

# REDS CROSS ODER RIVER, ATTACK BRESLAU

## Aid to Little Business Main Aim of Wallace

Nominee Answers Claim Of Unfitness, Proposes Probe of Jones' Loans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP) Contending big versus little business is "the real issue" in control of the government's huge banking powers, Henry A. Wallace today proposed a congressional investigation of RFC lending under Jesse Jones.

The former vice president said that "the real motive" behind a bill to strip the lending authority wielded by Jones away from the commerce secretaryship "has nothing to do with my competence to handle those powers."

If confirmed as secretary of commerce, Wallace made clear, he intends to use the lending authority to assist little business as well as the big companies in a drive for "a free America, which is also a prosperous America" and to carry out President Roosevelt's goal of 60,000,000 post war jobs.

Wallace testified before the senate commerce committee and a standing-room-only crowd. Declaring that he is willing to serve as secretary of commerce whether or not the monetary setup is left in that department, Wallace testified that "no soldier on the battlefield can do less than carry out his assignment."

But in making a strong plea for confirmation to head an intact department, Wallace proposed what was regarded as a compromise offer to those who have sought to block approval of him for the post from which President Roosevelt asked Jones' resignation.

"I suggest that the congress appoint a committee to investigate the past activities of the Reconstruction Finance corporation in order to determine whether or not the congress feels that the powers of the RFC have been administered in such a way as to do

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## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS is easily the biggest question in the world this week: How far are the Russians going?

Six weeks ago we'd have been sure they were going clear through to Berlin, but since then we have been scared out of our boots by the sudden and unexpected German offensive in Belgium. So we're keeping our fingers crossed and hoping.

As the burned child avoids the fire, we are avoiding any further false hopes.

THE Russians, taking their good time to get ready for it (including the bringing up of ample supplies both of men and materials over communication lines that LENGTHENED with every mile by which the German lines were SHORTENED) smashed the naz defense line in central Poland.

We can assume with reasonable safety that the nazis, with their line in central Poland broken.

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## John R. Kerr Named Dog Law Officer for Roseburg

John R. Kerr, recently named by the county court to succeed the late Thomas Fletcher as law enforcement officer for the dog control district, has also been appointed dog control officer for the city of Roseburg, Mayor W. F. Harris announced today. Mr. Kerr will serve in cooperation with the city police department. Chief of Police Erwin Short today gave official notice that strict enforcement of city ordinances prohibiting dogs from running at large will be imposed.

## Colonel Elliott Roosevelt Nominated by President for Rank of Brigadier General

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated his 34-year-old son, Col. Elliott Roosevelt, to be a brigadier general in the army air forces.

The proposed promotion went to the senate in the midst of a controversy over the army's air priority system which gave a dog owned by Colonel Roosevelt precedence over three servicemen.

The nomination goes automatically to the senate military committee, which voted only last Monday to inquire into the whole priority practice as well as the dog incident itself. The committee recommends for or against confirmation of such nominations.

Col. Roosevelt, who recently returned to duty in England, denied he ordered a priority for the dog, an English bull mastiff named "Blaze." The three servicemen, flying west on furlough, were bumped off an army cargo plane at Memphis January 11

# Noose Tightens on East Prussia Nazis, Severed From Reich

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# Clark Field Besieged by Yanks

## Toll on Luzon Ten Japs For One American

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A swiftly massing weight of 14th army corps motorized troops besieged Clark field's 13 airstrips today after a two weeks campaign on Luzon in which 10 Japanese were killed for every American.

Manila lies less than 50 air-line miles ahead of the south-bound Yank columns, disclosed officially today to have paid the relatively low cost of 67 lives during the first 14 days of their 65-mile drive from Lingayen gulf. More than 6,000 dead Japanese have been counted and the figure undoubtedly is greater because the Nipponese try to conceal their losses by dragging away many of the bodies.

