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Axis Counterattacks Retake Tunisia Town

Reds Seize 11 Villages West Of Stalingrad

Twin Offensives Gain Also on Rzhev Front; Nazis Rush Reserves

By EDDIE GILMORE

MOSCOW, Saturday, Dec. 5-(AP)—The Red army seized 11 more villages in the Stalingrad area Friday, presumably in the Don river bend west of that city, surrounded a German stronghold near Velikie Luki on the frozen central front, and killed upwards of 2500 nazis in twin offensives that still are gaining ground, the soviets announced early Saturday.

The regular midnight communique said the Russians gained 200 to 300 yards inside Stalingrad itself, occupied two important points northwest and southwest of the Volga river city, and were beginning "the liquidation of encircled enemy strongpoints" in the area of Velikie Luki, only 30 miles from the Latvian border.

Kaiser Urges Post-War Plan

Challenges Industry To Show way to Decent Living

NEW YORK, Dec. 4-(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser told a meeting of 4000 of the country's leading industrialists Friday night they must show the way to a decent standard of living for the country of "sur-render to the social politicians who have little to offer save an ultimate bankruptcy."

At the same time the west coast shipbuilder painted a shining picture of the possibilities for post-war America and offered a thumbnail sketch of his ideas which he said would "need no commissions, no corps of experts, no voluminous reports."

He said at the closing dinner of the National Association of Manufacturers' three-day convention, preparations could be made now for those post-war projects by the pledging and deposit of war bonds.

Kaiser called the roll of the country's needs of the country when peace comes, challenged them to plan and announce at once their post-war products or services and make known their willingness to accept as advance payment on purchases to be fulfilled in peacetime the war bonds into which an enormous volume of public savings was presently pouring.

Among the gigantic undertakings which Kaiser proposed he planned now were nine millions units of housing, a "vast, modern, well-unified daringly designed and audaciously executed highway system," adequate medical care for all health problems with construction of the necessary facilities, work on "our land transportation which at the close of the war will be hopelessly inadequate through wear, tear and obsolescence," and fulfillment of the huge pent-up demand for automobiles.

In a rare excursion into theorizing, the man who has become something of a symbol in the country's war production drive, said:

"There is a grave and compelling... (Turn to Page 2)

Sprague Backs AP's Defense

DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 4-(AP)—John Day Jackson, publisher of the New Haven, Conn., Register, asserted Friday the prompt interchange of news, particularly by smaller newspapers within their own states, would be threatened seriously by success of the government's anti-trust suit against the Associated Press.

"It would also mean a serious diminution of our foreign news and news of the war," Jackson stated in supporting the stand taken by representatives of 1000 newspapers published outside metropolitan centers who joined the defense against the government's suit.

Among others who sent messages of support are: Ralph Blackledge, the Press, Eberden, Wyo. Charles A. Sprague, Statesman, Salem, Ore. Elvius L. Hayes, Mercury Herald and Evening News, San Jose, Calif. Millard Cope, the Herald, Denton, Tex.

Direct Delivery Wood Price Cut

PORTLAND, Dec. 4-(AP)—The price of wood delivered direct from the forest to consumer was cut \$1.25 in the Salem area Friday.

The Oregon office of price administration said ceiling prices for woodyards in Salem would remain the same. The new order which will affect 40 or 50 farmers near the capital, was issued to prevent drainage of wood from other areas to Salem, OPA officials said.

WPA Abolished By President

Private Employment Boom Ends Relief; Deadline June 30

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4-(AP)—The works projects administration, which provided depression relief for millions and an ever bitter controversy for congress, was ordered out of existence Friday by President Roosevelt.

Wartime increases in private employment make the agency unnecessary now, he said in a letter to Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, the federal works administrator. Some individuals remain on the rolls, he added, but they can be provided for by the states and localities. Uncompleted building projects are to be taken over by other federal agencies.

In many states, the death sentence is to become effective by February 1; in others "as soon thereafter as feasible." The whole is to be liquidated by June 30 at the latest, for Mr. Roosevelt observed there would be no necessity for WPA appropriations for the next fiscal year, which begins on that date.

During its career, WPA spent more than \$10,000,000,000, providing relief for some 38,000,000 people.

To the end, the president stoutly defended the agency, its record, and the policy which guided it. It displayed "courage and determination in the face of uninformed criticism," he said. It had "asked for and earned an honorable discharge."

