

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The board of directors of the Associated Press took the correct course in appealing the decision of the lower court in the case instituted against it by the department of justice, accusing it of violating the anti-trust laws. The final judgement of the lower court held that the AP was no monopoly, that there were other competitive news services in the field, and admitted the high quality of AP news service. But it forbade AP members from excluding an applicant for membership on the ground of competition with a present member.

This has seemed to AP members and to others an unwarranted stretching of the anti-trust laws. If a newspaper were to be denied all press services then the cry of combination in restraint might be made. Such is not alleged. A newspaper can obtain at least one of the three great news services. The fact that one may not be available to it does not prove monopoly. The record showed that some newspapers thrive with the AP service; others with the UP service; others have combinations of press reports. No proof was offered that a paper failed for lack of the AP or of one of the other press services.

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British Drive Nazi Defenders From Minturno

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 20.—(AP)—British troops fighting doggedly up 500-foot slopes rising from the historic Apennine Way have driven Nazi defenders from the important town of Minturno, two miles from the Garigliano river, the German high command announced today, as a bitter "give and take" battle raged along a seven-mile front on the Italian west coast.

The Nazis said that Minturno, a key communications center, was lost to Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's advancing forces after having been "completely destroyed."

The ancient town, whose pre-war population was over 5000, was a primary objective of the new allied offensive launched Monday night at three points across the lower Garigliano.

While the Nazis conceded Minturno's fall, the allied command announced capture of the villages of Argento, at the mouth of the Garigliano; Tufo, a mile northeast of Minturno, and Suio, seven miles up the Garigliano from the coast.

Some of the most desperate fighting was expected to develop around Castel Porto, a village about two miles from the Garigliano's western bank and six miles inland, where the Germans have installed extensive fortifications on high ground. British reinforcements were pouring across the river to join in the conflict, which was progressing in clear, cold weather.

German prisoners taken at the outset of the offensive belonged to the 94th Nazi division, and many said they never had been in action before. They showed strain from the incessant aerial attacks and artillery bombardments they had undergone in recent weeks.

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Zeros Fly Lower Because of Weather

MUNDA, New Georgia, Solomons, Jan. 17.—(AP)—(Delayed)—Inclement weather—except over the target—caused allied fighter planes to battle superior numbers of Zeros at much lower than usual altitudes in today's devastating blow an enemy shipping at Rabaul.

Marine divebomber pilots in the action and credited with hits on cargo ships included Harry Detwiler, Canby, Ore.

Service Men Exempt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Rep. Sauthoff (R-Wis) introduced today a bill (H. R. 4025) to waive all income tax liability of members of the armed forces incurred prior to their entry into the service.

400 Million Laid Aside

LONDON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Daily Express said tonight that Britain is setting aside \$1,000,000,000 (approximately \$400,000,000) for use in countries liberated from the Nazis.

RAF Stages 105th Berlin Raid

33 Jap Planes, 3 Ships Lost

Heaviest Raid Launched Against Wewak and Boram; 133 Tons Explosives Dropped

By Robert Euson
ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Friday, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Allied airmen shot down 33 Japanese planes and sank three enemy supply ships totaling 10,000 tons in blows ranging from Wewak, New Guinea, to Rabaul, New Britain, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported today.

The heaviest raid was on the airdromes, supply dumps and anti-aircraft positions at Wewak and neighboring Boram. Fifty Liberator heavy bombers hit Boram with 133 tons of explosives, without interception Wednesday, the day before more than 100 escorting fighters shot down 12 planes for sure and probably two more from the 50 to 60 Japanese interceptors that rose to challenge the attackers over Wewak. The allies lost three planes.

Hitting again at the enemy plane and shipping center at Rabaul, where allied planes from the south Pacific command sank or damaged eight ships Monday, Mitchell medium bombers with fighter escort bombed and strafed Tobera airdrome, one of three fields guarding the center, downing 21 enemy interceptors against a loss of two of the raiding planes.

A 5000-ton Japanese ammunition ship received a direct hit and blew up and a 3000-ton freighter also was sunk when navy Catalina patrol planes caught a small convoy off Lorengau, on the northeast coast of Admiralty Island, Tuesday night.

