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Reported Parley of Britons, Nazi Foreign Minister Stirs Soviet

Peace Feeler Fruitful, Hint In Dispatch

"Rumor" Discredited by Allied Sources; London Stands by Unity Accord

MOSCOW, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Pravda published a Cairo report today that two English officials had conferred secretly with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop to find terms for a separate peace with Germany, and added:

"It is understood the meeting did not remain without results." The dispatch said the meeting "had the aim of finding out the conditions of a separate peace with the Germans."

It took place "in one of the seacoast cities of the Pyrenees peninsula"—apparently Spain or Portugal—according to the official communist party newspaper's report.

(British reaction to the Pravda story was to reiterate the repeated British declaration that no peace would be negotiated with the Germans without full accord of all the allies, including the Russians and Americans.)

The original Soviet-British agreement on joint wartime action against Germany and their later 20-year alliance both provided that neither side would make a separate peace.

Pravda's dispatch amounted to an accusation that Britain, at least, was sounding out Germany on the possibility of a separate peace.

The sentence that the secret parley did not remain without results, carried for Russians the positive sense that it had at least

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Significant war news is scarce lately.

(By SIGNIFICANT is meant news having a definite bearing on the beginning of the end. There's plenty of hard fighting.)

THERE'S a brief dispatch from India that may mean something.

It mentions a NEW allied drive down the west coast of Burma to within 51 miles of Akyab. Akyab has a port, and supply ports will be important in any major fighting for recovery of Burma.

THERE'S a hint that the Japs may be evacuating northeast New Guinea by barge. We've sunk or damaged 140 Jap barges in that general area since January 1. P-T boats seem to have a big part in this business of barge destruction.

TOJO is quoted by the Tokyo radio as saying that more planes are needed to meet the "extremely fierce" war situation. He is supposed to have added: "The real bottleneck in (Jap) munitions production is not labor or materials but lack of fighting spirit."

Remember that Tojo is firing up the civilian Japs to greater efforts. In his suggestion of "completeness" he seems almost to be copy-cutting the Washington home front propaganda line.

THE Russians announce the capture of Moxyr and Kalinkovichi.

These points are WELL TO

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Eisenhower In Britain to Direct Western Smash

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, here to command the invasion of western Europe, told correspondents today he was taking over the allied reins with the job already well advanced by the great work of the air, naval and supply forces.

It was disclosed at the same time that Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who served under Eisenhower as commander of the Second American army corps in Tunisia, had become senior commander of American ground forces in the United Kingdom—possibly the U. S. counterpart to Gen. Montgomery, commander of British ground forces for the invasion.

At Algiers, Gen. Sir Henry Wilson also focused new attention on the invasion in his first public appearance as commander of the Mediterranean theater. He said the object of the Italian campaign is to capture Rome, but that the Mediterranean front extends from the Balkans to the Pyrenees and attacks might be made anywhere along it, including southern France.

Eisenhower's arrival was announced yesterday in a bulletin which was followed by a United States War Department announcement in Washington that Gen. Eisenhower had spent "a few days" in Washington.

The Vichy radio said American and British bombers were assembling in Russia to begin strategic bombing of eastern Germany. Stockholm said the arsenal city of Brunswick had "ceased to exist" after the RAF leveled it with 2,240 tons of bombs Friday night. One report said 12,000 were killed and 50,000 made homeless.

Radio Berlin said without confirmation that German submarines sank five transports of 36,500 tons, three destroyers and two submarines.

Andean City Razed By Quake; Nearly 1,600 Said Killed

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A survivor of the disastrous earthquake which wiped out the picturesque Andean city of San Juan during the weekend, killing and injuring thousands, said today that the tremor struck one mighty blow, "cutting the city at the roots as if by a scythe."

The survivor declared that the quake came without warning and in an instant plunged the city of 30,000 into total darkness. Hundreds of survivors huddled in the city square and open spaces, he added, while others sought to extricate the dying and the injured whose screams were heard in the darkness.

Troops and other rescue workers were digging additional bodies from the ruins of the dead city today as the nation mobilized aid for the survivors of Argentina's worst earthquake in 83 years. By official count 500 bodies have been recovered so far, but estimates on the total number of dead mounted to between 1,400 and 1,600.

