

NEW LULL MARKS BATTLE OF BATAAN

**Foe Appeals to 'Dear Filipino
Soldiers' to Quit Before
'It Is Too Late'**

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**Japanese Meanwhile Bring Up
Fresh Forces and New
Drive Is Expected**

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—Fighting on the Bataan Peninsula was light during the past twenty-four hours, according to reports received here from General Douglas MacArthur. Meanwhile the Japanese are sending fresh troops to the mountainous front after the failure of propaganda tactics to break the morale of General MacArthur's American and Filipino forces.

Employing methods they have used in China during the past decade, the Japanese first dropped leaflets behind General MacArthur's lines on Jan. 10, it was revealed today. They informed the General that his fate was sealed, and that, having saved face by offering resistance for so long, it was now time to give up.

Neither General MacArthur nor his troops paid any attention to this propaganda. Now the Japanese have begun to redistribute the same leaflets with an additional message on the back addressed to the Filipino troops.

In this message the Filipinos are told that they were facing their doom and that the "ever-generous Commander in Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces" had, in order to save their "dear lives," sent the message on the reverse side to General MacArthur. The General was stupid, the Japanese add, and so:

"Dear Filipino soldiers, there are still one way left for you. That is to give up all your weapons at once and surrender to the Japanese forces before it is too late, then we shall fully protect you. We repeat the last. Surrender at once and build your Philippines for and by Filipinos."

"This message has occasioned much mirth among the Filipino soldiers, who are continuing their resistance with loyalty, courage and resolution," a War Department communiqué today declared.

Both Japanese messages were signed by "Commander in Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces."

The early War Department communiqué today said that the reconnaissance activities of General MacArthur's forces showed that the enemy was bringing up fresh troops, as in previous lulls on the Bataan front, and it was indicated that preparations were under way for resumption of a large-scale offensive.

Enemy aerial activity appears to have been drastically curtailed in the Philippines. There was, the War Department reported, "practically no enemy air activity" in this theater.