

# Soviet Drive Rolls Along

### Fresh Troops POUND At Retreating Nazis On Central Front

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had thrown the Germans from 22 additional villages. The struggle in the Crimea, where the Russians were threatening the isolation of all surviving German forces, was believed to center about the port of Sevastopol, some 40 miles north of Sevastopol, where the nazis still were trying to oust the Russian parties landed there. Within the Black sea fleet had been able to reinforce these original counter-invasers was not known here.

Associated Press dispatches from Kubyshev, the alternate Russian capital, reported that as of Wednesday the Russian garrison of Sevastopol itself was breaking the German siege of that vital Black sea naval base and had burst out to crush the German positions on the hilly approaches to the city.

The German high command itself reported that the nazi air force was attempting to immobilize the Port of Feodosiya, where the Russians had landed to the east of Sevastopol in their maneuver of envelopment.

On other sections of the front generally, the nazis reported bombing assaults upon "the attacking Soviets"—an acknowledgment that the Russians still held the initiative.

Of the central and northern fronts—the latter the area of heavy Russian action against the German-Finnish wing—the German high command reported that the Russian opponent had "repeated his attacks and suffered heavy losses."

"In some places," the nazi communiqué added without elaboration, "the fighting continues."

# Civilian Truck Output Ban Foreseen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8-(AP)—Complete stoppage of civilian truck production after March 1 was forecast Thursday by Joseph B. Eastman, new defense transportation director, who commented that "there may be a tendency to forget or failure to realize that civilian transportation is a very essential part of the war mechanism."

Eastman made this prediction despite the fact that the OPM announced during the day new quotas permitting increased production of trucks and buses in February.

Saying that efficient operation of transportation systems was "just as important to war production as machine tools," Eastman told a press conference:

"The greatest danger I now foresee is that (motor transport) carriers may not be able to get material for expansion of operations and for maintenance and repair. There may be grave depletion of our transportation resources."

# Blackout's Old Stuff In This Community

ST. MICHAEL'S, Md.(AP)—When this little Cresapeake Bay town underwent a blackout recently, history was repeating itself.

Back in 1813 a British attacking force came up their bay, and the town had its first blackout. Residents put out all lights and hung lanterns in tree tops. As a result, the British gunners overshoot their mark and the town escaped damage.

# Defense Work Meet Slated

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Robert R. McKean, manager of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., who will preside, and Elwyn Greenwood, secretary of the Oregon Bankers' association, who will discuss financing of defense contracts.

Lee O. Eyerly, chairman of the chamber's industrial department, will have as his committee for the year Alfred C. Gerlinger, Ray A. Yocum, W. M. Hamilton, Guy N. Hlekok, Lelf Bergsvik, W. W. Rosebraugh and Frank H. Spears.

Directors of the Salem Retail Trade Bureau will attend the meeting.

