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Destruction Poured on Nippon Bases

South China, Formosa Raids Meet Weak Air Opposition; Luzon Land Advance Slowed

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Third fleet planes brushed aside weak Japanese air cover along 350 miles of the south China coast, sank or damaged at least 30 enemy ships and spread bomb destruction through the big Takao naval base on Formosa, spacious docks at Hongkong and the harbor at Canton Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Not a Japanese plane appeared over Hongkong, a city of more than 1,000,000 people, as Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers tore into the naval docks Monday.

Not a Japanese plane defended Canton.

At least 104,000 tons of enemy shipping was sunk or damaged. Among these, a destroyer and destroyer-escort were sunk and a 17,000-ton tanker left listing.

That only begins to tell the story.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS the days begin to lengthen, the war news, which had turned sour toward the year's end, grows infinitely better.

VON RUNDSTEDT is pulling out of the dangerously deep into which he dove into our lines in Belgium. It looks as if he may have to go clear back to where he started from—meanwhile having lost some 150,000 to 200,000 men.

As the situation stands this week, it appears that for the high price he paid he has bought only a few months of delay. The good big man, after a momentary discomfiture, is again putting the squeeze on the good little man.

THIS important point is now becoming apparent: We HELD Von Rundstedt's splurge without being compelled to alter materially our positions.

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R. W. Simeral Appointed To State Education Board

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—R. W. Simeral, St. Helens, was appointed by Governor Snell today to the state board of education. He has been serving on a term basis in the absence of John J. Winn, Portland, whose term expired Jan. 1.

Mrs. J. E. McClintock on Mend From Fractured Hip

Mrs. J. E. McClintock, Roseburg, is reported to be doing nicely at Mercy hospital, where she is receiving medical attention for a fractured hip, which she suffered this week in a fall at her home on East Cass street.

City Boys Job Declined
COOS BAY, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Coos Bay is seeking another city manager after Robert F. Bombberger refused to leave his Mill Valley, Calif., city manager position unless Coos Bay's offer was boosted from \$4000 to \$4500.

Lack of Applications May Cancel Building Priorities; Material Said Unobtainable

Unless applications for building priorities in Douglas county are made immediately, authorized construction for the area will probably be transferred to other localities, J. E. Maxwell, representative of the National Housing agency, reported here today. Recommendation already has been made to cut 10 authorized priorities at Glendale back to five, and 35 priorities at Myrtle Creek to 10, Maxwell stated.

Receipt of applications from Glendale and Myrtle Creek within 10 days, however, probably would result in restoration of the original number, the NHA representative said.

Of 60 priorities granted for Roseburg, 35 remain available. Many persons, Maxwell stated, made applications but failed to exercise their priorities and he is in Roseburg today to determine the reason advantage is not being taken of the NHA offer.

Materials Unavailable
Chamber of commerce reports

Allied Smashes Score New Gains

Death Claims Creator Of "Frank Merriwell"



Gilbert Patten

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Gilbert Patten, 78, creator of "Frank Merriwell," was dead today, apparently the victim of a heart attack.

The author of the widely read boys' stories, who wrote under the name Burt L. Standish, died in his sleep at the home of his son, Harvan Patten, in Vista, near here.

The elder Patten was one of the most prolific of the dime novel writers, and his boy fiction character, "Frank Merriwell," was one of the most widely-known heroes of the paper-back books.

The author was married three times, his third wife dying in 1939.

Junior C. of C. Planned At Meeting Monday

Organization of a junior chamber of commerce will be undertaken at Roseburg Monday, when representatives of junior chambers at Grants Pass, Medford, Klamath Falls and Portland will be present at a dinner meeting to be held at the Umpqua hotel at 7 p. m. Paul A. Hess, manager for the Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight lines in the Roseburg area, is in charge of local arrangements.

An invitation is extended to all men between the ages of 21 and 35 years, interested in participating in the proposed organization, to attend the meeting, Mr. Hess states. It is requested, however, that those attending make reservations in advance by calling Mr. Hess at his residence phone, No. 418-L.

Schools to Aid Drive for Anti-Paralysis Funds

Roseburg schools are organizing to assist in the campaign to raise funds to combat infantile paralysis. Paul E. Elliott, city superintendent of schools announced organized cooperation will be afforded by all of the schools, the superintendent said.

The Roseburg schools, Elliott said, have received \$418.46 from the recent collection of waste paper and all proceeds, after deducting expenses of approximately \$30, will be used for the purchase of uniforms for the school band.

