

ALLIES, FOE SAID BATTLING IN YUGOSLAVIA

Reports Name American 7th, British First

Allied Headquarters Deny Invasion Despite Dispatches to Contrary

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Roundabout reports reached Stockholm today that allied specialist troops had landed at several strategic points on the coast of Yugoslavia.

These reports gave no indication of the size of the forces, or whether they were American or British, but American and British officers and liaison missions have been reported active with Yugoslav guerrillas for several weeks. Some of these apparently are supply officers.

A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm said the Americans and British were engaged in "heavy fighting" with Germans and Ustaehis (Croat puppet troops). Zurich dispatches to London yesterday said Zagreb residents were "suffering from invasion nerves" and mentioned a report circulating in that Croat capital that strong units of the British First and American Seventh armies—neither of which has been engaged in active fighting as a whole since the invasion of Italy—were concentrating on the Italian east coast at Bari for a Balkan invasion.

Report Minimized. One highly placed British observer said, however, that there undoubtedly was considerable passage of allied officers across the Adriatic as part of the close liaison with Marshall Broz (Tito) but discounted the idea that there had been any troop landings in force.

The British army was reported commanded by Lt. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson in Tunisia and the American army by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., in Sicily.

Meanwhile dispatches from allied headquarters in Algiers called "completely erroneous" a report that "crack allied divisions" had landed in Yugoslavia. This account was carried by Reuters, quoting the Stockholm-Tidningen, which in turn was said to have credited its information to reports from Zagreb. A qualified but unofficial source in London said the report "probably was planted by the Germans as a feeler."

The story that allied specialists had reached Yugoslavia also was roundabout, reaching Stockholm from Zagreb by way of Budapest, and likewise must be considered with reservations.

Nazis Fighting to Last Man in San Vittore

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 7.—(AP)—With grenades, machineguns and small arms American troops fought over the drenched stones of San Vittore and assailed three bitterly contested strongpoints in the fortified village today as the Fifth army pressed its offensive all along the 10-mile front straddling the Via Cassina to Rome.

Forging ahead short distances through the snow-covered mountains, the Americans stormed the strong defenses built by the German army.

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War Chest Drive In Douglas Closed

Action was taken at a luncheon meeting here Thursday to officially close the National War Chest campaign for Douglas county, Thomas Parkinson, chairman of the county committee, reported today. Although no further solicitation will be conducted, Parkinson said, unsolicited contributions will be accepted and will be forwarded to state headquarters to be credited against the county's quota of \$15,200.

Total receipts to date, Parkinson said, amount to \$12,125. Less than \$25 of the amount raised was used in campaign expenses.

The committee expressed appreciation to the Victory Council for cooperation in display advertising, and also thanked all community chairman, volunteer workers and other individuals, who worked in the campaign, together with all contributors.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Retsenata

Premier Tojo warns Japan in native "Aryan" jargon that it is facing a "grave" situation. How thoughtful of Tojo to use an adjective capable of such a prophetic translation into English.

Lieut. Wm. Wren Wins D. F. Cross



Lieut. Wm. D. Wren, AN 8TH A. F. FIGHTER STATION, England, Jan. 7.—The distinguished flying cross was recently presented to First Lieutenant William D. Wren, a Thunderbolt P-47 fighter pilot, Lieutenant Wren, whose father lives at Roseburg, Ore., attended a university prior to enlisting in the army air forces as an aviation cadet.

Colonel M. C. Woodbury, commanding officer of a fighter wing, paid high tribute to Lieutenant Wren for his "extraordinary achievement in having accomplished 50 fighter combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe." Wren has flown his Thunderbolt "Fortune's Fool" on escort missions with Flying Fortresses and on fighter sweeps against the craft fliers of the German Luftwaffe since early this spring.

Marines Slay 600 More Nippons In New Britain Drive

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 7.—(AP)—In the bitterest kind of jungle warfare, Japanese defenders of New Britain island have lost another 600 dead in their stiffening resistance to the marines who landed at Cape Gloucester 12 days ago.

