

CARRIER PLANES STILL BLAST JAP CONVOYS

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Nazi Defense in Salient End Crushed

Foe Retiring Probably To Reich Border

Futile Counteroffensive Of Nazis, Begun Dec. 16, Cost Them 20 Divisions

(By the Associated Press) Organized German resistance has collapsed in the western end of the Ardennes salient, reduced to two-fifths of its maximum size, and allied armies today pursued the Germans eastward in their orderly withdrawal which one front report said might continue to the reich frontier.

The allied armies of the west have obliterated at least 20 German divisions since the opening of the Ardennes Dec. 16.

Thrusting deep into the neck of the salient, Americans advanced today toward Mont-Le-Ban, a mile north of the enemy's last major escape route along the Houffalize-St. Vith highway. The drive through the dense, snow-covered forest, met violent opposition from Germans fighting to shield their withdrawal line.

Nazis Abandon Material The Germans abandoned countless pieces of artillery and armor in an area of approximately 100 square miles. Already they have lost about 200,000 men. The U. S. Third army alone accounted for 80,000 killed, wounded or captured since Dec. 22. There was some indication that Marshal von Rundstedt might attempt a stand.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WE'RE ashore on Luzon—which is an immense relief.

The technique of beach landings has been greatly perfected in this war, but getting an invasion force ashore in the face of enemy resistance is still a ticklish operation. If any material part of the plan goes wrong in such a way as to upset the carefully worked out timing schedule, the whole enterprise can end in disastrous failure. There are always so many things that could go wrong. A German division that just HAPPENED to be in the right place at the right time came near to causing us bad trouble in the Normandy landing.

It's good to know that our men are ashore in Lingayen gulf.

THERE are persistent statements that the Japs were taken by surprise. We'll be wise if we accept these assertions with a certain degree of skepticism.

The little yellow men themselves landed in Lingayen gulf, at almost the identical points where we have come ashore. It would be strange indeed if they didn't reason that the same considerations that led them to land there would lead us to do likewise. These considerations are

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Reconversion "Green Light" For Production of Non-War Machinery Will be Dimmed by Federal Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The War Production board proposes shortly to emasculate its reconversion order allowing advance production of machinery and plant equipment for peacetime manufacturing.

The action, expected within five or six days, would wipe out the authority now granted machinery builders to fill orders which lack military or other priority standing.

Responsible officials revealed today that the only equipment which could be produced for peacetime use would be printing trades machinery, if the order is signed as now written.

This would deliver the second crippling blow to WPB's three-point reconversion program, pushed to adoption by former Chairman Donald M. Nelson last summer after bitter army and navy opposition.

The "spot" plan for civilian goods manufacture, another key element of Nelson's program, was virtually shelved yesterday when officials revealed that new curbs on materials will permit only a comparative "dribble" of consum-



FIRST JAPANESE-AMERICAN LEGIONAIRE—Harley M. Oka (center), first American-Japanese veteran of this war to become an American Legion member, is congratulated by members of Hollywood, Calif., American Legion post, 591, after his acceptance. Left to right: Kenneth Dix, service officer; William E. Kent, chairman of post's Americanism committee; Oka; Kingsley Morgan, second vice-commander, and Commander William F. Schneider.

Army Takes Over Cleveland Utility In Labor Dispute

CLEVELAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Normal power pulsed through lines of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating company today a few hours after the army took over company facilities to end a walkout of 400 coal passers which threatened to paralyze all of Cleveland's industrial operations.

The war department's seizure ordered by President Roosevelt, occurred after the utility predicted collapse of manufacturing and transportation facilities if the strike continued.

Once army officers took possession, local president Leonard E. Palmer of the CIO-Utility workers organizing committee directed striking coal passers and maintenance men to return to their jobs.

Although union leaders declined to comment on issues in the dispute, unionists on the picket line displayed a mimeographed nine-point list labeled: "Issues involved in the present work stoppage at the CEI Co."

Included was a demand for a seven-cent hourly wage raise, previously rejected by both the regional and National WLB.

Oregon Convict Flees From Working Gang

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Bernard Walton, 22, escaped from a prison gang yesterday while working near the flax sheds.

Walton, who was received at the prison April 9, 1944, to serve three years for burglary in Multnomah county, dodged behind a building and disappeared.

Non-Partisan Status Asked

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The justices of the Peace association of Oregon recommended here yesterday that justices of the peace be elected on a non-partisan basis.

Good Samaritan Hospital Has New Superintendent

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—New superintendent of Good Samaritan hospital here will be Frank J. Walter, superintendent of St. Luke's hospital, Denver, who will succeed Charles H. Manlove, now in the army, it was announced today.

Dr. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, Episcopal bishop of Oregon, rejected the change. Manlove will become chief pathologist at the hospital upon his return.

Walter was president of the American Hospital association last year.

