

ALLIES LAUNCH MAJOR BLOW IN ARDENNES

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69 Nip Ships, 37 Planes K.O'd in Philippine Area In 3 Days, M'Arthur Says

British Seize Akyab, Burma, After 2 Years

Air Raids Continue On Foe's Manila Airfields, Nagoya on Homeland

(By the Associated Press)
British troops have seized the Burmese port of Akyab in their first amphibious operation on the long road back to Singapore while Philippines-based American aircraft and PT boats knocked out 69 Japanese ships in a three-day attack coordinated with smashing carrier raids on Formosa.

General MacArthur also reported the destruction of 37 enemy planes. Twenty were destroyed on the ground as fighter-escorted Liberators "continued the reduction" of Clark field, 75 miles from Manila. There was no interception.

Three raiders were shot down during five Japanese attacks on U. S. forces at Mindoro. Some damage was inflicted by the Japanese.

Tokyo reported four Superforts reconnoitering and harassing Japan within a 75 mile radius of bomb-blasted Nagoya last night and today. Yesterday the army

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Reedsport Ration Board Head, Criticized, Quits

REEDSPORT—John Unger, mortician, who has been chairman of the Reedsport area war price and rationing board since its organization, has announced his resignation to the Portland district headquarters of the OPA. Although Mr. Unger gave no reason for his action, it is generally understood that he tendered his resignation following criticism of his administration by a newly appointed district supervisor.

Reedsport residents are of the opinion that the work of the local board has been very efficient, the board having operated smoothly and with little friction. Much local resentment is expressed because of the criticism from the district officer.

Released Japanese Not Returning to West

SEATTLE, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Aside from those persons of Japanese ancestry who held individual permits prior to the lifting of the evacuation order, no persons in war relocation centers have as yet taken advantage of the rescinding order, Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation authority, declared yesterday.

Between 70 and 75 per cent of the Japanese-Americans who were relocated have taken up residence elsewhere, he said.

Nazi General Killed.
LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Gen. Kurt Meinhart, commander of a peoples' grenadier division, has been killed in action, the German high command announced today. He was not otherwise identified.

County Recreational Project Strongly Advocated at Meet Of Roseburg Rod-Gun Club

Urgent need of fruition of the projected all-Douglas county recreational program was emphasized by various speakers at the annual membership meeting here last night of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club. Gradual absorption of once heavily frequented fishing sites, camping spots and other recreational localities by private

Fugitive Youth Shot Near Baker; Pal Surrenders

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Clarence W. Harlan, 17, Visalia, Calif., escaped federal prisoner from an Emmett, Idaho, jail, was wounded critically in the abdomen and his companion, Timothy Berkeley, 17, of Utah, also an escaped federal prisoner, was jailed following a running five-minute gun battle with state police officers near Baker at 9:45 last night.

The youths fired on the state police car two miles east of Baker when officers Leo Suydam and Sergeant Curtis Chambers pursued a stolen Huntington car. The youths used pistols they are reputed to have taken when they overpowered a guard at Emmett Wednesday night.

The chase continued into Baker. A shot by Sergeant Chambers punctured a rear tire on the stolen car. As it crashed into a parked auto Chambers fired again. The bullet striking Harlan in the stomach. He fell out of the car and Berkeley came out to surrender.

State Policeman Suydam narrowly escaped a bullet which struck the police car steering wheel and dropped to the floor.

Next Huddle of Big 3 Draws Roosevelt Jests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today his next meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin will take place after his inauguration Jan. 20.

Kidding about the time and place, he said that whether the meeting would be held at the North or South pole depends upon ice conditions.

Asked whether any significance was attached to the presentation to him yesterday by the Earl of Halifax, British ambassador, of a book, "The English Spirit," and recent editorial criticism of allied political policies, Mr. Roosevelt eyed the book on his desk, smiled and said he was taking it with him to the pole.

J. M. Rutter Missing in Action Over Germany

James M. Rutter, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rutter, 805 Miceli street, Roseburg, has been reported missing in action over Germany since December 17. He was with the 15th air force, 767th bomber squadron.



NEW YANKEE ACE—Credited with destroying 34 enemy planes, Col. Dave Schilling, above, of Traverse, Mich., recently became the leading ace in the European theater of operations. The 26-year-old fighter pilot kayoed 24 planes in the air, rest on the ground.

Murderer Folkes Dies, Still Saying He's Not Guilty

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes died in the state's lethal gas chamber at 9:13 a. m. today for the "lower 13" slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, still protesting his innocence of the crime for which he was executed.

"I have nothing to say except that I am innocent," the 23-year-old Negro told reporters in the death cell. He charged that he had been convicted because "it's easier to convict a Negro than a white person."

The dining car cook convicted of Oregon's most famous murder was silent about the early morning of Jan. 23, 1933, when occupants of a Pullman car rolling through Linn county heard a woman scream, and peered through curtains to see Mrs. James roll from berth lower 13, her throat cut.

Nervous and sleepless, Folkes did not elaborate his denial that he crept into the girl's death berth and slashed her throat when she resisted him. Mrs. James, a bride from Norfolk, Va., was traveling south with her husband when she was slain. Her husband, navy Lt. Richard F. James, killed in a plane crash last Sept. 28, was traveling on the second section.

