

FLASHES OF RUSSIAN GUNS SEEN IN BERLIN

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Superforts Continue Battering Japs

Lashing of Two Follows New Raid on Tokyo

American Land Forces Take Rosario in Hardest Battle of Luzon Drive

(By The Associated Press)
Three converging American columns bore down on San Fernando, "gateway to Manila," today while Superforts struck again at battered Iwo Jima island on the sea road to Tokyo and gave the enemy capital a sleepless weekend.

The Japanese-controlled Singapore radio said 145 carrier-borne fighters and bombers raided the Sumatra oil refineries around Palembang for two and a half hours at midday. It claimed 44 raiders—presumably British—were shot down.

Tokyo broadcasts said American bombers for the first time attacked Hachijo island, less than 200 miles south of the Japanese capital, which was visited by a continual stream of solitary raiders. Single incendiary-drops

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"Brownout" Order Exempts Oregon

Oregon cities and towns will not be affected by the "brownout" order issued by the WPB, covering states where electricity is generated through use of coal. Congressman Harris Ellsworth reports from Washington that he has obtained from Edward Falck, director of WPB, an order exempting five Pacific northwest states from the regulation which, after Feb. 1, will eliminate use of electricity for store sign, display windows, etc., as a measure designed to reduce consumption of coal.

The exemption affecting the Pacific northwest states, where hydroelectric energy is produced, will be effective until June 30, at which time the situation will be reviewed, Congressman Ellsworth reported.

Oregon 2nd in Per Capita Purchases of E Bonds

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Only North Dakota led Oregon in per capita purchase of E bonds in the sixth war loan drive. E. C. Sammons, state war finance committee chairman, said today.

Oregon bought \$34.99 per capita while North Dakota purchased \$37.50. Washington was close behind Oregon with \$34.14. Oregon's first county was Sherman, which bought 225.1 per cent of its quota.

Bottle of Coins for Polio Campaign Stolen

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A bottle of coins, consisting of contributions to the "March of Dimes" campaign to stamp out infantile paralysis, was stolen Saturday night from the counter of a Salem restaurant. The owner estimated about \$25 was in the bottle.

The owner offered a \$25 reward.

Lumbering Practices Guard Douglas Fir From Danger of Exhaustion, Ellsworth Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—There's no danger of exhaustion of the Douglas fir forests under present lumbering practices, Representative Ellsworth of Oregon says.

Ellsworth, who had just returned from addressing a meeting of the Interstate Lumber Distributors' association at New York, said he was told there that legislation enacted by the last congress represented more advancement than had been obtained from congress in several years past.

Among those bills were measures to permit the forest service to enter into cooperative sustained yield agreements with private timber owners, to complete the forest inventory and to expand forest fire protection. These measures, which Ellsworth shepherded through the house, were initiated by the late Senator McNary of Oregon.

Actually, Ellsworth told a reporter, there has been greater advancement in sound lumbering practices during the war period than in the 20 years preceding. The tree farm movement was expanded to about 2,500,000 acres during that period, he said, ex-

F. D. R. May Yield to Plan for Separate Loan Director to Put Wallace In Cabinet Job

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt may take a direct hand in efforts to salvage a cabinet post for Henry Wallace. Senate sources said Mr. Roosevelt has been asked by supporters of the former vice president either to transfer government lending agencies from the Department of Commerce by executive order or

These same persons said they were informed that when Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt attends a dinner in Wallace's honor in New York tonight she may take along a message from the president to read.

Senator Guffey, a Wallace supporter, said that while he knew nothing about any impending presidential action, he heard that "some work has been done over the weekend."

Wallace's nomination was held up temporarily in the senate commerce committee, which voted 14 to 5 last week against reporting it favorably. Chairman Bailey said he had been unable to com-

Gresham Anti-Japanese Group Hit by Ruling

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A group of Gresham citizens will not be allowed to incorporate under the name of Oregon Anti-Japanese, Inc., Attorney General Neuner said today, because the name does not accurately describe the group's purpose.

