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NAZI AIRFIELDS NEAR ROME SMASHED; WEST GERMANY RECEIVES NEW HAMMERING

Aerial Forays Cover Wide Area in Italy

American, French Land Forces Tighten Pincers On Defenses of Cassino

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The Ankara (Turkey) radio said today that the Japanese and Hungarian ministers to Bulgaria were killed in Monday's allied bomber raid on Sofia, the Bulgarian capital.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 14.—(AP)—American Flying Fortresses, Liberators and bombers yesterday turned three German airfields near Rome and to the north into flaming ruin with showers of high explosive and fragmentation bombs, including the Guidonia experimental airport where Benito Mussolini's scientists developed a jet propulsion airplane.

The air command said that Guidonia and Centocelle airfields near Rome were raided with destructive force in a two-pronged attack by bombers.

Bombers and their protective fighters also shot up to Perugia, in central Italy, 90 miles due north of Rome, and delivered a sharp blow at enemy installations.

Bombers attacked airfields in many places, dropping showers of high explosive and fragmentation bombs among hangars, dispersal areas and runways in a favored allied bombing pattern which has been known to wipe out whole blocks of enemy air strength.

Other allied formations jabbed at railway yards at Isola, 18 miles northwest of Cassino; at Colferro, at dock installations at Formia, on the coast just above the western end of the Fifth army line and at enemy shipping off the Yugoslav coast.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news from Europe isn't all good as this is written.

There has been a big daylight air battle over north central Germany in which American air forces appear to have suffered pretty heavily. The Germans claim to have shot down 136 of our planes, including 124 four-engine bombers. The London newspapers think our losses may have run as high as 60—about the same as at Schweinfurt.

WE seem to have felt at Berlin and then struck in force at Magdeburg and Halberstadt. There is every indication that the Germans were ready for us, and threw everything they had into a running battle, with enemy fighter planes coming up from every Nazi field our bombers crossed.

Our losses haven't been officially announced as yet, but presumably will be as soon checking has been completed.

THE Russians take Sarny, in North Poland, thus cutting the old Polish railroad through the Pripiet marshes and compelling the Germans to use longer rail communications in moving their troops back and forth along the front.

To the south, the reds have reached the east bank of the Bug river, some 20 miles from the Odessa railroad. There is still

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Flier Stricken Blind Saved by Radio Guidance

CHICO, Calif., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Stricken blind suddenly while he was at the controls of a one-man training plane, Aviation Cadet R. D. Seale, 23, Taft, Calif., brought the craft to the ground successfully yesterday under the guidance of an officer who calmly directed him from a radio control tower.

Lieut. Colonel C. W. Thaxton, in the army field control tower, heard Seale screaming over the radio that he had gone blind. Thaxton talked to him calmly, instilling in Seale confidence and courage. Every move of the plane was directed by Thaxton to Seale over the radio, even to a sharp bank necessary to bring the plane to the ground safely.

Physicians at the army hospital said Seale's blindness was of a temporary nature.

12 Killed, 75 Hurt When Trains Crash

NOVICE, Tex., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Twelve persons were reported killed and 75 injured in the collision of two Santa Fe passenger trains during a traffic snarl in a snowstorm here yesterday.

E. E. Baker, trainmaster at Brownwood, attributed the wreck to the snowfall, faulty communications and heavy traffic.

Only three of the dead have been positively identified this morning. They were Marvin RJordan, 11, of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Mrs. Dorothy Morris Roberts, 19, of McGregor, Tex., and her 3-month old daughter, Bonita Madge.

A four-car extra train bound for Camp Barkeley crashed into the rear of a 12-car California-bound train which had stopped at the station to discharge a passenger.

Tax Power of Oregon Board Upheld in Ruling

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—The state tax commission has the right to collect income taxes this year, Attorney General Neuner ruled today for State Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland democrat, who contended that the legislature, under the 1943 Walker tax reduction plan, unconstitutionally delegated its powers to the commission.

The legislature established the formula, allowing the commission to reduce the taxes. The reduction on taxes payable this year is 75 per cent.

Neuner previously had advised Wallace that a special legislative session would be unable to change the structure in time to affect this year's collections. Wallace wants a special session so the reduction won't be so large, and thus have available funds for postwar work.

