

# REDS DRIVE WITHIN 137 MILES OF BERLIN

Story in Columns 7 and 8.

# GERMANS ROUTED FROM ARDENNES SALIENT

## Equipment of Entire Panzer Unit Smashed

### Air Armadas Deal Heavy Blows to Railways, Oil Plants in Reich Areas

(By the Associated Press) Allied planes left the smoldering wreckage of more than 4,000 Nazi armored and motor transport vehicles cluttering the icy highroads of Belgium, Luxembourg and western Germany as Marshal von Rundstedt, the weather at last against him, fled from his collapsed Ardennes salient.

American planes, continuing the two-day assault on fleeing German armor and transport in the Ardennes, raised to 4,583 pieces the toll of destroyed or damaged Nazi heavy equipment. Yesterday's attacks cluttered wreckage of 4,158 pieces on the Nazi retreat route. By noon today 415 more were added to the toll. The total was enough to equip an entire panzer army.

U. S. First army tanks plunged into St. Vith, which apparently was evacuated during the night by Germans fleeing the Ardennes salient. On the north the British moved to within less than two miles of the Roer river.

### Nazi Resistance Ebbs

The U. S. Third army found the Luxembourg half of the salient virtually deserted and resistance disorganized as it speared ahead up to five miles, and in Belgium, the enemy stand before the U. S.

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OUR supreme headquarters in Paris has finally announced that the German offensive in Belgium has failed without seriously affecting our own plans and preparations for future operations.

The map has told us that same story ever since von Rundstedt was definitely stopped short of the Meuse. We HELD our positions at the base of his wedge, and when we had driven him back out of the bulk of it our positions were roughly the same as when his drive started.

It was a costly failure, because he lost more men and material than we did—which is exactly the situation we are trying to force on him.

WHAT did the nazis hope to accomplish by this great effort?

Well, of course, they took a gambler's chance. They MIGHT have caught us off balance, broken through our lines, cut our communications and demoralized our armies in northern Belgium and Holland.

That would have been great.

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## Son-in-Law of Senator Engdahl Killed in War

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Senator Carl Engdahl, Pendleton, was notified yesterday that his son-in-law, Lt. Robert C. Jones, 23, was killed over Belgium December 26. He was a glider pilot, and went overseas last July.

Mrs. Jones, the former Eleanor Engdahl, was married almost two years ago.

## Brownell Retained as G. O. P. Chairman, Given Free Hand To Carry on All-Year Work

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Herbert Brownell, Jr., had a free hand today to run the republican party for the next couple of years just about any way he chooses.

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## Solons in Anti-Wallace Revolt

### Not Qualified For Loan Post, Foes Declare

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The senate ruffled with revolt against turning the government's huge lending agencies over to Henry A. Wallace today as a 19-man committee began consideration of his appointment as secretary of commerce.

Opposition among southern democrats and republicans was strong. The only apparent possibility of averting a bitter fight over confirmation seemed to lie in a proposal to strip the Commerce department of those agencies and make them independent once again.

This was advanced by Senator George (D-Ga.) in a resolution which, if approved, would leave the former vice president only the routine responsibilities of the Commerce post.

Chairman Bailey (D-N. C.) called the Commerce committee into a locked-door session to discuss both the Wallace nomination and the George bill.

Members who regard Wallace as a left winger still were rocking from the impact of President Roosevelt's letter requesting Jesse Jones to give up the Commerce-and-loan post so he might award it to Wallace for services to the democratic ticket in the recent campaign.

His opponents view Wallace as unqualified to handle loans and commitments aggregating thirty billion dollars, because of his lack of previous experience.

However, the senate's sentiment on Wallace's confirmation is by no means unanimous, nor.

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## Woman Striving To be Allied Flier Runs Afoul of Law

SEATTLE, Jan. 23.—(AP)—An English dancer, who crossed the Atlantic by stowing away on a Liberators bomber in 1943, tried to reach Russia as a stowaway on a Soviet ship and is being taken to Fort Angeles, en route to Canada, the U. S. immigration service and coast guard revealed last night.

She will be given her choice of returning voluntarily to Canada or facing arrests and deportation. District Immigration Officer Raphael A. Bonham reported.

She is Elizabeth Drew, 25, of Derbyshire, England, and Bonham said she was taken aboard a U. S. coast guard vessel after a call from the Russian ship, which was five days at sea.