In its articles of incorporation, the group said its purpose was to provide an educational program for aliens, without mentioning any nationality.

Deportation Order Review Granted To Harry Bridges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Harry Bridges, west coast CIO labor leader, today won a supreme court review of the deportation order issued by Attorney General Biddle in May, 1942. Biddle at that time said Bridges was a member of the communist party and asserted the party advocated "violent overthrow" of the United States government.

In granting Bridges a review, the high court denied a request of the Communist Political association that it be permitted to intervene in the case as a friend of the court.

Bridges, head of the Longshoremen's union, lost in fighting the order in lower federal courts by means of habeas corpus proceedings.

In his petition to the supreme court he said there was no proof of his affiliation with the communist party and no facts to show unlawful membership in any proscribed organization.

Bridges told the court the deportation order "is demonstrably untrue, extending over almost a decade, in the course of which outstanding infractions of ordinary conceptions of due process of law have been committed."

Snell Renews Urge For Tax Code Inquiry

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Governor Snell sent a new appeal today to the state senate to approve his recommendation that Oregon's tax system be investigated by a firm of nationally-recognized tax experts.

The senate last week refused to go for the idea, but indicated it would allow such a study by a legislative interim committee.

The governor said in his special message today that he does not share the opinion that Oregon's tax system is retarding the state's development, or that it is a "hedgehog."

But, he said he is concerned with the demands by counties, cities and school districts for more state revenues.

"I am confident," he said, "that a systematic and scientific approach to this problem by experts in the field of taxation would be of untold benefit to our state. I suggested nationally-recognized experts. If the report and subsequent action are to be fully effective as far as attracting industrial development is concerned, then the work and the report should be recognized and accepted nationally."

Could Save Millions.

"Indeed, such definition would not necessarily exclude Oregon organizations or individuals."

"This particular research program perhaps is the most vital, important and far-reaching of any project which will come before this session. And, the cost will be far less. It could mean the saving of millions of dollars to our state and our taxpayers. It would contribute much to the further development of our state."

"I firmly believe that if adopted, this measure will prove to be one of the most worthwhile acts

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Investigating officers were told, according to State Policeman G. C. Hoover, that a group of small children were playing on the pavement at the corner of Broadway and South Jackson street as the truck approached. The truck was reported to be travelling at a slow rate of speed and, as the driver sounded his horn, the children scampered to the steps of the nearby Pilgrim Holiness church building.

Just as the truck was passing, witnesses said, the Blood boy dashed off the steps and back into the street and ran into the wheels of the trailer. He suffered a fractured skull.

Coroner H. C. Stearns, after an investigation, announced that he considered the accident unavoidable and that no inquest would be held.

The boy's father died at his home in Roseburg only two months ago.

Boy Born at Oakland.

The boy was born at Oakland, Ore., December 29, 1937, and spent his life in Roseburg. Surviving besides his mother are two sisters, Rae Alice and Carmen Frances Blood, both of Roseburg; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Blood, Dixonville, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McMahon, Oakland, Ore.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home Wednesday at 2 o'clock with Dr. Morris H. Roach, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in Civil Bend cemetery.

Meat Dealers Complain Of Black Market Rivalry

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Two Vancouver meat dealers charged today that a black market is operating in Clark county, with farmers selling meat to consumers and small retailers without ration points.

Dealers filed a complaint with the ration board, claiming their former customers were turning to the black market for meat purchases.

At Portland, the district OPA said the complaints were being investigated, but declined to disclose details.

Death Halts 5th Term of Clatsop Commissioner

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—James Elliott, 58, for 16 years a member of the Clatsop county court, died in his home here yesterday after a heart attack.

Named commissioner in 1928, he was starting his fifth term. Elliott was prominent in truck and log hauling operations.

C. C. Assn. Retains Hull EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Frank Hull, Medford, manager of the Jackson county chamber of commerce, was reelected president of the Oregon Chamber executives' association at the annual convention here.

