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Russian Forces Chase Nazis Toward Rostov

French Bar Tunisian Countermove; Axis May Skip Tripoli

Liquor Service License Plea Is Withdrawn

Doughton Quits City Water Board; Council Members Close Terms

The Salem city council Monday night escaped the unpleasant task of passing upon an application for a liquor service club license, first of its kind to reach the formal application stage in the business district, when the request was withdrawn.

Members of the council expressed the belief that the city's approval would have been denied the application if it had remained on the docket.

The applicant, Richard V. Carleson, proprietor of Carleson's cafe, 498 State street, also withdrew an application for approval of a retail beer license for the basement part of his establishment. Renewal of a beer license for the main floor unit was approved.

Monday night's meeting brought the resignation of Mayor-Elect I. M. Doughton from the city water commission and a farewell talk by Mayor W. W. Chadwick, who next month will enter the state house of representatives.

"We haven't always agreed, but that's the best way for a democratic body of this size anyway," the retiring mayor said in recalling his four years in office and expressing appreciation for co-operation received.

Mayor Chadwick offered his assistance to the incoming mayor, who sat with him on the council rostrum.

The meeting was also the last for Alderman Frank P. Marshall, who will be succeeded next month by Albert H. Gille, and for City Recorder Hannah Martin Hansen, whose place will be taken by the present deputy, Alfred Mundt.

Doughton's resignation from the water commission was accompanied by a recommendation from that body that Edward Rostein, long-time former member and chairman, be named the new mayor's successor. The recommendation at the suggestion of Alderman David O'Hara was tabled for two meetings.

The council temporarily de-

Jap Raiders At Calcutta Hurt Little

NEW DELHI, Tuesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—Japanese planes raided Calcutta again early Tuesday morning, a joint British-American communique announced Tuesday.

Preliminary reports, the announcement said, indicated that only a few bombs were dropped and that they caused few casualties and light damage.

It was the second attack on Calcutta in less than 36 hours, Japanese raiders having been over the city Sunday night. Damage in that raid also was described as negligible.

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 21 (AP)—Japan's first raid on Calcutta Sunday night, obviously in reprisal for the thrust of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's troops less than 60 miles from Akyab, Burma, was a fiasco, British authorities said Monday.

The British troops had not yet

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Tricolor Near Coast; Rommel Plan Said To Save Tunisia

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—French troops have withdrawn a strong axis counterattack less than 60 miles from the eastern Tunisian coast in their continuing effort to drive eastward and block Marshal Rommel's retreating forces being pursued westward toward Tripoli in Libya, dispatches from North Africa said early Tuesday.

The French troops withstood a "powerful counterattack" of the axis west of Kairouan, presumably at the town of Pichon which they captured Monday in their advance toward Sousse, a French communique said. The RAF lent strong support in this fight, it was added.

Reuters heard the Morocco radio broadcast what it termed a French headquarters communique saying also that French troops captured positions south and southeast of Pont-Du-Fahs and also took a number of prisoners.

Pont-Du-Fahs is only 31 miles south of Tunis, and about the same distance from the eastern Tunisian coast, while Pichon is 70 miles south of Tunis.

In Libya the British Eighth army advancing along the Mediterranean was within 250 miles of Tripoli amid increasing signs that Rommel's fleeing troops intended to cross into Tunisia for a final stand in the battle of Africa.

The Morocco radio said the Axis desert leader's forces already had

Women, Civil Trainees to Get College

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Plans are being made for the government to finance the college schooling of a number of women and civilian men as well as men in the service, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt told a press conference Monday.

These would meet the needs of industry, government and the civilian population for an uninterrupted flow of trained scientific and professional personnel from the institutions of higher learning, McNutt said, adding that trained women are as important to the country as trained men.

The number that will get an education in this way will depend on how much congress appropriates for the purpose, McNutt explained. He declined to say what appropriation the war manpower commission would ask.

These students will supplement the 150,000 that McNutt estimated the military services would send to college in uniform to take specified courses preparing them for duties in the armed forces.

