

Russians Knife Deeper Into Retreating Nazis

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fire with "substantial" Nazi forces cut off there.

Front line dispatches said that the fate of the German garrison cut off at Kirovograd was already decided.

Nazi Declared in Panic

In the Kiev offensive, the Soviet southwestward drive, new Soviet successes were reported west and south of Berdichev and along the Shepetovka railway and troops were tightening a noose about Vinnitsa from three sides.

Vinnitsa, Bug river garrison point for the Odessa-Warsaw railway junction of Zhmerinka, lies 20 miles northeast of Zhmerinka and less than 20 miles from the Dniester river. (The Dniester forms the prewar Rumanian border.)

Gen. Konev's tanks were reported in front line dispatches to be creating panic along the rear of the Nazi Ukrainian forces.

Asserting that the Soviet offensives "are not to be underestimated in their menace," Ludwig Sertorius, Nazi military analyst, declared in a broadcast that one of the next goals of the Russian drive was "either to encircle the German armies still operating in the large Dnieper bend or at least to force them to retreat to the lower reaches of the Bug river. Concerning the whole situation there can be no doubt that the opponent in no way has given out all his forces and it is not over."

Troop-Laden Jap Barges Destroyed by Allies

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conference, that the time just doesn't suit their purpose and they are "waiting for a time when they'll have a better chance—then home."

Pointing out that while the enemy remains cooped up, "our men, ships, planes are growing and when they do come out there can be only one ultimate result," Knox said that American army, navy and marine flyers are "continuing complete domination in the Central and South Pacific areas and that 'enemy losses conservatively run better than six to one.'"

He added that an estimate by Admiral Halsey, commander of the South Pacific area, that there have been about ten Japanese killed for every American killed in the South Pacific area, probably was too modest. A study of figures of U. S. and enemy casualties in that area, said the secretary indicates that the ratio may be as high as 20 to 1.

No-Strike Vow Erasure Asked of CIO Here

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matters and uniform voting. One proposal, expected to pass the convention, would call upon the press to publish the votes of the state's congressional delegation. The delegates also are expected to adopt resolutions calling for closer unity between organized labor and farm groups.

Would Up Price Control.

Another proposal before the committee, and expected to receive endorsement, would urge increased funds for price control, particularly in investigation and enforcement.

Organization of office workers in Oregon under C. I. O. unions, is proposed. A resolution commending the work of women's auxiliaries is among those submitted, as is an endorsement of the position of retail clerks employed by the Montgomery Ward company, who have been involved in organizational dispute. The convention also will act upon proposals that dismissal wages be provided for industrial workers during the period of reconversion following the cessation of hostilities. The C. I. O. program for benefits favoring discharged service men will also be brought on the convention floor for discussion.

Cold Wave Severest in Southeastern Oregon

(By the Associated Press)

Temperatures plunged to near-zero levels in southeastern Oregon today as the cold wave held on throughout the state.

The forecast was for continued cold.

The lowest readings were 1 degree above zero at Burns and Gilchrist.

Powell-Blondell 'Ideal' Marriage Strikes Rocks

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Joan Blondell-Dick Powell marriage seemed to be something of a fixture in Hollywood, one of the ideal sort, but now it is headed for a divorce court ending, says the blond film actress.

"The matter of a divorce is final," announced Miss Blondell yesterday. "I'm going to file against Dick as soon as he returns from the east, about Janu-

COMING TOMORROW



Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire in the great comedy "Claudia," starting tomorrow at the Indian theatre.

ary 21, and after I have talked the matter over with him."

Their marriage in 1936 was one of the highlights in movie weddings that season.

The Powells have two children, Ellen, 5, and Norman, 10. Norman was Miss Blondell's son by her first husband, Photographer George Barnes, but he was later adopted by Powell.

Mount Vesuvius, Near Naples, in Eruption

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The British radio quoted its correspondent, Frank Gillard, today as saying Vesuvius near Naples was in eruption and two streams of lava were pouring down the northern slopes.

LOCAL NEWS

Chaplain Barney Here—Captain John Barney, former pastor of the First Christian church of Roseburg, now serving as an army chaplain, is spending a few days leave with his wife, relatives and friends in Roseburg, while en route to Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is to accept a new assignment.

Returns to Duty—Major John A. Irving left Thursday night for Ft. Riley, Kans., to report for duty. Major Irving recently returned from Africa, where he has been stationed for the past year. He has been in Roseburg for the past three weeks visiting his wife and small son and other relatives in Roseburg and Wilbur. Mrs. Irving and son will remain in Roseburg.

MAKES HIGH GRADE

Makes high grade among students who achieved excellent scholastic record at the Southern Oregon College of Education during the fall term was Mary Alice Wolford of Roseburg, who made a grade point average of 3.60 out of a possible average of 4.00. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wolford of Roseburg and a sister of Mrs. Ira Debolt Mann.

