JEALOUSY, WASTE, INEFFICIENCY WASHINGTON,

AN indictment of United States desence production was mad by the Senate Defence Investigating Committee in a report issued in Washington to-

day.
One assertion was that only a quarter of American planes being produced were equal to

the best foreign types.
Unless radical changes are made
President Roosevelt's production
goal will not be reached, the report

War amid beauty

BLITZ ON THE SPICE **ISLANDS**

Express Staff Reporter JAPAN'S air blitz has extended to some of the most romantic and beautiful islands of the Pacific—the Moluccas or Spice Islands.

Spice Islands.
They lie between the Gelebes, now being invaded by the Japs, and New Guinea, commanding the strail which would be Japan's way south if she atlacked Australia.
The Molucous are an important link in the Dutch defence of their Pacific possessions, but modern military preparations go on there with a background of lazy Pacific beauty.

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This is a land of birds of paradise, bright parrots and the world's most gargeous butterflies.

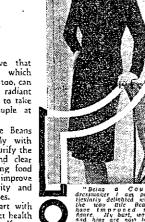
And from here come nutmegs, mace, sago and pearls.

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Japs claim POCKET CARTOON SHUT THE AXIS U.S. island

WIDE PACIFIC RAIDS

Express Staff Reporter NEWELL ROGERS NEW YORK, Thursday.

JAPANESE planes struck far and wide yesterday across thousands of miles of the Pacific, and Tokyo claimed a fresh landing in the Philippines.

The Americans have in- Soviet closing

nivaders.

Nine heavy bombers came over Corregidor, America's Far Eastern Malta at the mouth of Manilla Bay, in a new attempt to blast the big-gun emplacements on the rocky isle.

Two planes plummeted downers as shells exploded in the and the recapture of Kharkov is fusedage, and other craft were seen to be hit. Damage to ground defences was slight.

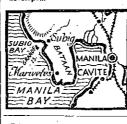
Tumosheuko's left wing is fighting in the outer streets of Taganrog. German strong point.

Another Japanese Said —

An Alteraft of the Japanese Fleet tombat these guerrines. Without altacks against the Molucas farrchipelage east of Celebes. New Guinea, was praint today. Military establishments were destroyed or set on fire.

Set on fire alterate tattacked Ternate in the Molucas. Two large depots in the Molucas. Two large depots were started.

New Britain, largest island in Bismarck Archipelago, east of Bismarck Archipelago, east of New Guinea, was German until after the last war. It has fine harbours, but is very little developed.



Singapore

the rescue of truncated by attacking the Japane through Stam.

Allies in Burma will now go to the rescue of truncated Malays by attacking the Japanese rear through Stam.

Nothing like this can be expected for some time. Reinforcements have done little more than strengthen Burma for defensive action it she is attacked over land by the Japanese in the Rangoon area during the early hours of today, but no enemy atteraft appear to have come near the city and no bombs were dropped. It was the first time since the early morning of January 4 that enemy alteraft had not attacked the Rangoon area.

Rajah forecasts

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Rajah forecasts "flare-up"

Our lost prestige

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SYDNEY Thursday.—Criticisms
of Malayan officials are made in a
Sydney Daily Telegraph interriew
with Sir Charles Brooke, white
Rajah of Sarawak, who before
going to Sarawak recently said
that Sineapore brass-hats, old
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school-tie la-di-da incompetents and
others responsible for the fantastle
Malayan position should be sacked.
"People will be out for semenod's blood over this awful
mess," he said to the Telegraph
"There will be a tremendous
flare-up in England.
"I believe the British, Australians and indians will form a deflence line in Johore, and hold the
line. Most of our airfields are gone,
and our Far East prestige has flore
gone also. Our Intelligence has
gone also. Our Intelligence has
been poor.

"Penang is a terrible case. The
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Penang is a terrible case. The reason the scoiched earth policy was not abulied was because big Chinese Towkays Imerchants!. The reason the scoiched earth policy was not abulied was because big Chinese Towkays Imerchants! rubber blanters and tin mine owners, did not like to see the mines and estates going up in flames. Worse was the understing of the Jupanese, whom we called the little vellow men But they have proved fine fishbers. "The whole situation hans in the Dutch Indies, and the Durch are strong and resourceful, and cannot be fooled. It seems unfair and untrue to say that Australia caused the dismissal of Mr. Duff Cooper. I think he did rather well."—Express Correspondent.



I'm beginning to think Sir Plantagenet, that those ellows Gilbert and Sullivar tave rather misled us as to the true nature of the

ROMMEL

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Express Military Reporter

RAPTESS Milling Reporter

IRAQ and Persia, formerly part
of our Indian military command, are to be taken over by
General Sir Claude Auchinder,
Commander-in-Chief Middle East,
it was inflicially announced
yesterday.

The Empire line against the
Axis will now be controlled like
this:—
NORTH AFRICA TO THE

GAIN ON

Mine peace move Mines Department officials will meet representatives of the Kent Mine Workers' Association at Deal today to discuss the Betteshanger Colliery strike of 1,600 miners,

CHINESE

3 FRONTS

From PETER BURCHETT

CHUNGKING, Thursday.
THIRTY Japanese bombers

New Derby

By THE SCOUT

have tried for 24 hours to pound the Chinese pin-cers encircling the trapped

OUT OF AMERICAS' Welles urges: Stop all trade Express Staff Reporter JOHN THOMPSON

RIO DE JANEIRO, Thursday, A FTER a whole day's back-stage work to weld Latin
America into a solid anti-Axis federation, President Roosevell's dapper, frock-coated Assistant Secretary of State Summer Welles took the platform this evening at the first session of the Pan-American Conference to state

"To is of the utmost importance that all business. financial and trade Impactions which would directly redound to the benefit of the aggressors or injure the de-fence of this hemisphere should be

prevented.
"It is vitally important that all the shipping facilities of the Americas should be mobilised for the transport of strategic materials.