The men among them will come largely from the "more than 150,000" students that McNutt said would be covered by temporary draft deferment authorized recently for medical, dental, veterinary, engineering and other special science students.

The deferment provided for students and instructors with certain credits in those fields of study will last until the end of the school term in progress on next March 1 and meanwhile, the program will be perfected and put before congress.

McNutt indicated that students in the civilian program would be allowed to choose the colleges they attend at government expense.

German Author Dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dr. Franz Boas, 84, internationally known German-born Columbia university anthropologist whose books were burned by the Nazis in 1933 because they were "un-German or marxistic works," died Monday.

Actress to Wed LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (AP)—Ann Rutherford, 23, film actress, and David May II, 30, of Beverly Hills, filed application Monday for a marriage license.

No Hope Held For More Gas And Fuel Oil

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—An official announcement that there is "no hope for lessening of the restrictions upon the use of gasoline and fuel oil" came Monday from a conference of high government officials concerned with the petroleum problem.

The group, meeting with James F. Byrnes, director of economic stabilization, said, however, that steps would be taken to improve rationing methods and to increase the supply. It was understood the increase of the supplies would be primarily with military or other war uses in mind.

The announcement was made by Byrnes after meeting with Petroleum Administrator Ickes and Deputy Administrator Ralph Davies, Price Administrator Leon Henderson and Defense Transportation Coordinator Joseph B. Eastman.

Allied Tanks Drive Wedge

Guinea Japs Falling Back Before Air, Ground Assault

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—A general attack supported by tanks, artillery and aviation has driven a wedge into the main defense system of the remaining Japanese positions in the Buna area of New Guinea while heavy bombers have pounded the harbor at Finschhafen more than 150 miles to the northwest, an allied communique said Tuesday.

The offensive, spearheaded by Australian-manned American General Stuart tanks, overran a line of heavy bunker-type strong points with supporting and interconnecting emplacements of concrete and steel, General MacArthur's noon communique added.

In addition one of the main airfields was captured. At Finschhafen, on a peninsula jutting out just north of Lae and Salamaua, which the Japanese held, two medium-sized Japanese cargo vessels were destroyed, the stern of one being blown off and the other left in flames.

The building area there was strafed from low altitude and fires were started.

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 21 (AP)—With Australian-manned tanks slashing the way through jungles and pillboxes, American infantry launched a general attack upon the remaining Japanese positions of the Buna area today after a whooping advance of 2000 yards west of Cape Endiaredere.

The American-made General Stuart light tanks, with their machine guns and 37-millimeter cannon barking, tore through em-

Housing Short Even in Jail

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—The housing shortage in this jam-packed war industrial city spread Monday to the city jail.

Jailers reported that the jail's 107 bunks were occupied and detention cells were overflowing. Newcomers are being given temporary quarters in the county jail.

Eisenhower Commanded British Rock

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 5 (Delayed)—Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower commanded the British fortress of Gibraltar during the first days of the North African operations, thus being the first foreigner in two centuries to control that rock of British Empire.

Security restrictions until today. (Censorship further delayed publication of the dispatch even after it was written.)

In the world's safest air raid shelter under 1400 feet of solid

J. Carson Succeeds Brother

Upper House Position Kept in Family of Senator-Captain

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER John H. Carson, former Marion county district attorney, was appointed by the county court Monday afternoon to serve as state senator in the seat which his brother, Capt. Allan G. Carson, was unable to fill because of a call to army air corps service.

The appointment, on the protem basis provided for by a 1941 statute, assures Sen. W. H. Steiwer of Fossil of this county's two votes for the presidency of the upper house until and unless his contest with Sen. Dorothy McCullough Lee for the honor goes into a deadlock.

Selection of Carson for the assignment to the legislature was based on his having been overwhelmingly favored among the numerous representations made to the court on behalf of various candidates, County Judge Grant Murphy said.

"The court also found considerable backing for Chandler Brown of Salem and he was given very serious consideration," Judge Murphy added. "There was good support for Don Black of Salem and strong representations from the Silverton area on behalf of T. T. Leonard. But the support for Mr. Carson was not only from Salem but also generally distributed from all over the county."

