

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Fair tonight and Thursday. Morning fog. Continued cold.
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FRANCE
The reported break between the Vichy regime and the Nazis, if true, may prove a winning "break" for Britain. France's idle navy and huge colonial army are trump cards able to deal a smashing upset to the axis plans. Read the NEWS-REVIEW daily.

VICHY, NAZIS BREAK NEGOTIATIONS, REPORT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S Sunday night speech was addressed in theory to the American people.

TO Americans, he said: "We must GET READY, no matter what the cost."
Few good Americans will disagree with him. When surrounded by hungry wolves, only a fool will fail to provide himself with a good gun and plenty of ammunition.

TO Hitler, Mussolini and Japan, the President said:
"A steady flow of INCREASING aid will continue to Britain, as a vital part of the U. S. defense program. REGARDLESS OF THREATS FROM DICTATORS."
He added:
"Military necessities will dictate the volume of future (American) aid to Britain."

THAT is the answer direct to German and Italian threats as to what will happen if the United States does this and so—for example, providing more ships to get American munitions to England.
What he means to convey is that if MILITARY NECESSITY requires, there is nothing we won't do.
It is a broad hint to Japan.

TO France and Russia, he says:
British strength is growing. I believe the axis powers are NOT GOING TO WIN THIS WAR."

THOSE are his SPOKEN words.
Between the lines, he is saying to old Marshal Petain at Vichy: "Stand pat. Keep a stiff upper lip. Don't let this fellow Hitler bluff you."
If you bet on him, you'll bet on the wrong horse."

FRANCE is on the fence. To France, it is a tremendously important fence. She would like to stay there, but probably won't be able to. President Roosevelt is saying to Petain: "You'd better get on the British side. I know."
Getting off on the British side will mean leaving continental France to its fate, moving to Africa with what remains of the fleet, joining the French army there and FIGHTING AGAIN here.
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Americas Gird for Defense As War Leaders Abroad Battle for Victory

By the Associated Press
A grim world at war fought on into a new year today while the Americas prepared for defense of defense of virtually the only shores free from strife.
The shouts of "happy New Year" were tinged with a note of sadness on three of the earth's five continents.
Chief figure in the world's warfare was Adolf Hitler, who, with the scowls of many countries dangling from his belt, told his soldiers that in 1941 he would complete "the greatest victory in history."
England's Winston Churchill pledged his embattled nation to repay Germany with interest for its devastations and said there would be no peace until "we have beaten them."

Private Capital Outlay For New Roseburg Construction Last Year Exceeds 1939 Sum

Total Expenditures of \$98,079 Embraced Permits For 24 Homes; Remodelling, Modernization of Business Houses Reveals Increase in Money Expended; Comparative Figures Presented.

The sum of \$98,079, spent for construction in Roseburg in 1940, as shown by building permits at the office of City Recorder A. J. Geddes, is somewhat lower than the \$115,540 expended in the year 1939 but represents a larger investment of private capital. The permits for 1939 included \$28,000 for two new school buildings, while for 1940 no such public money is included in the report.

Featuring the 1940 building program was the great increase in the number of new residences. Seventeen permits for new homes were granted in 1939, but for 1940 there were 24 such permits representing a total of \$68,500 as compared with \$40,100 the preceding year. Repairs and alteration of residences, however, dropped from \$7,263 in 1939 to \$3,542 for 1940.
During the past year there was a continuance of the trend which began in 1939 for the remodeling and modernization of business houses and the sum so expended jumped from \$9,787 to \$16,250. Construction of service stations in 1940 represented expenditure of \$7,500 as compared with \$16,500 in 1939. Construction on other types of business property also showed a slight decline.

Many New Homes Rise
The Laurelwood residential district saw a great deal of new construction during the past year, partly through the availability there of low-cost city-owned sites. Among those who built homes in Laurelwood during the year were H. T. Hansen, C. A. Chamberlin, Paul Helweg, Scott Williams, Noel Goettel, C. M. O'Malley and F. F. Critser. North Roseburg also had much new home construction, including a five bungalow court constructed by C. J. and George Grimm; two residences by Dr. H. R. Shoemaker and homes by H. Hoehne and Carl Roselund. Opening of West Moreland addition at the extreme west edge of the city limits, accounted for two homes by the Coen Lumber company. Other residence construction included homes of Kenneth Quine, Ovelook P. E. Johnson, S. Rose St.; Mrs. E. T. Ogilvie Hamilton St.; Mrs. T. D. Berry, E. Washington St., and Ralph Herman, Corey Ave.
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Gen. White Named Head Of Merged Army Posts

