

INDO-CHINA RAIDED BY U.S. CARRIER PLANES

Russians Open New Drive On Polish Front

First Attack Smashed, Nazis Claim; Budapest Conquest Nearly Ended

(By the Associated Press) Berlin said today the Russians had opened a mammoth new offensive along a broad front in southern Poland, striking out from their long-dormant Vistula river bridgehead toward Krakow. The Germans claimed the first attacking waves of Russians were wiped out and that violent fighting raged in penetration areas with succeeding columns. The route on which Berlin said the Russians lashed out is along a historic invasion pathway to Berlin. The plains lie north of the rugged Carpathian mountains, south of which other Russian forces are striking through western Hungary within 44 miles of Austria, 84 of Vienna and 51 of the Slovak capital of Bratislava. The Russians last summer had established the bridgehead, 35 miles from Krakow, ancient capital of Polish kings. The red army at the time was said to be only 80 miles from German Silesia, second only to the Ruhr as a Nazi arsenal.

Budapest Nearly Won

The Germans in wrecked Budapest have been squeezed by the Russians into an area about two miles long and a mile wide in Pest on the east bank of the Danube, and savage Nazi attacks on the Soviet army west of the Danube once more failed to bring the garrison any hope of relief. In ten days of fighting to relieve their forces in the Hungarian capital, the Germans sacrificed 16,000 killed and 650 tanks, Moscow said. Meanwhile, some 3,400 blocks of Budapest have been cleared by Soviet shock troops. SS detachments in the city were reported enforcing orders to shoot any soldier attempting to surrender, but Hungarians were said to be quitting en masse.

Official and unofficial Russian

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ALIE that has happened in the Philippines so far has been merely preparatory to our attack on Manila, with its harbor and adjacent airfields, nearest to the China coast.

Cutting the Jap sea lanes to their conquered empire is undoubtedly one of our first major objectives, and between the Chinese mainland and Luzon these lanes are narrowest.

THE complete conquest of Luzon won't be easy. The Japs have had a long time to get ready. They have known from the first that sooner or later they'd have to fight for it. No one knows its importance better than they.

If they can't hold Luzon, there isn't much they can hold—and they know it. This is the 'BIG battle we've been getting ready for in the Pacific.

THE war in Europe is looking better—if we can believe the news we get.

Not only have the Germans been stopped in Belgium. They are being pushed back. They

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Second Elevator Boy

Killed in Two Weeks

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The second tonight elevator fatality here within two weeks was marked up today with the death of Stanley Kintrea, 17, Meier & Frank company employee.

He was peering down at a moving elevator with his head over a steel beam yesterday afternoon when descending counterweights struck and killed him, the coroner's office reported.

An accident at Lipman, Wolfe & Company December 30 claimed the life of 16-year-old Lyle Armstrong.

Roseburg's Tax Rate Lowest Of Any City in Oregon of its Class, Bureau Survey Reveals

The city of Roseburg has the lowest tax rate of any municipality of more than 2500 population in the state of Oregon, according to a survey issued by the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, U. of O., cooperating with the League of Oregon Cities.

was engaged in farming on that particular day, he reports.

As the survey is based upon 1940 census population without regard to increases since that date, Roseburg is listed in cities of from 2,500 to 5,000 population. Tax rates in that group range from Roseburg's 12.7 mills, the lowest levy, to 38.8 mills at Hood River. Second to Roseburg in the low bracket is Springfield with 14 mills.

Luzon-Bound Jap Convoy Believed Battled

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Allies Pinch Off More of Ardennes Salient

Germans Plan New Stand At Ourthe River

(By the Associated Press) American and British armies, closing in on three sides of the Ardennes salient, were believed today to have pinched off large forces of German rear guards. At least seven miles of the salient were probably nipped by the allies, trapping enough Germans to raise their bag of prisoners since the opening of the German counteroffensive to more than 35,000.