WPA began its existence seven years ago as the works progress administration. It was a successor to the old federal emergency relief administration. Its program was rooted in the theory that it was better to make work for the jobless than to provide them with an outright dole.

Later, WPA was charged with subsidizing elections. WPA supervisors were accused of influencing WPA workers to vote for administration-approved candidates. Such criticism was a factor in the enactment of the Hatch pure politics act, outlawing any such practices.

WPA's foes began clamoring for its liquidation some time ago, on the ground that increased private employment had made it unnecessary. Last spring the house came within four votes of abolishing the agency outright.

Mr. Roosevelt said that experience had "amply justified" the view that "providing useful work is superior to any kind of a dole."

In further justification, he pointed to the airports, schools, (Turn to Page 2)

Young GOP Sessions Here Today

Members of the Oregon Young Republicans federation will start registering this morning at the Salem chamber of commerce for the organization's third annual convention, to be held there during the afternoon.

Opening ceremonies, in charge of Sam F. Spera, Salem, convention general chairman, are scheduled for 1 p.m. Adam F. Lefor, Eugene, federation president, will preside over the business sessions throughout the afternoon, to be concluded with election of officers at 4 o'clock.

The convention banquet is to start at the Golden Pheasant restaurant at 6:30 p.m. with William Bartle, Eugene, serving as toastmaster. Among state officials and party leaders invited to speak are Gov. Charles A. Sprague, Congressmen-Elect Lowell Stockman and Harris Ellsworth, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, Robert M. Farrell, jr., secretary of state-elect; W. E. Kimsey, labor commissioner-elect; Niel Allen, republican state chairman; Douglas Elliott, past president of the federation, and Alfred T. Sulmonetti, former young republican national committee man.

Londoners Betting Heavier on Allies

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 5-(AP) The vast improvement in allied positions in November brought a betting increase as to the war's duration with some brokers wagering even money it would end by June, 1943, the News Chronicle reported Saturday.

Lloyds, however, is refusing to lay any odds or take any wagers.

Czars' Naming Slated

Wickard for Food and McNutt for Draft Posts Reported

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4-(AP) Executive orders naming Secretary of Agriculture Wickard as food administrator and transferring control over selective service to the war manpower commission headed by Paul V. McNutt were reported Friday night to be on President Roosevelt's desk for action Saturday.

High administration sources who could not be quoted by name said the president planned to confer on Wickard wide authority over the nation's wartime food production, along with power to determine what products should be rationed and when new rationing orders should be issued.

The delegation of selective service policy-making functions to the manpower commission, it was indicated, would be accompanied by transfer of the federal employment service to the commission. This would concentrate in McNutt's hands centralized control over manpower.

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Snow Blanket Here Surprise, Melts Quickly

Most residents of Salem were surprised Friday morning when they got up and looked out of the window to see a blanket of snow covering the mud holes left by the recent flood. It was the first snowfall of the season.

The rest of the population just slept through the snow which had disappeared before they got up. Hundreds of residents were awakened before their regular waking hour by more excited members of the family, who were perhaps from sunnier climes and were seeing their first snowfall.

The snow had disappeared before noon. Total precipitation during the 24-hour period ending at 11:30 Friday night was three-tenths of an inch, according to the airport weather observer.

PORTLAND, Dec. 4-(AP)—Portland got a powdering of snow Friday morning, but most of it melted off during the day. Several other central and southern Oregon and Willamette valley points reported light falls. Eastern Oregon escaped the snow. (Turn to Page 2)

Ice Cream Output Cut

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4-(AP)—The government Friday ordered the manufacture of ice cream curtailed about 20 per cent in December and January in order to provide more butter.

The war production board directed manufacturers and restaurateurs to produce only 80 per cent of their October output. Because less ice cream is made in the cold-peak months of December and January, however, the cut will amount to only about 20 per cent below the normal production.

The order is designed to save enough butter fat to make 3,300,000 pounds of butter in December, about 3 per cent of the amount of butter produced last December.

Officials said they consider ice cream a food and not a luxury, and that there is no disposition to stop its manufacture. They added that it might not be as plentiful as formerly and that new fruit flavors might replace some of the chocolate and other flavors made available by the war.