Gen. MacArthur reported today that marines pressing eastward toward Bogger bay from the Cape Gloucester beachhead have encountered fierce opposition and only slight advances have been made.

Both sides have wheeled up their big guns and American planes are supporting the marines by strafing Japanese lines and gun positions.

The 600 Japanese dead reported in today's communique raised to more than 2,000 the number of enemy fighters killed thus far in the Cape Gloucester action.

Aerial warfare against the Japanese centered at Madang, New Guinea, 180 miles west of Cape Gloucester, where American airmen delivered a 243-ton bombing; at Rabaul on the northeastern tip of New Britain, where a fighter sweep knocked 10 Japanese planes out of the sky, and at Kavieng, New Ireland, where two destroyers were hit and probably sunk.

The Kavieng raid was carried out by carrier-based planes which shot down seven Zeros, two bombers and a float plane in the attack and during a later enemy assault against the withdrawing carrier force.

Road Between Rock Creek, Idleyld Blocked by Slide

The Douglas county court was informed this morning that a slide had blocked the grade of the new road between Idleyld and Rock Creek. Equipment was being sent to the scene today to clear the route and permit resumption of traffic.

Oversubscribes Fourth War Loan in Advance

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Taneh county, the first in the nation to oversubscribe its quota in the Third War bond drive, already has oversubscribed its quota of \$82,000 the Fourth drive which hasn't opened yet.

Reds Rip Nazis To Bits, Take Great Booty

Blizzards Aid Advances To Encircle Germans in Ukraine, Baltic Regions

MOSCOW, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Gen. Vatutin's forces, gaining new momentum after smashing 10 miles into pre-war Poland, sped forward today in a great fan-shaped offensive toward life-lines vital to enemy operations in the Ukraine and Dnieper bend.

The nazis appeared unable to halt the Russian machine. Over a front of 175 miles from the lower Pripiet marshes, the First Ukrainian army was ripping the Germans to pieces and capturing huge stores of booty.

To the north, in the Nevel sector, Gen. Bugramian's growing Baltic offensive swept deep into strong cores of resistance where the German spectre of encirclement was the same as in the Ukraine.

Snowfalls and blizzards were an aid to advance patrols cutting behind nazi lines and threatening the communications of the German forces before Leningrad. Just as Vatutin's fast-tanks and cavalry were a peril to the Germans' main lines leading to the Dnieper and the Black sea.

The Russian communique spoke of "heavy losses" being inflicted on the retreating Germans, and listed immense stores of war equipment left behind by the enemy. These included 16 armored cars, 63 guns, 1,000 rifles, 120 machine guns and eight ammunition dumps. Eighty-three tanks, 81 guns, 200 mortars, 175 trucks and 180 wagons were destroyed.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A Berlin dispatch to the news-paper Svenska Morgonbladet today quoted a German military

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Pardon Granted Ex-Mayor Serving On Murder Charge

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Duncan M. Johnston, 45, former mayor of Twin Falls, was a free man today after serving five years of a life sentence in the Idaho state penitentiary for the 1938 killing of George L. Olson, Salt Lake City jewelry salesman. The pardon board voted 2 to 1 to free Johnston, with Gov. C. A. Bottolfsen opposing clemency. Secretary of State George H. Curtis and Attorney General Bert H. Miller favored it.

Bottolfsen said he voted negatively because "I cannot accept the idea that Mr. Johnston is guiltless of the crime. I cannot believe that he should be given freedom from a penalty on a technicality."

Miller said he was uncertain, and believed the jury which tried Johnston were uncertain as to whether the former mayor actually fired the shot which killed Olson.

Curtis expressed a similar belief.