Marshal von Rundstedt's forces in the Belgian bulge fell back today toward his announced Ourthe river line while the U. S. Third army hacked doggedly at his southern flank, but in the south the Germans lashed out with fresh armor in the Strasbourg area in an assault which might be led by Gestaapo Chief Heinrich Himmler himself.

British and Americans still were locked with German rear guards west of the Ourthe in delaying actions. The Germans appeared to be following the propaganda technique used on the Russian front, announcing withdrawals ahead of time. Only today did the allied communique announce American entry into St. Hubert, the Germans' southwest anchor. The Nazis announced withdrawal from the city two days ago.

The new German line was expected, roughly, to run from Vielsalm southwest through Houffalize to the Bastogne area.

East of Bastogne the Third army steadily reduced the troublesome German bulge, held in such strength that full exploitation of Bastogne as a base for a northward allied push across the main salient had been halted.

The doughboys continued pursuit of the Germans through the

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Train Service Cut To Conserve Fuel

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The government Thursday forbade future operation of passenger trains to provide seasonal service to resorts, recreational or vacation areas.

A tightening up of the September, 1942, "freeze" of passenger service also directed the railroads to discontinue after March 1 any passenger train schedule on which the occupancy of seats and space did not average 35 per cent, during November, 1944.

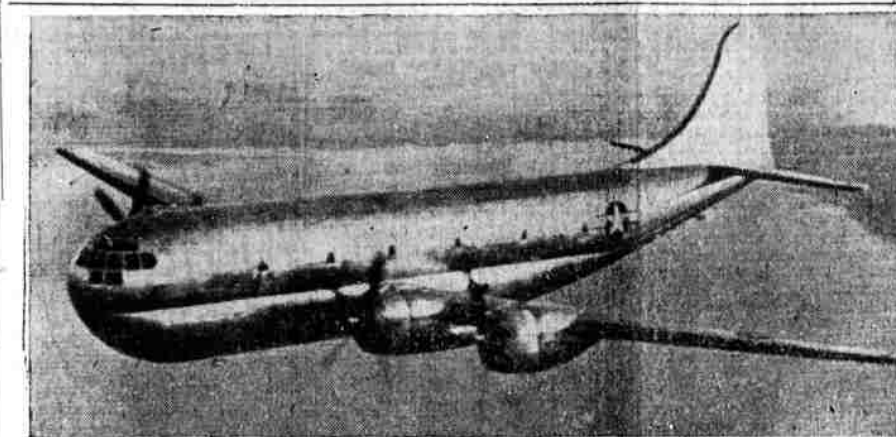
The passenger curtailment orders were issued by the Office of Defense Transportation in response to a request by Byrnes, as a fuel conservation move.

British-ELAS Truce Ends Strife in Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Truce has been reached in this country's long and bloody civil war to enable left-wing ELAS representatives and the Greek government to discuss their fundamental differences, British headquarters announced today.

The agreement was signed last night by Lt. Gen. Scobie, British commander in Greece, and four ELAS delegates after two days of conferences.

By terms of the truce all ELAS forces will withdraw from designated areas, the ELAS will surrender all military prisoners they hold in exchange for an equal number to be released by the British, and all British civilians now detained will be turned loose.



AIR GIANT SPANS NATION IN 6 HOURS—Known as the C-97, this Boeing-built, double-decked version of the B-29 Superfortress is credited with flying 2335 miles from Seattle to Washington in six hours and three minutes, an average speed of 383 miles per hour. The first bomber converted to a transport which fits into postwar plans while meeting military needs during the war will be known as the strato-cruiser in a commercial model. The giant ship is 110 feet long; has wingspread of 141 feet, can carry 100 troops and equipment 3,500 miles.

Holmes Resigns As Salvage Head Of Douglas County

W. C. Holmes, Standard Oil company manager at Roseburg, who has been serving for the past year as county salvage chairman, announced today he is submitting his resignation to the state office.

Mr. Holmes reported that his resignation is forced because of the amount of time required by the salvage work. "There is definite need for thorough organization to properly conduct the salvage project in Douglas county," Holmes said, "and I am unable to find time to properly handle the task. Our failure in Douglas county to keep pace with state averages for salvage of paper and tin is due to no fault of the people. I have found residents anxious and willing to cooperate, but we have been unable to perfect an organization and do the detail work at the top to make the job successful."

