

AMERICANS WIN LINGAYEN BATTLE, HEAD FOR MANILA

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Yanks Win Samaree in 2-Day Battle

Nazis Start Retreat From Belgian Bulge

Four Allied Armies Keep Up Hammering of Foe Despite Icy Weather

(By the Associated Press)
The U. S. First army's second armored division won the most violent tank battle yet to flare on the northern flank of the German salient in Belgium today, capturing Samaree after a two-day fight.

The victory was at the secondary road center, three miles northeast of Laroche and Vielsalm. Other Americans have driven into Vielsalm, nine miles west of St. Vith.

Four allied armies hammered relentlessly in icy weather today at the Germans' Ardennes salient and squeezed its waist to nine miles as the nazis began a retreat from the western tip of the Belgian bulge.

On the southern flank of the salient the U. S. Third army advanced along a 20-mile front from north of Bastogne to east of Wiltz, gaining up to 12 miles, and the 101st airborne division pushed to within 4 miles of Houffalize, German hub in the heart of the bulge. At the same time U. S. First army troops on the north beat within three miles of the vital Houffalize-St. Vith road.

For Held In South
Meanwhile, in the southern sector of the western front, enemy diversionary attacks probed to within 14 miles south of Strasbourg on the French First army front, while the U. S. Seventh battered back into the Rhine bridge.

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Russia Bitterly Scored by Briton

SALTBRUN, Yorkshire, England, Jan. 10.—(AP)—In one of the bitterest attacks on Russian policy by a member of commons since the war began, Cmdr. Robert T. Bower charged today that Soviet Russia "stabbed Poland in the back" and was cruel in her treatment of hundreds of thousands of Poles.

Bower, one of the leaders of the Roman Catholic faction in commons, told the Saltbrun Rotary club that Premier Stalin was a "cold-blooded realist."

Bower said that when Stalin signed a non-aggression pact with Hitler in 1939 he was acting from motives of "pure self-interest from the Russian point of view."

"There is no reason to suggest his policy has changed today," he said. "Russia is playing power politics and the Atlantic charter has been torn to shreds."

"However, unless we must face the fact that Russian imperialism is sowing dragons' teeth in eastern Europe today. If she is allowed to get away with it, I believe another and more terrible war will result in a few years' time."

Roosevelt's Hands Free For Coming "Big-3" Conference, He Assures Congress Aides

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has assured congressional leaders he will go into the forthcoming "Big-3" conference free of prior commitments on Europe's tangled political problems.

With senatorial critics complaining of this part of his handling of foreign affairs, the president told his legislative lieutenants nothing promised at Quebec or Tehran will tie his hands in attempts to reach an agreement on such questions as Poland's future borders.

The president was reported determined to carry a closed hand into the big three conference. He would not expand now, it was said, on the exoneration of foreign policy laid down in his state of the union message last week.

In that he admitted concern about the Greek and Polish situations, he said, he had obligations to understand leaders and to "our major allies who have fought nearer the shadows than we did."

His attitude was reflected in the sharp defenses of his policies offered by administration supporters in advance of the no-holds-barred debate which was expected in the senate today.

Senate Leaders of Illinois, named by the democratic steering committee as the foreign relations committee, asserted that any attempt at this

Minimum of 900,000 Men to Be Drafted First Half of '45, War Undersecretary States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson told congress today that inductions for the armed forces for the first six months of 1945 will total 900,000 men, as a minimum.

On this basis, the induction rate would be 150,000 men monthly—about twice the rate previously indicated for the early months of this year. The War department recently indicated that army and navy were taking about 60,000 a month in late 1944 and that this would be jumped to around 80,000 this month.

Urging quick enactment of national service legislation, Patterson advised the house military committee that only through some form of national service could the manpower needs for the war effort be met during the next six months.

These needs, he declared, include 900,000 men for the armed services and 700,000 others for war production and war-supporting activities.

"The only complete and adequate legislation," he said, would be national war service legislation "of the most comprehensive nature." Such legislation, he stated, would shorten the war and minimize the loss of life.

Pending enactment of an overall statute, Patterson said, the War department favored "work or fight now urged."

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Giant Army Transport of Air Makes First Flight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Government officials traveled to the capital's national airport today to take a look at a mammoth army transport plane credited unofficially with flying here from Seattle in six hours and three minutes.

Known as the C-97, this double-decked transport version of the Superfortress zoomed the 2,335 miles non-stop.

The first bomber converted to a transport which fits into post-war plans while meeting military needs during the war, the Boeing-built C-97 in a commercial post-war model will be known as the strato-cruiser.