Why Rommel Left Tobruk

Heavy allied bombings left only skeletons of buildings in this debris littered street in Tobruk, Libya. incessant bombings of axis positions played a major part in forcing Marshal Rommel to retreat across Egypt and Libya. This is an official British photo.—Associated Press Telemat.

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Argentine Spy Charge Upheld

Latin Judge Asserts German Diplomatic Office at Fore

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4-(AP)—The Summer Welles charges of axis espionage in Argentina were substantiated Friday by an Argentine federal judge who declared in the midst of an inquiry that spying here was directed from the German embassy and who made an initial move to punish the offending diplomats or expel them.

Judge Miguel Jantus made the disclosure in ordering the testimony of six accused spies sent to the supreme court to determine whether the reich's diplomats may be brought to trial.

The supreme court is the only tribunal authorized to try diplomats but in order to do so it must obtain permission from the German government to have the representatives waive their diplomatic immunity from prosecution.

A court source said if Berlin refused, as expected, to permit the diplomats to stand trial as common spies, then Argentina would be forced to declare them persona non grata.

However, if the supreme court decided to press for the trial, it appeared likely that Germany would withdraw the accused representatives or possibly oust them from the German foreign service in an attempt to maintain diplomatic relations with Argentina.

Senate Approves Panama Pact

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4-(AP)—The senate Friday approved an agreement transferring a number of United States-owned properties to Panama, despite objections that the measure was an administration move to by-pass the senate's constitutional say on treaties.

The agreement, presented in the form of legislation requiring a bare majority vote in both senate and house, was passed by the senate 40 to 29. In the form of a treaty, requiring senate approval by a two-thirds majority, it thus would have failed of ratification. As a treaty, however, it would not need house approval.

Occasionally, he said, this attitude may be stimulated by "a willingness to wave the flag but a reluctance to accept the hardships," but usually it was evidence of a desire to influence the strategic employment of military forces without knowledge of logistical requirements, or the international relationships involved.

The army's plans are based on months of study of facts not available to the civilian, he said, and "we must have your confidence, since we cannot spread our cards on the table without hazarding a massacre and the possible loss of the war."

"It is a comparatively simple thing to cut a program, to check (Turn to Page 2)

Civilian Defense Groups Plan for Incident Day

Commemorating the first bombing attack of World War II on American shores, Marion county civilian defense council is cooperating with the state defense council in staging a Pearl Harbor incident drill day, Bryan H. Conley, county coordinator, announced Saturday.

December 8 has been set aside as "mobilization day" to emphasize to civilians not now engaged in civilian defense activities the need for all to get "in the swing" for an all-out war effort on the home front, Conley said.

They are offered the opportunity to register in either of the two divisions: The Citizens' Defense corps, which had its birth in Marion county in July, 1941, is divided into six departments designed for service in protection of civilians in case of emergency, while the Citizens' Service corps, with its 15 divisions, includes work of neighborhood or block leaders, defense housing, salvage, cultural resources, war savings, consumer interest (rationing), transportation, agriculture (exemplified by victory gardens), education, labor (Turn to Page 2)

Marshall Says Army Knows What's Doing

NEW YORK, Dec. 4-(AP)—Critics of army planning and operations got this answer Friday night from the chief of staff, Gen. George C. Marshall—"We know what we are doing."

In an address prepared for delivery to the National Association of Manufacturers, Marshall said that one public reaction to the war had caused him "considerable concern—that is, a feeling in some quarters that we are building too large an army—that we could not transport it to active theatres even if we had it—in short, the belief that we do not know what we are doing or where we are going."

Japanese Aircraft Drop Supplies

Parachutes Sent to Guinea Garrison After Ship Loss

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, Dec. 5-(AP)—Hard-pressed Japanese, apparently finding too costly in ships their repeated attempts to aid trapped forces in the Buna-Gona area, were reported Saturday dropping supplies by parachute in an aerial attempt to relieve their beleaguered comrades.

The allied command communique issued at noon said that "the enemy has resorted to supply dropping by parachute in an effort to relieve his beleaguered garrison."

The noon communique told of mopping up of pockets of opposition left behind by the allied spearhead which fought its way to the coast near Gona and then turned toward Buna. More than 400 enemy dead have been counted. In addition, an estimated 40 Japs drowned when two large barges were sunk by bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's air force.

The fighting in sectors other than around Gona was referred to as intermittent.

Allied planes bombed airdromes near the New Guinea coast at Lse and Salamaua and also ranged above New Guinea to New Ireland, setting fires last night among aircraft at Kavieng.