Johnston twice was convicted at district court trials. The first conviction was thrown out by the state supreme court which ordered a retrial and the high court affirmed the second conviction. Olson's body was found in a locked automobile several days after his death. Jewels belonging to the victim later were found in the basement of Johnston's store—the latter contending they were planted.

Johnston owned and operated a watch repair and jewelry store in Twin Falls prior to his sentencing.

Appointed Acting Prexy of U. of O.



Orlando J. Hollis, above, acting dean of the University of Oregon law school, who was appointed by the state board of higher education yesterday to act as president of the university pending selection of a permanent successor to the late Dr. Donald M. Erb.

Hollis, 39, is a native of Eugene and was graduated from the university in 1928 with a bachelor of science degree. He earned a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the law school two years later. He is a Presbyterian, a democrat, a past exalted ruler of the Elks and a member of Kiwanis. He is married and has no children.

Round-the-Clock Bombing of Nazi Targets Continues

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—American Marauder bombers smashed at military objectives in northern France today, keeping the round-the-clock offensive rolling after RAF Mosquitos raided western Germany last night for the sixth night in succession.

The Marauders returned from their cross-channel sweeps in early afternoon without a single loss. The bombers were a part of the parade of allied fighters and fighter-bombers streaking across toward the French coast shortly after the Mosquitos returned from their night raids.

The fleet plywood bombers knifed into their targets and skipped away without losses at the hands of German anti-aircraft defenses or night fighters, an air ministry communique said.

The 1,120 tons of bombs cast on German's major Baltic port of Stettin Wednesday night left 60,000 or nearly a fourth of the city population without homes, Stockholm reported. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the U. S. army air forces, declared that Berlin was three-fourths destroyed and added:

"With our bombers increasing in number every day, and in conjunction with the RAF, we expect to give Germany 24-hour 'bombing services' from 360 degrees. If our bombers keep going to Germany, it won't take long. There won't be much fight left when the time for invasion comes."

Bus-Train Crash Kills 26 Aviation Cadets

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Twenty-six aviation cadets were killed last night when a Santa Fe railroad freight train collided with a bus carrying 36 airmen stationed at the Kingman army gunnery school here.

Two of the 10 servicemen surviving this morning were not expected to live, the air base public relations office reported. Preliminary information indicated the bus, which was returning the cadets from a night training mission on a gunnery range near the base, did not stop at the crossing.

MAJ. BOYINGTON, ACE FLIER, MISSING

Reported Lost After Downing His 26th Japanese Plane

Fame Won In China, South Pacific Areas

Mother Recalls Son's Intrepidity, Sure He'll "Show Up Somehow"

OKANOGAN, Wash., Jan. 7.—(AP)—By a tragic twist of fate, Maj. Gregory Boyington was reported missing in action only a few hours after this northern Washington farming community rejoiced at the news of his entry into the marine corps hall of fame by downing his 26th Japanese plane in combat over Rabaul.

The 31-year-old former "Flying Tiger" joined Marine Maj. Joe Foss of South Dakota and Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, of First World War fame, as co-holder of the 26-plane record of aerial "kills." He did it in a sweep over New Britain four days ago. His achievement was reported yesterday from Guadalcanal.

But Greg (Pappy) Boyington never came back from his triumph.

To Mrs. E. J. Hallenbeck, his mother, came the grim navy department telegram last night: "We regret to inform you . . ."

The wire said details would be slow in arriving, but a letter would follow.

The mother clung to her confidence that "Greg" would come through safely.

"I am confident he is all right and he will show up somehow, somewhere," she said in reporting the navy department wire.

Past Words Recalled She had recalled proudly in an earlier interview how the son with the fighter's face and the fighter's heart had told her upon his 1935 enlistment in the marine corps for air service:

"Mother, nothing will stop me . . . this is what I have wanted to do all my life . . . this is the only thing I'd ever want to get up before breakfast for—to fly."

She recalled the letter he wrote to her December 15: "The Japs are getting pretty scarce out here, and I doubt if I will be able to beat Joe Foss's record before I am sent home."