Judge Murphy said members of the court also felt that "the strong vote for Allan Carson, which was quite decisive in May and November, would be duplicated for his brother were this appointment to go to a vote."

Karl Steiwer, who had been seriously considered for the appointment as representative of agricultural interests, in a letter

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RAF Attacks Germany for Second Night

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—The RAF attacked German again Monday night, it was announced Tuesday, striking at military targets in the Reich for the second successive night and the sixth time this month.

The target of the British raiders was not immediately disclosed, but reports from the English south coast said that squadrons of planes had been heard flying eastward during the evening, indicating that a fairly large force took part.

The Berlin radio said that the raid was directed against southwest Germany and reported that 11 British planes had been shot down.

The RAF's objective the preceding night was the big German inland port of Duisburg, which was set alight with great fires in the 52nd attack on the city since the beginning of the war.

This raid, which followed a powerful thrust Sunday deep into France by US Flying Fortress and Liberators, cost the RAF 11 bombers—a reliable indication that

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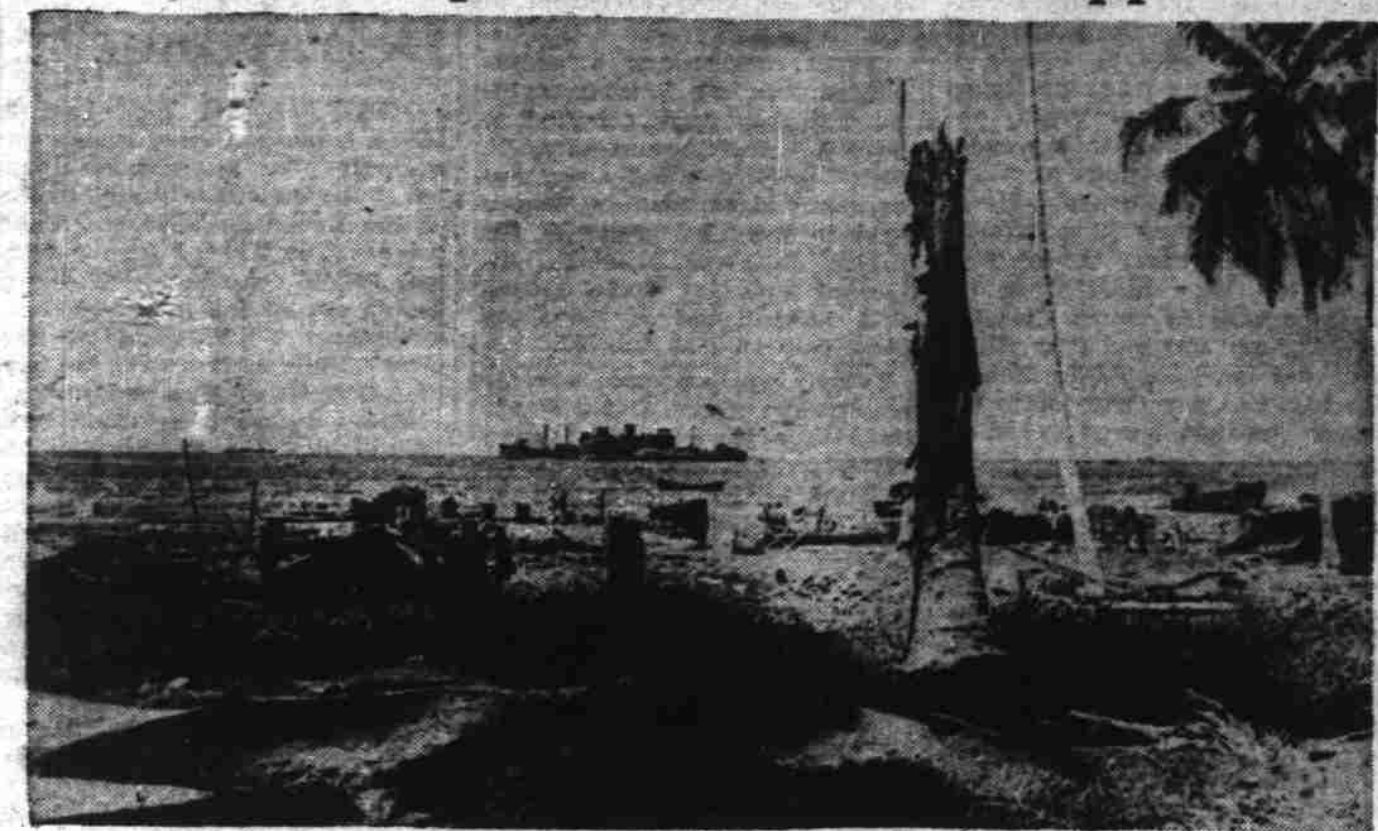
rock in offices carved from limestone, the Allied staff worked 24 hours a day under the US commander.