Authorities said that 90 per cent of the buildings in San Juan, which was jolted by four shocks Saturday night and Sunday morning, were destroyed and none of those left standing was habitable. The quake crumbled modern steel-reinforced structures, such as the city hall and other government buildings, as well as the twin-spired 19th century cathedral and other more ancient buildings.

One estimate placed the number of injured as high as 13,000.

New Russian Drive Nearing Latvia Border

Old Poland Lunge Also Advanced; 100,000 Nazis Slain in Three Weeks

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A powerful new soviet offensive was sweeping toward the 70-mile distant Latvian border today, hurling the Germans back along a nine-mile front, while in old Poland far to the south Red army spearheads were driving toward the big rail and highway junction of Rovno.

Asserting last night the new drive to the north of Nevel already had swept up 40 localities and cut the important Novosokolniki railway below Lake Ilmen, Moscow announced at the same time Gen. Vatutin's First Ukrainian army had killed 100,000 Germans and captured 7,000 in three weeks of the massive offensive which has carried the Russians 55 miles inside old Poland.

The Red army also forged ahead in White Russia, crossing the Ippa river to capture Novoselki, 17 miles north of Kalinkovichi in the Pripiet marshes, and

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New Police Car Bought By City of Roseburg

Chief of Police Erwin Short and Councilman G. M. Kreil, chairman of the council's police committee, left this morning for Coquille to take delivery of a newly-bought automobile for the city. Purchase of the car was authorized by the council last July, but wartime conditions delayed a suitable transaction until recently. The new vehicle, a Chevrolet 1942 sedan, will displace the Nash car in use here the last four years and which will be disposed of to the best advantage.

Pomona Grange of Douglas County Votes Opposition to Food Subsidy, Urges Lifting of Meat Restrictions

Douglas County Pomona Grange, at its meeting held in Roseburg Saturday, passed resolutions endorsing the stand of the National Grange in opposing food subsidies, requesting removal of restrictions on sale of meat to consumers, urging release, following the war, of trucks, tractors and other implements, now used in warfare but suitable for agricultural pursuits, to the agricultural public, and urging the state game commission to set aside a portion of license fees to be used to feed deer and thus reduce losses due to starvation.

The well-attended meeting, was featured by an address by Morton Tompkins, master of Oregon State grange, who was a member of a U. S. farm commission which toured England as guests of the British government. Other officers and visitors present from out of the county included State Deputy Elmer McClure, Milwaukie, Ore.; Mrs. Harry Baker, Chehalis, Wash.; and Lena M. Close, Randall, Wash.

At a public meeting held in the afternoon, State Master Tompkins reported that the emergency created by the war has greatly improved Great Britain's agricultural methods.

He described the voyage in which the commission, composed of representatives of the Grange, Farm Bureau and Farmers Union, made the trip, with all expenses paid by the British government. The commission traveled on the Queen Mary, which carried 17,000 troops and 350 nurses and Red Cross workers, together with 1300 German pri-

Fifth Army Batters Nazis' Gustav Line

Barrier to Rome Offers Hard Job; Plane Factory in Austria Shattered

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGERS, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Attacking along a 30-mile front, American and French troops of Lt. Gen. Clark's Fifth army reached the steep banks of the Rapido river which runs through Cassino, and have begun battering assaults on the Gustav defense line, main barricade to Rome, allied headquarters announced today.

Previously U. S. infantrymen had stormed and captured Mt. Trocchio, the last high ground before Cassino, whose peak is but two miles from the town.

The French also smashed through precipitous hills and mountains in the spiny Apennines to reach the upper Rapido, having previously captured the village of Cardito and another of the many Mt. Croces which dot the Italian terrain.

The Rapido's high banks have been converted by the Germans into one of the main features of their Gustav line. It has been studded with guns, weapon pits, dugouts and traps, as have the hills and rocky ledges behind it.

The Mediterranean air war flared with increasing violence as Flying Fortresses hit the German Messerschmitt factory at Kaglenfurt, Austria, 75 miles northeast

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Auto Theft Charge Holds Couple Here

John Felix Leiva, 18, and Ethel L. Horsley, 22, the former a resident of Los Angeles and the latter from Utah, were arrested near Roseburg last night and are being held for Seattle authorities on charges of automobile theft. State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported today. The couple, Morgan said, were driving an automobile reported stolen out of Seattle January 13, and were apprehended on a report from Drain that they had failed to pay for gasoline secured at a service station there. Seattle authorities were notified and have placed hold warrants against the couple pending their return to Washington.