Jailed Youth Beaten to Death by Cellmates

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old John Emborg was found dead last night in the inmate cell of the King county jail and Sheriff Harlan S. Callahan said he had been beaten to death, evidently in a fight with other prisoners.

The sheriff said Emborg was born in Minnesota but that he had no address listed for the youth, arrested Dec. 24 on a delinquency charge. Seven other boys were confined in the cell with Emborg, officers said.

Douglas County Fliers Returned From Aleutians

Lieut. C. V. Carlson, Winchester Bay, and Lieut. W. A. McCall, Roseburg, are among naval fliers who have been returned after nine months' service in the Aleutians, the 13th naval district headquarters at Seattle reports. The men are members of Patrol Bombing squadron No. 61, which flew more than 6,000 hours including three missions to the Japanese-held Kuriles.

Labor Draft Urge Renewed By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt renewed his demand for national service legislation, told congress today "it is vital that total offense should not slacken."

Mr. Roosevelt accompanied his letter with one from top army and navy chiefs disclosing that personnel losses sustained by the army in the past two months have "taxed the replacement system to the breaking point."

The chief executive said need for national service legislation and for control of 4-F's has increased in the past two weeks.

In a letter to Chairman May of the house military committee, Mr. Roosevelt said he hoped May would impress upon his committee and the committee upon congress the importance of action "without delay."

Naval Ships Need Repairs
In their letters to him, Gen. George C. Marshall and Admiral Ernest J. King spoke not only of the European theater but also mentioned "the increased intensity of the operations in the Pacific" in urging additional manpower legislation.

Particularly fleet operations in support of the Philippine operations, they said, have resulted in extensive damage to naval vessels requiring major repairs. They wrote also of shortages of workers not only to make repairs but build new ships for future operations.

There is an "urgent necessity," they said, "for young and vigorous replacements for the army and navy to provide the necessary manpower to increase the production of critical items of munitions, accelerate ship construction."

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Italian Front Warfare Still Slowed by Snow

ROME, Jan. 17.—(AP)—American patrols attempting to reach San Ansoia just west of the Florence-Bologna highway were turned back yesterday by bitter enemy small arms fire, allied headquarters announced today.

Sharp skirmishes occurred at several other sectors of the Italian front as patrols probed enemy positions in poor visibility caused by snow and rain, but there were no changes in any Fifth or Eighth army forward positions.

South of Faenza an Indian patrol fought its way through an ambush and liquidated an enemy outpost, killing 10 Germans and capturing an equal number.

Two Bait From Bomber, Four Other Men Sought

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Two men who parachuted from a navy bomber over the Cascade mountains Sunday and were found by a forest ranger were back at their Widby island base today while search parties hunted for their ship and four companions.

The two, Ensign Rine Kruger, Jr., Crest Line, Ohio, and Arthur Ernest Utecht, aviation radio man 3/c, Munsing, Mich., were suffering only from exposure. They had wandered two days before Hugh Wilson, a Mount Baker national forest ranger, located them early yesterday.

Oregon Blood Donations Good, but Below Quota

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Portland's Red Cross blood donor center collected 123,056 pints of blood for plasma for the armed forces in 1944, but was slightly below its quota for the year.

Officials said today the 52 week average was 2366 pints against a quota of 2500 pints. They declared the record compared favorably on all counts with those of the nation's 30 other centers.

Quake Rooks Chile
SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 17.—(AP)—An earthquake of considerable intensity was felt here at midnight shortly after a series of comparatively minor preliminary tremors. There were no immediate reports of damage.

Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt's Dog Gets Plane Priority Over Three Service Men

ANTIOCH, Calif., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Seaman First Class Leon LeRoy, 18, was home on an emergency leave today with the story that his return was held up because he, an army sergeant and a Seabee were "bumped off" an army plane at Memphis, Tenn., to make room for a dog consigned to Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, daughter-in-law of the president and known to the Hollywood screen as Faye Emerson, actress.

LeRoy, a gunner on a navy tanker, said the dog had an "A" priority rating while he had only a "C."

He said he was granted the emergency leave and the priority putting him aboard the army cargo plane at Newark, N. J., because, on his arrival at New York Jan. 4, he learned his father, Al LeRoy, former Antioch police chief, had died Dec. 6.

LeRoy said instructions which went with the dog's crate, "which was so large it required three seats," said the animal was the property of Col. Elliott Roosevelt and was consigned to his wife at Los Angeles.

