

German Planes Bomb London

At Least 30 Killed In School; City Has Night Alarms

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don district but no incidents were reported.

Later the fourth alarm within the city was sounded but again no incidents were reported. This alert lasted 25 minutes.

Probably 30 heavily escorted raiders were bound for London and in all, at least 13 Focke-Wulf 190s and Messerschmitt 109 fighter-bombers were shot down by RAF fighters.

Civil defense authorities said the school disaster was the worst suffered by the London schools from the aerial attacks in the war. The highest previous death toll in bombed schools was 24.

Twice the usual number of children had remained at the school cafeteria instead of going home, for immediately after the lunch-party they were going on a theatre party.

Residents said three planes flew low over the district and dropped bombs.

Some of the explosives wrecked an entire block of buildings nearby. Children on a playground escaped machinegun fire from the planes but three persons half a block away were wounded.

The raiders slipping through to London wrecked several houses in at least four districts, damaged shops and a train, and machine-gunned shoppers in the streets.

Sweeping over rooftops to evade the great number of anti-aircraft guns in the London area, the raiders let go their bombs and raked everything in sight and then turned for home.

Other fighter-bombers flew over the rooftops of a southeastern town, dropping high explosives among houses and shops.

The RAF carried out intruder raids on occupied Europe Tuesday night, having staked off operations since the Saturday and Sunday night raids on Berlin.

The air ministry later announced an enemy fighter was destroyed during the afternoon by fighters on a sweep in which the RAF damaged railway locomotives in northern France and Belgium and factories at Hengelo, Holland. No British planes were reported lost.

Aid to Russia To Be Greater

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The United States and the United Kingdom have sent 5800 tanks and 4600 planes to Russia, the lend-lease administration reported Wednesday with a promise that aid to the Soviet "will grow still more in 1943."

Administrator Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., said that as of January 1 more than 3200 tanks and almost 2800 planes had gone from the US, and 2800 tanks and more than 2000 planes from the United Kingdom.

Announcing "important progress" last year in supplying the Soviet, Stettinius declared: "The people of the Soviet Union have so far waged a magnificent battle against the Nazis principally by their own arms. But lend-lease aid to Russia is growing to a sizable proportion. It will grow still more in 1943."

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Storm Problems Hit County; Snowplow Reported Marooned

Storm and road maintenance problems stacked up on Marion county court and county engineer this week as they faced lack of material for immediate repairs of bridge damaged by recent flood waters, discussed with Linn county's court the problem of a shifting river channel which changed location of one road from Marion to Linn, and awaited word as to condition of a snowplow, reportedly marooned on the North Santiam highway.

Whether the plow was stuck in snow mud or because of mechanical difficulties was not known here, and state highway department employees, operating another plow in the same area, had not reached the county equipment by nightfall, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs said.

County court members met Wednesday afternoon with representatives of the Linn county court to discuss possibility that part of a Marion county road left on the Linn side of the river by a channel change might be turned over to Linn county, with Marion retaining maintenance responsibilities. The road serves a Linn county town.

Court members were told early this week that the 80,000 feet of Douglas fir timbers required to strengthen the Pudding river bridge on the north Silverton road could not be secured through the Silver Falls Lumber company, although a release had been granted earlier by the war production board. Other orders, with priority, were so numerous that the WPA administrator in Portland, George B. Carpenter, advised the company to cancel the order. Upon advice from the court, the order was to be placed elsewhere, Carpenter said.

The bridge was damaged during January high water and has been open since only to light traffic.

Sub Sinks Allied Ship; Two Killed

MELBOURNE, Jan. 20 (AP)—A large submarine, believed to be Japanese and the first reported in Australian waters in several months, torpedoed a small allied ship off the Australian coast, killing two firemen, it was disclosed Wednesday.

Thirty crew members and two passengers sailed and rowed in a lifeboat to an Australian port. Survivors said the submarine was sighted 300 yards away after the torpedo struck. The ship sank within an hour.

Locomotive Explodes

WOODSTOCK, Md., Jan. 20 (AP)—Exploding with such force that window panes rattled in homes two miles away, the boiler of the engine of a 100-car freight blew up near here Wednesday, killing three members of the train crew. The blast ripped the boiler from the engine and hurled it 400 feet away.

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the promise that it wouldn't deteriorate from weather's effects. However, the floors aren't as dangerously slick as they were at the time of the 1939 session—and that's all to the good.

Rep. F. H. Dammach of Multnomah had a piper put to him Wednesday. Commissioned officers from Oregon, serving in the army at Fort Riley, Kan., are being forced to pay the Kansas state income tax, Rep. Dammach was advised in a letter from J. Guy Strohm, one of them who happens to be a close friend of the representative. Strohm wants to know whether these officers are residents of Oregon or of Kansas and whether or not they'll also have to pay the Oregon income tax. One officer at Fort Riley has paid income tax for 1942 both in Kansas and in West Virginia.

Some levity was occasioned by the appearance of Sen. Joel Booth's bill making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$10 to \$100 and up to three months in jail, to smoke in bed in a hotel, public lodging or rooming house. The comedy angle dealt with the matter of inspections to detect violations. However it's a serious bill, asked by hotel and rooming house proprietors—and no one is expected to detect violations except in case damage results, as it often does, from indulgence in this practice.

First public hearing of the legislative session is scheduled for next Wednesday on the bill to permit bigger trucks to operate on state highways. The house committee on roads and highways will hold the hearing but has not set the exact hour.

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Jungle Troops Move Rapidly

Japs Compressed on Guinea; Airmen Raid Heavily

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at was the Finschaffan wharf. In the Kumusi river sector, Kure-nada village was strafed.