Japs Not Molested on Return to Hood River

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—The first Japanese to come back since the local American Legion post came out in open opposition to the return of Japanese-Americans arrived at their valley homes quietly yesterday.

Ray Sato and F. Noll of Parkdale and M. Asai of lower Hood River valley were not molested when they reached here by train.

The legion has called a special meeting for Monday night to reconsider its action in removing the names of Japanese-American soldiers from the county honor roll.

Labor Battles Federal Plan On Manpower

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A blast by organized labor against current congressional manpower moves brought a new prediction today from the house military committee chairman that work on fight legislation will become law.

Chairman May said he is more convinced than ever that "action by congress is needed to solve the nation's manpower problems." In recess after a week of hearings on a national service bill applicable to males between 18 and 45, his committee is waiting to hear the views of labor next week.

May brushed aside a suggestion made yesterday by Philip Murray, CIO president, that the problem be handled by voluntary methods and be taken out of "the congressional mess it is in" and returned to the people where it belongs.

"Congress is going to act and act soon," May said in an interview. "It's a question of whether we follow the suggestions of labor leaders or the leaders of our war effort, who have testified that there is an urgent need for work or fight legislation right now."

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Cold Wave Worst in Great Lakes Region

(By the Associated Press) Rain and snow fell over a large part of the nation today and moderate winter temperature prevailed everywhere except in the Great Lakes region, the Chicago weather bureau reported.

The snow belt extended eastward from North Dakota, Minnesota and northern Michigan which had the lowest overnight temperatures recorded by the bureau. The minimum reading of 20 degrees below zero came from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Rain was falling, the bureau said, over an area including northwest Pacific coast states, Arkansas and Tennessee, the Ohio river valley, and the middle and north Atlantic states.

Earthquake Rocks Main Home Island of Japan

(By the Associated Press) A "slight earthquake" struck the central area of Honshu, main Japanese home island today, the Japanese Domei agency reported in a broadcast.

The dispatch, said "a little damage to a small number of houses" had been caused, but declared "transportation facilities sustained no damage whatever." The quake was recorded at 3:55 a. m. (Tokyo time).

Bullet-Riddled Man Is Found on Weed Highway

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Police today were investigating the death of John Rathel Ewing, 50, whose bullet-riddled body was discovered near the Kalmine bridge on the Weed highway yesterday.

Nazi Prisoner Wounded in Camp White Dash

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A German prisoner of war who started to run when ordered by guards to halt was shot and wounded slightly Wednesday morning at Camp White, the public relations officer has disclosed.

New Judgeship Sought

MEDFORD, Jan. 13.—(AP)—A law adding a second judge to the Josephine-Jackson county circuit court is asked by Grants Pass residents, State Representative O. H. Bengtson said here today.

The Jackson county bar will support the plan which will be submitted to the state legislature Bengtson predicted.

States Treasurer Scores Bill to Increase Salaries Of Top Oregon Officials

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott today opposed proposals to increase salaries of state officers, asserting "salary raises should be reserved for the lower places where they are needed and deserved."

A bill in the house committee on administration and reorganization would give increases of 13 to 50 per cent to state elective officers, including a boost for Scott from \$5,400 to \$8,500 a year.

Scott said: "Salary raising of high officials is not necessary for the public service at this time; it is wasteful of taxes, and contrary to the thrifty habits of Oregon people; it breaks the promise and the faith upon which the officials were elected; it sounds like 'bundles for congress'."

"The officials sought the jobs at the salaries provided. They will be glad to continue holding those jobs at old salaries. If they quit, many others will jump at the chance to fill their jobs."

"Salary raises should be reserved for the lower places where they are needed and deserved, and where tax withholdings bear the heaviest."

Naval Academy Needed in West, Cordon Declares

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Defense of the Pacific coast would be strengthened, Senator Cordon of Oregon says, by establishment of a naval academy in that area.

Cordon, like his predecessor, the late Senator Charles L. McNary, has introduced a bill to establish such a federal school.

Men trained on the Pacific coast, Cordon told a reporter, would have a more comprehensive knowledge of defense needs of the coast; they would encounter every conceivable condition of terrain, climate and navigable water.

Opposition of the war and navy departments heretofore has prevented enactment of a bill authorizing an additional academy, Cordon said, but he expressed belief that opinions may be changed by experiences in this war.

He predicted that an additional academy would be necessary because of "the enormous increase in the present enrollment and the probability that a much larger peacetime military and naval strength will be maintained in the future."

Many Apply, but Few Qualify for Nurse Jobs

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Nurses who want to serve in military hospitals have been swarming into Red Cross nurses recruiting offices here, Mrs. Elithe Kell, state recruiting secretary, reported today—but few qualify.

Most applicants are supervising hospital floors or teaching student-nurses—executive posts which cannot be abandoned, she said.

