seas.

### Willkie On Political Expedience

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, in a statement to newspapermen, expressed the hope that the North African political dealings would be clarified promptly.

The doctrine of expediency and of collaboration with the Vichy element, if pursued much longer, will greatly damage America's reputation," he said.

"Elaborate censorship and propaganda will make it impossible to tell whether the appointments of Darlan, Peyrouton, and other Vichyites do or do not bring temporary gains," Mr. Willkie added. "We know that such collaboration brings loss of faith to millions of sincere lovers of freedom and will cost more in practical results than can possibly be gained by a temporary expedient."

# Large Quantities For Japanese Soon

## GENERAL CONFIDENT

THE Allies are no longer thinking of holding Guadalcanal—they are out to shake the Japanese grip on New Guinea, the Bismarck Archipelago and the Solomons, says the commander of the Allied Army and Air Forces in the South Pacific (Major-General Millard Harmon).

### Airliner Wreck Seen

THE wreckage of a missing airliner carrying 15 passengers was sighted from the air, 350 miles south-east of Lima (Peru). Signs of life were noted, and a search party is proceeding to the spot. The 15 aboard include two members of the British Diplomatic Service.

### NEWS FLASHES

#### Whole Band Enlists

ORCHESTRA leader Phil Harris and his entire 25-piece band have enlisted in the maritime service. Harris said the money he receives from his 70,000 dollar a year contract with the Jack Benny radio programme would be contributed to the merchant seamen relief.

**HAWAII TO NEW YORK:** Soldier Joseph Casullo, stationed in Hawaii, wasn't upset when he heard he was the father of twins. He telephoned his wife in Newburgh, New York, thanking her for the present.

**SCHOOL ON SATURDAYS:** Three boards of education in Morrow county, Ohio, have decided to hold school on alternate Saturday this month and in February and March to permit schools being dismissed two weeks earlier in the Spring. The boards taking the action were Johnsville, Chesterville and Sparts.

**ENLISTING PEACE:** A recent Gallup poll revealed that 73 per cent. of the American public wants the Government to take steps to constitute, with other United Nations, before the end of the war, a world organisation to ensure future peace.

**BANDSMAN REMEMBERED:** In memory of Tony Zimmers, saxophonist in his band, who was killed in the early fighting in the Solomons, Tommy Dorsey and members of his orchestra held a private ceremony in Hollywood recently. Dorsey affixed a gold star to the band's service flag, and Ziggy Elman played taps.

**SILVER STAR FOR COLONEL:** The War Department announces that the Distinguished Service Medal has been awarded to Colonel Paul Wurts-smith for exceptionally meritorious service when in command of an Army Air Force group in the vicinity of Darwin between March, 1942, and January, 1943.

**WOMEN IN WAR:** Anita Loos, who once pointed out that gentlemen prefer blondes, is visiting headquarters of the American Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, where she is gathering information for the first time on its members. The story will star Joan Crawford.

**BLIND WORKERS GIFT:** Two thousand five hundred blind war workers have presented contributions totalling 600 dollars to the White House for the annual "March of Dimes" fund to fight infantile paralysis.

INTERVIEWED at headquarters, Gen. Harmon reflected the confidence of all American commanders in the South Pacific area, and gave the impression that "bad medicine for the Japs" is being prepared in large quantities.

### Plentiful Supplies

Vice-Admiral William Calhoun, commander of a Pacific Service Force, declares ships are delivering plentiful supplies of all categories on Pacific battle zones, despite many difficulties.

As a result, the American forces were well equipped with the sinews of war, well clothed and well fed. Vice-Admiral Calhoun has just completed a 27,000 mile aerial trip of every American base in the South and South-west Pacific.

He said he was deeply impressed by the morale, ability and calm intelligent courage of U.S. personnel.

Vice-Admiral Calhoun spent 35 days with Admiral Halsey. He said when Admiral Halsey goes into action he throws everything at the enemy, including the kitchen stove, and he then goes into the kitchen and gets the stove lids and throws them too.

### And Here's A Start

From an American base in the Solomons, the United Press correspondent, Robert Miller, says that American torpedo-boats sunk and damaged an estimated 250,000 tons of enemy shipping, including a battleship, two cruisers, and 13 destroyers since they began operations in the Solomons in October.

Previously, the Japanese used to send ships laden with reinforcements to Guadalcanal with monotonous regularity. Now the traffic on this route has practically stopped. The torpedo-boats have instilled such fear into the minds of the Japanese that they no longer pause and unload supplies, but throw them overboard in floating crates, most of which are destroyed by torpedo-boats and planes before reaching the shore.

