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of children from malnutrition.

It estimated 20,000,000 men, women and children had been driven or had fled from their homes and said their return will mean "the greatest migrations of modern times."

Coos Leads Douglas One Pct. in Bond Sales Race

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man, to H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas County War Finance staff, Mr. Coe said:

"The salubrious climate of Coos county, where all men are dynamic and all women beautiful, gives Coos county a distinct advantage in any endeavor requiring both intelligence and energy. In addition we are further blessed by our stimulating ocean breezes and the unsurpassed products of our dairy farms."

"In this 6th War Loan contest we do not wish to take any undue advantage and, as we cannot transport to you the magic enchantment of our ocean shore nor the health building perfection of our climate, and we do not and will not entrust to you the dazzling inspiration of our beautiful women; yet we would do something to equalize the advantages bestowed upon us by the beneficence of Mother Nature."

"Our invigorating sea breezes are dissipated by the hills and forests which lie between us, but we recall that some two years ago you had all of your automobile tires pumped full of our famous ocean air; and we are sure that if you would release all of this air at one time in your community that it would immediately stimulate the enthusiasm of all your workers and inspire them to increased activity. And, in order to sustain this increased activity, we are sending you (both charges and transportation collect) a portion of our famous cheese, than which there is none better. By this magnanimous contribution of advice and treasure, we have proven our sincere desire to share our advantages with you."

"Yours for more Bonds until the Japs and Nazis grow cold."

Action Replaces Words

The Douglas County War Finance staff, Pargeter asserts, realizes the entrapment attempted in the insulting letter from the Coos Bay committee and instead of diverting its energies to frame the scathing reply, which unquestionably was expected, thus weakening the all-out bond selling campaign, the Douglas county staff is focusing all of its strength on bond sales, with a noticeable increase in tempo resulting.

While individual purchases are picking up, Pargeter reports, the county should have reached more than half its quota by this time, and this point has not been attained. Pargeter and Elliott are urging greater activity on the part of all community leaders and individual bond salesmen. Two new corporate allotments were reported to headquarters today, a purchase of \$5,500 by the General Petroleum company, Los Angeles, and \$1,600 by the Union Oil company, Portland, being assigned to Douglas county.

Reds Only 40 Miles From Austrian Border

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shat Tito were said to have gone over to the offensive against the estimated 100,000 nazis still in northern Yugoslavia.

Russian forward elements were reported nearing contact with Marshal Malinovsky's right flank on Csepel Island in the Danube below Budapest. Berlin said these forces established a new bridgehead on the west bank of the river below the capital.

The Germans and the Russians won the town of Eres, only 20 miles south of the capital, and said Budapest was under large-scale attack from both sides as fighting in Hungary rose in violence.

Churchill's Statement On Greece Challenged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—(AP)—Declaring he had information that no more than 10 per cent of the membership of EAM, Greek national liberation movement, and its military adjunct, the ELAS, is communist, Rep. Coffee (D-Wash.) challenged yesterday a statement by Prime Minister Churchill that demonstrators in Athens are attempting to impose a communist dictatorship on the nation.

"Unfortunately," Coffee said, "some of the runs used by the Greek police may not even be allied, because these same police who fired on Greek police Sunday kept order for the Germans in Nazi-occupied Athens. They were the one used to keep down the Greeks who dared disagree with the Quisling ruler, Ballis, or his fascist overlords. The guns which Churchill pledges the British to support may, in fact, be German lugers."

British Troops Fired On in Greek Tumult

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described as "ticklish, but no open trouble yet."

A British communiqué issued this morning said:

"In defiance of all orders both from the Greek government and Maj. Gen. R. M. Scooble, ELAS troops continued to advance toward the center of Athens, overwhelming police posts and even firing on British troops on guard duty."

"British and Greek regular forces have now gone into action in support of the civil power." One British officer was killed and an enlisted man wounded as snipers in the Plakka district opened fire before dawn on the truckload of troops passing along the main Piraeus road.

No American troops are involved in the Athens fighting. Relief May Be Halted

Scooble, British commander of allied forces in Greece, said it might be necessary to inform the American authorities that the port of Piraeus would be unable to handle scheduled relief shipments because of the EAM strike.

Themistokles Sophoulis, 85-year-old dean of the Greek Liberal party, declared yesterday that Prime Minister Churchill, through instructions to British diplomats in Athens, had vetoed replacing Premier Papandreu in a government change that might have solved the crisis which came into the open Sunday with a series of disorders.

Papandreu offered yesterday to resign in favor of a coalition cabinet under Sophoulis.

Oregon Still Lagging on E Bonds; Baker Over Top

PORTLAND, Dec. 6—(AP)—Eight of this area's 11 big war industries have reached or passed their sixth war loan quotas, the war finance committee reported today.

Total Oregon sales climbed to quota today. E bond sales of \$12,526,219 were still far behind the \$34,000,000 goal.

