

Your complete morning newspaper, The Statesman, offers you pertinent comments on war news of the day by Kirby Simpson, Washington analyst.

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Reds Threaten Kotelnikovski on Three Sides

Fight in Tunisia Surges; British Nearing Misurata

Enemy Staved; French Status Seen Clearing

Weather Breaks to Bring Fight; Giraud Liked by DeGaulle

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The allied right wing in North Africa pursued Marshal Rommel's Libyan forces westward Monday on the approaches to Misurata, the strong defensive allied units skirmished with the Germans in the mid of Tunisia.

In Tunisia, there was a break at last in the heavy rains of many days and an allied communique announced that in vigorous patrolling in the forward areas enemy motor vehicles had been shelled and forced to retire.

Allied headquarters also announced new and strong attacks by the American air force on enemy shipping and transport.

French general headquarters announced that its troops south of Pont Du Fahs, inland in central Tunisia, had made "effective progress," taking more than 100 Axis prisoners and large quantities of materials, and that to the south, between Kairouan and Pichon, French positions had been improved.

The fighting French radio at Brazzaville reported that forces of Gen. Charles De Gaulle driving up from Lake Chad "continued to advance south of Fezzan," 550 miles south of Tripoli in the extreme southwest corner of Libya.

General De Gaulle himself in a broadcast Monday night to his homeland paid high tribute to General Giraud and said the

'Teens Gang Held, Beating

PORTLAND, Dec. 22 (AP)—John Collier, deputy district attorney, said Monday night that a gang of teen-age boys had been arrested after fatally beating a man in attempting to steal a bottle of beer from him.

Phoning Up Quarter

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Christmas holiday long distance telephoning this year boosted traffic 24 per cent over the 1941 total to break all records, the American Telephone and Telegraph company said Monday.

Food Hoarders Can Be Curbed By 2 Statutes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Food hoarders can be prosecuted under either one of two federal acts, OPA officials reported Monday.

One, covering false representation, could be invoked because an individual registering for the new ration book must state the amount of rationed products he has on hand.

The second statute, a part of the second war powers act, describes as a misdemeanor any violation of rationing regulations.

Ration Fails To Bring Run

Early Announcement Criticized; Many Grocers Favor

Criticism of the government's announcing its next rationing program so far in advance came from many sides Monday, but fears that runs on grocery stores would result failed for the most part to materialize.

Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) of the house agriculture committee told newsmen in Washington the procedure was "ridiculous" and "can only result in a wave of buying and hoarding which will aggravate the situation."

Unofficial rationing has been in effect in many stores for several months, and in New York the reaction of chain store executives and independent grocers was "Good! That makes it legal."

But in Little Rock, one store manager said there had been no sign of a run, adding: "In fact, I'd like to see a little business. It is dull, very dull!"

The OPA warned that excess stocks of rationed goods would have to be declared and the equivalent number of stamps surrendered at registration time, with severe penalties awaiting those who failed to comply.

Theatres Sell Bonds

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—The war activities committee of the motion picture industry said Monday the special promotional effort of 16,000 American theatres resulted in sales of more than \$20,000,000 worth of war bonds and stamps between December 7 and 13.

Allies Repulse Jap Assault, Drive Wedge

Enemy Craft Shells Buna; Cruiser Hit In Rabaul Harbor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—Japanese warships shelled Buna village for five hours before daylight Monday as allied troops drove deeper into enemy holdings there.

The attack on Rabaul harbor was carried out by B-24 bombers. (Turn to Page 2-D)

Massed Japs Drive, Take China City

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (AP)—Japanese forces in eastern Hupeh are launching a counterdrive in an attempt to clear out a Chinese concentration in the Tapichan mountains on the north bank of the Yangtze river between Hankow and Kiukiang, a Chinese communique said Monday.

The Chinese reported that large Japanese forces massed near the Hupeh-Anhui border launched an offensive December 19, twice broke into Hsiuhui, only to be driven out both times, then brought up reinforcements December 23 and captured the city, advancing to the southeast in the direction of Kwangsi.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—The British Broadcasting corporation announced Monday night that the Chinese had reported a Japanese landing on the coast of eastern Kwangtung province and the capture by the enemy of four towns in eastern Hopeh province.