### WIDOWED TWICE IN SIX MONTHS

MRS. DOROTHY MAHONEY, aged 26 years, of St. Paul, Minnesota, is a war widow for the second time in six months.

Her first husband, training as an airman, was killed in an air accident last April. In July she married her late husband's best friend.

Two months later he, too, was killed in an air crash. He was an air instructor in the U.S. Navy.

### Gold Star For Admiral

REAR-ADMIRAL THOMAS C. RINKAID has been awarded the Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service" as commander of a task force in the Solomons," the Navy Department has announced.

Lieutenant Kenneth H. Muir, who is listed as missing, has been awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism as navy gun crew commander aboard a torpedoed merchant vessel.

# Government Faces Stormy Session

## ELECTION FEARS AS CURTIN MEETS HOUSE

FEDERAL Parliament reassembled at Canberra yesterday, and it is anticipated that the session will last for two months. That will bring it up to the end of March; and in that time a great deal can happen.

Proceedings are likely to be lively next week. They have been lively outside Parliament lately, with the Opposition leaders attacking the Government from all sides, and the fight will be carried on in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

For the most part, it is a fight revolving around the activities of the Minister for War Organisation of Industry (Mr. Dedman) and the Minister for Labor and National Service (Mr. Ward) whose administration has roused the hostility of the Opposition. The Attorney-General (Dr. Evatt) has been caught in the storm, and has been carrying on a wordy and bitter warfare in the Press with Messrs. Fadden, Menzies, Spooner and Spender.

Although Parliament has until November next to run in the normal course of events, the belief persists that a general election may be forced upon the country about the middle of the year.

One reason for this is the fear on the part of some of the New South Wales members of the Labor Party that, unless the election is hurried up, there may be a change in the State executive of the A.L.P., which will place their selection in jeopardy. This possibility follows on the party split over the question of conscription for service in an extended "South-west Pacific area."

### Lang's Opposition

Among those who might find themselves in serious difficulties if a change takes place are two of the principal Ministers in the Curtin Government—Dr. Evatt and the Minister for Supply and Shipping (Mr. Beasley). To find themselves opposed by State Labor candidates, "anti-conscription Lang candidates," to give them another name—would come as something of a shock to them.

### ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

JAMES THOMAS, 21, a soldier, died in Tumut Hospital from a bullet wound received while shooting rabbits near Yarrangobilly Caves at the week-end. His rifle exploded while he was climbing through a wire fence.

### MISSING FRIENDS

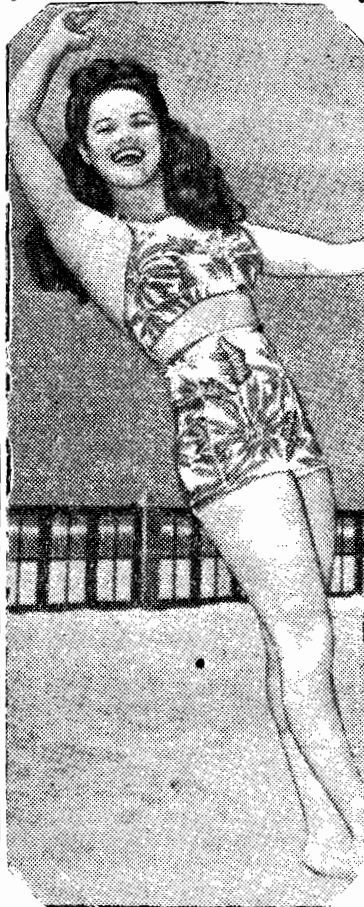
(Unless otherwise stated, replies c/o "Guinea Gold.")  
Pte. J. H. Bloomfield wishes to contact Pte. Des Thorbjornson.  
Pte. J. Murray would like to contact Cpl. Tom Murray.  
Cpl. W. Robinson wishes to contact Pte. A. Tighe.  
Sgt. John Wright wishes to contact Lieut. Dowsett.  
Pte. J. Pedler wishes to contact Pte. T. Hanrahan.  
Dvr. Frank Matthews would like to locate Arthur Evans, of Kilsyth, Vic.  
Letters await Gnr. Jim Pilkington, Pte. Brian Regan, and Lieut. Pat Cashel.

### LOST & FOUND

LOST.—Brown wallet containing pay book, etc. Keepsake. Pte. J. J. O'Brien. Good reward.  
LOST.—Wallet containing money and personal effects. Property of Sgt. Mason A. T. Baines (US). £10 reward.  
The owner who left a kit bag at Army W/shops, near canteen, is requested to claim it.