"Never in my wildest dreams in my West Point days did I ever think that I—as an American general—would ever command the British fortress of Gibraltar," Eisenhower declared one day at a press conference at his office in the rock.

Gibraltar, of course, was actually under his command only because he was Allied commander-in-chief and Gen. Mason MacFarlane, who actually is in charge, was responsible for his orders.

Weeks before the zero hour, American and British advance groups were working secretly at Gibraltar and keeping out of the way of a daily influx of 5000 Spanish workers. They installed signal apparatus and put 49 of-

US Transport Unloads Men, Supplies



An American transport unloads men and supplies for America's fighting forces on Guadalcanal. The shattered tree stumps are mute testimony of the ferocity of the battle that raged along this sand-spot. But the American marines cleared the area and transports continue to bring in men and supplies for US forces on Guadalcanal.—IIN Photo.

Italy Defense Said Planned

Hitler Demands Four Points of France, Including Military

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Elaborate plans for a special new army to defend Italy, plus a four-point demand upon France involving military cooperation, were the subject of the weekend conference of Axis leaders at Hitler's headquarters, according to advices reaching New York Monday night from informed French and Axis sources.

The army would be capable of switching its bases to the Balkans if the Allied nations attacked there, these sources said. An earlier official Berlin announcement told of the meeting, presumably at Berchtesgaden, and attended by Adolf Hitler, Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian foreign minister, and other German and Italian military leaders, as well as Pierre Laval, chief of the French government.

The Italians were represented as objecting to the idea of their military strength being transferred at this critical period, leaving the country dependent on its own resources.

Laval, the informed sources declared, orally expressed willingness to attempt a program of military cooperation as a prelude to peace, but foresaw insurmountable difficulties if granting any Italian territorial claims—now German endorsed—were involved.

Hitler was said to have asked Laval that (1) France formally enter the Axis, (2) raise a new army under existing French obligatory military service rather than by voluntary methods, (3) join the war against the Anglo-Saxons, and that (4) the Petain-Laval government be returned to Paris from Vichy.

Air Training Praised

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt described the British Commonwealth air training plan as "one of the grand conceptions of this war, grand both in design and execution," in a letter to Prime Minister Mackenzie King on the occasion of the third anniversary of the signing of the British Commonwealth air training agreement.

Where Nazis Are Blitzed



Russian troops are driving with increasing momentum from the middle Don west of Stalingrad (arrows) pointing at recapture of Rostov, Moscow dispatches reported today. Red possession of Rostov would trap a million Germans in the Caucasus and before Stalingrad. Points on the Moscow-Rostov railway were already in soviet hands. Northwest of Moscow, on the Rzhev-Velike Luki front, the soviets continued their offensive despite nazi counter-attacks.—Associated Press Teletext.

OPA to Standardize Food Prices by Communities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—In a major move to simplify price regulations, OPA announced Monday that beginning some time next month, retail ceiling prices for each type of food will be standardized in each community according to the type of store.

The new plan may change the prices of hundreds of items up or down, but on the average it is expected to leave food prices at their present level.

The only purpose of the new order is to establish an easier method of determining what the top legal price is for any article. At present, each store has a different set of legal prices—ordinarily, the highest price that particular store charged for each article last March.