Secretary of Senate, Col. Edwin Halsey, Dies



Col. Edwin A. Halsey

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Col. Edwin A. Halsey, secretary of the senate, died today of a heart ailment complicated by his preparations for President Roosevelt's fourth term inauguration.

Halsey, 63, had been an employee of the senate since 1897 and its secretary since 1933.

A native of Tye River, Va., he served as sergeant at arms at the democratic national conventions from 1928 through 1940.

He is served by his widow and one son, Navy Lt. Edwin A. Halsey, Jr.

Calmness of Fireman Prevents Theater Panic

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Smoke from an incinerator was drawn into a theatre by the ventilating system.

A fireman, who didn't give his name, learned the source of the smoke, then decided to quiet the crowd of 900 who were jamming the exits.

"If we're going to leave," he shouted, "let's leave quietly." And then added: "I'm a city fireman, and I'm going to see the rest of the picture."

Most of the others decided they would, too.

History on the Run.

SPOKANE, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A fourth grader wasn't satisfied with teacher's answer that the Russians were about 100 miles from Berlin.

"That," he protested, "was an hour ago."

Drive on West Wall Slowed By Deep Snow

PARIS, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Veteran divisions of the first army pushed their snowplow attack northeast of St. Vith to within a mile of Germany and the beginning of the formidable Siegfried line defenses today.

American and French troops advanced more than two miles to a point on the Colmar canal barely more than a half mile from the outskirts of Colmar (46,000), historic capital of upper Alsace, and 38 miles southwest of Strasbourg.

The Third army reached the German-Luxembourg frontier on an eight mile stretch of the Our river.

North of the First army, the U. S. Ninth and British Second were closed up to the Roer and through the Siegfried line in many places, potentially threatening the Ruhr and the Rhineland and their great cities.

To the south, the Third army was either near or across the

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Vets' Memorial Planned By Lebanon Legion Post

LEBANON, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Santiam American Legion post plans construction of a veterans' memorial building in a tract of land recently purchased by the Lebanon city council for a park.

The post asked the council for permission to raise funds for a \$40,000 structure as a center for the city's proposed civic park development.

George Harden, chairman of the legion committee, said all community groups could use the building.

Output Cut Lays Off 2,000 At Kaiser's Shipyard

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A production decrease from six ships a month to one a week was responsible for the lay-off of about 2,000 workers at Kaiser's Swan Island Shipyard here Saturday, the yard's assistant general manager said today.

A. R. Nieman declared, however, that employees dismissed for inefficiency would not be offered other employment.

The employees were largely discharged when four U. S. employment service representatives met them at the gates and offered them jobs in other shipyards and war industries.

Damaged Track Delays S. P. Trains at Wilbur

Trains through Douglas county were held up a couple of hours this morning, while the track at Wilbur was repaired by the hook-up from Eugene. The track is reported to have been damaged while switching freight cars, at which time two of the cars were derailed. No cars were upset and only minor track damage was reported to have resulted.

Col. D. L. Gilbert Killed In Action Over Italy

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Col. Donald L. Gilbert, 28, one of the war's most decorated pilots and a former Oregon resident, has been killed in action over Italy, the War department announced.

Col. Gilbert had completed 91 combat missions, had received the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 17 oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart and the Croix de Guerre with two palms.

He attended Oregon State college and received his degree in bachelor of Arts from the University of Oregon. The family formerly lived in Oregon City.

Allied Bombers Smash Brenner Pass Region

ROME, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Allied bombers smashed again at enemy communications in northern Italy yesterday as frigid weather continued to limit ground action along the entire Fifth and Eighth army fronts. Headquarters announced today.

Bombers concentrated on the Brenner pass area with effective results, headquarters said.