WANTED.—Tail gut for violin. If anyone can supply this please contact Sgt. G. N. Soderstrom (US), c/o "Guinea Gold."

### FLOWER SPLASHED



Slim, vivacious Dona Drake displays her flower-splashed swim suit. Whether it is also suitable for water splashing is not known.

### LEASE-LEND BOTH WAYS

AUSTRALIA and New Zealand had provided valuable supplies for American forces since the fall of Bataan, said U.S. Lease-Lend Administrator officials on Tuesday night. The U.S.A. had sent large consignments of war materials and industrial supplies to both countries which, in turn, had given valuable assistance in supplying American forces overseas.

## Court Told Jack Dempsey Beat Up Three Men In Wife's Flat

FORMER world's heavyweight boxing champion, Jack Dempsey, has started the last round of his third bout in the matrimonial ring. He is seeking to divorce his wife, torch singer Hannah Williams, on the ground of misconduct.

DEMPSEY charges his wife with having entertained three men at a drunken orgy. She is countering with allegations about the ex-champion's bank balance, which, she says, is in the vicinity of a million dollars.  
Dempsey married Hannah Williams, a Broadway singer, in 1933. They separated in 1940 because she wanted to go back to the stage, but Dempsey brought about a reconciliation. The present disturbance blew up towards the end of last year, after Dempsey's appointment as commander of the Coast Guards' physical training section.  
Dempsey names boxing promoter Benny Woodall as the cause of the rift in the lute. Referring to a party in a Los Angeles apartment, he says that Hannah and her sister were entertaining three men when he entered.

He beat up the three revellers and threw them out of the flat. Constant bickering since 1933 had been due, he says, to Hannah's drinking and extravagance, but she claims that Dempsey was cruel, and humiliated her by caressing other women at parties.

Dempsey has filed affidavits supporting his charges against his wife, and also statements by a friend that

Woodall had a rival in Lew Jenkins, former lightweight champion.

Jenkins, who will be cited as a second co-respondent, walked into Dempsey's Broadway restaurant one night. Dempsey hit him so hard that he flew through the glass doors, across the footpath, and landed in the gutter.

It has not been disclosed what financial interests Dempsey has in the restaurant, but his wife declares that he has an income of 50,000 dollars a year.

### Titled Actress Has Daughter

DARK, Spanish looking Lady Birkin, formerly Australian actress Janet Johnson, has given birth to her second daughter. She was married in 1940 to Mr. Charles Birkin, who succeeded to the title on the death of his uncle, Sir Alexander Birkin, last May, and who is heir to two fortunes.

As Janet Johnson, Lady Birkin tore up a seven-year Hollywood contract for £145,000 with Joseph Schenck in 1940, because she was bored with waiting in Hollywood for something to do.

Sleep Under a Net If Possible—Beat Malaria

### TURF APPEAL LODGED BY BREASLEY

By "Cardigan."  
A. BREASLEY, who began riding at Moonee Valley (Vic.) on Saturday after two months' suspension, and was again suspended for three months for having caused interference, has appealed against the decision of the V.R.C. stewards.

Breasley declares he has been suspended for something he did not do and he intends to call fresh evidence. He argues that horses on the outside forced him over and any interference was accidental.

If his appeal is not successful he will have ridden on only one Saturday in five months. But more important still, the suspension will carry him over the Autumn season days, which means that he won't be available to ride Ben Butler and other first-class two-year-olds trained by Lou Robertson in their engagements.

That good horse Carpenter has finished racing, and has arrived at St. Albans, Geelong, where he will begin stud duty next season. Carpenter was bred at St. Albans and he will be going home.

Here's a story which emphasizes the luck of racing. The filly, Reflective, who won the Glenburnie Handicap at the Valley on Saturday, was recently offered for sale. She left the ring when bidding ceased at 300 guineas. Last Thursday, a racing man asked her owner his price, but he did not produce the money, before Saturday, so she ran for her breeder and won the stake of £280. Yesterday another buyer made an offer, and to-day Reflective is in Steve Masters' stable.

### Auction Sets Problem For Everyone

A PROBLEM almost unique in racing annals has been created by Auction's great weight-carrying feats. Owner, trainer, handicapper and racing officials are worried.

The horse is now being asked to carry, in best class sprints, weights at which a police horse might shy. Auction's owner is afraid the horse may break down. His trainer is afraid the strain on the champion's legs will be too great. The handicapper wants to give other horses a chance but does not want to crucify Auction.

Officials will want new scales if the handicap increases much.

### FROM THE RING

LIGHTWEIGHT boxers Les Fitzgerald and Tommy Johns are to have a return 12-rounds contest at Rushcutters Bay Stadium on Saturday night. Fitzgerald had only one defeat in 35 contests until he met Johns on January 8, when he was unexpectedly knocked out in the third round.