Tommy Manville Plans Seventh

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—The oft-married and divorced Tommy Manville and 29-year-old Beverly Whitney, a Canadian singer, said Monday they plan to wed in the next month or so.

Big Store Inventory Limited

WPB Control Slated To Guarantee Goods For Smaller Stores

The war production board Monday put a limit on the volume of Merchandise that may be accumulated by big stores and wholesalers, in order to insure that smaller and financially weaker stores may get goods to meet their customer's needs.

The inventory control order is meant to hold each store's inventory of consumer goods—not including food or petroleum products—at the same level in relation to sales as the store maintained before Pearl Harbor.

Not as tough as originally contemplated, the restrictions cover only retailers, wholesalers and

Train Wrecks Fatal to 37; One in Oregon

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—An avalanche of mud and snow that thundered down a slope of the high Cascades Sunday night and struck a Southern Pacific passenger train claimed the life of a dining car steward Monday.

Three others of 14 injured were confined to local hospitals—Bernard J. Laughlin, 36, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Harry Olson, 37, Chicago, Ill.; and John Francis Barron, 27, New York city.

ALMONTE, Ont., Dec. 22 (AP)—Five men were killed Monday in a Canadian National railway head-on freight train collision near North Bay, Ont., as the death toll of Sunday's passenger train wreck here rose to 36.

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J. Minto Resumes Raid Chief Post

Return of John D. Minto to the post of chief air raid warden for the city of Salem, which he had vacated earlier in the year to care for needed increases in wartime food production, was announced Monday by Paul Hendricks, city defense chairman.

Jap Planes Attack US Aircraft Carrier



These spectacular pictures, taken somewhere in the Pacific, show Jap planes attacking a US aircraft carrier. At the top, fighting planes on the carrier return to gun emplacements by a blast from bombs which exploded astern of vessel. Below, a Jap dive bomber veers away from its target in face of anti-aircraft fire. Note men diving for cover.—Official US Navy Photo.

Wallace Proposes World Army Cadre Council to Keep Peace, Education of Defeated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Vice President Wallace proposed Monday night a world council to preserve peace and promote the general welfare after the war, while leaving purely regional problems in regional hands.

FBI Agents Ambush, Kill 2 in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Federal agents late Monday night shot and killed two men who they said were "desperate men, badly wanted," and shortly afterwards FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover arrived in Chicago presumably to take personal charge of the case.

The desperadoes were led by Roger Touhy, convicted kidnaper and longtime leader of Chicago's underworld and Basil "The Owl" Banghart, described as one of the nation's most desperate criminals.

Adm. Muselier Seeks Action

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—Vice Adm. Emile Muselier, former commander of the Fighting French naval forces, declared Tuesday in a letter to Charles de Gaulle that he was "ready to accept any active post at sea or on land in the fight against the enemies of France."

Offense Closing 2nd Trap

Rostov Only 100 Miles As Soviets Seize Towns, Take Toll

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Red army was reported threatening Kotelnikovski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, from three sides Tuesday, and was only 45 miles short of a union with its middle Don forces to throw a second steel ring around 300,000 Nazis pocketed before Stalingrad.

Verkhne-Kurmoyarskaya, on the Don river loop about 18 miles above Kotelnikovski, was seized, as were Krilov and Nikolaki, 23 and 38 miles to the southeast in a wide flanking movement.

Chertkov is about 80 miles above Millerovo on the Moscow-Rostov railway. Millerovo itself has been surrounded for some days.

The Russians said that among many villages seized in the Kotelnikovski sector were Gremyachaya, railway point 12 miles short of Kotelnikovski, and Kiseleva.

United Air lines, private lessee, retained its rental relationship with the city until November, when a new lease was granted the federal government.

Planes Bomb Supplies for Solomon Japs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The desperate plight of Japanese forces stranded in the northern jungles of Guadalcanal island was emphasized anew Monday when the navy disclosed that enemy planes had dropped by parachute supplies which our aircraft quickly spotted and shot up.

Willamette Up To 17.2 Here; Roads Clear

Although the Willamette river has risen six feet between Sunday morning and Monday night, every state highway and county road in Marion county was passable early this morning. In at least three cases, however, roads were not in heavy use, since the three inter-county ferries on the Willamette river were "down" because the river was up.