An intricate maze of more than 30 fortress caves, which the Nipponese spent months building as a major defense belt for Clark field, littered with scores of wrecked Nipponese bombers and fighters, is in the hands of 40th division soldiers. Disdainful of wily enemy rearward resistance, little artillery spotter planes landed on the satellite field before the ground troops got there.

The Bataan rivers, where the enemy could have put up a delaying fight, has been crossed. Situation Reversed. It was more than three years ago at Clark field and adjacent Fort Stotsenburg that America's main air strength in the Philippines was caught on the ground and wiped out by the then sky-dominating Nipponese air force.

Today the situation is reversed. While United States planes rule the air over Luzon—they bombarded Corregidor in Manila bay Tuesday—Japan's air strength in the Philippines is being smashed on the ground.

The Yank spearheads are within sight of mountainous Bataan peninsula where heroic Americans and Filipinos made their

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## Resignation of Ickes Rejected by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes announced today that President Roosevelt had declined to accept his offered resignation, asking him to remain in the cabinet.

Ickes is one of the two original members of the president's cabinet. The other is Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, whose resignation the president had also rejected.

Ickes described Henry Wallace's nomination as secretary of commerce to succeed Jesse Jones as "a good appointment."

"Further this deponent saith not," Ickes said.

## Gen. Stilwell Given Post Vacated by Gen. Lear

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—War Secretary Stimson today announced the assignment of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell to command of the army ground forces succeeding Lt. Gen. Ben Lear.

Lear's assignment as deputy commander in the European theater in charge of administrative matters concerns American troops was announced yesterday.

Stimson said Stilwell is in Washington and will take over his new command immediately.

while the dog, with an "A" priority, was allowed to continue the flight.

The animal was sent from Washington to Colonel Roosevelt's bride, actress Faye Emerson, in Hollywood. It was one of two she said her husband sent from England to start a breed in this country.

The White House, disclaiming any responsibility, officially labeled the incident "a regrettable combination of errors," and Secretary of War Stimson told reporters last week that "some-

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## SHOOTS JAPS OVER CHECK

J. R. Monroe, 40-year-old railroad brakeman, held in Twin Falls, Idaho, on charges of shooting three Japanese-American employees of a Wells, Nevada, restaurant after they assertedly refused to cash a check for him.

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## Hamilton Estate Acreage Bought in Development Plan

Purchase of a 49-acre section of the Hamilton estate located in the east part of Roseburg was announced today following prolonged negotiations. The property has been bought by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kinnear, who propose eventual development for residential purposes. No final details for subdivision, Mr. Kinnear reports, have as yet been made.

The property is located south of Lane street, and east of Main street, extending to Germond street on the south. Extension of South Kane street is expected to provide the principal entrance into the area when subdivision plans are finally completed.

Mr. Kinnear, who was interested for several years in real estate in the San Francisco and Oakland bay areas, now is operating a small sawmill on Mount Scott, near Glide, where he has made his home in recent years.

## U. S. Envoy to Ask Swiss To Cease Aiding Nazis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has assigned Lauchlin Currie to go to Switzerland to renew negotiations for a break in that country's economic relations with Germany. Currie is an administrative assistant to the president.

Switzerland last October banned further exports of arms and ammunition in an action which had the practical effect of cutting off Swiss munitions shipments to Germany. However, the Germans still are permitted to ship coal and some other goods across Switzerland to northern Italy.

The Swiss also still are exporting some machine tools, a few strategic metals and some foods to the reich.

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## Service Bill Memorial Dies In Legislature

SALEM, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The house overwhelmed 42 to 16 today a memorial asking congress to enact the limited national service act, the action coming after an hour's torrid debate which included charges that the opponents are "insurrectionists against our war leaders."

Rep. Erwin, Portland democrat, father of the memorial, made the charge, but the opponents countered with the statement that the memorial is "an insult to the men and women of the state."

The house passed and sent to the senate today a bill by Rep. Lieuallen, Pendleton, to have the secretary of state take population counts of cities under 2,000 population.