Laurie Petersen, the Queensland southpaw, will meet Young Day, the Sydney welterweight, in a return contest at the Brisbane Stadium on Friday night. When they fought on December 19, 1941, Petersen had to fight hard to subdue Day.

### How Fashion Saved Birds of Paradise

THE last of Captain A. J. Marshall's series—an interesting article in which birds of Paradise, ancient legends, smuggling and changing fashions all have a place—will be published tomorrow.



# Only 12,000 of 200,000 Nazis Remain

## Spy Ring Sought In Australia

SECRET police are combing every city, town and hamlet throughout Australia, particularly in North Queensland, in an attempt to locate and silence hidden radio transmitters which are known to be sending military information overseas to the enemy.

The rapidity with which the news comes back to Australia over enemy radio stations has confirmed the authorities' suspicions as to the presence in Australia of a highly organized spy ring.

It is suspected that at least one transmitter is concealed in an ordinary commercial truck which is driven to lonely spots where information gathered by spies is transmitted.

The Commonwealth authorities are considerably perturbed by the leakage of military information, and, also by the idle gossip which makes the work of the enemy agents so much easier.

A check on strangers in out of the way places in the Commonwealth is part of the drive by secret police. The authorities suspect the enemy agents hope to avoid detection by moving from one place to another in an ordinary commercial truck.

## F.D.R. Hard To Beat

Mr. Wendell Willkie, U.S. Republican leader, who unsuccessfully contested the 1940 Presidential election, believes that Mr. Roosevelt will run for a fourth term in 1944.



Willkie has made several trips overseas with the President's approval. It was rumored recently that he might visit Australia.

Asked whether he thought predictions to this effect were true, Mr. Willkie said:—"Certainly. In fact, President Roosevelt is running already. Furthermore," Mr. Willkie added, "he will be a hard man for the Republicans to defeat. He is sure to conduct a highly intelligent and utterly ruthless campaign."

During the past year, Mr. Willkie has made several trips overseas with the President's approval. It was rumored recently that he might visit Australia.

# In Stalingrad Area SLAUGHTER GOES ON

THE tempo of the great Russian Army Offensive is increasing despite the difficulties of the fighting as winter conditions intensify. Moscow announces that of 200,000 Germans sent to Stalingrad, only 12,000 remain.

The Red Army has been ordered not to reduce the speed of its advances or the ferocity of its attacks. The order says: "The psychological moment for a great advance has arrived."

## Hundreds Of Japs Killed In Solomons

IN the Solomons, U.S. forces on Guadalcanal, who were reported on Tuesday to have cleared the Japanese out of the Kokumbona area, killed 293 Japanese, took five prisoners in the process, and captured seven .77 mm. guns, one tank, several trucks, three .40 mm. anti-aircraft guns, various other field pieces and small arms.

On Monday a large force of Japanese dive-bombers, twin-engined bombers and fighters attempted to reach Guadalcanal but were intercepted and driven off by American aircraft. Four enemy planes were shot down without loss to the Americans.

THE Russians have now reached a point 65 miles east of Kharkov, capital of the Ukraine, and have reconquered all the territory of the Lower Don, and the Sal and Kuban Steppes. The forces engaged in the last two areas are rapidly closing in on Kropotkin and Tikhorets.

Following the liquidation of German resistance in the Voronej area, Red Army forces are forging west along the railway towards Kursk. A large group of Germans, 40 miles from Voronej, in the direction of Kursk, is now threatened with encirclement by Red forces driving along the railway and other troops moving up from the south-east.

## Stalingrad Position

The latest Russian communique says that only two small enemy groups, altogether numbering about 12,000 men, remain of the 22 German divisions (200,000 men), encircled before Stalingrad.

In the last 16 days, 40,000 Germans have been killed in this area and 28,000 taken prisoner. Booty captured includes 1,297 planes, 2,978 guns, 49,000 lorries, 45,000 rifles and vast quantities of other war materials, including three armoured trains and 42 locomotives. In addition, 132 planes, 290 tanks, 315 guns and 1,970 lorries have been destroyed.

## CURTIN TELLS U.S.A.—

### 'PACIFIC CANNOT BE LEFT TO A FORCE OF CARETAKERS'

AN outspoken appeal to the United States for more assistance for the South-west Pacific area so that strategy might be converted from the defensive to the offensive was the keynote of an Australia Day speech to America by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) on Tuesday night.