She recalled the philosophical note in a December 20 letter to his step-father, a county employee here, in which he said: "As you have always taught me, there is nothing worth while unless you earn it. . . you taught me that the faith that I

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Strikes Grip War Plants in Two Regions

2 Foundries in Seattle, Cramp Shipyards at Philadelphia Tied Up

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Foundry workers at three war plants in the Seattle area remained off work today despite a back-to-work resolution adopted by the executive board of the Seattle local, Moulders and Foundry Workers' union (AFL) late yesterday, but the crew of the fourth shop, the Washington Iron works, reported for duty at the 7 a. m. shift.

A mid-morning check disclosed, however, that only about a third of the crew of 200 had appeared for work at the Washington Iron Works. Only part of the crew of 18 went to work at a fifth plant, the Kirsten Pipe foundry.

Representatives of ship committees also joined in efforts to get the men back to work. The three other plants which closed yesterday were the Pacific Crank and Foundry company at Renton, and the Olympic Steel works and the Western Steel Casting company here. The four plants employ about 800 men.

W. J. Finn, a member of the union negotiation committee, said "we don't recognize it as a strike at all, but as an outlaw move of some members."

Wage Boost at Issue. Although the WLB did not disclose its recommendations, William M. Flint, assistant manager of the Olympic Steel works, one of the struck plants, said the proposal was for increases of 23 to 25 cents an hour for unskilled workers, without any increases for journeymen workers. The union had asked a blanket increase of 8 cents an hour.

Dr. George Bernard Noble, chairman of the regional WLB, denounced the work stoppage as "inexcusable" and said the board would not give the matter further consideration as long as the men remain on strike.

"We take the position that no injustice or crisis warrants a strike in wartime," Dr. Noble said.

STRIKE OF 17,000 TIES CRAMP CO. SHIPYARDS PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A work stoppage halted production of invasion ships for the navy

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New Secret Rocket Plane Provides Allies With Superior Air Weapon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Whole new vistas of rocket plane travel were opened today with the disclosure that a fighter plane using "jet propulsion" has been developed and pronounced a success.

The new plane, visions of which awakened scientific research years ago, was announced jointly last night by the army air forces and the Royal air force. It already has completed several hundred test flights without mishap, and quantity production will begin soon.

Jet propulsion—commonly called rocket propulsion—eliminates the propeller. Instead of a propeller "biting" into the air to pull the plane forward, jet propulsion, a series of powerful explosions, not unlike a Fourth of July sky-rocket, push it forward.

Has Tremendous Speed The propeller performs satisfactorily at speeds up to 200 miles plus, the present maximum of the fastest warplanes, but the limit is believed to be something substantially below 500 miles.

Because of wartime secrecy, few details of the new American-British fighter can be expected until it has gone into actual combat, and its secrets are known to the enemy, but the formal announcement that the plane operates "at high altitudes and extreme speed," can be taken to mean that the united nations have, in fact, a secret weapon.

The new plane uses engines designed and developed by group Captain Frank Whittle of the RAF, who as far back as 1939 was reported to be working with blower-type rotary compressors, the rotor bearing and the compressor being liquid cooled. The kind of fuel Whittle's engines use was not disclosed, but one advantage of jet engines—in a theory, at least—is there ability to utilize any fuel that produces high temperatures.

Successful application of the jet propulsion principle to a fighter plane probably means that it can be applied to other planes, including bombers and passenger ships.

State C. I. O. Convention Opens in Roseburg

Business On Agenda Will Span 3 Days

200 Delegates Present; Action Slated on More Than 30 Resolutions.

The Sixth annual convention of the Oregon State Industrial Council, C. I. O., opened in Roseburg today with more than 200 accredited and fraternal delegates in attendance.

