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Quicker End Of Fight for Rome Sought

Wedge Between Nazis In South and Northern Supply Base Planned

(By the Associated Press)
American and British Fifth army troops, in a sea-borne hop deep behind the Nazi lines, punched ashore at dawn today on the Italian west coast in a bold thrust to turn the German flank and speed the drive upon Rome.

The moonlight landing under support of heavy air and naval bombardment was timed with a powerful frontal assault crumpling into enemy defenses from the Minturno and Cassino areas.

A special allied communique did not locate the new landing, greatest amphibious operation in Italy since the September landings at Salerno, but declared it was "deep in the rear of the present enemy front line position."

The beachhead extends "several miles from north to south," it added. "The situation is developing satisfactorily."

A German broadcast said the allies went ashore between the mouth of the Tiber river, 16 miles southwest of Rome, and Nettuno, 30 miles to the southeast, and the same distance from Rome and had occupied Nettuno harbor.

From the German announcement, it was apparent the Fifth army had sidestepped the easily-defended Pontine marshes protecting Rome, and that only a few scattered hills stood between the landing forces and the eternal city—in contrast to the mile-upon-mile of towering mountains on the Fifth and Eighth army fronts to the south.

Rangers, Commandos Lead.

American Rangers and British Commandos spearheaded the new invasion landing, planned by Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commanding central Mediterranean forces, to break the Nazi winter line of formidable positions in depth.

Steady allied air blows crippling Nazi communications from the north preceded the stroke. Rome has been cut off from rail lines from the north.

Opening a "general attack" at the same time on the redoubtable German line, American troops crossed the Rapido river near Cassino "under withering fire, French forces seized a height near that town, and British units captured Tremintino, about a mile above Minturno.

The invasion changed the picture in the battle of Italy, placing allied troops behind as well as in front of the enemy in that area, and the next 24 hours will probably make the Germans decide whether to stay in the pocket and fight it out, or withdraw northward.

The allies were in the rear of the "Gustav line" along the Garigliano and Rapido rivers,

Diplomat's Wife Slain in Hotel



At top—Mrs. Adele B. Williams, 54, wife of Frank S. Williams, attaché of the U. S. State Dept., who was shot and killed in her Chicago hotel room this week by an unidentified woman intruder. Only witness was Mrs. Williams' daughter, Mrs. Patricia Goodbody, lower photo, who said the assailant also fired two shots at her but missed and immediately fled. As police continued search for the slayer, a state's attorney official branded the case as "revenge shooting."

Hitler's Plan to Split Russia, Her Allies Fizzles

MOSCOW, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Any hopes that Hitler may have held that he had driven a political wedge between the Soviet union and her allies seemingly have been dispelled by Alexander Scherbakov, director of the Soviet information bureau.

Speaking before Marshal Stalin and other Russian leaders at a solemn observance of the anniversary of Lenin's death, Scherbakov declared, "Hitler's plans are based upon splitting the democratic countries, but they have failed. Confidence and unity among the countries of the anti-Hitlerite coalitions have increased."

The statement was warmly received by American and British diplomats here and accepted as an official answer to any skeptics who may have asked if Russia and the allies were drifting apart.

Foundry Workers Vote To End Their Strike

SEATTLE, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Pacific northwest foundry workers will go back to their strike-cooled metal pots Monday.

The union locals representing 6,000 members of the Molders and Foundry Workers' union (AFL) in Oregon and Washington voted three to one yesterday to return to their jobs on the basis of a War department proposal. The strike started last Tuesday in protest against a regional War Labor board refusal to grant an 8-cent hourly increase to the \$1.20 scale of journeymen.

The basis for ending the walk-out was the War department assurance that it would ask the National Labor board to hold a public hearing on the case.

Auto Crash Kills Man, Seriously Injures Wife

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Hiram H. Joy, 31, Oregon City, was killed and his wife, mother of two small children, seriously injured in a head-on automobile collision near their home yesterday.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Rasmussen

Overloaded trucks must quit the highways and reduce their loads, the state commission decrees. How about overloaded automobile drivers? Use of emetic or stomach-pump or cancellation of "hic'er" permit?

Farm Wage Control Ordered by Food Czar

Labor Offices Directed to Fix Pay Rates

Soaring Wages, Lack of Restrictions Lead to Unprecedented Action

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—In a move unprecedented in all American farm history, a wage control program for agricultural workers, with maximum ceilings of \$2,400 a year, has been ordered by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones.

Labor offices have been directed to set up state farm wage boards to hold hearings and establish maximum wages.

