

CURFEW FOR ALL COAST JAPS ORDERED BY ARMY

8 P. M. - 6 A. M. DEADLINE SET BY DEWITT FOR FRIDAY

Order Applies to American-Born As Well as Alien Nipponese; Travel to Be Restricted

A drastic curfew, demanded by military necessity and backed by the threat of prompt punishment for non-compliance, will become effective next Friday for all enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans in critical military zones on the Pacific Coast, the army announced last night.

"Those affected by the curfew will be required to remain in their residences between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m., and are restricted to within five miles of their homes at any time except when traveling between their residence and place of employment.

"The curfew will be operative, it was explained, in Military Area No. 1, and certain other designated areas, the Associated Press reported.

"Military necessity dictated such an action, and military necessity requires strictest enforcement," Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, head of the Western Defense Command, said in San Francisco. "This is a war measure, and I warn again that swift justice will follow any violation, whether it involves disobedience to the curfew or the possession of contraband articles."

HOURS ANNOUNCED

DeWitt's announcement said his public proclamation No. 2, to be issued tomorrow, would establish a curfew between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m. Aliens affected include not only those of Military Area No. 1—a coastal strip through Washington, Oregon and California around in Southern Arizona—but also those residing in specified inland areas in these states, and in Montana, Idaho, Nevada and Utah.

In Washington, Military Area No. 1 embraces all the western part of the state, its eastern border extending from the Canadian line just north of Orville and running south through Tonasket, Okanogan and Brewster, thence along the Columbia River to Maryhill on the Oregon border.

STRICT SUPERVISION

Not only must aliens and Japanese-Americans be within their residences between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m., but at all other times they shall be only at their place of residence or employment or traveling between those places or within a distance of not more than five miles.

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Army Bomber Crashes in Calif.

COALINGA, Calif., March 23.—(AP)—A B-17 army bomber crashed and burned in a rugged mountain section some twenty miles north of Coalinga today, but first investigators said that all occupants had bailed out safely.

The four-motored plane was on a routine flight from Hamilton Field at Stockton, meanwhile, the army announced that two twin-engine training planes collided near there but the two occupants of one took to their parachutes and the other craft landed safely.

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U. S. Subs Sink 3, Hit 3 Jap Ships

GIVE UP BAINBRIDGE HOME



THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THIS! Sonokichi Sakai, influential Bainbridge Island strawberry grower, takes his daughter, Kazuko, over the farm they must evacuate within a week. The Sakai couple settled there twenty-three years ago and cleared the land. The attractive farm home they have to leave in the background.

(Picture by Post-Intelligencer Staff Photographer)

'We Trust Uncle Sam,' Says One Farmer to Be Evacuated

By Carlton Fitchett

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Bainbridge Island buzzed with excitement and rumors yesterday as the 271 alien and American-born Japanese began winding up their personal affairs, preparatory to evacuating within a week at government orders.

As far as details of the forcible removal is concerned, no one knew any more yesterday than they did the day before when the order of Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, struck the community with numbing swiftness.

"All we know is what we read in the papers," said Peter Otake, young American born farmer. "We don't know whether we are going to Owens Valley in California or somewhere east of the Cascades. But we are ready to go anywhere the government tells us."

Though Japanese aliens and Americans of Japanese ancestry have until Sunday night to remove voluntarily, as far as could be seen, the evacuation order was the chief topic of conversation among the white residents of the island yesterday as well.

"About half of the Bainbridge Islanders are in favor of moving them. In fact some say they learned yesterday, none had left."

SEVENTH SHIP SUNK

NEW YORK, March 23.—(U.S.)—The seventh United Nations merchant ship sinking by enemy submarine action to be announced within three days was disclosed today by the navy after all twenty-seven crew members of a small freighter were rescued and brought safely to port. The survivors spent eleven days in leaking lifeboats.

Saul Haas Weds Widow Of Flyer at Las Vegas

Saul Haas, collector of customs for Washington, and Mrs. R. Verdon Jones, widow of a United States army flyer, are honeymooning in Palm Springs, Calif., following their marriage last Friday in Las Vegas, Nev. It was learned yesterday that Seattle friends of the couple were informed of the wedding in a telegram from Haas.

APRIL 1 DATE ON FAIR RENTS PROTESTED

Seattle Committee Insists Its Schedule More 'Equitable' Than Arbitrary Time Limit

A telegram to Price Administrator Leon Henderson protesting against the government fixing April 1, 1941, as the arbitrary date on which rents shall be frozen, was sent yesterday by the Seattle Fair Rent Committee after a stormy session in the assembly room of the Dexter Horton Building.

The committee insisted that its schedule, adopted after much research and study, was more "fair and equitable" than any arbitrary date could possibly be, and pointed out that its every action had been in accordance with advice and instruction from the Office of Price Administration.

As another development in the rent situation, Superior Judge J. T. Lawler yesterday issued a temporary restraining order which enjoined Harry Aloussis, operator of the Northern Hotel, 115 Ave. S., from collecting any more rent from his tenants than was being paid on April 1 of last year.

Nazis Raid Three English Towns

LONDON, March 21 (Tuesday).—(U.S.)—Three English towns were bombed last night and British night fighters went into action against Nazi raiders over the London area in the heaviest enemy air assault on England in nine months.