Foundry Workers Of 2 Northwest States Vote Strike

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Foundry workers in Oregon and Washington voted yesterday to go on strike at 8 a. m. Tuesday, threatening closure to 79 plants engaged in vital war work in the two states.

About 6,000 men are involved in the action which was taken at special meetings called in Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and Everett to discuss a Regional War Labor board directive order issued Saturday night, which granted wage increases to lower wage groups in the industry but which denied the demand of journeymen and molders that their scale be increased 8 cents an hour to \$1.28.

The foundry workers, members of the International Molders and Foundry Workers union of North America (AFL), voted October 28 to enforce their wage demands but set no date. Yesterday's vote set the date, which is exempt from the 30-day cooling off period of the War Labor act by virtue of the October action.

The result of the vote was announced by Neil Pardo, secretary of the northwest negotiating committee, who asserted: "We have done everything possible to settle this matter by negotiation and without a tieup, but now we have no other recourse."

Dr. George Bernard Noble, Regional Labor board chairman, termed the news "shocking," and asserted the regional WLB would consult today with Washington, D. C., officials on what action to take.

The foundry workers' pay scale ranges from 88 cents to \$1.20 an hour. The WLB awards raised lower brackets 7 and 5 cents an hour and other brackets, except the top one, varying amounts down to 24 cents.

Fred A. Goff, agricultural

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Bitter Battle Over National Draft Looms

Bi-Partisan Opposition To Roosevelt's Request Spells Long Struggle

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will face some party opposition if congress fails to enact national service legislation by July and he attempts to force endorsement of the proposal by the democratic national convention, legislators said today.

The president's proposal that the government be given the power to assign men and women to war jobs has aroused such outspoken opposition from both democrats and republicans that the issue may be dragged out for months although hearings will be started tomorrow by the senate military committee.

If congress should delay action—or reject the proposal—it may become a presidential campaign issue.

Asserting that the president's proposal may be injected into the campaign, Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) said he would not be surprised if it were employed by the administration as an answer to public criticism of the prevalence of war industry strikes.

"They probably will say that the president tried to get national service legislation to stop the strikes and then try to blame everything on congress if it does not pass the bill," the Michigan senator said. He added that he, for one, did not believe a labor draft was the solution for wartime strikes.

Confusion Predicted The Michigan senator deplored the public confusion he predicted would arise during congressional discussion of the labor draft proposal.

"People all over the country are going to be upset because they don't know what will happen to them," Ferguson said. "We have had plenty of instances of uncertainty in the operation of selective service and we will have them on a much larger scale while congress is studying this proposal."

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), predicting that congress never

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Men, Materials Head for War Zone



Every inch of the deck space of this LST boat, headed for Cape Gloucester, New Britain, is crammed with American fighters and materials of war. This is but one of many such boats. Each one represents scores of thousands of dollars. Fourth War Loan bonds you buy will keep 'em speeding toward more and more Jap-held shores.

Fourth War Loan Drive in Roseburg to be Started at Army Talent's Free Show

A big free show will mark the "kick-off" of the Fourth War Loan drive in the Roseburg area, it was announced today. The "All-Army" show, which will be presented Wednesday night at Hunt's Indian theater, will feature the Camp White Travelling Entertainment unit, with a cast of 35 persons, including one WAC.

The show will be open to the general public. There will be no admission charge. No purchase of bonds will be required and there will be no direct solicitation, aside from that of speakers urging bond purchases.

Children will be admitted only if accompanied by adults.

The purpose of the show, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war savings staff, reported, is to build up enthusiasm for the drive and to get the campaign underway with a good spirit.

The show will include the 96th Division band and orchestra. The band is expected to play a street concert, weather permitting, in advance of the show at the theater.

Staff Sergeant Don Stafford, a professional entertainer, will serve as master of ceremonies and will appear as "The Great Carlo" in a magic act.