It has a B-29 fuselage without the armor, armament, bomb bays and other military equipment, with a second fuselage superimposed on the first.

Bandits Too Hasty With 2-Time Store Victim

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The three gunmen who accosted Gust Ballas near his home expressed disgust at finding only \$6 in his pockets so Ballas started to explain.

The robbers refused to listen and one slugged him.

Ballas told police he just wanted to tell the trio that a few minutes earlier two bandits held him up and took from him an eight pound bag of sugar—which also contained \$400, the day's receipts from his grocery store. They didn't bother to search his pockets.

Berle, Ex-Sen. Caraway Named to New Posts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Adolf Berle, Jr., until recently an assistant secretary of state, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be ambassador to Brazil.

He will succeed Jefferson Caffery, who left the Brazilian post to become ambassador to France.

Mr. Roosevelt nominated former Senator Hattie Caraway to membership on the United States Employees Compensation commission. The job pays \$9,000 a year.

Mrs. Caraway, who was defeated in the Arkansas senatorial primary last year, will succeed the late John J. Keegan.

Salesman Killed by Car On Highway Near Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Ernest Baxter, 65-year-old grocery salesman, was instantly killed here Monday night when he was struck by a passing car on the Pacific highway north of Eugene. The man was reported to have dropped a sheath of business papers on the highway and was struck by the car while attempting to evade another. The driver was not held.

Train Wreck Kills 15

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Fifteen persons were killed and at least 50 injured in a railroad accident here today. Most of the victims were shipyard and airplane factory workers.

Live Cattle Placed Under Price Tops

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The government today slapped a flat price ceiling on live cattle. The action, widely opposed by stockmen, carried with it a move to soothe opposition.

The original ceiling was set at \$18 a hundred weight instead of \$17.50 as originally proposed.

Announced by Stabilization Director Vinson, the measure becomes effective January 29.

The new overall ceiling, covering calves as well as cattle, will be lowered to \$17.55 on July 2.

Vinson also directed:

1. The Defense Supplies corporation to increase subsidy payments on choice beef from \$1 to \$2 a hundred weight, and on good beef from \$1.45 to \$1.95 a hundred weight, Chicago basis.

2. The subsidy payment on choice cattle will be cut by 50 cents July 2.

3. OPA and WFA to issue a regulation "making it an OPA violation for a slaughterer to pay more, on the average—grade and yield considered—than the maximum prices of the stabilization range for cattle purchased and slaughtered over a month's period. This provision does not include calves."

4. WFA to delegate authority to OPA to issue an order establishing a stabilization range for choice cattle.

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British Columbia Cities Continue In Strike's Grip

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 10.—(CP)—A strike of street railwaymen's union (A. F. L.) members in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster, B. C., today went into its second day and workers in the three coast cities repeated the scramble to get to their jobs on foot, in jammed car pools and in vehicles hailed along the silent streets.

There was no indication from union officials, British Columbia Electric company representatives, or from federal spokesmen in Ottawa studying the situation that an early return to work of 2,700 striking railwaymen could be expected.

Velled threats were heard from some of the strikers that company workers in the power plants in the area would join in a sympathy strike and plunge the three cities into darkness if the street railwaymen's case was not settled in the near future.

Rumors continued that federal authorities would take over transportation in the three cities to end the strike which started Tuesday in protest against the National War labor board's refusal of wage increases to union members.

Norwegian 'Chutists' Cut Railway Used by Nazis

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Norwegian parachutists dropped into Norway have cut the main railway between Trondheim and Oslo, over which Germans were being evacuated to Germany, a Norwegian government official disclosed today.

He said two German divisions recently in Norway now are fighting with Marshal von Rundstedt on the western front, and that the Germans are trying to cut eight other divisions out of Norway.

"Unwritten Law" Killer Absolved by Grand Jury

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Marion county grand jury yesterday absolved George E. Harris, 33, of blame in connection with the fatal shooting December 31 of Charles Batchelor, 35, at the Harris home at Brooks, eight miles north of here.

Harris told police he shot Batchelor upon arriving home and finding Batchelor in bed with Mrs. Harris. Mrs. Harris said she didn't know there was a man in the house.

The grand jury considered the case for five days, hearing 19 witnesses.

Argentine Government To Shun Future Sessions Of Pan-American Union

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The Argentine government announced today it would not participate in future Pan-American union meetings.

This announcement followed the Pan-American union's decision Monday to postpone consideration of Argentina's request for a consultative meeting to discuss her relations with the other American nations.