Populace Evacuating German Capital as Foe Nears; Breslau, Königsberg Heavily Assaulted

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Russians have surrounded the Prussian rail center of Schneidemühl, four miles inside the German border, a German spokesman announced today and Swedish eyewitness reports said flashes from Marshal Stalin's guns already could be seen from Berlin in the night skies over the eastern battlefield.

German officials were moving their offices from the threatened capital and 20 trains evacuated part of the populace, said a Swedish national just come from Berlin. Foreign diplomats were making preparations to leave and foreign correspondents were ordered to depart, he said.

Encirclement of Schneidemühl, a city of 41,000 cut the main Berlin-Danzig railway at a point 135 miles northeast of the capital, but directly east of Berlin German reports placed the Russians much closer, about 95 miles.

Latest official Russian announcements said the Russians in their bee-line drive on Berlin were 109 miles to the east, but Moscow dispatches said it was believed Marshal Zukov's tanks had spurred farther ahead and had crossed the frontier of Brandenburg, the province of Berlin, at several points.

Jimmy Roosevelt Disclaims Request To Delay Train

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Union Pacific crack streamliner, The City Of Los Angeles, already has made up the hour and seven minutes lost when it was held here Saturday night to permit Col. James Roosevelt and his wife to make connections, but it remained undecided today who asked that the train be delayed.

The Roosevelts arrived in Chicago from Washington on Pennsylvania's Manhattan limited which was delayed more than six hours by bad weather.

E. W. Everson, assistant station master of the Chicago and Northwester, where the train is made up, said he received the request to hold the train in a telegram bearing James Roosevelt's name.

Col. Roosevelt, in Salt Lake City where the train arrived on schedule last night, said "I didn't ask to have the train held. It must have been the conductor of the Manhattan limited that asked for it to be held."

The conductor, C. W. Kleinfelder of Fort Wayne, Ind., reported to Pennsylvania officials he had sent no telegram and that he was not aware that Col. Roosevelt was a passenger aboard the Manhattan limited, representatives of the road said.

Swedish correspondents reported from Berlin that German newspapers, painting the blackest picture yet of Germany's position, declared the "next eight days" may decide the war, and that "nations are sweeping the nation from east to west."

Residents of the German capital spent most of Sunday afternoon in air raid shelters, one

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Oregon at Top in Ceiling Prices Set For Live Cattle

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP) Ceiling prices for live cattle went into effect today, the last important basic food commodity to be put under direct price control.

The OPA said the effect will be "to give buyers and sellers—from cattle feeders to retailers—reasonable assurance of a fair margin between legal buying prices and legal selling prices so that they can do business profitably."

Heretofore price ceilings have applied only to meat, not to live cattle.

The order establishes an "over-riding ceiling" on live cattle and calves for each of 24 zones and 10 market centers.

The ceiling—the top figure above which no cattle of any grade can be sold—is \$18 a hundredweight at Chicago until July 2, when the ceiling will be lowered to \$17.50. A similar 50-cent reduction also will go into effect at that time at all other market centers and zones.

The order exempts cattle or calves sold for breeding or dairy purposes and those sold by members of recognized farm youth organizations, such as 4-H clubs, at sales approved by OPA.

A price differential is set up by zones, with the \$18 ceiling effective at the Chicago market. The range runs from \$17.25 in the Texas area, to \$18.60 for zone 1, which includes Oregon and Washington, the OPA said.

Two Types of Crooks Mulet Salem Stores

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A Salem meat market received two blue ration tokens which had been painted red so they would be good for meat.

Another store was the victim of a counterfeiter who split a \$10 bill in two, patching each of the faces on a \$1 bill. Thus the man got two \$10 bills for one.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reitzelstein

The Germans are being quite disappointed in their military quest for lebensraum (living room), but they are not lacking in retreats.



JAPANESE TANKS COME OUT SECOND BEST—Japanese tanks knocked out by Yank tank destroyers near the Luzon village of Bilaloman are cautiously inspected for possible survivors after their destruction. The limp bodies of two of the Japanese crewmen dangle in death atop their vehicles.