Roderick Finney, executive secretary of the state salvage committee, is expected to arrive in Douglas county in the near future to work with the county court in efforts to set up a county-wide organization with collection of paper and tin to be undertaken as soon as possible.

Improved Jar Lids Now Made Available Here

A better grade of jar lids and rubber rings are now being made available to home canners, U. S. Senator Guy Cordon reports in a letter responding to a complaint signed by a large number of Roseburg housewives. Senator Cordon's reply was directed to Mrs. Mable P. Taylor, one of the signers of the petition sent to the senator.

Stanley W. Dennis, of the glass section of the Containers division of WPB, has given assurance, Senator Cordon states, that improved quality of rubber jar rings has been secured and that any inferior quality products should be promptly reported.

"The WPB realizes the waste to individual and to the country as well if manufacturers are permitted to place inferior and unworkable rings on the market," the senator states.

Roseburg Schools Get Money Apportionment

The Roseburg schools will receive \$10,926.47 as their apportionment from the county school fund, which is based on the annual school census of the Douglas county schools, Kenneth Barneburg, assistant county school superintendent, stated today.

The total amount to be apportioned to all the schools of this county, he said, is \$51,617.92.

Mr. Barneburg reported that the individual apportionments have been made and the checks are ready to be sent.

New Stoves, Autos Out For Duration, Assertion

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 12.—(AP)—New stoves and new automobiles are hardly more than a memory and conservation of these, plus fuel oil, gasoline and tires must continue for the war's duration.

That's what rationing executives of Idaho, Montana, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming were told yesterday by James Boyd, in charge of rationing of stoves and automobiles,

Succeeds Truman as U. S. Senator From Missouri



Frank P. Briggs.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Frank P. Briggs, Missouri, Mo., democrat and newspaper publisher, today was appointed by Gov. Donnelly as U. S. senator for the unexpired two years of the term of Sen. Harry S. Truman, vice president-elect.

Two Draw Fines of \$100 In Justice Court

Charged with possession of venison in closed season, Raymond Cecil Laurence, Dillard, paid a fine of \$100 in the Roseburg justice court after pleading guilty to the charge. Justice of the Peace Thomas C. Hartfield reported today. A fine of \$100 also was imposed upon James W. Gracey, who pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving. Judge Hartfield announced. He was committed to jail in lieu of payment of the fine. A 30-day jail sentence also was included and he was deprived of his license to drive a motor vehicle for a period of one year. Judge Hartfield also reported a fine of \$25 imposed upon William E. Carsner, accused of being drunk on a public highway, the defendant being continued in custody in lieu of payment.

Turkey Grants Allies Use of the Dardanelles

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(AP) Authoritative British quarters said today that Turkey had granted permission to the allies to ship supplies to Russia via the Dardanelles. Turkey recently broke diplomatic relations with Japan, sending the last official axis listening post out of the country and depriving the enemy of bases for Japanese agents who might report on the movement of allied supplies through the straits between the Mediterranean and Black sea.

The straits are the easiest and most direct route of supply between the western allies and Russia.

GI Faces Hanging for Murdering Englishman

ATTLEBRIDGE, Eng., Jan. 12.—(AP)—A 12-man jury court-martial today sentenced Private George E. Smith of Pittsburgh to hang for murdering Sir Eric Teehan, British diplomat.

Smith was sentenced to the gallows after a long and bitter trial. He was read by recovered his composure and left the courtroom hand-cuffed to one of his escorts. He smiled faintly as he went out.

State Senator in Graft Probe Found Slain in His Auto

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 12.—(AP)—The shots that killed State Senator Warren G. Hooper, key witness in a legislative grand jury graft inquiry, on a Jackson county road last night set off one of the most intense manhunts of recent years in Michigan today.