2 Voter Bills Passed Amid Political Row

SALEM, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The house passed two bills today charged of "petty politics," passed and sent to the senate today by 54 to 5 margins two bills which would allow more time for soldier voting, and prevent the use of mobile trailer units for obtaining voters' registrations.

The soldier vote bill, which extends from 45 to 70 days the period allowed for getting ballots to and from service men, also limits pictures in the voters' pamphlets to portraits, and it was this latter provision that roused the democratic ire.

Rep. Steelhammer, Salem republican, said uniform portraits in the pamphlet are needed to "prevent false and misleading advertising, and to stop candidates from riding on the coattails of a popular candidate."

Mahoney Picture Target
Steelhammer cited the picture in the 1944 election pamphlet of Willis Mahoney, Klamath Falls.

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Snow Damages Roads in Klamath County Areas

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Big flakes of snow swirled over the Klamath area today. Beginning at mid-morning, the storm by noon had left a shallow blanket over the previously bare valley areas.

Wallace Hector, county engineer said today that the thaw had caused considerable damage to a number of county roads. Stretching or road in Langell valley and near Sprague river were particularly hard hit.

"No Jap Trade" Signs Appear In Two Oregon Communities

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Anti-Japanese feeling manifested itself in a new way in two Oregon communities today as signs appeared in store windows warning returning Nisei that "no Jap trade" is solicited.

Placards sprouted throughout Hood River valley, where the American Legion post recently provoked bitter controversy by erasing names of Japanese American soldiers from its honor roll. Groceries, repairs shops and filling stations joined in the move.

Other cards were displayed in Gresham by a grocery and a hardware store, reading "no Japanese trade solicited for the duration." Both merchants are members of Oregon Anti-Japanese, Inc., which opposed Nisei taking back acreage leased to white farmers during the coast ban.

Meanwhile, Hood River's Odell Methodist church adopted a resolution asking the Legion to restore Nisei names to its honor roll. At the same time petitions were being circulated among valley residents stating they were "100 per cent behind" the Legion. Only three Japanese-Americans have returned since government restrictions were lifted. One of the trio, Ray said, told the war relocation authority here their neighbors were "more than gracious" and that they had begun proving their worth.

"There's nothing like being home," Sato said. "Our Hood River valley is the most beautiful spot on the face of the earth."

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Attorney General Neuner was preparing today an opinion for the state corporation department on whether any group should be allowed to incorporate under the name of "Oregon Anti-Japanese, Inc."

Groups in Portland and Gresham applied for permission to use the name, but the Portland group later withdrew its petition.

Taking of Ravaged Capital of Poland Accompanied by Fresh Lunges Toward Reich Border

(By the Associated Press)

Shortly after official announcement of the fall of Warsaw, a Lublin-Polish broadcast said that Krakow, key to German Silesia, the Nazi arsenal, had also been captured by the Russians in a day of whirlwind red army successes.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Moscow in a broadcast recorded by the soviet monitor announced tonight the capture of Warsaw.

The ravaged capital of Poland, once a proud and beautiful city of 1,300,000, fell to the First White Russian army group of Marshal Zhukoff, Marshal Stalin said in an order of the day.

Great sections of the city lay in ruins. It was the tomb of thousands of Poles killed since the battle for the capital started last July.

The announcement came as two mammoth soviet offensives below the capital were advancing through Poland on a virtually unbroken front of 200 miles, striking, the Russians said, to within 27 miles of the German Silesia frontier, and into the defense perimeter of Krakow, ancient capital in southwestern Poland.

Berlin declared the soviet blows in southern and central Poland had not yet reached a peak.

Reich Oil Plants, U-Boat Factories Blasted by Planes

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Seven hundred U. S. bombers battered oil plants and submarine works in the greater Hamburg area today a few hours after 1,200 RAF night bombers had struck three oil refineries and the industrial center of Magdeburg.

Some 350 fighters escorted the U. S. Eighth air force Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombing the Rhenania oil refinery at Hamburg, just south of Hamburg, and several oil installations and U-boat construction facilities in off-bombing Hamburg itself.

Other bombers struck at night traffic at Paderborn and other transportation objectives in northwestern Germany, an official announcement said.

Today's strike was another in a series of breaking down Germany's oil supply.

In clearing afternoon skies, RAF Typhoons hit repeatedly at German communications feeding the enemy-held "rocket-coast" in northwest Holland. Pilots said rail lines were cut in 15 places south and southeast of Utrecht alone, 66 Nazi transports were destroyed and 41 damaged, locomotives were hit, and nearly a dozen armored vehicles were destroyed or damaged. British and American tactical air force planes flew 600 sorties.