PT. LEWIS, Wash., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. George A. White, 41st division commander, was named commander of the merged Ft. Lewis and Camp Murray army posts in war department orders received here yesterday.
General White, the orders said, would be responsible for supply, hospitalization and post administration for the entire combined camp, which now houses some 25,000 men and expected to have 45,000 soon.
General White succeeds Maj. Gen. C. F. Thompson as Ft. Lewis commander. General Thompson, however, will maintain command of the third division of the army.

British Navicerts Order Strikes Irish Exports

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The ministry of economic warfare announced today that effective January 22 exporters to Ireland (Eire) must obtain navicerts for shipments to a number of foreign countries, including several European neutrals, Soviet Russia, French West Africa and certain smaller territories, but not including the United States.
(Navicerts are documents issued by British authorities certifying that shipments have been approved for passage through the British navy's blockade.)

Rockefeller Scion to Enlist as Buck Private

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Winthrop Rockefeller, 28-year-old heir to the vast oil fortune, plans to forsake his position with the Society Vacuum company and enlist in the army at \$21 a month.
The grandson of the late John D. Rockefeller—one of five sons of John D., Jr.—will appear at his local draft board tomorrow or Friday to sign up as a buck private, authoritative sources disclosed last night.

Honor Citations Won By Two Douglas Students

EUGENE, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A total of 160 University of Oregon students today were named on the fall term scholastic honor roll.
Eleven won straight "A" grades. Among those winning honor citations were Marylane Dowlingdon, Oakland, and Claretta Roselund, Roseburg.

Revaluation Authority's Repeal Urged

Prices Aim of Federal Reserve System; Increase in Taxes Also Favored.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The federal reserve system recommended repeal of presidential powers to revalue the dollar and issue "greenback" money today in a program designed to prevent the inflation—and higher prices—which might result from huge defense spending.

Also advocated among the proposals requiring congressional approval was a gradual increase in taxes until the federal budget is "balanced," or, in every day language, until government tax collections can pay for the government's expenditures.
Chairman Marriner S. Eecler, of the federal reserve board, in making the proposal public, said it was purely of a precautionary nature. He added it had the unanimous approval of the members of the federal reserve board, presidents of the 12 federal reserve banks, and the federal advisory council, which represents the 7,000 individual banks belonging to the federal reserve system.
Briefly, the plan called for technical measures to prevent use of most of the \$7,000,000,000 idle money now in banks for excessive loans; a reversal of administrative policy in some monetary fields; and finally the eventual balancing of the federal budget through higher taxes.

Plan Outlined
The plan was listed in five points, as follows:
1. Immediate increase by congressional action of deposit reserve requirements on all federal reserve member banks; authorization for the federal reserve board to double those requirements if necessary in the future; make all banks, whether chartered by the federal government or states, subject to these requirements.

2. Remove president's power to change gold value of the dollar; repeal treasury authority to issue "greenback" money, and repeal treasury authority to issue money against the foreign silver it buys.
3. Neutralize money expansion effect resulting from U. S. purchases of foreign gold.
4. Sell future government securities to individuals and corporations and not to the banks.
5. Gradually increase taxes until a balanced budget is reached, not later than some future time when
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New Year's Tragedies Pass Half Hundred Mark

(By the Associated Press)
More than 50 persons died by violence in the process of celebrating New Year's advent in America. Traffic accidents accounted for at least 42 deaths and fires, shootings, stabbing and similar causes for 15, an Associated Press survey showed at 11 a. m. today.
Several previous operations had failed.

New Officers Begin Duties January 6th

Changes to Occur in Treasurer, Sheriff, School Supt. Of Douglas County; Jailor Job Goes to Wilson Hartshorn.

County and city officers elected last November will take over their offices Monday, January 6. In the county administration, changes will be made in the offices of sheriff, treasurer and school superintendent. In the Roseburg city administration, Fred Hargis and O. J. Fehlkamp will become members of the city council and join in the first meeting of the year, to be held Monday night.

