

NAZI COUNTER-SMASH LOSES MOMENTUM

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Nagoya Given New Pounding by B-29s

Huge Aircraft Plant Again Chief Target

Yankee Pincers Snapped Shut on Remnants of Battered Japs on Leyte

21ST BOMBER COMMAND, Saipan, Dec. 22—(AP)—(Via navy radio)—A sizable force of B-29s bombed Nagoya for the third time in 10 days.

Returning to the huge aircraft manufacturing center, the first Superfortresses over the city bombed through an overcast in the early afternoon.

Other formations kept coming over the target area for two hours and a half.

Since December 13th's attack on Hatsudoki factory of the Mitsubishi aircraft works, more than 670,000 square feet of its roofage has been burned off. Today's raid may have been designed to finish off the target.

This plant is instrumental in the production of Japanese bombers and fighters and is two and a half miles east of the famed Nagoya castle and eight miles north, inland, from the Kokuki waterfront plant, which was bombed Dec. 18.

Gen. Hansell announced, Dec. 18, that in addition to the heavy damage dealt Dec. 13 to four main assembly buildings, 22 smaller structures were destroyed or badly damaged within the

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In the Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS
THE news is mixed.

On the western front, where the Germans are mounting a big counter-offensive, it doesn't sound good. Little definite information is trickling through the rigid censorship—and, as always when we're in the dark, we worry.

The news from Mindoro, in the Philippines, is so GOOD IT PUZZLES US. Our troops are well inland from the landing beaches and are still going ahead without ground resistance from the Japs.

THESE are the unsettling developments in Belgium:
1. Complete blackout of official news. This is the second time since the invasion that news UNFAVORABLE to our side has been suppressed. The first was at ARNHEM, where we tried boldly and failed.

2. The Germans have gained

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Why Aren't We Using Those "Better" Flying Bombs Now? Question Voiced by G. I. Joe

By WES GALLAGHER
WITH THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY, Dec. 21—(Delayed)—(AP)—American troops being pounded by Adolf Hitler's V-weapons want to know when we are going to start tossing a few flying bombs back at the Germans.

"If we build better flying bombs than the nazis why aren't we using them?" is the way one soldier put it after reading a story in the Yank newspaper "Stars and Stripes" to the effect that the American "doodle" is better than the Germans V-bomb.

American fighting men know the German secret weapons are no toys and cannot be dismissed with a shrug. Arguments that the weapons are indiscriminate do not impress the man in a fox-

hole, who may stop anything from a machinegun slug to a 14-ton rocket.

To him it is all a question of accuracy. The rifle is more accurate than artillery, and artillery is more accurate than the flying bomb. But all have their place.

During recent weeks American and British troops in rear areas

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Method of Paying Federal Subsidy on Flour Changed
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—A new method of paying the federal flour subsidy was announced today along with a special subsidy on flour shipped to the Pacific coast from Montana mills.

For the last three months the subsidy rate has been the same for the entire country.

Today, however, the Defense Supplies corporation said that in accordance with a directive from Stabilization Director Vinson it will announce monthly rates as follows:

1. One rate on all wheat ground in the Pacific coast area and all wheat originating in that area and ground elsewhere.

2. One rate on all wheat ground outside the Pacific coast area except wheat originating on the coast.

The special Montana payments are designed to bring the rate on Montana flour shipped to the west coast up to the same level as that paid on the coast.

The new system will be effective January 1.

Tree Stolen From Cops
PORTLAND, Dec. 22—(AP)—The municipal court staff didn't have any Christmas tree at its Christmas party. Someone stole it from police headquarters.

Southern Pacific Sued in Crossing Tragedy
PORTLAND, Dec. 22—(AP)—Southern Pacific company was asked today for \$10,000 damages in a federal court suit based on the death of Carl T. Furr south of Junction City last October.

The man's daughter, Helen Frances Hickson, contended that a northbound freight train struck Furr's automobile without sounding a warning whistle, and that the Lane county crossing had neither a crossarm sign nor warning signals.

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Douglas Lead In Bond Sale Race Widened

Douglas county widened its lead over Coos county in the "Battle of Bonds," according to reports received today from the Federal Reserve bank, covering the period through Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Douglas county sales totaled \$390,739 or \$1.4 per cent of the \$480,000 quota, while Coos county, with sales of \$129,902, had reached only 69.3 per cent of its quota of \$600,000.

The contest is concerned only with sales of E bonds to individuals. The losing county must provide a banquet and transportation for 10 war

E BOND SALES UPPEP
PORTLAND, Dec. 22—(AP)—Oregon's E bond sales—with nine days still to go—climbed to \$28,392,341 today—\$3.5 per cent of the \$34,000,000 quota.

Coos county, in the report received today, was credited with 103.2 per cent, with total sales of \$1,929,062. Douglas county, however, has reached 159.3 per cent of total quota with sales of \$1,608,452.

The overall figures include sales to corporations, allotments, etc., in addition to E bonds, etc., to individuals.