Baker was the first Oregon county to reach its quota, over-subscribing an allotment of \$1,010,000 by \$231,115. The county was said to have established a record by reaching its quota in 13 days.

Clothing Gather for Russian Children Set

PORTLAND, Dec. 4—(AP)—Robert H. Strong, Oregon chairman of Russian war relief, announced Monday a campaign to acquire a shipload of warm new clothing for the children of war-ravaged Russia by Christmas.

Gloves, caps, coats, scarves, dresses, suits, stockings—all will be welcomed by the children in a land where winter temperatures average well below zero.

Battle of Saar Taking Heavy Toll on Both Sides

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war history of western Europe. Saarbrücken Blasted

On the central sector the Third army had a solid 40-mile front inside Germany from a point east of Luxembourg's boundary to southwest of bomb-torn Saarbrücken, capital of the industrial Saar basin. With the doughboys six miles away, U. S. divebombers yesterday smashed heavily at the city's factory districts.

To the north U. S. First army troops on the right flank of the front beyond Aachen captured Bergstein, two miles southeast of Hurtgen. On their left, a lull hung over the American Ninth's Roer river front.

In the south, U. S. Seventh army units repulsed two counterattacks eight miles northwest of Haggenau, and on the lower end of the western front the French First army gained several miles in the Vosges mountains toward Munster and Colmar.

Air Bombs Strew Ruin

Germany's principal synthetic oil plant at Merseburg and rail yards at Bellefeld were attacked today by 800 U. S. bombers, escorted by 800 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, in adverse weather conditions.

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most 1,400 Britain-based American bombers and fighters bombed the Nazi capital and Munster, knocking down 91 German against the loss of 12 bombers and 11 fighters.

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lied bombers also headed toward the Reich from Italian bases in the third straight day of attacks on war plants and rail yards. Yesterday 5,000 planes hit Germany, leaving blazing destruction strewn all the way from Berlin to the Rhine.

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Conquest of Japs to Cost U. S. \$71 Billion Annually

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have had to increase by 25 per cent our estimate of the production we believed we would need to fight the Japs after Germany is defeated," said Somervell.

Somervell acknowledged heavy cost in ammunition and equipment while reminding that "this nation has committed its troops to fighting the war in one specific fashion—with an overwhelming superiority of materiel. We would rather fire a ton of munitions than lose a single American soldier."

Our manpower was saved at Aachen where in our concentration of fire 300,000 rounds were fired from 105s alone, he said. Similar tactics in the Pacific have cost the Japanese 277,000 men to our 21,000, he added.

"There cannot be too much wait," the speaker asserted.

In one month, the three American armies in France "lost from all causes 80 per cent of their dump trucks, 50 per cent of their mortars, 14 per cent of their scout cars, 10 per cent of their light and medium tanks," said Somervell in stressing "why we must make more, and still more."

Britain Splits With U. S. On Attitude Toward Italy

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had been consulted beforehand on Britain's attitude toward Count Sforza, Eden answered "no."

Press Raps United States

The tenor of press comment here was that Britain—and the other great powers, too—had reached a crisis in drafting a policy toward dealing with governments in liberated countries.

The Manchester Guardian said "it cannot often have happened that the British government has received so sharp a snub as it has just got from the American state department . . . it is a rude statement and it is meant to be rude."

The American papers of the last few days have shown very clearly that British prestige as a democratic power is running downhill.

Predicting Stettinius' statement would be popular in America, the Guardian said "the Americans have delightfully short memories."

"Gone is the shameful record of the state department's support of Darlan, its flirtations with Giraud, its mistrust of De Gaulle," the newspaper said. "That is all washed out by the moralizing over Britain's unsuccessful floundering in 'power politics'—in our supposed wish to dominate Greece and Italy and to bind Belgium to

ourselves, in our supposed fondness for 'reaction' and monarchies, and in our supposed fear of resurgent left movements."

"It is an absurd picture, for all countries the United States is probably (apart from Portugal, Eire and Spain) the most frightened of a Europe given over to 'communism.'"

Japs Lose 5-Day Fight To Break Ormoc Trap

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Japanese bombers were pressing a two-day air attack on an allied convoy of 70 transports east of the southern Philippines. They asserted two transports were sunk the first day. The broad-

casts were unconfirmed, but if true would mean powerful American reinforcements were being brought in for forthcoming Philippines engagements.

The Japanese showed further evidence of withdrawing from Burma and Tokyo radio announced the Java shipyards would soon start launching a fleet of wooden ships.

Japan's threat to central China's Kwei Yang, Burma road town and American airbase, was undiminished. Chungking claimed Chinese troops recaptured Puchai, 65 miles southeast of Kwei Yang, and still held Tushan, 75 miles southeast. The newspaper Ta Kung Pao commented that puzzling and inaccurate Chungking communiques were making the Chinese uneasy.

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