The undersecretary of foreign affairs, Carelia, said in part:

"In the judgment of my government, Argentine rights continue to be disregarded and alteration of the consultative procedure persists, as represented by the resolution taken by the board at its sessions Jan. 8."

The Pan-American union has been Argentina's only diplomatic link with most of the other nations of the western hemisphere since the present military government of President Gen. Farrell failed to obtain recognition.

It has been this government's contention, supported unofficially by some of the other nations, that the Pan-American union's consultative procedure gave Argentina the right to be heard at a conference of American ministers.

Although the Pan-American union has not rejected Argentina's petition for such a conference, the foreign office apparently considered that its rights had been ignored by the long delay.

Power to F. R. to Back Peace With Force Advocated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg proposed today that congress vote the president power immediately to use force to keep Germany and Japan demilitarized after the war.

Calling on the major allies to negotiate a treaty now for joint action to "achieve this dependable end," Vandenberg told the senate that this nation ought to demand that any unilateral agreements made on world political questions be subjected to review by a proposed peace organization.

Anticipating senate discussion of the whole international situation, Senator Ferguson proposed in a statement that the senate write its own declaration of foreign policy. He offered a resolution calling for American participation in a world security organization prepared to use force to preserve the peace and reestablishing this country's determination to stand by the principles of the Atlantic charter.

Reviewing the trend of world affairs, Vandenberg told his colleagues that the one point on which our allies may become suspicious of the effectiveness of collective security lies in their doubts about American participation.

Russia, he said, had a right to say: "How can you expect us to rely on an enigma?"

He contended that almost every action being undertaken separately by Britain and Russia was built on a fear that Germany might rise as a military power.

Mrs. Agnes Page of Winchester Passes

Word was received in Roseburg today of the death Tuesday night in Fox land of Mrs. Agnes H. Page, 72, a resident of Winchester. Mrs. Page went to Portland in December, after spending Christmas at the home of her son in Salem, and underwent a major operation a week ago at a Portland hospital.

She was a native of Roseburg, but left as a girl to make her home in the Willamette valley. She and her husband, H. Page, retired about 18 years ago and made their home on property at Winchester, where he passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Page leaves two sons, W. C. Page, Salem, and Maxwell Page, Portland, and two grandsons.

Funeral services are to be held at Portland.

Drunken Driver Jailed In Default of \$194 Fine

Ruth John, 33, Reedsport, was brought to the county jail in Roseburg today to serve out a fine of \$194. The commitment, signed by Justice of the Peace M. H. Catterlin, Reedsport, stated the fine was imposed on a charge of drunken driving.

Oregon's Top Officials Ask Pay Increases

SALEM, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Bills to give state elective officials salary increases of 13 to 50 per cent, adding 22,000 to the state's annual payroll, are before the house administration and reorganization committee, the committee disclosed today.

The increases range from \$1,000 a year for each of the seven state supreme court justices, to \$4,500 for the governor. The lowest salary would be \$6,000 a year.

The present and proposed salaries follow:

Governor, \$7,500 to \$12,000; secretary of state, \$5,400 to \$8,500; treasurer, \$5,400 to \$8,500; attorney general, \$5,000 to \$7,500; supreme court justices, \$7,500 to \$8,500; superintendent of public instruction, \$4,000 to \$6,000; labor commissioner, \$4,000 to \$6,000.

The amounts probably will be revised, and they would have to be approved by the ways and means committee, which said today it is extremely short of appropriate funds.

The house passed and sent to the senate its first bills today. One appropriates \$100,000 for legislative expenses, and the other legalizes the action of the state department in issuing windshield stickers in place of motor vehicle license plates.

Property Bill Offered.
A new community property program, which may be the start of a campaign to persuade congress to allow married couples in all states to split their incomes for federal income tax purposes, was before the senate today.

The program would replace the 1943 law, which allowed married couples to elect to come under a community property system so they could divide the family income.

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Nazi Resistance in Budapest Sagging

(By the Associated Press)
Russian assaults within Budapest, mounting hourly in fury, appeared to have crushed the core of German resistance within the once-beautiful Hungarian capital, while German relief columns, now menaced by a vast outflanking drive north of the Danube bend, failed to break the siege.

More than 2300 of Budapest's 4500 blocks were reported in red army hands. To the northwest beyond the Danube, Russian armor and infantry pushed within 34 miles east of Komarom, north bank communications hub which was one of the springboards for the German rescue offensive that started Jan. 2.