Caterer Pays Fines For Price Violations

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Abraham Citran, owner of the delicatessen which U. S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) claimed offered to sell him sliced turkey at \$5 a pound, paid \$95 in fines today after pleading guilty to violating three OPA regulations.

Senator Byrd reported the sliced turkey incident to officials and an investigation by the OPA followed.

The store was fined \$10 and Citran, as an individual, was fined \$10 or three days in jail for failure to post a list of retail prices; each was fined \$25 for failure to keep records of 1942 prices, and the store was fined \$25 for sale of bologna at seven cents above ceiling prices.

Germans Lost 152 Planes in Tuesday Fight

Toll of U. S. Craft Rises To 65; Raid Over France Nets 8 Enemy Planes

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—RAF Mosquitos bombed Western Germany last night, the British announced today as American intelligence officers worked to compile a final accounting of Tuesday's epic sky battle over the Reich—a struggle now known to have cost the Nazis 152 fighters and seriously damaged three enemy aircraft factories.

It was the first time the Mosquitos had been out since Monday night, when they bombed Berlin. The specific objectives of last night's raid, from which one plane failed to return, were not immediately disclosed.

The air ministry also announced that RAF Typhoons and fighters had shot down eight enemy planes yesterday in the course of offensive patrols over northern France. One Typhoon was lost in these forays.

Fresh details meanwhile, continued to trickle in on Tuesday's great American daylight raid on Germany.

An official announcement late yesterday increased enemy fighter losses from 100 in a tabulation "not yet complete", crediting bomber gunners with 125 and fighters with 27, and gave new details of damage to plants that spawn a great proportion of Nazi warplanes.

The actual number of enemy fighters that fell before the blazing guns of the 700 American bombers and 500 escorting planes, however, may never be known.

U. S. Loss Put At 65

"These figures," the Eighth air force announcement said, "do

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Tax Filing Aides Set Dates in Douglas County

Assistance to income taxpayers in preparing their federal tax returns, which must be filed by March 15, will be given by deputies from the office of the collector of internal revenue, who will visit principal towns of the state, it was announced today.

Deputies will be in Douglas county on the following dates: Drain, January 25; Oakland, January 26; Roseburg, January 26 to February 5, inclusive; Camas Valley, February 7; Myrtle Creek, February 7 to 9, inclusive; Glendale, February 10 and 11; Reedsport, February 23 and 24.

Taxpayers needing assistance in preparing their reports are invited to enlist the services of the deputies at the most convenient stop.

Wood Waste in Roseburg Area Capable of Big Alcohol Output, Mill Survey Reveals

There is ample wood waste in the Roseburg vicinity to provide from five and one-half to six and one-half million gallons of alcohol annually, according to a report released today by the Pacific Northwest forest and range experiment station of the forest service.

The station has been surveying lumber producing areas of the state to gather data for proposed plants for production of commercial alcohol from wood waste. Installation of a plant at Eugene is already under consideration, and it is anticipated the second unit will be constructed in the Roseburg area.

Authorization for the industrial alcohol units recently was secured

Russian Guns Pound Nazis at Rail Centers

Savage Counterattacks Of Germans Repulsed; More Prisoners Taken

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said today that Cossack cavalry, slashing out across the snows of White Russia, had cut the escape route of beaten Nazi forces streaming westward from Mozyr and had left Mozyr far behind.

Mozyr is a rail center on the northern edge of the Pripiet marshes, reported earlier to be taking a pounding from siege guns rolled up by the Russians in their drive toward Pinsk, Moscow-Warsaw railway junction 140 miles to the west.

MOSCOW, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Soviet siege guns pounded the outflanked defenses of Mozyr and Kallinkovichi, important rail centers on the northern edge of the Pripiet marshes, as Gen. Rokossovsky's White Russian army gained momentum today in its drive toward Pinsk, Moscow-Warsaw railway.

On the lower side of the frozen Pripiet marshlands 160 miles to the southwest, Gen. Vatutin's First Ukrainian army stormed the rail station at Tutovichi, 11 miles west of Sarny (in old Poland) on the Kiev-Warsaw railway.

West of Sarny, Vatutin's lightning units were roaring out of the Pripiet marshes and beating down the railway in the direction of Kovel, 73 miles away.

