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# JAVA'S PERIL OPENS WITH JAPS WITHIN TEN MILES OF BATAVIA

## Believed To Have Died In Attack on Subic Bay

### U. S. Planes Had No Opposition

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur reported today the War Department today his belief that thousands of Japanese soldiers were drowned in the surprise raid of his little air force on Subic Bay north of the Bataan Peninsula fighting front in the Philippines. Three large vessels which were sunk were identified later, a War Department communique said, as transports loaded with enemy troops. Those killed met death by drowning or as a result of explosion of ammunition aboard the communique said.

### PLANES RETURN SAFELY

Meeting no aerial opposition for the first time since the Pacific was started, none of the American planes was damaged. The communique reported that a heavy plane on Hawaii which dropped several bombs near Honolulu without causing damage. Although American planes immediately gave chase, unfavorable weather conditions with poor visibility hampered the search. The text of the War Department communique, No. 136, based on reports received here up to 5:30 A. M. Eastern War Time today:

"Philippine theater: 'General MacArthur reports that the three large enemy vessels sunk in Subic Bay by our surprise air attack on March 4 have been identified as transports, loaded with Japanese troops. It is believed that thousands of enemy soldiers were drowned when the vessels sank, or were killed as a result of explosion of ammunition aboard the vessels. No enemy aircraft were sighted on board the ships. None of our aircraft was damaged. The text of the report here up to 5:30 A. M. Eastern War Time today:

### Raid Warden Versatile

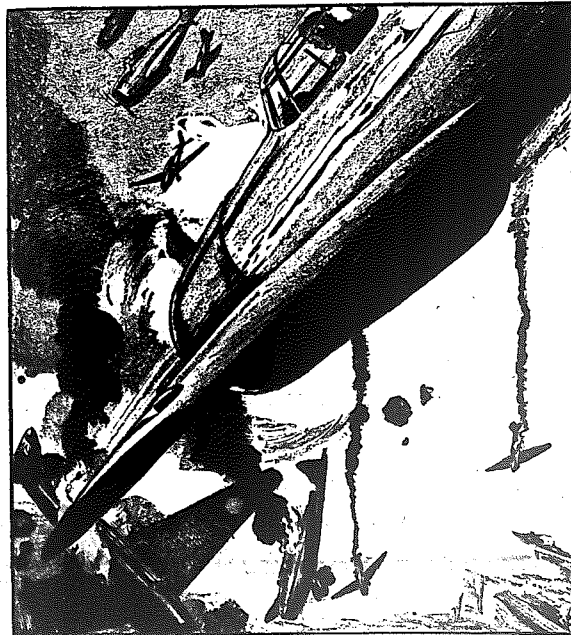
SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—(AP)—Allan Wilson says there's no end to an air raid warden's duties. George Cudworth telephoned Wilson.

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LEUT. O'HARE IN ACTION—Artist Grissinger's conception shows Lieut. Edward O'Hare, riding pursuit plane in foreground, blasting some of the six Japanese bombers he shot down as Japanese raiders attacked an American aircraft carrier off the Japanese-mandated Gilbert islands. Other U. S. fliers helped O'Hare bag sixteen out of eighteen bombers—to show you what they can do if we have them the plagues they need.

## May Take Tires On Private Cars

### Action Being Discussed—Henderson Paints Dark Rubber Picture

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Leon Henderson, director of civilian supplies, told a Senate Defense Investigating committee today that "not a single pound of crude rubber" would be available for tires for upwards of 20,000,000 passenger cars now in operation and that officials had discussed requisitioning tires now on cars or ordinary citizens.

## 'Free Italy' Move Gains

CAPPO.—A traveler who arrived from Rome today said United States participation in the war has had a bad effect on Italian morale and has brought about an increase in anti-Fascist activity.

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## Reds Mow Down Nazis

### Say 36,000 German Soldiers Killed

By ASSOCIATED PRESS Soviet front-line dispatches reported a series of grim and bloody reverses for Adolf Hitler's battered armies today, declaring that the Russians had killed 26,000 Nazis in the eighteen-day-old Battle of Starova Russa and were now "destroying the remnants" of the straggling invaders.

## To Decide on Gas Rationing

### Oil Industry Will Make Recommendation

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Petroleum Co-ordinator Ickes said today he expected to know by the week-end whether the oil industry believed gasoline rationing would be necessary.

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## Japs Force New British Withdrawal In Burma

### Sittang River Positions Lost

By DANIEL DE LUCA MANDALAY, Burma.—(AP)—Japanese invasion forces streamed across the lower reaches of the Sittang River and headed down the west coast of the Gulf of Martaban today, putting behind them the last natural barrier on the route to Rangoon.

A terse communique, issued here last night, acknowledged that the invaders had cracked British defenses along the Sittang and had reached Waw, only fifteen miles northeast of Pegu, way station on the railway linking Yangon with the Burma Road to China.

"LITTLE CHANGE" (The all-India radio, broadcasting the communique issued in Rangoon which could be recorded only partly in New York, reported there has been little change in the situation since the last communique yesterday.)

## 30 Planes Attack Japanese Island

### Americans May Have Piloted Ships In Assault—Eight Persons Killed

TOKYO (from Japanese broadcasts).—(AP)—Imperial Headquarters announced today that 30 enemy planes had attacked Minamitori Shima, a Japanese island about 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo, killing eight persons and setting a building afire.

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WEATHER Light to moderate rain tonight and early Friday; the weather changes in temperature. Today's Temp.: H. 60; L. 40 Sunset Today 7:38 Sunrise Tomorrow 7:40 Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 1-6. Note to Readers Dispatches from Berlin, Rome, Tokyo and other cities are published by the News with the greatest care and accuracy. They are published by the News with the greatest care and accuracy. They are published by the News with the greatest care and accuracy.