Opening ceremonies were held at 10 a. m., after which committee sessions were begun. Speakers scheduled for afternoon and evening programs today included William T. Geurtz, Portland, West Coast Lumber commission; Major Makover, Baltimore, Md., U. S. Public Health Service; Norman O. Nilson, Portland, War Manpower commission; Roy Atkinson, Seattle, political action director.

Scheduled as speakers at programs Saturday and Sunday are Ernest Leonetti, Portland, War Manpower commission; Stanley Duffin, Salt Lake City, Allied War Relief; Morton Tompkins, Salem, master Oregon State Grange; A. F. Hartung, Portland, regional director C. I. O.; Charles Elrey, Portland, U. S. Department of Labor; Ralph Peoples, Salem, Oregon Industrial Accident commission; Richard C. Montgomery, Portland, district director OPA; Father Thomas Tobin, Portland, American Arbitration association; E. E. Benedict, Portland, representative International woodworkers of America.

Resolution Await Action

Stanley W. Earl, executive secretary of the Oregon council, reported that more than 30 resolutions have been approved by the executive committee for presentation to the convention.

Principal business sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday with the final activities scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

The convention was opened at 10 a. m. at the Knights of Pythias hall with an invocation by the Rev. C. A. Edwards. The officers and delegates were officially welcomed in a short talk by Mayor W. F. Harris, after which the business session was opened by Ernest Baker, Portland, president, member of the longshore-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S nothing new in the news as this is written.

The Russians are continuing their great battle to drive out (or possibly trap) the half million Germans supposed to be left in the great bend of the Dnieper river. Their plan is to push in BEHIND these Germans and cut the railroads and highways by which they are supplied.

The Odessa railroad is still the spot to watch.

ON the west, we're bombing the Germans on a scale never dreamed of. On Tuesday, more than 3,000 British and American planes, including both bombers and fighters, ranged over the channel coast, northern France and Germany.

We lost 25 planes out of 3,000—a very low percentage. On the other hand, we seem to have destroyed only 17 opposing German planes.

THERE'S an odd and undoubtedly significant change of tone in the Russian reaction to our air war in the west.

The Moscow radio says: "The American bombing of the Schweinfurt ball bearing works on October 14 (where we lost 50 odd bombers) has reacted DISASTROUSLY for Hitler on the eastern front." It adds: "Allied bombers are steadily raiding German war industries, with the result seen in the catastrophic Nazi

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C. I. O. Officials At Meeting Here



In attendance at the state C. I. O. convention which opened in Roseburg today for a three-day session are the two officials pictured above, Stanley Earl (at top), executive secretary of the Oregon council, and Al Hartung, regional director, both of Portland.

Physical Exam Rules Revised for Draft Eligibles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A plan for eliminating uncertainties among draft-eligibles concerning whether they are physically acceptable for service, and to provide a minimum of three-weeks notice of induction, was announced by selective service headquarters today.

This will be done by: Abolishing the present system of "screening" examinations by local boards.

Giving pre-induction (final examinations) at least 21 days before the induction date. Doing away with all post-induction furloughs, now three weeks in the army and one week in the navy.

The new system does not apply to registrants ordered to report for induction before February 1 but local boards will begin at once to order a substantial number of men now in class I-A to report for the pre-induction examinations, in addition to taking enough men in the cold manner to meet their January quotas.

At first, these men may be inducted 21 days after passing their physical, but this interval will be gradually lengthened as a pool of physically-acceptable men is built up. If a registrant passes his physical and still has not been inducted 90 days later, he must be given a new pre-induction physical before being called.

Charge of Turkey Theft At Glide Is Faced

Carl M. Wilds, 24, was at liberty under \$500 bail following preliminary arraignment on a charge of larceny of turkeys, Justice of the Peace Thomas Hartfiel reported today. Wilds requested a preliminary examination, which has been set for Saturday, and furnished cash bail to assure appearance. He is accused of the theft of a complaint charging that he took two birds belonging to Joe Goodreau, Glide farmer, Judge Hartfiel reported.

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