Undulant Fever From Raw Milk Brings Action

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The undulant fever epidemic was the target today of an ordinance removing Portland's ban on milk pasteurization plants outside the city.

The city council approved the measure, which permits dairies to set up plants on their own farms under approval of the city health officer. Commissioner Fred Peterson drew up the ordinance when Portland reported more than 200 cases of undulant fever—believed spread by raw milk—in 1944.

The ordinance allows dairies two years in which to install plants, stating that they must apply for a pasteurization permit before June 30.

Taxicab Driver Twice Robbed in One Night

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Taxicab Driver Floyd W. Myers complained to police today that he'd had a bad night.

Two passengers robbed him of \$5 at gunpoint shortly after midnight.

He recovered from that, and was hauling fares again when another passenger held a knife-point at his neck and demanded his money—\$7.70—and the cab. Myers walked home. The cab was recovered early this morning.

Ex-OPA Director Is Jolted by Own Order

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Richard G. Montgomery, former district OPA director, applied for a liquor license and was told he couldn't have one without bringing in his No. 4 ration book.

Then Montgomery remembered. It was he, as OPA head, who set up the rule requiring ration books to be shown when obtaining a liquor permit.

Russia Backs Lublin Poles, Splits Allies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The United States today reiterated its recognition of the Polish exile government despite Russian recognition of the new Polish provisional government.

Although Russia's action was not unexpected here, it was obvious that the diplomatic reaction was "the worst that has happened."

No immediate way to break the deadlock appeared.

The general view in Washington was that Stalin felt he could wait no longer in recognizing the Lublin regime because of the imminence of a great Russian winter offensive to liberate all of Poland.

Bad Split Frozen
The Russian recognition action freezes the worst split to date in the ranks of the United nations. It puts Russia in firm support of a regime radically opposed to the exiled government of Poland at London—the government supported by both the United States and Britain.

It also represents a defeat for those in the British and American governments who had sought unofficially in the last few days to persuade the Russians to delay, possibly until after the Big Three meeting, any formal announcement about the Lublin regime.

Marshal Stalin would have had much greater freedom of action with respect to Poland, these officials felt, had he not committed Russia to the support of the Lublin administration as a provisional government.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Russia today announced recognition of the Polish provisional government of Lublin, making a clean

Work-or-Fight Bill Plan Of House Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The house military committee announced today it will expedite consideration of either national service legislation or some stricter manpower controls over 4-Fs.

The decision, announced by chairman May, was made at a meeting at which a selective service spokesman recommended legislation fully to utilize the services of between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 men now holding physical deferments.

The exact measures to be considered, May said, will depend on the president's message to congress tomorrow.

If President Roosevelt recommends national service legislation we will consider it promptly," he told reporters. "If he doesn't, we will put in a work-or-fight bill of our own."

Crash Kills Men On Way Home From Aleutians

ADAK, Aleutians, Jan. 4.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Thirteen servicemen and civilians, most of them homeward bound after long service in the rugged Aleutians, were killed before dawn Dec. 29 when the air transport command C-47 plane carrying them crashed into a hillside and burned.

An Eleventh airforce spokesman said the plane was operated by civilian personnel and no air force men were killed.

Federal Control of Lumber Output Tightened, Requiring Certification of Shipments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Ninety-seven per cent of United States' lumber production was brought under War Production board control yesterday by a WPB order requiring certification by it of all shipments made by mills producing 100,000 or more board feet of lumber yearly.

The drastic tightening of controls was announced by Chairman J. A. Krug, who described the gap between lumber requirements and supply as the greatest since the beginning of the war, with production seriously curtailed by manpower and equipment shortages.

Civilians will feel the pinch in smaller supplies of "such things as fence posts, shelving and furniture materials not presently under restrictions," said J. Phillip Boyd, director of WLB's lumber division.

Furniture production, he said, would not be cut, he predicted, inasmuch as that industry draws largely on the lumber supply of small mills not covered by the WPB order.

Orders Must Be Certified.
This order was embodied in regulation L-335. Under it each sawmill covered will be permitted to ship lumber only on cer-



SPOTTED NAZI SPIES—Harvard M. Hodgkins, 17-year-old Boy Scout and high school student of Hancock Point, Maine, whose observation of two men during a snowstorm aided FBI agents in their capture as German spies ashore for sabotage from a U-boat.

Sixth War Loan Goes 54 Per Cent Beyond Its Quota

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—A blizzard of bond money has buried every quota in the Yuletide sixth war loan.

As a result, the seventh war loan probably won't open until around May or June.

That's the word from Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, who announced the final sales figures in the November-December drive.

(1) Series E bonds—\$2,868,000,000. These are the only bonds the average citizen knows anything about. Sales forged 15 per cent over the \$2,500,000,000 quota.

(2) Grand total—\$21,621,000,000. This is 54 per cent above the \$14,000,000,000 quota. It is a new world record for a financing operation.

Morgenthau praised the "amazing performance" of volunteer organizations that sold the bonds.

Individuals invested about \$5,900,000,000 (the quota was five billion)