

President Roosevelt presented a 56 Billion Dollar War Budget before congress today. 52 Billion 786 Million 187 Thousand Dollars will be provided for War Material for the next fiscal year beginning July 1st. Budgets have been increased in the Dept of Agr., Commerce Dept., Fed. Sec. Agency, Dept of Int., and Dept of Labor. Presidents Budget of 13 Billion 6 Hundred Million Dollars will be required for immediate needs. FDR said, "We would be spending 5 Billion a month in 1943."

Heavy fighting is still prevailing along all fronts near Manila reports WD. Gen. MacArthur's forces are still strongly holding out. Enemy pressure increasing at all points.

Widespread damages were made by Japanese air raiders in Luzon in defenseless towns. Many civilians were machine-gunned in the streets by low flying planes. These towns did not have any military installations. Japs apparently and deliberately chose Sunday because the people would be attending church or would be on the streets.

Corregidor Island withstood another attack by 45 bombers, they made attacks hour after hour. Tons of Bombs from Hundreds of Enemy Planes have been dropped in the past 5 days. Damages and casualties have not been determined.

Chungking reported that Japs were retreating north of Changsha--this was the worst defeat suffered by the Japs in 4½ years of War.

Japan admitted today that her offensive war against the US cost them a heavy price in planes and ships so far. Japan also admitted that one ship suffered damage last Sunday, but was still in active service. A submarine was lost but no details was given.

An 8-hour drive was made by RAF bombers over Sicily Sunday, it was learned today. Attacks were made from British Malta. Bombs were dropped on a large airdrome. 44 aircrafts were destroyed, inflicting many casualties and many fires were started. One British plane failed to return.

In British Malaya the Japanese made a penetration at one point in lower Perak. The Japs have occupied Kuantan which is an hour drive via plane to Singapore. (190 North of Singapore).

Heavy fighting on the Finnish line near Lake Onega has been in progress for the past 4 days. Official Finnish spokesmen remained silent on the withdrawal of war from Russia.

Last reports from Vichy occupied capital, state that the price of cigarette butts in Paris has reached the new high of 25 francs (about 55 cents) for 50. Butt dealers---a new business---reported a greater demand than they were able to satisfy.

Jack Dempsey said, "I'm going to join the Army after hearing Roosevelt's speech yesterday" -- and he did join as a Buck Private.

War activities still prevailed in Crimea--north of the city of Sevastopol. The German Army is retreating on a 1200 mile front.

A Blind man is mayor of Akron, Ohio (Ye Editors home town)---George J. Harter, 58-year old Democrat who entered politics after becoming blind 10 years ago. The Mayor, a former newspaper managing editor, blames his blindness on long hours of copy-reading. A secretary will read for him and guide him around city hall. The Mayor took office January 1st of this year.

Last Night Bob Burns said, "We'll teach them Japs in Tokyo who live in straw houses that they should not throw bombs---If I had a megaphone that could reach the Japs, I would ask them what they were doing with their Silk---WORM." A bazooka solo was played by Bob for the Dutch fliers. He also stated that the Dutch had the Japs so scared, that a can of DUTCH CLEANSER would scare them now.

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