RAF Mosquitoes strafed and bombed German billets in villages in the Sittard battle area in a sequel to the RAF night raids.

F. D. R. May Counter Red Delegation Scheme

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will counter any Russian demand for multiple representation in the proposed world security assembly with a proposal for an American delegation of 48, one for each state.

The question of representation in the general peace organization and also the voting methods of its projected 11-member directing council are expected to come under discussion at Mr. Roosevelt's imminent meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

There were indications also that the agenda will include a discussion of proposals advanced by Senator Vandenberg for four power pacts to demilitarize Germany and Japan, and by Senator Connally for formation of a provisional council to study European political problems while peace organization treaties are being ratified.

Pulpwood Cutting Put On Essential Labor List

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Cutting of pulpwood is a critical occupation in the War Manpower commission's new guide to selective service.

In a listing of those occupations yesterday, the cutting of pulpwood inadvertently was substituted for pulpwood. Plywood mills are listed as critical.

Chinaman Missing After Sad News of His Family

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Jeong Lum, whom friends reported despondent over news that his wife and children had been captured by the Japanese in China, was missing today.

The 65-year-old cannery worker was last seen Saturday. Coast guardsmen are dragging the river.

Pelle Aid Need Cited

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Oregon had 233 infantile paralysis cases in 1944 and 415 in 1943, Dr. E. T. Hedlund, state March of Dimes campaign chairman, said explaining that not only the 1944 cases, but many extended from 1943, still must receive aid.

Warsaw fell to the Germans Sept. 27, 1939, after a 20-day siege which left that city of checkered history in ruins. But despite crushing Gestapo methods and a huge ghetto dooming untold thousands of Jews underground resistance never flagged through five years of occupation.

At the end of last July a soviet offensive battered the Vistula at the edge of Warsaw, and the underground under Gen. Konorowski (Bor) rose against the Germans in full-scale battle. But their fight became a tragic slaughter. The Russians were stopped in the suburbs, and the underground resistance was broken Oct. 3 after a 63-day battle. They had taken heavy toll of Germans, but a eyewitness who escaped said 250,000 Poles died in the uprising.

By Jan. 15, it was estimated that 770,000 of Warsaw's 1,300,000 inhabitants had been killed, and that fully 75 per cent of the capital had been systematically destroyed.

Vital Railway Hub
Warsaw is a rail-highway hub with communications reaching in all directions over the Polish plains, linking with main routes between East Prussia and northern Germany.

Moscow dispatches gave this picture of red army breakthroughs below Warsaw.

Soviet vanguards are only 27 miles from German Silesia east of Rosenberg.

The upper flank of Marshal Zhukov's army is 22 miles south of Warsaw, and red army men are 18 miles southeast of the German life artery, the Warsaw-Silesia railway.

The red center of Radom, 60 miles south of Warsaw, had been seized and large German groupings were reported apparently caught in a pincers southeast of Radom.

The Russians are not sparing either men or machines," asserted one German broadcaster. "They are out to force a decision of the war."

Big Guns Batter Krakow
Krakow, major German stronghold in southwestern Poland, was definitely menaced. A dispatch from Moscow this morning said Russian guns were shelling its outer defenses from positions less than 10 miles away.

Nor was this all. Berlin declared that red armies had jumped to the offensive in at least 11 sectors of the 600-mile eastern front between the Baltic and Yugoslavia.

In East Prussia, where the red army already has placed a solid foot on German soil, enemy broadcasts continued this morning.

Banquet Set For Bond Race Victors

Ten Douglas county war bond campaign workers will be guests of the Coos county war finance staff at a banquet in the Umpqua hotel Friday, Jan. 19, it was announced today by H. O. Pargeter, following receipt of information from Coos Bay.

Due to the closing of the Coos Bay hotel, the banquet is being brought to Roseburg as forfeit in the recent "Battle of Bonds" campaign, in which Douglas county won by a very narrow margin. The contest was based on per capita sales.

As the losing group was pledged to furnish transportation for the winners to the banquet, the Coos county committee has offered to wheel the Douglas county representatives in wheelbarrows for a distance of two blocks on the main street.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Add to wartime miseries! These pictures on the 1945 office calendars of wildlife or recreational scenes. Just the kind to bedevil the poor desk toiler with no prospects of a wartime vacation.