The German raiders scored a direct hit on an air raid shelter in a southeast coastal town, killing several persons and trapping others. Rescuers this morning were still digging away debris there and ambulances raced through the wounded to hospitals.

A number of persons were believed trapped in a wrecked night club in the southeast town where extensive damage was wrought by high explosives in one section. The number of casualties in the other two towns could not be learned.

The Nazi dive bombers were escorted by violent anti-aircraft cannonading—calling the days and nights of heavy air assaults on Britain of 1916 and early 1917—and at least one of the raiders was shot down in flames.

Earlier last evening, Royal Air Force units, including American flyers and planes of the Eagle Squadron, staked a series of offensive sweeps over the English Channel and the main-occupied Northern France, hitting a variety of objectives and engaging in combat with enemy planes.

Sudden Storm Of Hail and Snow Visits Seattle

Startled residents of North Seattle heard hail crashing on their rooftops last night, put their heads out and found from an inch to two and three inches of snow and hail in the streets.

And last night snow lay in streets and highways in isolated sections between Seattle and the Canadian boundary, impeding traffic and causing a number of accidents, mostly of minor degree.

Residents of the North End reported that snow in some places was so deep children were able to make snowmen in some suburbs. There were snowball fights.

In the Everett district a slight flurry that melted quickly was reported but further south near the King County line the snowfall was heavier.

Aussies Battle Jap Air Attacks

Nipponese and Allied Planes In Heavy Action

By C. Yates McDaniel, Melbourne, Australia.

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 23.—(AP)—In the face of heavy losses inflicted by powerful Allied counter-action that had damaged or destroyed nearly fifty enemy planes in four days, the Japanese command hurled its bomber squadrons today at the whole of the Northern Australia defense periphery and Allied pilots replied with far-ranging attacks upon enemy bases above the mainland.

Wyndham, on the Western Australian mainland, was under assault for ten minutes by a medium force of enemy bombers and to the east Port Moresby on Southern New Guinea, an advanced Allied position which the Japanese fought hard enough in vain to reduce, was attacked by nineteen heavy bombers which dropped sixty-seven bombs.

Again, it appeared, the Port Moresby area was being bombed.

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ZOO ANIMALS SLAIN

DETROIT, March 23.—(AP)—The Detroit zoo, feeling war's impact, disclosed today that rising feed prices and lack of funds had necessitated the slaughter of thirty-eight animals—four mule deer, one white-tail deer, two sheep, seven elk, twelve hison and twelve should (an African sheep).

RAIDERS BAG TANKER AND DESTROYER

Merchant Craft Also Sent to Bottom, Navy Announces; 2 Freighters Among Victims

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—United States submarines, making Japanese waters their hunting grounds, have sunk three more of the enemy's merchant ships, attacked and "probably sunk" a combat ship and damaged two freighters, the navy reported tonight.

The navy communique tonight said that the combat ship probably sunk was a destroyer or anti-submarine vessel, indicating that one American submarine skipper turned the tables on the Japanese. The merchant ships sunk were described as a 7,000-ton tanker, a 5,000-ton ship and a 5,000-ton freighter.

COMMUNIQUE REPORT

The communique (No. 63) issued at 8:20 p. m. said:

"FAR EAST—U. S. submarines operating in Japanese waters have recently added the following to the list of enemy merchant vessels sunk or damaged in that area:

"One 7,000-ton tanker sunk; one 6,000-ton ship sunk; one 5,000-ton freighter sunk and two 5,000-ton freighters damaged."

"In addition to these merchant ships, one enemy destroyer or anti-submarine vessel was attacked and probably sunk."

"The above actions have not been reported in any previous

MARRIAGE GETS OFF TO A 'SWEET' BEGINNING

Sergeant and Bride Repeat Vows in Candy Shop

No couple could have had a sweeter background for their nuptial ceremony than did Sergeant Prentice Rowell and his bride last night.

They were married in a setting of daffodils—and bon bons, the wedding cake was deliciously rich in its frosting, and refreshments included freshly homemade candy.

And, appropriately enough, the bride, the former Miss Mary Loaning, was from Sugar City, Colo.

The ceremony took place in the candy-shop home of Mr. and Mrs. Todd L. Simmons at 11022 1st Ave. S., as their way of making the young soldier feel a bit more at home away from his home in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, the bride and groom, and his mother, Mrs. Pearl Rowell, of Bend, Ore., met only a week ago when the latter and the bride-to-be rented a room at the Simmons' home.

Two of Sergeant Rowell's buddies—Staff Sergeant Walter Higgins, who was best man, and Private Emoch Good—attended the ceremony. The latter's wife was the bridesmaid, and the Rev. Dr. C. M. Ridenour, pastor of West Seattle Christian Church, officiated.

Other guests included Steve Eames, a friend of the happy couple; Mrs. Zona Powell, daughter of the host and hostess, and Robert Greenfield, the Simmons' son-in-law.

The romance that blossomed into last night's wedding began about two years ago when the couple met at Long Beach, Calif., while he was on duty and she on a vacation.

She came to Seattle "just for a visit"—and remains as his wife.



TO THE SWEET—Here Sergeant Prentice Rowell and his bride, Miss Mary Loaning, of Sugar City, Colo., receive a candy treat from their hostess, Mrs. Todd L. Simmons, in whose candy shop-home they were wed last night.

(Picture by Post-Intelligencer Staff Photographer)