These groups would function much in the manner of the War Labor board in determining the ceilings for industrial workers. On the basis of the 1942 wage stabilization act, Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes put farm wages under the supervision of the WFA but officials did not consider it necessary to take any immediate general action toward control.

Wages at 20-Year High.

Now, however, farm wages have reached the highest point in 20 years. Many workers have gone into war plants. Those who have remained on the farms have repeatedly received what amounts to a blanket deferment from selective service. There are few restrictions on their transfer from one farm to another. Thus they are in a position to bargain.

This, it was disclosed, has played a big part in leading the WFA into the unprecedented wage control program.

For the year 1943, wages stood at 264 per cent of the 1910-14 average, and 64 points above the 1942 level. Present rates are said to average \$63 a month, with board, compared with \$50.91 a year ago and with \$26 for the 1935-39 average. In some years wages are considerably higher than the average.

The farm wage boards will be instructed to set ceilings only for specific types of work or farm.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FREMONT, after taking over northern California (with the aid of the navy, which by a fortuitous coincidence had a warship in Monterey harbor) became the first American governor of California, but his early career on this coast ended in disgrace.

Going south to San Diego, he encountered General Kearny, who (presumably by another fortuitous coincidence) had come to the Pacific by way of Santa Fe with a formal military force. Fremont and Kearny apparently clashed from the first—and Kearny was Fremont's superior officer.

The general upshot of it was that Fremont was sent back east under charges of insubordination to face a court martial.

HERE begins a curious interlude in his dramatic life.

At Monterey he had fallen in love with the rolling green hills of this lovely part of California, and before starting east to face the military court he left \$3,000 with a friend to buy him an estate somewhere on the Monterey peninsula.

His intuition, always acute, told him that the end of his public career might be at hand, and he planned to retire here with his wife.

AT the military trial in Washington, he was found guilty of insubordination. His father-in-law, Senator Benton, who was active in his defense, overplayed his hand, demanding that Fre-

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RAF SHATTERS MAGDEBURG; LENINGRAD-MOSCOW RAIL CONNECTION IS RESTORED

Bombs Leave City Afire; Nazis Reply By Raiding England

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The RAF's campaign to flatten German industrial targets crushed the city of Magdeburg in Saxony last night under more than 2,000 long tons of bombs as the major phase of a great aerial operation which included a smaller attack on Berlin.

The new blows against Germany, following up a heavy 2,200-ton assault on the capital the previous night, cost the RAF 55 bombers, one of the heaviest losses suffered in a year.

They came while the Germans themselves were stabbing at London and southeast England with two sharp raids by a force of approximately 90 bombers.

Probably 1,000 planes took part in the widespread operations of the RAF during the night, striking also into northern France and laying mines. This made it the second 1,000-plane offensive within 14 hours. Approximately that number of American and British aircraft attacked the Pas de Calais area in daylight yesterday.

The night's losses were the heaviest since 58 bombers went down during a great assault on Berlin last August 23.

Magdeburg, a city of 300,000 on the left bank of the Elbe river, about 83 miles southwest of Berlin, is a junction point for the main railways to Leipzig, Kassel and Hamburg—all previously hit heavily.

Magdeburg itself was bombed exactly a week before by Mosquitos while a big fleet of British bombers concentrated on the aircraft manufacturing center of Brunswick, 26 miles away, which some neutral sources now say "ceases to exist."

The air ministry described last night's blast at Magdeburg as "a very heavy attack" and said great fires were left burning.

The RAF force which returned to Berlin said fires still blazed from the 2,300-ton bombing of the night before.

The Germans, goaded into making a counter blow, sent one group of bombers across the channel before midnight and another (Continued on page 6)

Murder Charge Faced by Self-Confessed Slayer

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Woodrow Wilson (Whitey) Clark, 27, Spokane dishwasher, stood accused of first degree murder today in Spokane's hatched slayings.

Prosecutor Leslie M. Carroll said Clark had confessed the attacks, which took the lives of three and injured a fourth during a party.

The slayings occurred early last Saturday. The bodies of T. P. Dillon, sign shop operator, and Mrs. Jane Staples were found on one bed in the sign shop's living quarters. Beside them lay Mrs. Dillon, who died later, and Frank S. Winnett, who is recovering.

Nergo Doomed to Die In Oregon Gas Chamber

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Death in the state penitentiary gas chamber March 6 today faced Harvey Cunningham, 39-year-old Negro, charged with shooting a fellow shipyard worker last August. The state supreme court yesterday rejected an appeal from his circuit court conviction.