The count would be made only upon request by a city, and the cost would be borne by the city. Lieuallen said the bill would help such cities as Hermiston, where an army ordnance depot resulted in a big population increase, to obtain their fair shares of liquor and highway funds, which are apportioned by the state to cities on a population basis.

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MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Soviet Ambassador Constantine Oumansky, his wife, and seven others were killed today in the crash of a Mexican air force plane starting to take the ambassador to Costa Rica to present his credentials as minister there.

There were 11 in the plane and only two escaped, both injured.

The plane took off from the Mexico City airport and crashed about 500 yards from the runway while trying to gain altitude.

The soviet embassy's first secretary, Leo Proianinsky, and another secretary were killed. Mrs. Proianinsky was injured seriously.

Before coming to Mexico, Oumansky was soviet ambassador to the United States.

## Work-or-Fight Bill Sticks to Closed Shop

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP) The argument that fighting armies need help now accompanied a house military committee recommendation today for prompt action on national service legislation.

Shortages of war material are "real and immediate," the committee said in sending to the house floor a bill to require every man between 18 and 45 to work where he is needed under threat of induction, fine or imprisonment.

The committee completed action on the legislation yesterday after two weeks of consideration and, in a last minute move for harmony, eliminated on a close vote an "anti-closed shop" amendment vigorously opposed by organized labor.

The rejected amendment would have permitted a registrant to work in a union shop without joining a union, if his draft board told him to go there. Instead the committee wrote in a provision requiring local draft boards to give a man "a reasonable choice of employers to work for."

Board's Power Tightened. It left in the hands of the director of war mobilization, or someone designated by him, the authority to determine what are essential occupations. But it confined to draft boards the power to tell a man to stay in his present job or move into one where his services are needed.

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The Ashland Killie band of Southern Oregon voiture, No. 165, is expected to be present.

Grand Chef de Gare Duncan E. Nease of Portland and other Grande Voiture officers will be present to pay their first official visit to the Douglas county group, which is the "baby" voiture of Oregon.

George S. Tronalls, Chef de Gare of the Douglas county group, has named Jack S. Maris, who holds the office of conductor, to serve as general chairman on promenade arrangements. The committee includes Jack C. Crafton, publicity; Sherman Smith, Sutherland; Wendell Trullitt, Oakland; Roy Spalding, Drain, and Roseburg officers including Roy O. Young, correspondent local; Carl E. Wimberly, judge advocate; Sig Fett, chef de train; Victor Micehl, commissaire intendant.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Little, former residents of Roseburg now residing at Sacramento, Calif., write friends in Medford that they have had the first message in more than a year from their son Sergeant Wesley C. Little, U. S. marine corps, who for three years has been a prisoner of the Japanese.

He reports in the letter, a copy of which was forwarded by the parents, that he is in good health and sends greetings to his friends. From his expression, "I think I will be a farmer when I get home," the parents believe he is engaged in gardening at the prison camp.

Cards written July 11 and Aug. 6 were received in Roseburg Wednesday from Woodrow W. Whittenberg, a prisoner of war in a Japanese prison camp. He is a son of Mrs. Mae L. Whittenberg and a brother of Mrs. Morgan Lawson of Roseburg and was employed with a civilian construction crew when taken prisoner on Wake Island.

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## Lift Given Hitch-Hiker Recovers Stolen Coat

C. E. Trueblood of Roseburg has a letter recounting how his grandson, Don Lawler, junior member of commerce president at Prineville, recovered a stolen overcoat while attending a meeting at Salem. Two coats were stolen from a parked car while the meeting was in progress.

After the thefts had been reported to the police, Lawler and his friends were driving out of Salem when a hitch-hiker gave the outstretched thumb signal. He was promptly taken into the automobile and driven to the police station, as he was wearing Lawler's coat.

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# Germans Launch New Attack In Alsace as Gen. Eisenhower Prepares to Smash Rhineland

(By the Associated Press)

The red army, with vanguards little more than 125 miles from Berlin, has cracked the Oder river line before Breslau, industrial Silesian capital, and in the north apparently has sheared most of East Prussia from the reich in a drive to the Baltic which isolated huge numbers of naz troops.