Enemy Forces On Island Lack Supplies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4-(AP)—Japan's latest costly and futile attempt to deliver troops and supplies to Guadalcanal island was cited by Secretary of the Navy Knox Friday as evidence that enemy forces there must be running short of material.

Knox described the attempt, made Monday night, as a complete failure for the Japs and he called it "round three" in the battle for control of the southeastern Solomons. An American naval force sank six warships, two transports and a cargo vessel.

"They lost a lot of ships," Knox said, "and they went away. They failed to gain their objective. They did not get ashore."

The secretary told his press conference, in fact, that he believed the enemy had been unsuccessful in land reinforcements or supplies for the past three weeks; that is, since their greatest effort to retake the island was smashed by a (Turn to Page 2)

Taft to Back Gov. Bricker

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 4-(AP)—The Ohio State Journal said Friday night that US Sen. Robert A. Taft of Cincinnati would support Gov. John W. Bricker for Ohio's favorite son candidate for the republican presidential nomination in 1944.

Taft, the favorite son in 1936 and 1940, will announce his stand in a few days and then Bricker will state his own position "which will be, at least, amenable to the idea," the Journal added.

The governor said Friday he favored selection of a man from the central west as republican national chairman and indicated that former Congressman John B. Hollister of Cincinnati, Taft's law partner, would be acceptable to him.

Yankees Advance In South

Fierce Tank Fights Leave Wreckage on Important Sector

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 4-(AP)—American combat troops striking southeast of Tebessa near the Tunisian-Algerian border drove a nazi armored column back toward the coast Friday in a disorderly retreat, capturing more than 100 prisoners and taking a town.

The Americans fighting with French allies were commanded by Col. Edson Raff, US parachute leader, and included mixed units of infantry, mechanized and parachute troops.

Tebessa, Algeria, is 75 miles from Gafsa, an important junction in southern Tunisia, and 140 miles from Sfax, a Mediterranean port. A spokesman said violent fighting still was going on between Tebourba and Mateur in northern Tunisia on the approaches to Bizerte and Tunis.

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Dec. 4—A series of terrific axis counterattacks through the mountains between Djedjeda and Mateur which caught the British First Army with its American armored forces on the flank at Tebourba were reported Friday night to have left the plains and hills of Tunisia strewn with the wreckage of tanks and the situation at Tebourba in doubt.

"It is now clear that axis troops have recaptured Tebourba," 28 miles west of Tunis and about 35 miles south of Bizerte, said the military correspondent of Reuters, British news agency.

Holding to Mateur, 25 miles south of Bizerte.

An allied headquarters communique, however, said "our troops in the neighborhood of Tebourba are consolidating their positions" without giving the situation at Tebourba itself and without mentioning the situation at the previous advanced positions of the allies at Djedjeda, 12 miles west of Tunis, or at Mateur, 25 miles south of Bizerte.

The implication was plain, however, that the allies had come up against a stone wall of resistance in the admission that the forces of Lt. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson were consolidating at the rearward position.

The same implication was evident in the earlier statement of an allied headquarters spokesman that the advantage in the forthcoming test would be the "one who regains his strength more quickly" following the hard battles in the Tebourba area.

The Morocco radio said the Germans had thrown a fleet of about 50 tanks into their counterattack and that the "larger part" were destroyed or damaged.

The enemy also was reported by the same source to have sent parachutists into the attack, but these were said to have been rounded up and made powerless in short order.

Berlin claimed that the ruins of 40 allied tanks dotted the battlefield after 48 hours of fierce fighting.

The last reports had said the Americans and British were holding doggedly to the western outskirts of the little white walled railroad town of Djedjeda, while the Germans fought from the eastern half and that the town had changed hands several times.

The last official reports also had said that the Allies still were applying pressure at Mateur. But (Turn to Page 2)

\$250 for Uniform Allowed in Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4-(AP) President Roosevelt signed Friday a bill providing an allowance of \$250 for uniforms and equipment for officers and warrant officers commissioned or appointed in the United States army.

Under previous laws national guard officers and warrant officers were excluded from the benefits of uniform allowance statutes.

The new law grants the \$250 allowance to each officer who was on duty April 3, 1939, or thereafter.

17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Avoid rush hours. Shop between 10 am and 4 pm.

Buy Christmas Seals