County and state police, and Special Prosecutor Kim Sigler of the grand jury, co-ordinated their search for the killer of the 40-year-old republican legislator and for clues to the motives behind the slaying.

Shot from such close range that powder burns ringed the bullet wounds in the left side of his head, Hooper was found slumped in the burning front seat of his automobile, which had skidded off the pavement of the highway three miles north of Springfield.

Jackson county authorities sought a possible witness of the killing this morning after receiving a telephone call that two boys in the neighborhood reported they had "seen the car stop."

Hooper, who had been granted immunity by the grand jury for his testimony, was en route from Lansing, where the legislature had recessed for the week-end to his home at Albion when he was slain.

DeVylder Freed After 30-Day Jail Sojourn

James Elvin Bernard DeVylder, arrested slightly more than a month ago on a charge of receiving stolen property, was released from custody today following arraignment in circuit court on a reduced charge. DeVylder was permitted to plead to a charge of petty larceny, being accused, District Attorney H. A. Canaday told the court, of the theft of fishing gear and a flashlight from an automobile. He was sentenced to 36 days in the county jail, covering the period of confinement since his arrest, and was given his liberty.

Club Regains License

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Pugo Pugo night club, closed by the state liquor control commission last June after 15 cases of liquor were seized on an upper floor of the same building, was granted a license again today by the commission.

It Was Really Cold in 1888

Pioneer Cites Anniversary of 6 Under Zero at Lookingglass

Fifty-six years ago today, Douglas county residents experienced the coldest weather ever known in this area, Sam Bolsinger reports. Although official weather bureau records show a temperature reading at Roseburg of six degrees above zero on the date of Jan. 12, 1888, it was six degrees below at Lookingglass, where Bolsinger

"We had sleighing for six weeks," he said, "and we had a lot of fun."

"A neighbor killed a deer the day before and I took the mule the next day to bring it in. We went out to Sugar Pine mountain, wading through deep snow, and I killed three more deer. There was no limit and no season in those days. We hung the carcasses outside and they were frozen stiff."

The South Umpqua river was frozen over so that a neighbor en-

Liquor Deal Probe Breeds Political Row

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Governor Snell's request for a committee to investigate the state liquor commission was passed 21 to 6 by the senate and sent to the house today, over democratic charges that the purpose of the investigation is to "whitewash" the commission.

The resolution, providing for a committee of two senators and three representatives, specifically asks the committee to investigate the purchase of two distilleries to enable the state to obtain additional liquor, and that anything else in the liquor subject may be investigated.

The senate defeated 20 to 7 a motion by Senator Mahoney, Portland democrat, to make the committee bipartisan, and to boost its membership to four senators and five representatives.

Charging that the senate has been a "rubber stamp body" during republican years, Mahoney said: "We shouldn't pass this just because the governor wants it. The governor said the liquor commission has his confidence. He tells us there is nothing wrong, but he wants us to spend public funds to see if anything is wrong."

"The people will say it's a whitewash given by an overwhelming republican legislature to a republican governor for a republican liquor commission and for a republican board of control."

"I have investigated this, and I honestly believe there was absolutely no crookedness or graft, and that the liquor commission did what was best for the state. Have any facts been brought to light to show anything is wrong?" "This is just a case of bad flutters on the part of Governor Snell."

Senator C. H. Zurcher, Enterprise republican, was the only speaker for the resolution, asserting "It covers the ground sufficiently."

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College Gets Bequest From Harding Estate

A bequest from the W. C. Harding estate has been received by Lewis and Clark college of Portland, according to recent announcement by Dr. Morgan S. Odell, president.

The gift of \$1500 will become part of the endowment fund of the college, which is now engaged in an extensive expansion campaign.

For buildings and other equipment, \$62,800 was raised during December, and the drive will continue throughout the winter with an ultimate goal of \$100,000 for a science building.

Baker Barely Passes but Tops Towns in Milk Test

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—State health board inspections of 12 Oregon towns last year showed Baker the only place where minimum federal sanitation standards were maintained. V. C. Morgan, state sanitarian, disclosed today.