Chased Germans Through Marshes



Gen. Konstantine Rokossovsky, above, heads the Soviet Baltic army which drove through the frozen Pripiet marshes and routed German forces, thus clearing rail lines on the road to Pinsk. Rokossovsky was one of Red army chiefs who planned encirclement of Germans at Stalin-

Argentine Consul Nabbed by British As Enemy Agent

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The British have seized an Argentine consul as an "enemy agent," the Argentine foreign office has announced, and an investigation is now under way to determine whether a spy ring is operating within Argentina.

Several persons already have been detained in connection with the probe, last night's announcement said. The investigation was launched by the Argentine government after Osmair Alberto Hellmuth, recently named as auxiliary consul at Barcelona, Spain, was taken by British officials from a vessel at Trinidad while en route to his post.

Trinidad is a British possession off the Venezuela coast. (An Associated Press dispatch from Montevideo, Uruguay, said yesterday that the newspaper La Razon had published a purported photograph of a letter signed by Rupert Wellmer, secretary of the political bureau of the German embassy at Buenos Aires, instructing all Nazi agents in South America to do their utmost this year to break up the pan-American bloc.)

(La Razon declared the letter definitely proved a connection between German agents and the Argentine revolution of last June as well as a link with the Bolivian coup last month.)

Point Values on Canned Vegetables May Be Cut

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The OPA was reported today to be giving "sympathetic reception" to protests from commercial canners that supplies of canned vegetables are moving too slowly under rationing and should be given lower point values or even be made point-free for a time.

A representative of the canners said that because of record home-canning last year, sales of the commercial pack have fallen off appreciably and canners have large supplies in warehouses.

Russians Capture Key Junction, Add To Heavy Nazi Toll

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Soviet capture of Mga, key rail junction 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, has reunited Russia's second city by rail with Moscow for the first time since the city was laid under siege by the Germans two years ago, Moscow dispatches reported today.

At the same time Leningrad gained a permanent rail link to tap lend-lease supplies coming from the northern port of Murmansk through Vohkov. During the siege allied supplies had been reaching the northern city over a railway built on Lake Ladoga's ice and a highway wrested from the enemy a year ago.

Units of Gen. Govorov's Leningrad army were driving south and southwest of the city toward Krasnogvardeisk, junction of an east-west escape rail line leading to Narva, Estonia. Capture of this strategic center would trap untold thousands of Germans fleeing from the east.

Nazi Casualties Mount.

Mga was captured in a linking maneuver by forces of Govorov's and Gen. Meretskov. Here, the communique said, the demoralized Germans were throwing away their arms and surrendering in batches.

Meretskov's westward lunge from Novgorod netted another 2,400 dead Nazis, several towns and additional stores of abandoned material and supplies.

The Germans also were in trouble in lower White Russia. Here Gen. Rokossovsky's Baltic forces captured Ozarichi, district center 25 miles northwest of Kalinkovichi, and eight other towns. The Germans left more than 1,000 dead on this front.

While the northern armies pressed their drive to recover the entire Baltic front from the invaders, the Russian people were experiencing a tremendous emotional lift because the full Liberation of Leningrad yesterday coincided with the twentieth anniversary of the death of Nikolai Lenin, founder of the Soviet state.

Southern Oregon's Effort to Remove Highway Bottlenecks Assured Aid Of Willamette Valley, Koozer Says

Willamette valley counties and towns are beginning to realize the importance of the Pacific highway and the need for removal of the bottlenecks existing in Southern Oregon, Ralph Koozer, Ashland, president of the Oregon Pacific Highway association, reported here Friday. Accompanied by Paul B. Rynning, Medford, secretary-treasurer of the association and county engineer for Jackson county, Mr. Koozer spent several hours in Roseburg reporting to the county court and the Roseburg chamber of commerce the results of a recent good-will tour through the Willamette valley.

"We contacted county courts, chamber of commerce and civic leaders in nearly all of the counties and in the principal cities and towns," Koozer stated, and found interest in and understanding of our highway problem increasing throughout all of the northern part of the state.

"It has been necessary in the past years for Southern Oregon to bear the cost of efforts to secure improvements to the highway, but I am sure, from the facts learned on our trip, that we will have help from the

Paramushiro Navy Base Of Japs Bombed

Two Air Raids, 3 Hours Apart, by Planes From Aleutians Announced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Two bombing raids on Paramushiro, major Japanese naval base in the north Pacific, were announced by the navy today.