MR. CURTIN said the whole history of this war had been inability on the part of the United Nations to strike when the enemy would have suffered most. "Time is fighting on the side of Japan, and against the United Nations," he said.

"The relegation of this theatre to a holding war means that Japan is buying cheaply the time she requires to exploit the resources she has gained to prepare for an onslaught which the United Nations will find costly to outweigh.

"The earlier the attack against the heart of Japan, the less costly and more decisive will be the result. The Allied delay in the Pacific is consolidating the opportunity for a ruthless and unrelenting enemy.

"The South-west Pacific is too crucial to be left to a force of caretakers. I put it to the American people that the men of Corregidor can be avenged only if the naval and air strength in this theatre is adequate to the plan of the Commander.

"As Prime Minister of Australia, I warn free men everywhere of the menace to civilisation if the Japanese co-prosperity sphere is consolidated in the Pacific because of a 'too late and too little' policy on the part of the nations against whom Japan has struck.

Greater air strength and greater naval strength to supplement the valorous land forces now fighting would have an immediate and significant impact on the Japanese plan, Mr. Curtin added.



The man who decides —Mr. ROOSEVELT

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## 'Australia Awaiting Major Offensive'

ADDRESSING an Australia Day dinner the Australian Minister to Washington (Sir Owen Dixon) said that it was not surprising that Australia was impatient, awaiting the time when Allied strategy and resources would allow of a major offensive against Japan.

He said that the complete destruction of Japanese military power would not be sufficient for the future security of the Pacific. Strategic provision against future attack was indispensable for world peace.

Australia after the war would provide a potential home for a white population many times greater than at present.

## Parachute Silk Undies

PARACHUTE underclothes are the latest additions to the wardrobes of some Queensland girls, according to a report from Brisbane. The articles are made up from pieces of captured parachutes now being sent home by members of the R.A.A.F. One Brisbane dressmaker said she had been commissioned to make a whole trousseau from parachute silk.

## CHINA GREET'S AUSTRALIA

THE Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) has received an Australia Day message from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, in which he says it is "a source of great pride to the Chinese to be associated with the Australians, the structure of whose Commonwealth is greatly admired in China."

## BRITAIN'S NEW HOWITZER

DETAILS have been issued of Britain's newest self-propelled gun, the 105 millimetre howitzer, nicknamed "The Priest," which is the reply to the German 88 millimetre anti-tank gun, and which put the Allies ahead in the Eighth Army's campaign.

The gun is mounted on a General Grant chassis which also carries a one-pounder ack-ack gun.

It is recalled that Mr. Churchill last November disclosed that a large number of high velocity, self-propelled guns was sent to Egypt from the United States.

## GRAVE WARNING ON MANPOWER

HEAVY demands in the past year had practically exhausted Australia's manpower reserves and civilian employment would have to be still further cut, the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) told the House of Representatives yesterday.

"The responsibility for Australia's defence is mainly our own and we must not relax for a moment," he said. "The country is still in very grave danger and her fighting forces must be kept up."

## Missing Plane Found

THE U.S. Navy plane which was reported missing on a flight from Pearl Harbor to San Francisco a few days ago has been found in California, a complete wreck.

The Navy announced that Rear Admiral Robert English, Commander of the Pacific submarine force, also nine other important naval officers in the Pacific area, in addition to a navy nurse, were among the 19 aboard the naval plane.

Radio contact abruptly stopped as the plane circled the San Francisco Bay area when groping in a fog for a place to land.

LONG SLEEVES, SLACKS AND GAITERS ARE COMPULSORY AT NIGHT. BE SENSIBLE AND YOU'LL BEAT MALARIA.

## London Bomb Plot

THE London police have unearthed the headquarters of a revolutionary gang, and a complete bomb manufacturing plant. The occupants were students, two of whom were alleged to be making explosives when chemicals caught fire and caused detonation.

## Rounding Up At Sananunda

IN the Sananunda area, the mopping up of Japanese stragglers continues. Up to dusk yesterday, 22 of them had been killed and six taken prisoner.

Yesterday's activities by the Allied Air Force included the bombing and strafing of Mubo by Bostons (A20's). Three huts were seen to explode and several fires were started. A light anti-aircraft position was silenced.

Other aircraft strafed Labu and bombed the Voco area near Lae, causing a large fire, possibly in a fuel dump.

B25 bombers attacked Malahang yesterday morning. Bombs were dropped by other aircraft on the Gasmata and Finschafen air strips.

## Greek Guerillas Organising

LATEST reports from Greece state that the guerrilla movement is gaining impetus, and great progress is being made in organisation and in co-operation between groups operating in various parts of the country, says The Times Ankara correspondent.