Captured Order Spikes Kesselring Death Rumor

ROME, Jan. 13.—(AP)—November rumors that Marshal Albert Kesselring had been killed were discredited today through a German order of the day for New Year's signed by him. It was found on a Nazi prisoner.

"I am leading you in the battle of 1945," the German commander told his forces on the Italian front.

PFC Dale Dyer Again Wounded, Wife Advised

Mrs. Dale Dyer of Myrtle Creek has received word that her husband, PFC Dale Dyer, who is fighting with the First Army in Belgium, has been slightly wounded in action. This is the second time this winter he has been reported wounded.

Toll of Nippon Ships in Three Areas to Protect Invasion of Philippines Increased to 191

(By the Associated Press) For the second successive day Third fleet carrier planes dove on broken Japanese convoys off the south Asiatic coast today, determined to increase the toll of 191 Nipponese ships and surface craft sunk or damaged off Indo-China, Formosa and the Philippines.

The 191 total was announced last night by Adm. Nimitz and Gen MacArthur for naval actions protecting the almost unopposed Sixth army drive toward Manila in the Philippines.

Here is the new Japanese naval and merchant fleet destruction at a glance: Sunk—32 ships including 12 loaded transports and half a dozen warships; 18 small craft.

Sunk or damaged—45 small freighters and coastal vessels. Damaged—54 ships, including six destroyers; 42 small craft. In addition, 68 Japanese planes were destroyed.

The surprising strike yesterday at the Indo-China coast by fast carrier forces of Adm. Halsey's Third fleet caught the Japanese completely by surprise. Twenty-five ships were sunk and 13 heavily damaged as American pilots hammered four convoys as they prepared to sail for the Philippines.

Six loaded transports were sunk at Qui-Nhon, 800 miles west of Manila. Six more were sunk at Saigon, 250 air miles southeast of Qui-Nhon. A light cruiser was the heaviest warship sighted. It was sunk. So were several destroyers.

Thirty-nine Japanese planes were destroyed, most of them before they could take off. Only 18 were encountered in the air—all over Saigon. Five were left blazing in three scattered military centers.

No U. S. ships were damaged. They continued their attack today, defying the enemy's land-based air force.

Formosa Toll Upped

This same task force struck three days previously at Formosa, 1,000 miles to the northeast. In their previously announced Formosa toll, Nimitz added six ships and 38 small craft sunk; 41 ships and 42 small craft damaged and 20 aircraft wiped out. Four Yank planes were lost.

MacArthur announced 46 small freighters and coastal vessels, unloading at San Fernando north of the Sixth army's invasion point on Luzon island, were sunk or damaged by U. S. destroyers.

Nimitz confirmed the sinking of the 45,000-ton battleship *Musashi*, one of Japan's newest and best, in the second battle of the

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High Praise Given Douglas Leaders in Sixty War Loan

The Douglas County War Finance staff and Sixth War Loan campaign committee received high praise today from Kenneth G. Martin, executive manager of the state committee. Special mention was given Bruce Elliott, campaign manager; Horace Berg, chairman of the payroll division, and H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county committee.

Douglas county's record, Martin commented, was considerably better than in the Fifth War Loan drive, both in per capita purchases and total dollar volume.

"I wish to express our sincere thanks for a grand job and urge that you convey this message to your entire organization," Martin said.

The state manager expects to be present for the dinner to be given by the Coos County committee, losers in the "Battle of Bonds."

Due to the fact that suitable facilities are not available at Coos Bay for the banquet, the Coos county committee has announced it plan to bring the banquet to Roseburg to be served at a Roseburg hotel. As the Coos county group is charged with "transportation" for the ten Douglas county workers to be honored it has offered to "transport" the guests a distance of two blocks in wheelbarrows on the main street.

Lands Subcommittee Of Senate Continued

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The senate public lands subcommittee named to study the administration and use of public lands will continue to function at least until July 1.

The investigating group was voted an extension of life by the full committee.

Newly appointed members include Senators Tamm (D., Idaho) and Cordon (R., Ore.).

Girl Leaps to Death From Portland Bridge

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—An unidentified girl leaped to her death from the Broadway bridge early this morning.

Police, notified by a man walking across the bridge at the same time, recovered the girl's body about an hour later.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Retzelslein

In a fuel conservation move, the government requests that building heat temperatures be kept to a maximum of 68 degrees. The same effect—even more so—could be achieved without use of any fuel by the OPA expedient of canceling, without advance notice, ration stamps originally declared good indefinitely.



YANKS MOP UP JAP REMNANTS ON LEYTE—U. S. 32nd division infantrymen, with the aid of a tank battalion, tighten their grip on the Ormoc sector of northwest Leyte island. Yanks past smashed Jap tank and artillery as they prepare to take mortar-defended enemy position around the road bend. Signal corps photo.