These units were only about 95 miles east of the "Curzon Line"—the demarcation line between Poland and Russia which was proposed by an allied commission at the end of the first World war and the line which the Soviet government has indicated it is willing to accept as a basis for negotiation now.

The Germans were availing themselves of the numerous rivers in this area to make a stand but Red Star dispatches said the red infantrymen were throwing them out of one position after another.

Counterattacks Smashed

On the extreme southern sector of the long front Vatutin's left wing smashed repeated savage counterattacks east of Vinitsa as the enemy fought desperately to halt the Soviet advance on the Ukrainian Bug river and the Odessa-Warsaw trunk railway, principal supply artery for German forces in the lower Dnieper bend.

Rokossovsky's forces reached the outskirts of Mozyr and Kallinkovichi, junction of the Moscow-Warsaw railway.

Basketball Player Dies, Five Hurt in Crash

SEATTLE, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A Meridian high school basketball player was killed and five of his teammates injured last night when their automobile sideswiped a truck and trailer nine miles east of North Bend, the state patrol reported.

Dead was William Cronyn, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cronyn of Kent, whom patrolmen said was driving the car.

The body was to be returned to Macon, Ga., for burial.

Fire, Explosion Destroy Sawmill on Culp Creek

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—A sawmill on Culp Creek, 16 miles east of here, was destroyed by fire today following an unexplained explosion.

The mill, operated by Merv Scott, was being re-fired after several days' shutdown. The mill, employing 60 men, had a daily capacity of 75,000 feet.

Ten-Year-Old Mother and Child



Adel White, 10-year-old Monahans, Tex., Negro and her baby daughter which she gave birth to on January 1st. Both mother and child, which weighed better than 8 pounds at birth, are doing excellently.

Umpqua River On Fund Request List

The Umpqua river and harbor would receive improvements valued at \$89,000 under the terms of a bill introduced in congress yesterday, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington. The projects would include \$55,000 for the harbor and river, and \$34,000 for river improvements.

The bill, introduced in the house, would set up a postwar program of river and harbor improvements to help stabilize employment. It was introduced by Rep. Mansfield, Texas, who declared the bill is in line with federal policies to establish a backlog of public works to cushion unemployment during transition from war to peace economy. The bill has the approval of the house rivers and harbors committee, but even if approved by congress it would be necessary to appropriate funds by another bill before work could start.

United States Minister To New Zealand Dies

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Jan. 14.—(AP)—William C. Burdett, 59, United States minister to New Zealand, died today.

Burdett, born at Nashville, Tenn., had been in the diplomatic and consular service since 1919. He had been ill for some time and took up his duties here only two months ago.

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Secretary Ickes Breaks Collar Bone in Fall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes showed up at the interior department today with his arm in a sling. His office said he tripped, fell and broke his collar bone at home Wednesday night.

Nippons Given No Rest From Allied Blows

Foe Lashed on 2 Fronts As Tojo Strives to Spur Fighting Spirit at Home

(By the Associated Press)

The allies pressed offensives in two sectors of the war in the Pacific, and the Tokyo radio carried a hint that all is not well on the home front production front either.

American planes and P.T. boats operating in the southwest Pacific blasted small enemy shipping and heaped new destruction on the defense bases of Northern New Guinea. Ground patrols stabbed at Japanese inland positions on the Arava peninsula of New Britain.

In an advance down the western coast of Burma, allied troops mounting another drive on Japanese holdings moved to within 51 miles of the enemy's base at Akyab. American fliers kept up the mounting pressure with widespread attacks on Nipponese facilities in China.

Tojo Prods Japanese

Indicative of the perceptible Japanese uneasiness, the Tokyo radio quoted Premier Tojo as declaring a speedy increase in aircraft turnout was vital to meet an "extremely fierce" war situation. He said "the real bottleneck in munitions production is not labor or materials but a lack of fighting spirit."

The Japanese still showed no disposition to fight it out in the Huon peninsula of New Guinea, and elsewhere in the southwest Pacific the initiative remained in General MacArthur's hands.

P.T. boats destroyed five more of the barges with which the Japanese hoped to evacuate their trapped troops below the American invasion beachhead at Saldor, New Guinea, while Australian closed in from the south.

To the north of Saldor, allied bombers unloaded 140 tons of explosives on the Japanese supply base and troop center at Alexishafen, 12 miles north of Madang, in a continuous aerial offensive that recalled the pre-invasion bombardment of northern New Britain.