Her motive, Bonham said he understood, was a desire to fly for the United Nations. She had come to North America and learned to fly at Yakima, but failing to obtain a place in the flying services of the allies here, she attempted to reach Russia for a new attempt.

## Proposed Phone Co. Sale Set For Public Hearing

A public hearing concerning the proposed sale of the Myrtle Creek Telephone company by V. H. Cornutt to Frank E. and Opal M. Burr, Roseburg, is announced by George H. Flagg, public utilities commissioner, to be held at Myrtle Creek at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The commissioner reports that application for an order authorizing the sale has been filed in his office, and that patrons will be given an opportunity to file objections, if any, at the forthcoming hearing, which will be held in the Myrtle Creek city hall.

## Pension Proposal Would Exclude State's Aliens

OLYMPIA, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A bill to bring state, county and municipal employees into the old age and survivors insurance program if similar federal action is taken was expected to be offered the legislature today by democratic Reps. Penneck and Hurley of King county, but there was strong indication that alien residents of Washington would be cut off at the pension pockets.

Gov. Wallgren declared yesterday that no aliens should receive old age pensions or any public support whatsoever.

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DIVORCES F. R.'S AIDE—Mrs. Helen M. Nelson, above, of Glenoco, Ill., wife of Donald M. Nelson, special representative of President Roosevelt and former WPB head, was granted a divorce in Chicago, on the ground of desertion. The Nelsons were married in 1925 and are childless. Washington toast Marguerite S. Coullborne, 1939 campus queen of George Washington university.

## Clothing Prices To Be Slashed By Federal Agencies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The government today announced a drastic textile and clothing program designed to cut consumer costs six to seven per cent and to increase supplies of low and medium-priced essential garments.

The plan, blanketing mills, clothing manufacturers and dealers—and admittedly "tough" on them—was announced at a joint news conference by chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board and price administrator Chester Bowles.

The price cuts and increase in supplies are expected by late spring, they said.

The joint control will channel 75 per cent of all civilian fabric into garments termed essential by WPB to avert what Krug called "a very serious supply situation" ahead.

It will roll back prices, from level to dry goods stores, to the level of the first half of 1943 as a remedy for what Bowles described as "the most serious breach in price control," quality controls to protect consumers are included.

"We have enough textiles in the country to fill essential needs if all fabrics are made into the things civilians need and not into a lot of frills and ruffles," Krug asserted.

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## No Meat Spoiling, Market Operators Tell OPFA

PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(AP)—OPA representatives said today that a personal check in 23 meat markets failed to bear out charges that beef hindquarters have been piling up in shops to spoil.

John O. Ferris, OPA meat rationing representative, and Verne F. Livesay, OPA agricultural relations adviser, said market proprietors told them they had no complaint to make and no meat spoiling.

Ferris discounted reports by F. A. Hedrick, proprietor of several Vanport markets, of "more than normal" spoiling. An OPA statement said Hedrick recently paid \$1000 to the government in settlement of \$25 on each of 40 meat violations.

## Vice Crusader Shot to Death; Killer Escapes

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Arthur Kasherman, 43, vice crusader and publisher of the interminably issued "Public Press" an "exposed" tabloid, was shot to death, apparently by someone he recognized, from a passing automobile shortly before midnight last night.

Police Chief Elmer Hillner said that thus far police are without clues to the identity of Kasherman's assailant.

The slaying was the third of its kind in Minneapolis in the last eleven years. Howard Guilford, publisher of the "Saturday Press" and "Pink Sheet," was killed September 7, 1934, and Walter Liggert, editor of the "Midwest American," was shot down December 8, 1935. Neither slaying has been solved.

Kasherman was shot as he and a woman companion, Miss Pearl von Wald, 34, emerged from a restaurant at 1435 Chicago avenue.

Woman Describes Killing. Miss von Wald told police "a dark sedan" drew up beside Kasherman's car and one shot was fired through the left front window. Kasherman threw himself into her lap, pushing her out of the "right-hand" door, and climbing out himself.

"Don't shoot; for God's sake don't shoot," he cried as he ran, mentioning a name Miss von Wald said she did not hear distinctly.

Several more shots were fired. One struck Kasherman in the head, another in the back. Two more shots were fired into the sedan from the sedan before it disappeared. No one was able to

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## U. S. Soldier, Girl Friend Sentenced To Die for Murder

LONDON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A British jury today convicted an American parachute trooper, 22-year-old Private Karl Gustav Hulten of Cambridge, Mass., of the murder of George Heath, a London taxi driver.