The United States is pre-pared to render financial and technical assistance where needed to alleviate injury to the domestic economy of any American Re-public resulting from the control or curbing of alien economic activities inimical to the common defence.

STABILITY

"In accordance with its policy of maintaining the economic structure of maintaining the economic structure. While they were in conference builts of the other American Republies the United States with the 19 other Foreign Ministructure and industrial chericals, and from and steel products to South America."

The line for the conference was Isald down by Dr. Getullo Vargan who may be the means of swing-resident of Brazil, who said that his nation was "determined that tried to silence. It was he who is a feeling the expenditure to the Democratic Course of the Course of the

Carry.

BURMA TO AUSTRALIA: General Sir Archibald Wavell, commanding all Allied forces,

NORTH-EAST OF BURMA OR IN SIAM: General Chiang Kai-shek will be supreme com-

OR IN SIAM: General Chiang Kat-shek will be supreme commander.

That is the stage set for buttles which may be fought this year, it is a good rearrangement because it makes for elarity. There was much confusion when Syria and Palestine were under the Cairo command, while Iraq and Jersia were controlled from New belbi.

Strategical importance of the charge is the realisation that India, potential arsenal for the Allies in the East, must be defended from a distance. Iraq and Persia are the outer defences on one side; Singapore and the Dutch East, Indies on the other.

Auchinleek and Wavell have both been commander-in-chief in India. Now it is their task to ward off attack on India can furnish men and materials for all the eastern theatres of war. It is also General Auchinleck's duty to prevent the Germans from reaching the oil of Iraq and Persia.

Pickles — permanent

Wilfred Pickles, B.B.C.'s "North-crn Accent on the News," last night became No. 6 on the staff of perma-nent news readers after his three weeks try-out in December.

NEW EMPIRE DEFENCE LINE

"WE'LL FIX IT" They parted after a long talk

Rin harbour,

words from Mr. Welles :-"Well, we'll fix this hemispher defence business this evening." "Good, we will," Dr. Guinaz answered.

During the afternoon they me gain, in secret, at the Hamarat

Lindbergh



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State Summer Welles took the platform this evening at the first session of the Pan-American Conference to state Washington's case for a positive Monroe doctrine.

He told the Foreign Ministers the told the Foreign Ministers of the 20 Spanish American making, who is getting his hands on all the governmental strings of the 20 Spanish American making, who is getting his hands on all the governmental strings of the Argentine Republic.

Castlio, admirer of Mussolini and Hitler, was Vice-President when the Argentines President orize staunch friend of the demonstrations banded in the Pantamerican uttion—the unity which we face this common peril.

*MOBILISE SHIPS'

"It is of the utmost importance that all business, financial and trade Immascitions which would find the Immascition of the Immasci

his sight He took Ortiz's chair and, in the face of Ortiz's Foreign Minister Ruiz Guinazu, began a campaign to impress the world that the Argentine was "neutral." Mr. Welles spent most of this morning with Dr. Guinazu, who is chief of the Argentine delegation. at Dr. Guinazu's hotel overlooking Vitamin Yeast Table

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FFIHERMOGENE

Express Staft Reporter

NEW YORK. Thursday.—ExColonel Lindbergh, once America's
chief Isolationist, is now devoting
his time to "a technical project in
which the War Department is interested." Mr. Stimson, War Secretary, revealed today.
"Mr. Lindbergh asked me," said
Mr. Stimson, "if he could be of
use to the Government. I told
him we always wunted help and
advice, and he told me his most
useful contribution would be technical experimentation."



SAFE DEPOSIT "Well, don't breathe it to a

" Are you absolutely sure that this is absolutely safe?"

"Entirely secure, sir, humanly speaking. We are deep underground, sir, the vaults are of reinforced concrete many feet thick, and the main door weighs forty-seven and three-quarter tons. There are other precautions which I am not at liberty to mention."

"I'm glad to hear it, because this is a very special parcel." "We are used to special parcels well, don't breathe it to a soul, but this parcel contains three whole bottles of genuine Rose's Lime Juice. They're hard to come by, these days. Very hard. So I'm keeping them for the victory celebrations." "But doubtless, sir, there will be plenty of Rose's Lime Juice after the war?"

"You can bet your shirt on it, but I'm taking no chances.

I want Schickelgruber to have the hangover — not me. And now I must make a noise like

ROSE'S - the Wise Man's Nightcap



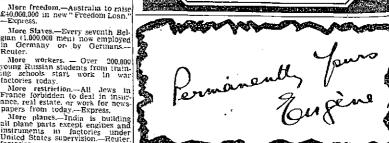
Flavour make them













Canton, has been recaptured. The tradition of freedom, battle round Canton has flared up ngain. The total Japanese casualties at 10 Changsha are now officially listed at 60,000. DR. HITLER TELLS-SPORTS SECTION More hooey.—Dr. Fritz Hitler (no relation to Adolf) made his debut on German radio last night, said there would be no more war almos from the root of makes camern work impossible. And if, we did show hims it would hurt the feelings of soldiers at the front." Noted fillies entered for

scheduled for Whit Monday, May 25, but any race can be decided on any course within 28 days after adver-tised date; front."

More honey.—Canada sending two million pounds of honey to Britain.—Exchange.

More light.—President Roosevelt to sign Bill putting all American clocks forward one hour.—A.P.

More dark.—No electricity in Athens because of fuel shortage.—B.U.P.

By THE SCOUT

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