Little Extra Effort Needed
H. O. Fargeter, chairman of the county war finance committee, declared today it is possible for Douglas county to reach the 100 per cent mark on E bond sales if a little extra effort is ex-

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Sub-Zero Cold Wave Grips Most of Nation
(By The Associated Press)
Numbering cold gripped eastern and New England states and portions of the midwest today while the northernmost tier of the central states had some relief from the general cold wave.

The lowest reported to the Chicago weather bureau was 25 below zero at Kylertown, Penn., in the central Appalachian mountain region of that state. Lows of 3 to 17 below were recorded in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. New York City shivered in 13 above zero weather, a drop of 19 degrees from yesterday's maximum there.

The entire Great Lakes region and northern portions of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio also had sub-zero weather as the cold wave, which entered the central border states from Canada yesterday, spread eastward and southward.

T-B Test Trailer Is Delivered to State Assn.
PORTLAND, Dec. 22—(AP)—A tuberculosis test trailer, which will travel through Oregon next year giving free X-ray chest examinations, was delivered today to the Oregon Tuberculosis association.

The \$15,000 vehicle, bought with Christmas seal funds, includes a dressing room, X-ray room, and dark room—and has equipment to take 120 X-rays an hour.

Allotment Asked for Recreational Program
From an allotment of \$5,250 federal aid for Roseburg's recreational program, immediate requisition is being made for \$2,067.70, Harold J. Hickerson, chamber of commerce secretary, reported today.

The money will be used to finance the program through the winter season.

The city of Roseburg raised \$3,590 through appropriations by the city council and through public subscription to start the program, making a total of \$8,848 for the year. The federal government is contributing because of increased population resulting from influx of workers engaged in essential industry.

100 Passengers Hurt in Train Derailment
ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 22—(AP)—One hundred passengers on a southbound Alaska railroad train taking University of Alaska students home for the holidays were cut and injured in a derailment north of Nenana yesterday. All cars were derailed and two went into a ditch.

Red Cross Parcels Given Yank Prisoners in Japan
LONDON, Dec. 22—(AP)—The Tokyo radio said today that the first Red Cross parcels sent by way of Siberia to American prisoners in Japan and Manchuria are being distributed.

The broadcast said the next shipment would go to prisoners in the Philippines.

Eisenhower Urges Yanks to Destroy Foe in Opportunity Offered by Last Big Gamble

PARIS, Dec. 22—(AP)—The Germans are taking a last great gamble, Gen. Eisenhower said today in an order of the day calling upon his armies to destroy the enemy.

"He is rushing out from his desperate defenses," the supreme commander declared. "The enemy may give us a chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat."

"The enemy is making his supreme effort to break out of the desperate plight into which you forced him by your brilliant victories of the summer and fall," Eisenhower told his troops. "He will completely fail."

The order of the day was addressed "To every member of the AEF."

"The enemy is fighting savagely to take back all that you have won and is using every treacherous trick to deceive and kill you," said the order. "He is gambling everything, but already in this battle gallantry has done much to foil his plans. In the face of your proven bravery and fortitude, he will completely fail."

"But we cannot be content with his mere repulse. I call upon every man of all the allies to rise now to new heights of courage, of resolution and of effort. Let everyone hold before him a single thought—to destroy the enemy on the ground, in the air, everywhere—destroy him!"

"United in this determination and with unshakable faith in the cause for which we fight, we will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory."

ELAS Army On Move in Greece to Keep up Civil War
ATHENS, Dec. 22—(AP)—An ELAS army, 25,000 to 30,000 strong was reported today to be moving in an territory held by rightist guerrillas of Gen. Zervas' EDES in strife-torn Greece.

Zervas informed British authorities that the leftist ELAS forces already had entered his territory in Epirus and were massing on Dhruksis ridge, overlooking the town of Yanina, which has been his headquarters.

The British said Zervas charged that Albanians were among the force threatening the EDES territory.

Evacuation of 3,000 ELAS prisoners by sea to an undisclosed destination was reported earlier by British headquarters while Lt. Gen. Scobie's troops were mopping up the port of Piraeus.

British troops were reported extending the area under control in southern Athens against light resistance.

Another 1,000 ELAS prisoners remained under guard. British headquarters emphasized that the total of 4,000 military captives included only those taken in battle.

Stiff resistance developed from ELAS strongpoints in the northern basin of Piraeus harbor. ELAS machineguns and mortar positions, holed up in industrial plants and warehouses, thus far succeeded in preventing a link-up of British detachments clearing to the left and right of the harbor.

Processors' Ceiling on Dried Apples Lowered
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—A 33-cent per pound processor's ceiling, about 2 per cent a pound lower than the average price in 1943, has been established by the OPA for civilian sales of dried apples for the 1944 crop.

The reduction resulted, the OPA said, from a revised estimate of the average price paid to the grower for apples for drying.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana were among 25 apple producing states granted a four per cent allowance for wage rate increases, permitted for the 1944 pack.