Planes flew out from the Aleutians over approximately 720 miles of the North Pacific ocean to batter the base at the northern end of the Kurile chain.

Enemy installations on the southern coast of the Island of Paramushiro were battered by the first of two groups of bombers to carry out the assaults on Friday night. In the second raid three hours later the northern part of the enemy's naval stronghold was attacked.

Anti-aircraft fire was encountered only in the first raid, made at about midnight. One enemy plane, the navy reported, also endeavored ineffectively to drive off the first group of bombers but all our planes returned to their base without damage.

In the later raid no enemy planes were encountered and all planes returned without damage. The two raids bring to 7 times on the Paramushiro base.

(By the Associated Press)
Miles planes, lashing at Japanese bases with time-table regularity, hurled more bombs into the campaign to soften up strategic enemy positions for possible new landings in two sectors of the Pacific.

In both invasion-marked areas—Madang, northern New Guinea, and the sprawling chain of Marshall Islands—no Japanese air interception was reported in the latest raids announced at allied headquarters.

The absence of enemy fighters indicated that the Japanese are holding back their aerial forces to strike at any further landing attempts on their war-torn territory, or that the heavy

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Boy Bicyclist Killed In Fall Under Truck

LEBANON, Ore., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Ten-year-old Darrell V. Houghnon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Houghnon, Lebanon, was killed yesterday when his bicycle toppled under a passing truck.

He lost control of his bicycle after the handle bars became entangled in those of a companion's bicycle, witnesses said.

Need of Unity Recognized

Mr. Koozer discussed with Douglas county representatives his proposal to increase the board of directors to include members from Willamette valley counties and also his plan for a meeting to be held in that area, probably at Salem, at some future date.

While each part of the Willamette valley has a primary interest in a local road project, there is a general understanding of the importance of the Pacific highway to the state as a whole and an increasing realization that all counties should cooperate in the effort to make it attractive to through traffic and industrial hauling, he said.

Several county courts and a number of chambers of commerce in the northern part of the state, Koozer reported, have announced their intention of taking membership in the association and working with the Southern Oregon counties in future development activities.

Demos Elect Hannegan As Party Chief

Roosevelt, Endorsed for 4th Term, Replies "Oh" To Committee Action

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The democratic national committee today elected by acclamation Robert E. Hannegan as chairman to succeed Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, who resigned.

Putting an accent on youth, the committee chose the 40-year-old St. Louisian to head a campaign drive in which most of the democratic faithful at the meeting believe will find President Roosevelt running for a fourth term.

Hannegan was nominated by James P. Aylward, Missouri national committeeman, who said Hannegan was eminently qualified to lead the party to "a grand and glorious victory in the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt to a fourth term."

Aylward's reference to a fourth term provoked spirited applause by the national committee members present at today's session, called to fix the date and place of this year's national convention. Chicago is expected to be chosen and the most favored date is July 24.

Who for Vice President?
A fourth term nomination for President Roosevelt loomed so certain in the minds of many members of the committee that they began planning for what may be the only major battle at the projected July convention in Chicago—the choice of a vice president.

Almost to a man they were agreed that President Roosevelt must run again if they are to stem the resurgent GOP tide. Even the midwest democratic fence sitters, widely touted as possible "insurgents," recognized this with a resolution endorsing the fourth term.

James C. Quigley, Nebraska committeeman, presented this resolution later at the White

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Longer Terms for Directors Planned By Local Chamber

A recommended amendment to the by-laws of the Umpqua Valley Chamber of Commerce will be submitted to the membership at the annual meeting to be held early in February, it was announced today, following a special meeting held at the chamber office last night. Lacking a quorum, the meeting was unable to pass the proposed amendment which would extend terms of directors from two to three years and cause election of one-third of the executive board each year instead of one-half as at present. A sufficient number was present, however, to indicate that the proposed change will be approved and election preparations will be based upon anticipated favorable action at the annual meeting. All members will be given an opportunity to approve the change prior to the holding of the election.

With four new directors to be chosen, in the event the amendment is carried, eight nominations have been submitted and will be placed on the ballot for action at the membership meeting. The nominees are Dr. E. E. Boring, W. C. Holmes, Marshall Pengra, Herbert Lenz, Howard Ott, Kenneth Ford, Merlin O. Ream, Charles Emery.

The definite date for the annual meeting has not yet been set. President James Mess reports he has invited E. C. Sammons, chairman of the Oregon State War Savings staff, to be the principal speaker and the banquet meeting for all chamber of commerce members will be arranged to meet Mr. Sammons' convenience.