

## U. S. Air Chiefs Are Confident Of Superiority of Warplanes

Arnold and Echols Cite Performance In Combat to Substantiate Claims

By the Associated Press.

Army confidence in the performance and continuing development of American aircraft was reported to Congress today with the message that the Nation now is getting both quality and quantity plane production and need not "apologize to any one in the world."

Combat performances of American-built planes pitted against German Messerschmitts and Japanese fighters—in many cases against heavy odds—were cited by Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, deputy chief of staff for air, to back up that statement before the House Appropriations Committee.

In a transcript of that testimony made public by the committee, Gen. Arnold was quoted as saying that in plane research and development work this country was "equal to most nations and ahead of a lot of them."

Brig. Gen. O. P. Echols, in charge of procurement, added: "I think, from the best information we have, that I can say, without hesitation, we are up to the Germans, and I think, in certain respects, we are ahead of them. I think the new pursuit planes are the best airplanes in the world, and I think in our heavy bombers that we are ahead of them."

Gen. Arnold quoted the British as saying the P-40-D (Kittyhawk) pursuit was superior to all the other Royal Air Force planes in the Middle East, and said that one squadron of that type, "against a superior number," had "knocked down 13 hostile planes, including two Messerschmitts 109-F. We lost only one plane."

"During the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7," Gen. Arnold continued, "Lt. Taylor and Lt. Welch, both flying airplanes similar to the British Tomahawk, attacked a formation of Japanese

planes and each shot down two planes.

"A short time later, Lt. Welch engaged two Japanese planes and shot down both of them. Other airplanes of the same type engaged in victorious battle with the Japanese on that day. Every time they went up in combat, they acquitted themselves in excellent manner."

Chinese Records Cited. The Army air chief quoted Chinese sources as saying that American volunteer aviators defending the Burma road and Rangoon, "many of whom use airplanes of the P-40 series, have bugged from 90 to 100 planes. That has been done since December 7, and it was done with the loss of only three planes."

"On the Russian front," he added, "early this month, four Tomahawks are reported in the news dispatches as having shot down eight Messerschmitts which were there in support of the German driven on Leningrad."

On another occasion, he said, aviators in P-40s, outnumbered eight to one, destroyed 60 per cent of a German flight. He told the committee that the P-40s were operating in North Africa "when the Spitfires and the Hurricanes could not."

### Malaya

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the British positions appeared relatively unchanged, with the heaviest fighting under way in the Batu Pahat sector.

Based on the official British report today, the front ranging from 60 to 70 or more miles above Singapore, shaped up roughly as follows: From the western anchor around Batu Pahat eastward to the Chah area in the center, about 70 miles north of Singapore and some 25

miles northwest of Kluang; thence northeastward to the Mersing area on the eastern coast, 65 miles north of Singapore.

### Artillery Harasses Japs.

The Far East command said British artillery has been "actively harassing" the Japanese in the Mersing area.

Australians have studied every bit of the ground in the area between Mersing and Endau, 25 miles to the north of Mersing, and the Japanese push down the coast brought those forces into play. To the west of Mersing lies a dense jungle through which correspondents at the front said the enemy would be forced to hack his way every step if he attempted a flanking movement on the east coast.

On the central front in the Chah area, forward elements were in contact with the Japanese and fighting was in progress.

The Japanese were said to have stepped up their activity in the Batu Pahat section—and there the main battle was joined.

Aussies Heavily Engaged. The Australians were especially heavily engaged in close quarter fighting above Batu Pahat, which Maj. Gen. Henry Gordon Bennett, commander of the Australian Army in Malaya, described as "very confused."

(The Melbourne radio, heard by N. B. C. in New York, said Maj. Gen. Bennett in a message to Australia reported the situation in Malaya was, if anything,

more serious than it was a few days ago.)

The Japanese were reported to have brought up additional troops on the Muar River front on the west coast and had turned an infiltration movement into an assault on the Allied flank. The British were helping the Australians in that Muar River sector.

### British Defense Collapse Impending, Japs Claim

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (AP).—"Total collapse" of the British defense system in Johore state, in Malaya, "is impending," the Tokio radio broadcast last night, claiming the naval base at Singapore is "doomed."

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### Defense Meeting Called

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teer air-raid wardens, nurses' aides, emergency medical men, fire watchers, rescue squad workers, motor drivers, emergency food and housing workers, auxiliary firemen, and demolition and clearance workers.

### College Head to Speak

President Henry T. Moore of Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., will be guest speaker tomorrow night at a dinner of Washington and Baltimore Skidmore alumnae in the Kennedy-Warren, beginning at 6:45 o'clock. Reservations for the dinner, which is to be informal, are being accepted by Mrs. Ruth Bowen, Taylor 1493.

### War Censors Sales Session

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