Other entertainment features will include Private First Class Chelsea and Private Kestner in accordion and violin numbers; Private First Class Julius London in a strip tease comic; Sergeant Doremus, former pianist with Guy Lombardo's orchestra, in piano selections; Corporal Joe Mills in Western melodies; Corporal Bob Carrick in comic imitations; Sergeant Putnam, in color sketches; WAC Private Lota Dailey in acrobatic novelties. There will also be an interview with Private First Class Ed Gannuch, who has been decorated for bravery in Africa.

It is planned to hold two shows, the first starting at 7 p. m. and the second at 9 p. m. The shows will not be continuous and the theater will be cleared after the

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Waste Paper Delivery Limited Morning Hours

Waste paper delivered in the current paper salvage drive can be accepted only between the hours of 8 a. m. and 12 noon, it was announced today by M. C. Peterson, salvage dealer. Deliveries should be made to the Peterson warehouse on Woodward street.

Paper cannot be accepted at the Peterson Furniture company store, it was stated.

Mr. Peterson is employing a warehouseman during the morning hours only, and has facilities for weighing and handling the waste paper at the warehouse.

He reports heavy receipts during the past few days, particularly from the Roseburg area, and is anticipating a considerable volume in the near future from rural communities.

The cooperation of all persons having waste paper by making deliveries at the designated place and time is requested.

Key Hill 660 Captured In Bloody Clash

9 More Jap Ships Sunk Or Damaged, 29 Planes Downed in Rabaul Raid

(By the Associated Press) The allies' position in the Southwest Pacific was materially improved today by the capture of two key points from the Japanese along with another heavy aerial blow that cost the enemy heavily in planes and in damage to its shipping.

Climaxing a bitter four-day battle on the jungle-covered western tip of New Britain, United States marines seized hill 660 to gain the enemy's major defensive bulwark in its Borgen bay line of the Cape Gloucester invasion front. The Japanese now face further push-backs to the south and east of the bay in a campaign which already has cost them more than 6,000 casualties. American dead and wounded in the invasion total 400. Americans took the Cape Gloucester airfield December 30 and soon thereafter began their bitter fight for hill 660, dominating the Borgen bay sector east of the cape.

Deluges of rain and deeply-embedded Japanese machine gun posts made the battle even more bitter than the bloody struggle for Guadalcanal, some of the veterans said.

Australian troops who forced open the Sio gateway to northern New Guinea moved three miles beyond the fallen enemy barge center to within approximately 50 miles of the American army units at Saldor. Another Aussie force continued its inland advance toward the main goal of Madang, big Nipponese defense base 55 miles northwest of Saldor.

Nippon Ships Blasted.

Allied fighters and bombers raked the enemy's supply points and barge line along the north-east coast of New Guinea, with Ullgan harbor north of Saldor singled out for a load of 96 tons of explosives.

Navy bombers damaged seven Japanese cargo vessels, a light cruiser and a destroyer, and shot down 29 of 60 to 70 interceptors. In a midday attack on Simpson harbor at Rabaul, New Britain. Returning pilots said the destroyer and one cargo ship possibly were sunk. The raiders lost two bombers and eight fighters, but

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Father, Son Held As Alleged Aides Of Runaway Girl

Woodrow, Stillner, 24, and his father, Ross Stillner, 67, both of Roseburg, were in custody today in lieu of \$500 bail each, on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, while officers are endeavoring to locate a 15-year-old girl which the two men allegedly assisted in running away from her home, District Attorney J. V. Long reported.

Woodrow Stillner, Long stated, was reported to have been keeping company with the girl in spite of objections from her parents. About two weeks ago, the district attorney said, Stillner and his father are alleged to have met the girl as she left home, presumably to go to school, and brought her to the stage depot in Roseburg, where they purchased a ticket to Kansas and gave her \$24 in cash. She was sent to the home of a friend of the elder Stillner, who has since had a letter from the friends that the "niece" had arrived, Long reported.

The younger Stillner told the officers, the district attorney said, that he planned later to go to Kansas and marry the girl.

The younger man waived preliminary examination in the justice court this morning, while his father took time to consult an attorney. Both were attempting to raise bail.

Local authorities are in communication with officers in Kansas in an effort to locate the girl and secure her return to Roseburg.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Extensive and confusing as the federal income tax form is, it should have been augmented by a sheet of asbestos for use of the taxpayer in expressing his opinion of this supreme test of his New Year's resolution to forego profrantry.