Hulten was sentenced to be hanged under British law. Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, 18-year-old strip tease dancer and his blonde one-time girl friend, was adjudged guilty of the same crime. She will go to the gallows with Hulten.

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## Practice Bomb Falls Into Stanfield Tavern; Dozen Occupants Escape Injury

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—A dozen men in a Stanfield tavern escaped injury early last night when a 100-pound practice bomb plummeted through the building from an army bomber high overhead. Deputy Sheriff F. F. Jacobs and Roy Johnson reported today following an investigation.

The two officers believe the bomb was released accidentally from a Walla Walla air base plane on a routine flight to a nearby bombing field. The missile, loaded with five pounds of powder and a quantity of sand, partly exploded on contact. The bulk of the bomb casing tore a four-foot hole in the floor and buried itself six feet in the earth beneath.

The fact that the bomb was dropped at 7 p. m. during the dinner hour probably prevented serious consequences, the deputies said, since the place is usually crowded later in the evening.

## Bigger Share Of Gas Taxes Asked in Bill

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Paving the way for the Oregon legislature's biennial argument over distribution of gasoline tax revenues, the house roads and highways committee agreed today to introduce a bill to give counties 20 per cent of gasoline tax revenues, instead of the 15.7 per cent they now get.

The committee said it was introducing the bill at the request of the Association of Oregon Counties.

The senate passed a bill by Senator Strayer, Baker, to make all taxing units bear the revenue loss which results from giving a 3 per cent discount for prompt payment of taxes, but the senate defeated 15 to 15 the bill to increase salaries of election judges from \$3 to \$5 a day.

Senator McKenna, Portland, introduced a measure to reorganize the state board of health, giving it full powers to control communicable diseases, and also giving it several functions of the state

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## Formosa Again Bombed; Army Nears Manila

(By the Associated Press) American warplanes beat a bomb trail from Formosa to the main island of Japan, American and Japanese sources reported today as the 14th army corps moved past the halfway mark on its way to Manila.

Some 70 Marianas-based Superforts struck at the Nagawa aircraft center on Japan's Honshu island in their first mass flight under command of youthful Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay. Tokyo said they were over the oft-bombed city for two hours.

Japanese broadcasts reported 100 Liberators and Lightnings—presumably from the Philippines—rained Formosa in the wake of the fifth carrier strike against the island this month. It was the first report of such a land-based raid on Formosa where Third fleet carrier planes destroyed 140 Japanese planes, damaged 100 and heavily damaged shipping and shore installations Sunday. One major U. S. ship was damaged.

Japs Claim Big Toll Tokyo said the carrier planes swept on toward Japan the next day sending 450 sea-borne aircraft against Okinawa island in the Ryukyus for nine hours. A Formosa army communiqué

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## Organization of Junior C. of C. of Roseburg Planned

Tentative plans for organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce at Roseburg were completed last night at a dinner meeting at the Umpqua hotel sponsored by the Grants Pass junior chamber. Paul A. Hess was elected temporary chairman, to serve until permanent officers can be chosen.

Fourteen members of the visiting delegation included Ralph Hansen, president of the Grants Pass Jaycees, Atena Carr and Leavitt Craven, vice-presidents who explained the program, services and benefits. The program was accepted by the Roseburg group.

Attending from Roseburg, in addition to Mr. Hess, were Heston Gross, Detella Mc Cool, Wm. Adair, Adrian Bowen, Schoenleber, G. J. Gilbo and Cy Smith. Plans were made for a dinner to be held at 7 p. m. Friday, Feb. 2, in the civic room at the Umpqua hotel and Chairman Hess is inviting all young men between the ages of 21 to 35 to attend.

The contemplated program of activity includes war aid, social and public events, and civic improvement.

## Pvt. T. C. McClintock Wounded in Belgium

Thomas C. McClintock, private first class in the U. S. army, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McClintock of Portland, was wounded in action in Belgium on New Year's, according to word received by his parents. He is reported to be getting along nicely. He is a grandson of J. E. McClintock, and a nephew of L. E. McClintock and Mrs. Vera McClintock Jones, of Roseburg.

## Roosevelt Dog Air Priority Incident Slated for Inquiry By Senate's Military Group

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The senate military committee today voted to investigate the priority system which gave a dog owned by Col. Elliott Roosevelt precedence over three servicemen.

The three, flying west on leave, were forced off an army cargo plane at Memphis, Tenn., early last month while the English bull mastiff, traveling under an A-priority, was permitted to continue the flight.