J. B. Kurtz, Resident Of Dixonville, Dies

J. B. Kurtz, 81, resident of the Dixonville community throughout his active life, died last night in St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, following a long illness. He was a native of Iowa, but spent the greater part of his life in Oregon, engaging in farming.

Surviving are three sons, Roy Kurtz, Roseburg; Leslie Kurtz, Portland; and Walter Kurtz, Roseburg, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Myers, Hubbard, Ore.

He was a member of the Christian church. Arrangements for funeral services have not been made.

One-Act Play Billed at Christian Church Here

A one-act play, "The Last Best Hope," will be presented Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at the First Christian church in Roseburg. The play will be under the direction of the Rev. Len B. Fishback, pastor, and is presented by the missionary society. Members of the cast include Mrs. James Vowell, Eleanor Unrath, Jessie Waggoner and Mrs. C. M. Anderson. The public is invited to attend.

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

BECKER—To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Becker, 505 South Stephens, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Friday, January 7, a girl, Norma Lee, weight seven pounds six ounces.

HALL—To Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hall, 747 Fleser street, Roseburg, at the Mercy hospital, Friday, January 7, twin girls, Janice Kay, weight six pounds five ounces; Janette Fay, six pounds thirteen ounces. These are the first twins to be reported for the year 1944.

DIVORCE COMPLAINTS

MORSE—Irene versus Vivian K. Morse; married at Princeton, Ill., May 25, 1931; cruelty.

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San Vittore Taken by Yanks in 40-Hour Battle

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wards at Flume in Northeastern Italy and lashed at shipping off the Yugoslav coast.

In other air operations, bombers struck at rail communications north of Rome, hitting tracks at Pontedera and repair sheds and the gas works at Lucca.

Four enemy aircraft were destroyed for a loss of four allied planes.

In a dispatch from San Vittore, Whitehead said that only a few Germans slipped through the ring of steel which closed around the shell-smashed town, one of the toughest defensive points in the German winter line.

He said the Germans had forced civilians from their homes to convert each house into a small fortress. "Terrified, miserable and hungry," he wrote, the civilians lived in dark cellars for days

Highlights of CIO Meet Related by C. A. Brand

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can stop.

Holman's Ouster Advised.

At the afternoon session the report of the Rules committee was presented by Mrs. Strange, and approved. An informative address by Major Makover of the U. S. Health Service dealt with the importance of health to labor as well as to the army. In a very frank and outspoken address Regional Director A. F. Hartung deplored what he regarded as a growing anti-labor sentiment in this country and blamed the War Labor board and Washington in general. He was greeted by vigorous applause when he suggested

ed the removal of Senator Rufus Holman from public office. In order to provide returning soldiers with work after the war Mr. Hartung advocates, instead of inventing all kinds of unnecessary work, that our system should change to a six-hour day and a thirty-hour week with pay for forty hours.

Ralph Peoples of the State Industrial Accident commission pointed out some legislative changes which would make the work of his department more effective, and John (Flunky) Gross brought the session to a close with the telling of some of the trials and tribulations he had suffered in making the pre-convention arrangements in Roseburg. But he won in the end and the convention is a "humdinger."

It is hoped that during the convention Richard G. Montgomery of OPA, Morton Tompkins of the Oregon State Grange, Charles Elroy of the U. S. department of labor and other key men will be heard. Adjournment will come Sunday afternoon.

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STARTS TOMORROW AT THE INDIAN

They don't want your tears



"DON'T CRY. Don't let them see you cry!" Whispers the older Red Cross Worker.

And as the litter of wounded come up the gangplank of the hospital ship, the young novice swallows, shuts her eyes for an instant, and nods.

They don't want our tears... these boys of ours. Not though they face a future that at first can seem harder than death.

They want our courage... they want our resolution. Courage and resolution to match and sustain their own.

Courage to keep us going on with this great task—no matter what it may cost these coming months in blood and sweat.

Resolution to back the boys who are taking these risks, with every breath that's in us and every dollar we can rake or scrape.

The boys realize, far more than we can, how fast war uses up machines, ammunition, equipment.

The guns and tanks that took Hill 609 in Tunisia had to be rebuilt or replaced before they could thunder down upon Messina and Naples.

The landing barges that brought our men to the perilous beaches of Salerno must be repaired and refitted before they can drive ashore in France or the Balkans.

We cannot win the war with the bullets our boys bought last summer. Those bullets are already buried in Jap and Nazi graves. And another horde of the desperate, cornered enemy is coming on.

Bullets and shells... tanks and guns... ships and planes. These are the things the boys are asking us for... the boys at the front and the boys behind them who will never again do things with two hands, or walk with two feet, or see with two eyes.

They don't ask us to give what they have given. They only ask us to skip the easy tears... to invest our money instead of spending it... to lend the mere money price of Victory.

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