The office of county assessor, to which J. Earl Pickens was elected, will continue to be served by Barton Hellwell, incumbent, as a result of the recent sudden death of Mr. Pickens. Mr. Hellwell has made no statement of his intentions regarding continuing in office. According to an opinion recently given by Attorney General I. C. Van Winkle, Mr. Hellwell may remain in office until the general election in 1942. He was not a candidate for re-election, but under the ruling of the attorney general no vacancy will be created unless he resigns.
Sheriff Percy A. Webb, who was not a candidate for re-election, will be succeeded Monday by Cliff Thornton, who has served as deputy for the past eight years.

Sheriff's Aides Named
Mr. Thornton has made a number of appointments of deputies and aides, but has not yet completed the list of county deputies.
In the criminal department, O. T. (Bud) Carter is to serve as first deputy. Mrs. Lena Slattery, who has been employed in the tax collection department, will become clerk in the criminal department. Clark Byrd, who has served as deputy treasurer under D. H. Lenox, will succeed to the position of first deputy in the tax department, taking the place formerly held by the late Mr. Pickens. This position was originally offered to William Moor at the time he was acting as temporary receiver of Dean Brothers' resort at Lake Tahlequith, but Mr. Moor declined the tax department job when his position as resort receiver was made permanent.
Mrs. Ethel Turner will take the place made vacant by the transfer
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Woman Begins New Year With Restored Left Hand

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Kate Hillard started the new year today with a "new left hand."
She caught her hand in a mangle 40 years ago and lost use of it until two days before Christmas. Her Portland physician said the hand was restored by a new skin grafting and tendon restoring process.
Several previous operations had failed.

Air Warfare Lull Noted In Debut of 1941

Fighting Continues, However, in Albania, Africa; Undaunted Britons Answer Nazi Boast With 'To Hell with Hitler.'

(By the Associated Press)
London's Big Ben and the bells of Cologne university tolled in the new year today in war-anguished Europe—a year in which Adolf Hitler has promised his people complete victory and British leaders predicted decisive betterment of the empire's prospects.

There was an overnight lull in the air war, but men fought and died on the active battlefronts of Africa and Albania. A few axis planes were over Britain during the morning and afternoon, but no damage was reported.
Londoners greeted the new year in the gloom of blacked-out streets with shouts of "To hell with Hitler." Germans held subdued celebrations, then went to bed early in keeping with wartime restrictions.

Italians Deal Blows
On the Albanian battlefield, the Italians reported attacks on outposts of Greek forces pushing their counter-invasion through the fascist-conquered nation. Four British bombers were reported shot down in a raid on Valona, one of the Italian's chief ports of entry.
In the battle of Libya, where the British have had Italian-held Bardia under siege for two weeks, the fascist high command reported a British thrust against an outpost of the beleaguered port had been repulsed.

The British reported daylight raids yesterday on targets in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands and the Nazi high command told of direct hits on a British armament factory at Essex by a lone combat plane.

Greeks Gain Ground
On the snowy Albanian warfront, Greek troops continued their counter-invasion against the forces of fascist Italy, announcing today the capture of another 500 prisoners and seizure of new heights north of Chimara and near Kibura in twin drives toward the port of Valona.
In North Africa, the 200,000-man garrison of Bardia, Libya—pledged to death before surrender—hung on against the continuing British siege. The British said the Italians were waiting "passively" for what
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Train's 150-Foot Plunge Fatal to Three Trainmen

DEL MAR, Calif., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Three trainmen were killed last night as the locomotive and 17 cars of a Santa Fe freight train plunged over a 150-foot embankment and onto the beach one-half mile south of here.
Preliminary investigation indicated that a section of rail, possibly weakened by recent rains, had collapsed, sending the locomotive plunging through spreading rails.

City's Greeting To 1941 Marked By No Disorder

No arrests, disorders nor accidents marred the celebration of the New Year in Roseburg and vicinity, where the advent of 1941 was greeted by many joyous gatherings. Police reported the celebration to be the most orderly in recent years, although great numbers of people joined in the numerous events of New Year's eve.

Show houses were crowded to capacity as managements furnished confetti and noisemakers for midnight matinees.
Watch parties were held in churches, while various lodges, clubs and other groups held dances and parties for members and invited guests. Parties in private homes were numerous throughout the entire city.