# First Aiders Give Oxygen

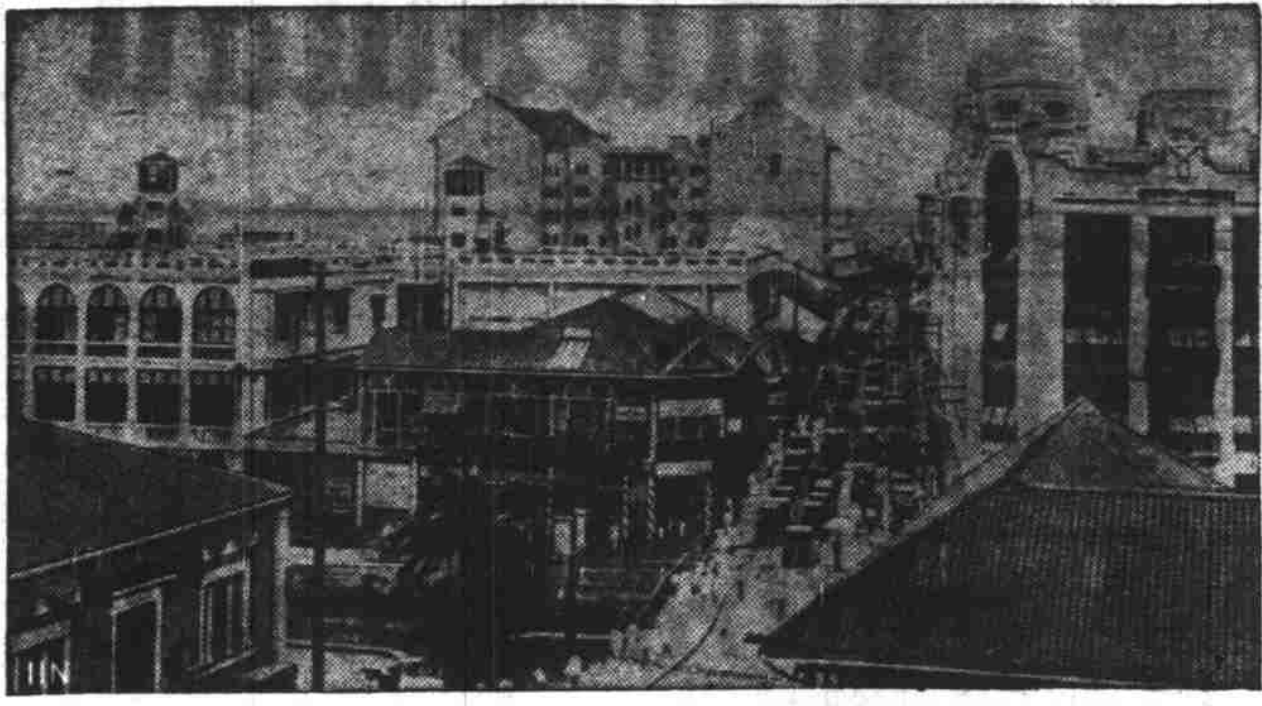
City firemen-first aiders gave service to one of their own number when they applied oxygen to a fire fighter partially overcome by smoke at the Clifford Brown warehouse blaze Thursday night.

To Mrs. H. M. Harrison, 682 North 18th street, who cut a finger splitting kindling, they gave first aid and a trip to a physician for the three stitches required in the injured member. Incidental to the first aid service was their "pinch-hitting" act of finishing the kindling-splitting job.

Miss Maxine Dickinson, 215 South Winter, whose Thursday night shower was too hot, went to the station to receive care for the scalded left side of her face.

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# Boulevard In Manila Bombed as Japs Take Over



This is a view of the Escolta in Manila, the "Broadway" of the Philippine capital city. Manila was bombed murderously by the Japanese although it has been declared an "open city." It was not known whether this famous boulevard, which lies along the Pasig river near the heart of the city, was bombed or not although many bombs struck nearby.

# Ickes Talks Speed Limit

### Says Proposal Would Save Rubber, Gas And Automobiles

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speed limit would save not only tires but also gasoline and automobiles.

While explaining that enforcement of such a limit "is not a matter within my authority," he hinted that federal officials dealing with rubber supply might well attempt speed throttling as a conservation measure, probably working through the various states.

To lead the way in the lower-speed drive, he announced that a 40-mile limit would be enforced forthwith in all national parks, over which he has jurisdiction.

Ickes admitted he had received "a number of suggestions for rationing gasoline as a method of saving rubber and automobiles" but he took the position that the rubber shortage would postpone or obviate any need for gasoline rationing. His aides estimated that the tire shortage would result in a 35 per cent reduction this year in national gasoline consumption.

Ickes disclosed at his press conference that his office was exploring the possibilities of producing large quantities of synthetic rubber from oil. He said, however, he was not ready now to estimate the amount that could be produced through this synthetic process.

As solid fuels coordinator, Ickes today warned industries depending on coal and coke for fuel and raw materials to build up their storage piles quickly, "while surplus mine and transportation facilities are available."

The secretary of state's remarks were occasioned by the departure of the United States delegation for the conference of foreign ministers to begin in the Brazilian capital January 15.

He told his press conference that he thought there had been gratifying demonstrations of hemispheric solidarity since the Japanese attack on the United States and the declarations of war by Germany and Italy.

One of the main purposes of the conference, he said, was to clarify and bring up to date the plans of the American governments in view of the changed situation resulting from the active belligerency of some of the American nations.

Earlier three democrats had enlisted support of Republican Senator Taft (Ohio) for the war-time price control measure. Taft made a lengthy speech approving the general aims of the measure.

Mickey Gets License SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Jan. 8-(AP)—Mickey Rooney, top ranking film box office star, and Ava Gardner, 19-year-old actress newcomer, who in six months captured the heart of the screen colony's most eligible bachelor, have applied for a marriage license, the county clerk's office revealed Thursday.