The dog was sent from Washington to Colonel Roosevelt's wife, Fave Emerson Roosevelt of the movies.

Roosevelt, who has returned to duty with the air forces in England denied that he ordered a priority for the animal.

In approving an inquiry by a sub-committee, the military group ordered an investigation of the entire priority practice as well as the dog incident.

The investigation was suggested by Senator Bridges (R-N. H.), who told reporters later his motion carried without a dissent.

Emerging from the closed ses-

## Hitler Sends Himmler, Top Generals to Eastern Front in Effort to Stave Off Disaster

(By the Associated Press) Berlin announced today that Russian armored spearheads had "temporarily" reached the Oder river at an unspecified point in German Silesia and a Moscow report also placed a vanguard along the stream, where the nazis were expected to make a supreme effort to halt the red army.

Further north soviet forces were said by a Berlin dispatch to Stockholm to have broken into Poznan, last big enemy base in western Poland and 137 miles from Berlin.

Berlin announced that Hitler had sent Heinrich Himmler, his gestapo chief, and "his best army commanders" to the east front, with "full powers to make drastic decisions and to guarantee their execution." Himmler has been reported directing the German attacks across the Rhine in Alsace on the western front.

## From the German Front

came a dispatch saying that German generals from all fronts, including Marshal von Rundstedt from the west, met at German supreme headquarters Saturday and decided to make every effort to defend the Oder line and to attempt to save the Silesian industrial area from the advancing Russians. Decisions were said to have been made concerning use of reserves from other fronts.

Declaring "the decisive hour is here," Moscow broadcast a warning to the German people that "soviet troops now are 150 miles from Berlin." There still was no indication that the Germans were able to rally for a stand at any point along the eastern front.

Giants Pinces Forming The Second White Russian army of Marshal Rokossovsky, thrusting from the south, and Gen. Ch. I. K. Kovsky's Third White Russian army from the east were executing a classic pincer movement on East Prussia, threatening one of the greatest military encirclements in history. Rokossovsky's troops were headed for Ebling, Baltic port, while Ch. I. K. Kovsky's forces overwhelmed Insterburg, the Junkers' second city, and drove toward Konigsberg, its capital. Allenstein and Osterode, 22 miles beyond the captured German shrine of Tannenberg, fell to the Second White Russian army.

Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian army, which has driven 150 miles westward since overrunning Warsaw six days ago, was reported headed for the Polish corridor and Danzig. A Berlin dispatch to Stockholm said that if Poznan fell, "the threat to Berlin will enter the acute stage."

Konev Closing Vise Marshal Konev's First Ukraine army to the south, already 30 miles inside Germany on a 50-mile front, was six to ten miles from the Oder by last night, and was clamping a vise on Oppeln.

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## Brakeman Faces Charge of Murder

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—First degree murder charges were on file today against Archie O. Davig, 42-year-old railroad brakeman, in the gunshot death of John Rathlef Ewing. Ewing was found on Jan. 12, mortally wounded, near highway No. 97 southwest of here.

Davig was arrested last Friday and the county's two days about the case before charges were filed. His arrest came after Dr. Joseph Beeman, state criminologist, reported that bullets found in Ewing's body were shot from a gun which Davig turned over to the sheriff a few days after the shooting.

Sheriff Low said Davig had steadily denied guilt in the shooting of Ewing, but admitted he knew Ewing and spent some time with him the night of Jan. 15. He claimed Ewing borrowed his car, but the gun in it, on that night, but that he found it on the car later parked on the street here. He said he never saw Ewing again.

"We've found a lot of holes in Davig's story," was the sheriff's comment today after charges were filed.

## Explosion, Fire Cause Damage at the Willows

Repairs are in progress at The Willows, roadside four miles north of Roseburg, which suffered minor damage in an explosion and fire Sunday night. Explosion of an oil stove caused a fire which was kept largely confined to the residential section of the building.

## Engineer C. J. Hurd to Aid Bonneville Plans

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23.—(AP)—Clarence J. Hurd, nationally known agricultural engineer, will aid in establishing a program encouraging full use of Columbia river power.

Bonneville Power Administrator Paul J. Raver, said Hurd is on loan from the Tennessee Valley authority. He is a native of Oregon and a graduate of Oregon State college.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The Russians, driving to Berlin, have reached the Oder river. An appropriate name for the place to appropriate the fabled stech that ever beset civilization.