Douglas County Receives State School Fund Share
Apportionment of \$33,820.96 to Douglas county from the state elementary school fund, was announced at Salem today. The sum of \$1,048,715.69 is being distributed to the state's 1,539 school districts on a basis of the number of teachers employed in the first eight grades of public schools in the various districts.

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Von Rundstedt's Westward Lunge Blunted After 40-Mile Penetration of Yankee Lines

(By The Associated Press)
Marshal von Rundstedt's seven-day old counteroffensive has penetrated the American lines to a depth of 40 miles at one point, but in the past 48 hours has lost a great deal of its momentum, a 21st army group headquarters spokesman said today.

As the Americans appeared to have blunted the westward drive into Belgium and Luxembourg, Gen. Eisenhower, classifying the Nazi push as a last great gamble, called upon his troops in an order of the day to destroy the enemy.

The main force of the enemy drive, field dispatches said, has been turned aside or slowed down, but fighting flared in another area 20 miles south of the city of Luxembourg last night.

A field report said American armored units were fighting to hold the Belgium town of St. Vith against a frontal assault by a full division of Nazi SS (elite guard) troops. A German broadcast claimed capture of St. Vith. Fifty-five enemy tanks were destroyed also on the northern flank of the attack yesterday and Doughboys fighting through fog, snow and mud, took a heavy toll of Germans.

The Germans said spearheads of the counteroffensive advanced to the flooded Ourthe river, which at one point flows seven miles west of Werbomont, where the Nazis had cut the Liege-Bastogne highway. It was at this point that the allies have been expected to make a stand.

Another dispatch last night said this greatest single conflict of the western front in its sixth blazing day had reached the critical stage as men were thousands of additional men were thousands in every few hours by each side.

This report said the Germans kept the initiative Thursday and that only on the flanks in Luxembourg to the south and on the Malmedy-Stavelot line had the advance been contained.

Full depth of the enemy penetration in those two countries was cloaked by a security news delay as weather continued to keep the allies' air might in view.

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Atlantic Charter Aims Still Hold, Roosevelt Says
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today that the objectives of the Atlantic charter are as valid as when they were announced in 1941.

He permitted direct quotation on that point during a news conference discussion of the charter—which he said Tuesday never existed as a formal document.

The objectives in some instances have never been obtained, Mr. Roosevelt continued, but they still are good. People don't live up to all the ten commandments and all the doctrines of Christianity, he went on, but they still are something pretty good to shoot at.

Comparing the charter with the ten commandments at the Christian conference, Mr. Roosevelt said, he thought the charter would take its place in history as a major step forward—just as Wilson's 14 points constituted something we all would like to see a step toward a better life in the world.

President Wilson's 14 points listed peace objectives in the first World war.

The world, Mr. Roosevelt said, goes by peaks and valleys, although on the whole the curve is upward. Human life is on a better scale than it was a thousand years ago, he said, but we still have a long way to go and we still have to work for it.

M. D. Seeger Engaged As Eugene City Manager
BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 22—(AP)—M. Deane Seeger, chief manager of the Boeing branch plant here, has accepted an offer to become city manager of Eugene, Ore., and will leave for that city in about 30 days.

Seeger is a former Bellingham city comptroller and present member of the city council. He also has been active as an officer in the Association of Washington Cities.

90-Day Quarantine of Canadian Cattle Asked
SPOKANE, Dec. 22—(AP)—Canadian cattle brought into Washington would "be held in quarantine at destination for a period of 90 days and retested for Bangs disease" if directors of the Washington State cattlemen's association receive favorable action upon a resolution adopted by them yesterday.

Carl A. Grief, Unlontown, association president, said the resolution called the suggestion "necessary because of the prevalence of Bang's disease found in Canadian cattle."

Noted Bugler Dies
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—(AP)—The bugler who sounded the call in unvailing ceremonies for the Washington monument in 1885 is dead. He was Frederick W. Park, 78, a contractor for the past 50 years. Parks was a marine corps bugler at the time of the ceremony.

Christmas Party Plans for Children Completed
All arrangements were complete today for the Christmas party to be sponsored Saturday by the Roseburg Elks lodge. It was reported today by George Trappalis, chairman. All children through grade school age are invited to be guests of the lodge at a free motion picture and stage show, starting at 10 a. m., at the Indian theater. Doors will open at 9:30 a. m. The Roseburg school band will play a street concert before and after the show. Gifts of candy and fruit will be distributed by Santa Claus to all children in attendance. Parents may accompany small children, Trappalis stated.

Levity Fact Rent
By L. P. Rotman



GREEK MEETS GREEK IN ATHENS—Shouting ELAS sympathizers wave a huge American flag (left) during a demonstration in Athens that preceded armed conflict between their anti-government organization and British troops. At right, an enraged and excited crowd mills around bodies of the first two victims of the fighting, killed by Athens police during a violent street battle.

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Reminder to the military censors on the European front: The home folks don't mind the expense, but they want no checks on the news. The Doughboys fear no army in the world; why should their leaders fear the truth? One paragraph of plain facts is more desirable than a page of flowery evasion.