Fall of Breslau appeared imminent as soviet forces stormed across the Oder in the heart of Silesia to the southeast. By German account other forces made another crossing 32 miles northwest of the city and 138 miles from Berlin.

On the western front a field dispatch said a new German assault in northeastern Alsace against the U. S. Seventh army might "signal the start of the final battle for Alsace."

The drive was opened with a huge artillery and mortar barrage on a 20-mile front from Haguenau northwest. The Moder river was spanned at points 15 miles inside France as the Americans were reported inflicting heavy casualties on the attackers.

The Russian crossing southeast of Breslau apparently was in the area of Oppeln, captured industrial city 48 miles away. This smash, heading toward the Bohemian mountains in Czechoslovakia, seemed aimed at cutting off part of Silesia from Berlin and menacing German armies in Austria, Hungary and Slovakia.

The sixth soviet army in the westward offensive, Marshal Malinovsky's Fourth Ukrainian, was reported within 40 miles east of the Jablunka gateway to Moravia, once called by Bismarck a controlling position in central Europe.

Prague Under Siege. The Moscow radio said a state of siege had been proclaimed in Prague, old Czechoslovak capital, as the Germans told of a new retreat. The Russian broadcast said mass unrest had broken out in the capital, with workers striking and the population attempting to prevent German evacuation of machinery and materials. The Germans reported a mass civilian evacuation in Slovakia.

One Moscow report to London said that vanguards of Marshal Konev's First Ukrainian army had battered into the outskirts of Breslau. Other Russians were placed four miles to the southeast. Self-propelled guns hammered the city's fortifications.

East Prussia Nazis Tighten. Moscow last night reported Marshal Rokossovsky's forces driving on Elbing on the Baltic and Danzig, steadily tightening the noose on East Prussia, as Gen. Chernenkov's Third White Russian army to the east drive on Königsberg its capital.

In the west German transport fled from the Ardennes battle sector under incessant blasting from allied warplanes, and the British pushed steadily toward a solid front with the U. S. Ninth on the Roer river, from whence a new allied offensive eventually

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## Sutherland Flier Killed in Crash Of Plane in Italy

Captain Eldon C. Baldwin, son of Mrs. Elsie Baldwin, Lodi, Calif., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cole, Roseburg, died Dec. 29 in a plane crash in Italy, according to word received by the grandparents.

Born in Sutherland, June 6, 1916, he was a graduate of the Sutherland high school and prior to the entrance of the United States into the war, he served for 18 months with the Royal Flying corps in England, where he was married two years ago to an English girl. His wife and a small son survive in Bussage, Gloucestershire, England.

He transferred to the U. S. army air force and was serving with the 62nd fighter wing in Italy, where he divided his time between fighter control work and flying as a fighter pilot. He also had participated in dive bombing, skip-bombing and strafing missions over Italy and France.

## Young's Bay Co. Adds to Mt. Scott Area Holdings

C. E. Miller, president of the Young's Bay Lumber company, announced today that the company has purchased the timber, logging roads, camo and other interests of A. K. Wilson in the Evergreen Lumber company.

The deal involves approximately 50 million feet of timber located in the Mt. Scott area, adjacent to timber previously purchased by the Young's Bay company.

Logging is to be handled by the Mist Logging company, of which L. H. Mills is president. The logging concern recently completed a contract in the Grand Ronde area and has transferred its trucks and equipment to Roseburg.

## Klamath Falls Drug Firm Sued for Damages

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Two suits seeking damages of \$12,500 from the Wallerreen drug company, Klamath Falls, as a result of an alleged fall in an icy store entrance were on file in federal court here today.

Mrs. Gertrude Bark asked \$10,000 for the asserted injury and her husband, W. H. Bark, asked \$2,500 for loss of her companionship and household services.

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