Under the new plan, stores will be grouped as independents, chain stores and supermarkets. Each store in the same class in the same community, will have the same ceiling prices. Local meetings and conferences will be held all over the country to equalize grocers with the program and adjust (Turn to Page 2-B)

Phone Cable Across Nation

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP)—America's first transcontinental telephone cable was opened Monday. There are four other transcontinental telephone lines, but they all have overhead wires.

The underground cable is free from interference by wind, sleet or formation of ice. It was described as "adding greatly to the dependability of transcontinental telephone service, which is especially important in wartime."

In the opening conversation, Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, speaking from New York, told N. R. Powley, president of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, in San Francisco, that they were talking

More Dormitories Okehd, Portland

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The national housing agency approved Monday construction of an additional 5040 dormitory accommodations at a cost of \$1,950,000 for incoming war workers in the Portland, Ore.-Vancouver, Wash., area.

The new units, expected to be completed 30 days after a site is chosen will be in barrack-type structures. They are intended to serve primarily as a reception center and temporary quarters for new male workers in the section.

The additional accommodations will bring to more than 40,000 units of all types the public war housing authorized for the area.

Railway Points Taken

Valuable Territory Recaptured in Red Drives Westward

By EDDIE GILMORE

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—Russian troops driving with gathering momentum southward from the middle Don river gained another 15 miles Monday on the heels of demoralized nazi troops who are fleeing in disorder and "leaving equipment and military supplies on the battlefield," the soviets announced early Tuesday.

The swift Russian advance was pointed directly at the key city of Rostov at the mouth of the Don whose capture would trap approximately 1,000,000 Germans in the Caucasus and before Stalingrad far to the east. The Russians were believed to be only about 130 miles short of Rostov.

"In some sectors the Germans attempted to counteract, but were beaten back and wiped out," the communique said. The Russians were threatening Millerovo on the Moscow-Rostov railway after capturing Degteva and Sheptukhovka, the latter on that railway only 20 miles north of Millerovo.

A juncture of these Russian troops with other red army drives inside the Don river bend and southwest of Stalingrad would firmly enclose a noose around the 22 nazi divisions before Stalingrad.

Several more large populated places as well as big stocks of German war material and an undisclosed number of prisoners were taken during Monday, the latest Russian communique said. One soviet unit alone was credited with killing 1300 Germans and taking 540 prisoners as well as 11 tanks, 43 guns, 170 trucks and 2000 horses.

More than 45,000 Germans have fallen in the snow or have surrendered in this single six-day old offensive which is only one of three great forward movements initiated by the Russians. The other big red army drives are on the central front and on extended wings above and below Stalingrad.

The Germans were counter-attacking heavily on both these other fronts, but the tone of the Russian communique indicated that the red armies in those sectors still held the initiative.

Southwest of Stalingrad the Russians acknowledged their troops were pressed back slightly after an all-day fight for a collective farm area which cost the Germans 700 killed and 17 tanks.

On the central front near Velike Luki, only 90 miles from the Latvian frontier, the Russians said their troops "continued offensive engagements against encircled enemy garrisons," and one soviet unit, repulsing a counter-attack, "wiped out about 200 Hitlerites and destroyed six tanks, two artillery and three mortar batteries."

The Germans also were counter-attacking northwest of Stalingrad in the Don-Volga river pocket where the red army has driven sharp wedges across their rear communication lines.

Thirty nine big nazi transport planes—vital to ferry supplies and reinforcements to enemy troops caught in this pocket also were declared shot down Sunday.

Sporadic fighting between small assault forces and artillery units continued inside Stalingrad's northern factory district.

(The German communique said that the Russians broke their defense front in embittered tank and infantry fighting in the Don sector but that flank attacks prevented the soviets from expanding their success. A Russian breakthrough on the Terek-Caucasus front also was acknowledged, but the Germans said this was repaired. On the central front, the Germans said they warded off violent attacks on Velike Luki and west of Toropets.)

A juncture of the month-old Stalingrad offensive with the newest drive below Voronezh appeared probable if not already effected.

One Stalingrad force driving from the northwest along the railway from the Volga city west toward Likhaya was within 170 miles of Rostov and the (Turn to Page 2-A)