"been through everything and have taken everything the Japs could offer," Lieut. DeWitt Peterkin, 29, added at Pearl Harbor last night:

"They're optimistic and already are talking about the next move westward."

Slaughter of a thousand Japanese in one sector of the island on one night, he said, was not unusual.

Few Prisoners Taken

The sight of a prisoner on the island is an oddity, Peterkin stated, "for almost no prisoners are taken by either side."

"When the Japs rush, they yell in English, 'Blood for the emperor; come out, marines, you're licked.' There seems to be a lot of American-educated Japanese among the Sec-WAR IN PACIFIC—Page 9

## Former County Man Loses Life in Pacific

Auburndale, Wis.—Death of a former Auburndale man, Robert B. Guthrie, in the Pacific area last March was revealed today by word from H. W. Guthrie, of Milwaukee, his father, to the north Wood county selective service board.

Guthrie, then 33, was serving as a radio operator in the U. S. merchant marine. He was employed as a radio engineer at the WLBL transmitter station near here when he registered under selective service in October, 1940.

The father wrote to the draft board in response to a questionnaire sent to his son. He gave no details, beyond indicating that his son's death had occurred at sea.



"temporary" wording of the order failed to ease the threat of eventual shortage. Agriculture department officials aserted that present butter production was not meeting market needs and pointed out that the WPB slice of nearly 35,000,000 pounds would be felt in the near future.

However, WPB officials planned to supplant the freeze as quickly as possible with a limitation order which would cut consumption by about 10 per cent.

May Avoid Rationing

They added that the shortage might not materially affect the retail market before January, and that rationing might not be necessary, although the board's food requirements committee—headed by Agriculture Secretary Wickard—reported that butter supplies have been reduced to the lowest levels since 1932.

Because of the shortage, attributed to seasonal production slumps and increasing civilian purchasing power, the army and navy have found it increasingly difficult to get sufficient supplies, WPB said.

## Retroactive to Nov. 6

The order earmarked for government purchase half the butter in cold storage in the nation's 35 principal marketing centers, which hold about 80 per cent of the entire supply. It was retroactive to Nov. 6, ruling that deliveries made since then could not be subtracted in setting aside the federal portion and even existing contracts could not be considered.

It did not affect retail stocks on hand. Unless superseded, it will remain in effect until March 6.

Among the 35 principal marketing cities are: Chicago; Detroit; Milwaukee; Plymouth, Wis.; Marshfield, Wis.; Green Bay, Wis.; St. Paul, Minn.; Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Louis; Cincinnati and Duluth, Minn.

## ASSEMBLYMAN DIES

Manitowoc, Wis. — (P) — Assemblyman John Egan, 66, died today after a heart attack. Elected to the assembly in 1940 as a Republican, he was defeated in this fall's election by Progressive Otto Vogel. Widely known in conservation circles, Egan served 27 years as a game warden, retiring early in 1940.

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