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### Luzon Forces Await Powerful Assault as Invaders Organize

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"Morale and determination are high, MacArthur advised, adding that his men "may be counted on to continue their resistance with skill and courage."

The lull in Japanese air activity gave the garrisons of the fortifications at Mariveles, at the southern tip of Batan peninsula, and of the fortress-island, Corregidor, at the entrance to Manila bay, a respite from the aerial pounding they have undergone for days.

The war department's communiqué, based on reports received up to 9:30 a.m. (EST) said:

"1. Philippine theatre: Fighting of varying intensity is reported from all sections of the front. These operations are probably preparatory to a large scale general attack by the enemy. Japane reinforcements are being brought up to the front and indications point to a renewal of the offensive by the enemy. Gen. MacArthur reports that the morale and determination of the American and Philippine troops are high and they may be counted on to continue their resistance with skill and courage."

"For the first time in several days there were no enemy air attacks on the fortifications of Manila bay. Enemy air activity was confined to reconnaissance."

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

# Malaya Fight Favoring Japs

SINGAPORE, Jan. 8-(AP)—The defense of Singapore—a month-long succession of brief stands along natural lines of resistance, each followed by withdrawal in face of the foe's overwhelming numbers—centered Thursday night on Kuala Lumpur, a crude rubber capital of the world.

Thus, in a month of fighting since the Japanese opened their great far eastern offensive, the threat to Singapore had been advanced across about 200 miles of verdant, sweltering Malaya—or half the distance from the northern border to Singapore.

The British high command acknowledged Thursday that a spearhead of Japanese tanks had penetrated the western Malayan defenses north of Kuala Lumpur on the lower Perak front and that, apparently as a result of this and heavy infantry pressure, the British imperial forces had fallen back for a new stand south of the Siam river.

"We suffered some losses in guns and transport," the communiqué said.

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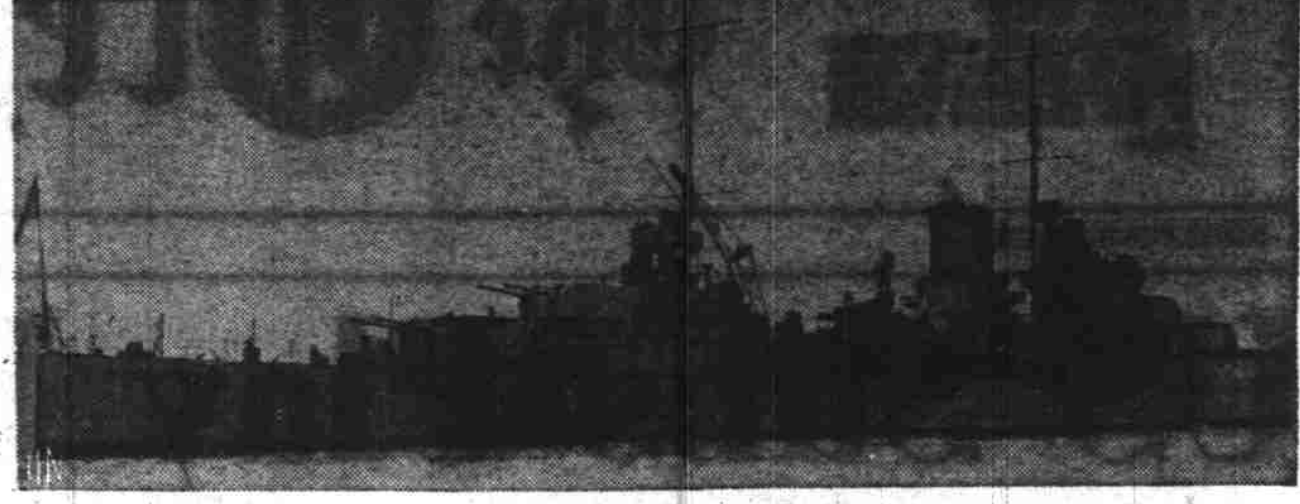
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# British Cruiser Lost In Mediterranean Battle



The British Admiralty has announced the loss of the cruiser Neptune (above), 7,157-ton, which sank in the Mediterranean after striking an enemy mine. The British destroyer Kandahar, damaged by a mine in the same field, was later sunk.

# Axis Troops Flee British

### Sandstorm, Mud Aids Rommel to Escape Battle in Africa

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ried the offensive 20 to 40 miles deeper into territory previously held by the axis, it still left Rommel's flank intact.