Absent this year was the usual sounding of whistles, sirens and bells at midnight. Aside from the noise of honking automobile horns, a few shots and the merry shouts of celebrants, the new year was ushered in with rare quiet.
The state police, which had made preparations for a busy night, reported that not one call was received and that there was no evidence of drunken driving, accident or disorderly conduct.

One Crash Kills Woman, 2nd Hurts Reedsport Man

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 1.—(AP)—An automobile accident and its sequel took one life and put a Reedsport man in a hospital last night.
Mrs. Edna Thomas, 33, Marshfield, died when an automobile overturned in the Englewood district of Marshfield. Later a wrecker taking the damaged car to a garage flipped in a collision with another car whose driver, Lester Thompson, 31, was injured. The wrecker was demolished but its driver, Lars Peterson, escaped injury. The extent of Thompson's injuries have not been determined.

Tillamook Youth Killed When Automobiles Crash

TILLAMOOK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Tilly movements last night threw two automobiles out of control and into a head-on collision, killing Merle Hutton, 22, son of a Tillamook county dairyman.
Hutton was thrown from the car of Harry Groshing and his body impaled on a bumper guard. The other man in either vehicle was injured.

Fire Destroys Jay Shinn Home at Lookingglass

The farm home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shinn at Lookingglass was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, together with all household furnishings.
They purchased the Nerarier property at Lookingglass several months ago and had remodeled the residence and purchased new furnishings. They were away from home yesterday when the fire started, apparently from a defective flue, and by the time neighbors discovered the blaze it was too late to save any of the contents. The property was not insured.

News Agency Dispatch Is Unconfirmed

London "Reserved" on Report, Berlin Denies Knowledge; Petain Holds Trump Card In Colonial French Army.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A Reuters, British news agency, dispatch from Lisbon today said Chief of State Marshal Philippe Petain's Vichy government and Germany had broken off negotiations.
(The Associated Press has received no confirmation of this report from other sources. A dispatch from Vichy reporting Marshal Petain's new year reception of foreign diplomats gave no indication of fresh French-German troubles.)
Authoritative quarters here said "all reports of this character should be treated with reserve." No confirmation was available in London.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Informed persons said today that "nothing is known here" concerning a British report that negotiations between Germany and the Vichy government of France had been ruptured.
Negotiations looking toward collaboration of the Petain government with Germany have been in a virtual stalemate since Dec. 14, when the old marshal ousted Pierre Laval, his vice-premier and foreign minister, from his government.
Until then Laval had been the chief negotiator with the Germans. He was replaced by Fernand De Brinon, designated chief representative for Petain in Paris.
After conferences between Petain and Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's ambassador to Paris, Laval was released from custody by Petain and went to Paris, but the Vichy regime made it clear he was not there in any official capacity.
Naval Minister Darlan went to Paris Christmas eve, and was reported in advice reaching Bern, Switzerland, to have presented to Hitler Petain's proposals on how French-German collaboration could be carried out.
Hitler's ire aroused
The Darlan-Hitler meeting was said to have taken place in occupied France, somewhere north of Paris on Christmas day. Hitler was known to have been in France with his troops at that time.
Darlan was said, however, to have aroused the fisher's ire by being 45 minutes late for the conference, which informed the Vichy sources said was held at a village near Beauvais. These informants said Darlan's chauffeur got lost.
At this meeting Hitler was said to have agreed to consider Petain's proposals and answer them.
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500 Marooned By Nazi Raiders Freed

SINGAPORE, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A series of blows against Pacific ships plied over a period of "some months" by German raiders was disclosed today in an Australian naval board announcement of the rescue of 500 persons, comprising passengers and crews of 10 sunken ships, from an island in the Bismarck archipelago.
The 500, including 70 women and seven children, were rescued Dec. 21 on Emarna island in the archipelago by the German raiders and subsequently taken off by an Australian ship which already had landed them in Australia.
They were British, French and Norwegian nationals.
The 10 sunken vessels, totalling 62,772 tons, included seven of British registry, two Norwegian and one French.
Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, commander-in-chief of the British China fleet, said both the British and Australian navies were "well aware of the activities of the raiders and appropriate measures are being taken."

British Journalist Expelled From Portugal

LISBON, Portugal, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Walter E. Lucas, Lisbon correspondent of the Times of London, was ordered last night to leave the country within 48 hours because of the government's objection to a series of articles he wrote entitled "In Portugal Hitler schemes against Britain."

Situation in Six Continents, Two Oceans as War Enters 1941