Although Baker's pasteurized milk graded 60—barely passing—raw milk in that area had only a rating of 69, he said. The surveys reveal why the health board wants to control state sanitation laws, Morgan declared.

MacArthur's Army Slowly Reduces Distance to Manila While Reinforcements Pour in

(By the Associated Press) Daring American carrier pilots raided the Indo-China coast today and apparently pounced on an enemy sea force speeding from the southern seas to aid beleaguered Japanese troops in the Philippines where the U. S. Sixth army is driving toward Manila.

The Japanese Domei news agency reported about 90 seaborne aircraft made day-long raids on installations around Saigon, on the southern Indo-China coast.

Earlier Adm. Nimitz announced Pacific fleet carrier planes were attacking the Japanese "off the coast" north of Saigon. This indicated an air-sea battle between bold U. S. carrier units striking against a reinforcement convoy headed for Luzon island or a naval task force coming out for the Tokyo-promised third battle of the Philippines.

The Japanese broadcast might mean that part of the attacking force swept the coast of the continent as navy airmen did in last Tuesday's attack on Formosa. Or it might mean the main force of the raiders was directed against air bases which could send air reinforcements to Luzon.

Domei claimed 20 attackers were shot down in raids from 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., with only a two-hour break round mid-day.

One thing was clear from both announcements—that the Pacific fleet has made its most daring and deepest penetration of Japanese controlled waters.

Singapore, on the tip of the Malay peninsula, was hit with "good results" yesterday by B-29s, all of which returned to their India base.

Tokyo reported three B-29s dropped incendiaries on the capital during the night. An industrial association urged military compulsion to keep war workers on the job to fight bomb-kindled fires.

Luzon Advance Extended On Luzon, 850 miles to the northeast of Indo-China, U. S. Sixth army troops advanced in force nearly ten miles on the highways to Manila and Baguio, Philippines summer capital and possible retreat of ranking Japanese officers.

Nearly 100 towns and villages lay behind the Yank spearheads. They have overrun a network of 50 miles of roads and seized 10 miles of the San Fabian-Manila railroads.

Opposition began to develop against both flanks, while the center probed for the Japanese defense line.

Ahead lay Manila, about 100 miles distant, and Clark field less than 55 miles away. Behind them the 7th amphibious force continued to pour reinforcements and

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Output of Civilian Goods Cut Further

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The War Production board has ordered drastic restrictions further curtailing civilian goods production.

The additional tightening, a government source said today, will have the effect of "wiping off the books a large percentage of the consumer projects already authorized under the spot re-conversion program."

This will result from a sharp cut in the allocation of metals for the program, due to greatly expanded military requirements.

This means that the spot plan, already suspended in about 125 labor-short industrial centers, is for all practical purposes now on the shelf in all parts of the country.

The new job results, it was stressed, not essentially from a lack of manpower, but from a serious shortage of materials.

Sub-Zero Wave Still Chills New England

(By the Associated Press) A welcome January thaw brought relief to a large section of the frost-bitten country today but sub-zero weather continued to plague the New England States and northern New York state.

Temperatures that touched below zero over midwest areas yesterday were in the high 30's today and federal forecasters in Chicago said they would hit the middle or upper 50's in southern Illinois, Missouri and Kansas today.

Auto License-Chewing Dog Finally Captured

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Springfield's canine automobile license-chewer was in the city's doghouse today, his numbers game apparently ended.

The pup was the object of a search after several motorists complained their license plates—made of soybean products—had been eaten by a dog. Yesterday the dog was caught in the act of chewing off the plates of a parked car.

War Veteran, 22, Now 6th Grade School Pupil

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 12.—(AP)—A 22-year-old war veteran here asked to enroll in the sixth grade of the public schools.

"There's nothing we can do but permit," said Superintendent Prindle D. Bailey. "But it's not such a good idea to have grown-ups in class with children."

Under the GI bill of rights a draftee veteran can go back to school and receive \$50 a month.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Tokyo is reported to have ordered the Japanese fleet out of hiding—to receive a "hiding."