

Ukraine Army Takes Zhitomir

Vatutin's Forces Advance

Near Pre-War Polish Border; Nazis Confused

By JAMES M. LONG LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 1. (AP)—The Russian First Ukrainian army, racing toward Poland and Rumania today as the new year opened on one of the great allied victories of the war, has captured the fortified rail and regional center of Zhitomir and plunged on far beyond through the rear guards of confused, disorganized Germans who were abandoning tanks, guns, supplies and dead in their rout.

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...last minute efforts to itself, the year of 1943 at midnight 6.18 inches than 1942 but 2.95 inches after than the average over a 42 year period. During 1942 a total of 45.26 inches fell in Salem much of it during the last hours of the year making the early part of 1943 seem very wet indeed. But weather bureau records count only moisture which falls within the 12 months so this late precipitation was "off the record" for 1943.

Marines Holding Off Japs

MacArthur Says Counterattack Unsuccessful

By DEAN SCHEDLER ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Saturday, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his New Year's day communique reported today that all Japanese counter-attacks had been beaten off against newly won marine holdings at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

Infant 1944 Greeted Quietly

Infant 1944 was greeted in Salem with more visible and audible "whoopie" than either of its wartime predecessors—but most of the fun and noise-making was on the orderly side. Theaters, dance halls, skating rinks and restaurants were crowded and despite a fairly moist "Oregon mist" which had brought an end to nippy weather, there were considerable numbers of people on the streets as the new year approached.

Strikes Delay War End

Charge Revolts Axis-Held Lands Are Deterred

By PAUL MILLER WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A personage high in the councils of the United States and United Nations tonight called the threats of railway and steel strikes a "great tragedy," asserting they provided fuel for the axis propaganda mill and thus may have delayed revolts in Germany and occupied lands this winter—revolts which could spell swift collapse for the nazis.

Yank Heavies Bomb Paris, French Points

By W. W. HERCHER LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A great fleet of American heavy bombers with a strong fighter escort swept over France yesterday, bombing industrial targets in Paris and blasting a Nazi air base at Chateau Bernard used by German planes collaborating with U-boat attacks against allied shipping, it was announced early today.

Allies Jump Garigliano to Strike Nazis

By RICHARD MASSOCK ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Allied troops, attacking at the western extremity of the Italian battle line for the first time in over a month, jumped the estuary of the Garigliano river yesterday to strike behind German lines in the Minurno area, headquarters announced today.

Marines on the east flank, opposing enemy forces in the Borge Bay area, held their line while the elements which won the air-drome Thursday cleared out enemy remnants and advanced. Supporting attack planes dealt heavy blows against the Nipponese on both sides of the Cape Gloucester position.

Hitler Brings Grim Message To Germans

By RICHARD KASISCHKE LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Adolph Hitler, in a grim New Year's message to the German people, today offered them only hope of dogged resistance for their very lives and, anticipating invasion from the west, boasted that "wherever they land the allies will receive an appropriate welcome."

Rail Unions Blame Byrnes For Inaction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Leaders of the non-operating railroad unions, after withdrawing their wage demands from arbitration by President Roosevelt, tonight blamed War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes for their failure to get a settlement satisfactory to them.

King Peter Flays Tito

By ROGER GREENE LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A deprecating picture of the whole Yugoslav guerrilla campaign of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) was painted in a statement by the government in exile of King Peter II today.

(The swoop on German strong points north of the Garigliano estuary was "a most successful attack," and was carried out by a strong British raiding force early Thursday morning, said Haig Nicholson, a Reuters correspondent with the Fifth army.)

A broadcast German communique said a battalion of sea-borne troops landed behind Nazi outposts southeast of Minturno, but was dislodged by a counter-attack. The Nazi announcement did not say the expedition had been forced back into its boats, and there was no additional information here on the progress of the fight.

(The German international information bureau, semi-official Nazi propaganda agency, said in a broadcast that a German counter-attack drove the "invasion forces" back across the Garigliano river after coastal defenses had sunk five out of eight allied landing craft.)

(The Bari radio, controlled by the Italian government of Marshal Badoglio, reported that American troops had captured the demolished fortress - village of San Vittore, six miles from Cassino on the main inland highway to Rome.)

Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press, in a Thursday dispatch from the front, described bitter fighting through the rubble-strewn streets of San Vittore, which American infantry entered the previous day after an artillery barrage virtually had leveled the village.

Wendell Barnett Is Reelected President Marion Farm Union

Wendell Barnett of Gervais local of the Farmers' Union was reelected president of the Marion county organization at the all-day annual meeting session at the VFW hall in Salem Friday. Also reelected were vice president, Gus Schlicker of Bethel local; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Frank Way of Central Howell local; executive board members, Henry Torvend of Central Howell and George Potts, Jr., of Sidney-Talbot local. New officers elected were: Executive board member, John H. Dasch of Liberty local; doorkeeper, John K. Crabtree, Liberty local; conductor, L. F. Edmundson, Bethel local. One hundred fifty voting delegates and members were present.

In a long written message distributed by DNB to German newspapers and recorded from a Berlin broadcast by the Associated Press, Hitler again sounded the German propaganda note that "in this war there will be no victors and losers, but merely survivors and annihilated."

A separate New Year order of the day to the army called 1943 "a second year of great crisis" initiated by the Russian winter offensive of 1941-42.

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Morse Seeks Candidate to Oppose Holman

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Declaration of Palmer Hoyt that he has no intention of becoming a candidate in the race for the US senatorship brought speculation to bear again on Dean Wayne L. Morse, previously mentioned.

Morse declared today his arrival in Eugene today that both Hoyt and Merle Chessman, publisher of the Astorian-Budget, have been proposed as candidates.

The University of Oregon law school dean declared he was more interested in organizing a united front to defeat Sen. Rufus Holman than in becoming a candidate himself.

A great deal of history will be written in that body in the coming years," Morse said in referring to the senate, "and I will be perfectly frank to say that I would like to be there and have a part in it."

Lt. Milton Bell Is Missing After Flight

STAYTON, Dec. 31.—First Lt. Milton Bell of the army air corps is missing after a routine flight from Wendover Field, Utah, the commanding officer has notified the young officer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bell of Stayton. His wife and year old daughter, Jonni, live in Dallas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davis.

Planes are still searching for the plane which went out on a regular routine flight Wednesday, officers reported to the parents Friday night in advising them not to give up hope that their son might be found.

Milton Bell was a law student at Willamette university when he enlisted two and a half years ago. Much of the time since he completed training he has been an instructor but his family is not sure that he has been recently.

George H. Bell, father of the missing pilot, is chairman of the Stayton selective service board, Marion county's number three board; his brother, Walter H. Bell, is Stayton city attorney. A sister, Rosella Bell, is a Willamette university student.

Four Aluminum Plants Close

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The war production board tonight ordered the closure of four aluminum production lines in two federally owned plants in the apparent beginning of a sweeping cutback in aluminum output.

Salem Recalls Event-Packed Twelve Months

Flood to Drizzle, Senate Fight, Navy at Willamette, Van Winkle's Death Noted

The year that Salem ushered out last night on the wings of song and prayer and dance, rode in 12 months ago on the crest of a Willamette river flood. Swirling waters of the river washed underpinnings from beneath the old Mellow Moon rink and sent the great frame building crashing against the west approach of the Marion-Polk county bridge, destroyed stock in the lowlands and affected 400 homes in the mid-valley area before they reached their 30.45 foot high mark.