The Russians captured several communications yards in a wheeling movement which could carry around the big base and on toward Vienna, 87 miles away. The Germans have thrown in strong reinforcements, but the Russians still were reported advancing.

Action on Military Training Law Stayed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The house postwar military policy committee today deferred action on a universal military training law requested by President Roosevelt.

The postponement was decided on to enable the house to devote its full attention to war manpower legislation.

President Roosevelt asked for a universal training act in his state of the union message last week. Today's action, however, automatically put that proposal behind "work or fight" laws intended to get 4-F's and other non-draftees into essential war industries.

Cold Wave Grips Most Of East, South States

(By the Associated Press)
Little relief was in prospect today from a numbing cold wave which blanketed most of the midwest, and moved eastward to chill New England with temperatures as low as 18 below. Water-town, N. Y., reported 34 below.

The chilly weather extended as far south as Mobile, Ala., on the gulf, which reported 28 above. Atlanta had 22, Jacksonville, Fla., 38, Birmingham, Ala., 21.

The severe cold weather had abated over most of the plains states and in other sections of the midwest except Indiana, and Ohio.

MacArthur Lands With Army Reported at 60,000 Strong in Drive to Regain Philippines

GENERAL MAC ARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS ON LUZON, Philippines, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Tens of thousands of American troops, landing with Gen. MacArthur yesterday in Lingayen gulf on western Luzon island, drove tank-led spearheads south across flatlands toward Manila today in the climactic showdown fight for the Philippines.

Manila was less than 120 miles away through low, dry country excellently suited for the enormous quantities of mechanized equipment landed with the veteran fighting men from an



ON TO MANILA—Map shows the 120-mile stretch of land on the island of Luzon lying between Lingayen gulf and Manila, over which an American invasion force, reported at 60,000 men and well-equipped mechanized, has begun to move, following the Yankee landing after a two-day battle. A second American force, it is reported, is moving on Manila from the south. Blacked out areas represent American places of occupation.

800-ship convoy which stretched out for 70 miles.

The Berlin radio quoted a Tokyo dispatch today as saying that American forces already landed in the Lingayen area totaled about 60,000 men. Another Tokyo dispatch relayed by Berlin today quoted Lt. Gen. Homma, former Japanese commander-in-chief in the Philippines, as saying that with the American landing on Luzon "it may be taken for granted that the Japanese navy now will go into action and deal blows in this theater of operations."

Airliner's Crash Fatal To 24 Aboard

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Twenty-one passengers, all members of the armed services, and a crew of three died today in the crash of an American Airlines plane near Burbank, Calif., the company offices here announced.

The plane crashed about 4:10 a. m. (PWT) today about five miles from the Lockheed air terminal at Burbank, Charles A. Rheinstrom, vice president in charge of traffic, said.

Names of passengers are being withheld by the army and navy until next of kin are notified.

The crew consisted of Capt. James R. McCauley, 34; First Officer Robert G. Eitner, 25, and Stewardess Lila A. Doeken, 22, all of Burbank.

"The plane when it crashed was between the Lockheed air terminal and the airport at Palmdale, Calif., after passing over the Burbank field," Rheinstrom said in a statement.

"The pilot had reported by radio over Burbank that because of low ceiling and visibility at that field he would land at the Palmdale field where the weather was clear. No further word was heard from the airplane after that until the wreckage was found and the cause of the accident is not known."

The scene where the wreck occurred was in the vicinity of La Crescenta, a foothill town. A report from Los Angeles said the craft was prevented by dense fog from landing.

Captain McCauley and Officer Eitner were married and without children. Miss Doeken, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, had been with the company since April, 1944.

Douglas Districts Given Tax Money

County Treasurer O. L. Johnson reports distribution of \$172,004.89 from current tax collections. Approximately 85 per cent of the taxes on which first quarter payments became due in November has been collected, and the county treasurer is making distribution to the various taxing districts.

School districts received \$121,417.72 of the total amount. Out of \$10,235.35 distributed to Camas Valley school district, only \$213.56 came from tax receipts, the balance, \$10,021.79, having been received by the treasurer from sale of timber in the district. Roseburg school district, No. 4, was paid \$29,113.44. The sum of \$10,468.75 was distributed to union high school districts.

Municipalities received \$40,118.33, of which approximately one-half, \$20,249.50, was received by the city of Roseburg.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Nelsonstein

Mr. Roosevelt muffed a great chance to enhance his popularity in that now famous (or infamous) polling booth episode, wherein he was quoted as using several naughty words. He should have used just one: "Nuts."