(In Washington the navy department announced that American troops pressing relentlessly the campaign to eliminate enemy forces on Guadalcanal had killed 1032 Japanese in five days of jungle warfare.

(In actions ranging from patrol skirmishes to fairly large scale engagements the Americans advanced on the Japanese and wiped out group after group in the five days ending January 17, the announcement said.

(A number of the engagements were within a short distance of Henderson field, American air base.)

Chile Breaks With Axis; Brazil Ready

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country is the only South American belligerent, said upon leaving the foreign office:

"This decision places Chile in the democratic front."

Bolivian Ambassador Alberto Ostria Gutierrez, who as foreign minister expelled axis diplomats from his country, said the break "unites us more than ever."

Brown Takes Price Control, Offers Hope

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Smiling Prentiss M. Brown took over price control and rationing administration from Leon Henderson Wednesday and immediately held out some hope for more liberal gasoline ration this summer, better fuel oil supply for next winter, and more sympathetic regulation all around.

The new OPA chief predicted price rises would be slow and "well bordered," adding "I don't believe we can hold prices at a flat level."

At a press conference Brown made no promises, saying he wanted a couple of weeks to study his task, but at every step he indicated hope for relaxation of restrictions and commented:

The former Michigan senator took the OPA helm shortly after Food Administrator Wickard had expanded the number of foods that OPA can ration if necessary. The new foods include evaporated and condensed milk, canned fish and shellfish, jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, relishes and canned products containing meat.

Canada Butter Ration Sliced

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 20 (AP)—Canada's butter ration for the next six-week period was cut by one-third Wednesday to maintain the butter supply during the season of low production.

Instead of eight ounces of butter a week for each person, Canadians until the end of February will be entitled to only five and one-third ounces, the price board announced.

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Russians Near German-Held Vital Cities

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Other Russian units were threatening Voroshilovgrad in a drive down the railway from Millerovo.

In the Caucasus the Red army overran Proletarskaya, about 22 miles from Nazi-held Salsk, a key rail and air base 100 miles southeast of Rostov. It is from Salsk that the Germans have been flying in supplies to the 22 Nazi divisions slowly being throttled to death in the trap before Stalingrad.

Below Proletarskaya the Russians cleared out the enemy from the entire northern bank of the Manych canal. The canal lies between the lake area of the north central Caucasus and the Manych river that flows northward into the Don east of Rostov.

Deeper in the Caucasus the Russians advancing northward along the Mineralnye Vody-Armavir-Rostov railway captured Nevinnomysskaya, only 50 miles from Armavir on the approaches to the Nazi-held Maikop oil fields.

Thus the Russians were slowly tightening an almost-completed noose around the Nazi armies in the Caucasus, forcing them to fall back on Rostov which is menaced from the north and east by Russian armies operating as close as 60 or 70 miles.

Nevinnomysskaya, 200 miles southeast of Rostov, is the lower end of this irregular loop, and the western end is the Black sea.

The noon communique said the Russians already had crossed the Manych river, which is north of the Salsk-Proletarskaya area. These troops and those operating along the lower Don river are meeting determined Axis resistance because of their nearness to Rostov whose capture would cut off the retreat of big Nazi forces deep in the Caucasus.

Nazis Claim Chile Helps

By The Associated Press
Chile's break with the Axis will facilitate Germany's war in the Pacific, according to the German "reaction" as broadcast by the Berlin radio early Thursday and recorded by the Associated Press.

This is the view taken by the Berlin propagandists: "Reaction in the German capital to the report announcing severance of Chile's diplomatic relations with the Axis powers may be summarized as 'regrettable,' especially for Chile."

"This sober and laconic statement is symptomatic of the general viewpoint taken in the matter throughout Germany. Chile's decision is insignificant as far as German war strategy is concerned. In fact Chile's step will to some extent facilitate warfare in the Pacific, since now Germany will have no more to take regard to Chile's special interests."

"It is stressed in Berlin that Chile has no real cause for breaking off diplomatic relations with the Axis powers. Germany's attitude has always been correct."

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32 Below Zero Lowest in US

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threatened a number of cities and towns in western Canada during winter's coldest weather.

At Edmonton dealers reported many householders were down to their last bucketful. Other places were reported to have only enough coal to last a few days.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20 (AP)—Severe weather disrupted ship and airplane production in Seattle Wednesday, knocked out power lines intermittently, closed schools and a principal stores and crippled severely the city's transportation system.

The University of Washington was among the schools closed for Wednesday and Thursday.

The stopping of major war industry production was due partly to the power failures and partly to the difficulties of workers getting to their jobs. Being a city built on hills may add to Seattle's scenic attraction, but it is a splitting headache for the trolley and bus system in its first major winter test since it replaced the streetcars. Most parts of the city, however, were able to get some sort of abbreviated service.

The biggest single interruption in service was the closing of Boeing airplane plant production. The closing order came Wednesday after only about 40 per cent of the day shift workers were able to reach the main plant.

The smaller Boeing No. 1 plant and the Renton unit were shut down the previous night because of power failures.

The Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding corporation and the Todd yards on Harbor island were closed because of a power failure. The same trouble hit the Associated Shipbuilders plant. The Lake Washington shipyards closed at noon and the two night shifts were canceled out.

One man was electrocuted and another killed in a traffic accident directly attributed to the weather situation.

Motor traffic between Grays Harbor and Olympia was reported stopped during much of the day at McCleary. Grays Harbor also was cut off from long distance telephone communication most of the day.

Western Washington college and the elementary schools closed at Bellingham. Outside crews in two Bellingham shipyards were laid off for the third consecutive day and the big Bloedel-Donovan lumber mill was shut down. Bellingham was in darkness for five minutes Tuesday night after trees fell on a main power line.

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