General headquarters disclosed the Rommel Agedabia getaway thus:

"Taking advantage of a heavy sandstorm which continues severely to restrict visibility, the enemy is withdrawing from Agedabia, covered by strong rearguards."

Rommel's decision to retreat possibly was affected by RAF raids on his communications with Tripoli, preventing him from bringing up all the supplies he would have needed for a prolonged stand in Agedabia.

His main force had stood in the Agedabia area for days, after a fighting retreat from Bengasi to the north, while the British sought to maneuver him into battle. Agedabia is about 200 miles west of the Libyan-Egyptian border.

Still confronted by hold-out axis forces in the Halfaya-Salum area along the Egyptian-Libyan border, British and Free French armies continued their hammering of a gun emplacements around, the British said, the axis diehards were "closely invested."

The RAF also reported hits on two medium-sized axis supply ships in the central Mediterranean—one brought to a standstill, its anti-aircraft fire silenced, and the other billowing smoke.

# Fire Damages Stored Goods

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served as approach to the tile and concrete structure.

A draft through the burning door may have led the conflagration into the room where quassa chips and cotton hoptwine, rather than wool as first reported, were licked and scorched by the fire, they said.

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fore down today when two formations of Japanese planes flew over the island. Bombs were heard to explode at a considerable distance from the city but no reports of damage were received.

BOMBAY, Jan. 8-(AP)—Singapore radio report heard here Thursday night said that the Japanese had declared martial law in Manila. They were reported also to have seized all public facilities, hospitals and motor vehicles, and to have decreed that nothing be moved in or out of the city.

WASHINGTON Jan. 8-(AP)—The state department was informed Thursday through French authorities at Vichy that American consular officials in Indo-China have been interned by the Japanese.

LONDON, Jan. 8-(AP)—The anti-nazi London newspaper Die Zeitung said Thursday night that Premier Mussolini was recalling troops from Balkan zones of occupation because impending axis annihilation in Libya will leave Italy "face to face with the danger of direct attack."

NEW YORK, Jan. 8-(AP)—The British radio quoted messages from Kubyshev Thursday night saying "soviet troops are moving in an ever widening arc toward Sevastopol and have forced the Germans to lift the siege of that great naval base to meet threats from the east, west and north of the peninsula."

LONDON, Jan. 8-(AP)—The Swiss radio reported Thursday in a dispatch from Helsinki that the Finns had recaptured the island of Hogland in the Gulf of Finland.

ELSENORE Today—Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland in "Babes on Broadway."

CAPITOL Today—Claude Rains, Dick Foran in "Wolf Man." Bill Boyd in "Twilight on the Trail."

HOLLYWOOD Today—Richard Arlen, Andy Devine in "Men of the Timberland." John Howard, Brod Crawford, Dixie Barnes in "Tight Shoes."

GRAND Today—Orson Welles in "Citizen Kane." STATE Today—"After Mein Kampf." Marie Rosambloom, Rochelle Hudson in "The Stork Pays Off."

SATURDAY Today—Erol Flynn, Fred Mac Murray in "Dive Bomber." LIBERTY Today—Charles Starrett in "Pinto Kid." John Garfield, Brenda Marshall in "East of the River."

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# Salem Orchard Damage Small

### Trees, Utility Poles Fall; Power Returns; Schools Are Closed

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clared. Twenty extra men were working Thursday.

Peach and older prune orchards suffered the worst damage among fruit trees, according to Robert Rieder, acting county agent. Nut trees were reported holding their own generally. A possible solution to the orchards better survival, was that they receive better food than shade trees.

Telephone communication was completely "out" except to the north, stated Harry V. Collins, district manager. More lines were in trouble Thursday, and effort was being exerted to clear inter-city lines, though many phones here would not be used.

Facilities of Portland Gas & Coke company here suffered no damage, said Lelf Bergsvik, district manager. A number of residences and firms with forced circulation furnaces were without heat Thursday.

In addition to closing of schools here, Oregon College of Education at Monmouth stopped classes for the rest of the week, and schools were discontinued in a number of surrounding communities.

# House Slaps La Guardia On Defense

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8-(AP)—The house voted, in effect, late Thursday, to strip Mayor Fiorella La Guardia of New York of his authority as director of the nation's civilian defense, and give the war department full control over a \$100,000,000 program to help safeguard the people against aerial attack.

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