

U.S. SUBS SCORE SUCCESS IN TWO ATTACKS; JAPS TRY HIT-RUN RAIDS TO DIVERT FLEET

Rebuke House Military Group



JAP BOMBERS PASSED OVER—Japanese bombers roared over Honolulu December 7 in a surprise attack and left this wrecked corner. It once was a thriving business district, but incendiary bombs set a fire that destroyed 20 buildings.

British Acknowledge Jap Landing on Borneo; Dutch Hit Destroyer

Singapore—(P)—Japanese forces have landed in Sarawak, a British area on the northwest coast of Borneo, it was announced today as the Japanese threw their land, sea and air forces into a spreading offensive around the south China sea.

ERVIN SCHMIDT DIES IN ACTION

Pittsville, Wis.—Ervin Oscar Schmidt, 25, whose death in action in the Pacific with the U. S. navy was reported Wednesday by a telegram to his parents from the navy department, was a native of Germany who had come to America in 1923.

Films of Europe to Be Shown Thursday

"Europe at Peace and at War" will be the subject of the vocational school's film forum program in room 12 of the Witter building beginning at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, December 18.

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT TO BUY SWEATER FOR WILLIE BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

INDUCT YOUTHS UNDER 21, PLEA OF MC CORMACK

Washington —(P)—House Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts rebuked the house military committee today and asked the representatives to approve legislation to require military training for men from 19 to 44, inclusive, rather than 21 to 44, inclusive.

SENATE VOTES POWERS TO FDR

Washington—(P)—Legislation granting President Roosevelt censorship and other extraordinary powers to carry on the government war effort neared enactment today when the senate approved a compromise version of the measure.

BUY BONDS, WAGE EARNERS URGED

Chicago—(P)—The nation's 35 million wage earners must buy as many defense savings bonds from their pay envelopes as they possibly can afford, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau said today.

Charge Liquor Sold Minors; Fined \$125

Arthur Davis, proprietor of the Venetian tavern in the town of Saratoga, pleaded guilty before County Judge Frank W. Calkins this morning to a charge of selling liquor to minors.

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FDR Appeals for Speeding of Production

Washington —(P)— President Roosevelt told a labor-industry conference to curb wartime strikes today that the war was "going to go on for a long time" and appealed for unanimous agreement by Friday night on a plan to speed up defense production without hindrance.

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Washington —(P)— The navy department announced today that there were no injuries to personnel during the Japanese attack on Johnston island, which was reported late yesterday.

WARN JAPS OF SUBS

Tokyo—(Official Radio Received by P)—Lieut. Comm. Kengo Tomimaga said in an interview published by the newspaper Nichi Nichi today that probably 20 United States submarines were operating in waters in the vicinity of Japan.

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British Report Progress

On the North African front, British imperial headquarters reported that heavy British pressure was being maintained on the left flank of Hitler's battered desert armies and that new progress was registered despite fierce sandstorms during the past 24 hours.

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THE WEATHER

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