Japanese Lie Nailed

General MacArthur's headquarters said today that the U. S. Sixth army is firmly entrenched in all of the three-mile long Arava peninsula, the adjacent islands and a small part of the island. The Japanese radio claimed yesterday that Arava had been retaken from the Americans.

South Pacific bombers added 38 tons of bombs to the destructive weight thrown at the big

Bond Quotas Set For Douglas Areas

H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas county war savings staff, announced today receipt of quotas for county districts. The county, he reports, has been divided into four units and a sales quota for each has been established in connection with the Fourth War Loan campaign.

Amounts set for each district are as follows: Reedsport, including Winchester Bay, Gardiner and Scottsburg, \$78,142.

Drain, including Elkton, Yoncalla, Anlauf, Leona and Curtin, \$80,012.

Canyonville, including Myrtle Creek, Glendale and Riddle, \$68,426.

Roseburg, including Oakland, Sutherlin, Dillard, Camas Valley and Glide, \$325,600.

Bills Require Advance Price Ceiling Notices

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Three California congressmen have introduced identical bills to require the OPA to answer protests from dealers on its price orders and to announce fresh fruit and vegetable price ceilings at least 30 days before harvest of each crop, or allow them automatically. Answers to complaints on prices of perishable fruits or vegetables would be required within 10 days.

House Group Favors State Vote System

Fight for Uniform Plan For Service Forces to Be Carried to Floor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The house elections committee rejected today all proposals for a uniform federal ballot for men and women in armed forces and approved, 7 to 5, a modified form of the senate-approved measure tossing the soldier vote problem over to the states.

Committee sources said three democrats and four republicans combined to defeat the federal ballot proposals, while five democrats supported the federal ballot.

Committee Chairman Worley (D., Tex.) announced immediately he planned to carry the fight for a uniform ballot to the house floor.

"This action taken by the committee," the Texan said in a formal statement, "means that most of the 11,000,000 in the armed forces will not get to vote in the next election. This action will destroy their morale more effectively than all the enemy bullets, bombs and propaganda have ever been able to do."

Worley said both the army and navy told the committee they could not get state ballots to an appreciable number of soldiers, especially those overseas, under 48 different state systems.

"I wonder," Worley said, "what the marines at Tarawa, the Texans in Italy and all over the world, and the fliers over Germany will think of congress if this bill passes."

Worley is author of a proposed compromise bill by which a uniform ballot would be distributed to service men and women.

Rep. Rankin (D., Miss.), a leader among the forces opposing a uniform federal ballot, took a directly opposite view from Worley.

"This measure reported by the committee," he said, "will enable the men and women in the armed forces to vote in a legal, constitutional election for all offices from president down to constable."

Claims Budget "Padded."

President Roosevelt's second \$100,000,000,000 wartime budget was met today by a charge from Rep. Taber (R., N. Y.) ranking republican on the house appropriations committee, that "the whole thing is padded."

With members of both parties demanding a tighter check on government spending, Taber's statement appeared to be the opening salvo in a running fight with administration forces, but there was bipartisan agreement that all the money needed to fight the war would be forthcoming.

Taber, in line for the appropriations committee chairmanship if the republicans win the fall election, declared that the president's budget items for established administrative departments could be cut "by at least 15 per cent," and war agencies by 25 per cent.

On the other hand, committee Chairman Cannon (D., Mo.) said: "It was a very heartening message. We have a rather large unobligated balance, which shows the money is being handled judiciously." He told newspapermen he saw no evidence of "padding," adding that "you can't very well pad such things as interest on the national debt, funds for veterans and the cost of refunding taxes."

Spending Probe Demanded.

Republican senators also called for a closer legislative check on spending.

The acting minority leader, Senator White of Maine, said the size of the budget was "confirmation of the loose way we have been throwing money around."

White hit at the practice of appropriating lump sums to the president for emergency use at his discretion, and Senator Bridges (R., N. H.), announced he would ask the senate appropriations committee, of which he is a member, to inquire into the approximately 106 billion dollars previously appropriated by congress but shown by the president's

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Lovity Fact Rant

The newly-devised rocket plane is said to be capable of a speed of 500 miles per hour. This strengthens belief that we'll soon have a machine able to keep pace with the nation's night-club life.