Night patrol planes operating off Naman Island, near Hansa bay on the northeast coast of New Guinea, sank a 3000-ton Japanese ship.

Pilots returning from the raid on Wewak and Boram reported they found "some of the enemy pilots highly skilled and aggressive," a headquarters spokesman said. He emphasized that the nature of enemy air action against allied planes indicated that the enemy air force still has much of its first team in combat.

New Burma Front Opened

NEW DELHI, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Allied ground forces, moving up behind heavy assaults by strong forces of American heavy and medium bombers, have opened a new north Burma land front in attacks on Japanese positions in the Chinthein area.

In announcing the attacks, launched Tuesday, today's allied East Asia headquarters communique said only that "Some progress was made."

The Japanese positions, in the Kyankhwa area 18 miles southeast of Tamy on the western border, lie more than 200 miles below the Hukawng valley area where American-trained Chinese troops are driving eastward along the route of the new Ledo road to China.

Carl A. Porter Promoted To Warners Northwest Chief

Promotion of Carl A. Porter to northwest district manager for Warner Brothers theatres was announced here Thursday night simultaneously with the arrival of V. P. Byrne from Los Angeles to succeed Porter as resident manager of the Elsinore and Capitol theatres of Salem.

Porter, who came here 10 years ago from Los Angeles to manage Warner Brothers interests, will retain his headquarters in Salem where he owns his home. His new responsibilities include theatres at Hoquiam and Aberdeen, Wash. In Salt Lake City, prior to his Los Angeles association with Warner Brothers, he had been city manager for Publix, Paramount corporation, which bought out the 10-theatre company of which he had been a member.

Byrne until recently has been manager for Fox in Las Cruces, N.M., but has been learning the Warner Brothers system in Los Angeles. Before that he was for 16 years with Fox theatres in sev-

Gun Reward Goes in Stamps

BETHEL, Jan. 20.—Scene: the little red schoolhouse. Actors: two anonymous state policemen and four very excited students, Jean Porter and Donna Kirscher, second grade; Lorraine Langeland, third grade; and Marvin Kirscher, seventh grade. Action: the two state policemen presenting small rewards to the four youngsters who discovered the gun and sliker discarded by three AWOL sailors last Friday night following a service station holdup and shooting of Officer Earl Murphy.

The money will go into war stamps to be applied toward the purchase of a parachute, second being paid for by pledges of the Bethel students in the fourth war loan drive.

The three little girls, strolling home from school, had noticed a black sliker in the grass near the pavement. Marvin, cutting through his father's fields, discovered the gun. Mrs. John Kirscher called police, who picked up the articles, made the presentation, and have instructed pupils in a search for the second weapon.

Ramsey Ames, Starlet, Listed For Bond Show

Lest some of Salem's bond-buying admirers of movie stars die from pent-up curiosity, it is here and now announced that the vivacious, personable blond character (picture on page 2) coming to this city for Saturday night's war bond show at the armory is Miss Ramsey Ames, considered by the most promising of the current crop of new screen personalities.

She is currently appearing in the Olsen and Johnson comedy "Crazy Horse."

There is one other item so important that it deserves mention ahead of the day's score on the fourth war loan: The only way to get into this show, which starts at 7:45 p. m. Saturday, is to buy a war bond; and the tickets issued on that basis are going like hotcakes; and it's "first come, first served."

Total war bond sales up to Thursday night in Marion county since the opening of the fourth war loan campaign amounted to \$341,800, Chairman Jesse J. Gard announced.

Getting back to Saturday night's show, the wounded war heroes scheduled to be introduced by Capt. Douglas McKay include Capt. John S. Young and Sgt. Lloyd B. Sweeney of the army, Staff Sgt. Edward J. Burbank of the marines and Boatswain's Mate 1/c J. J. Roybol of the navy. There's also a male movie star coming; his identity will be disclosed today.

The cavalry band directed by Warrant Officer Marion Walter will give a 15-minute concert, with vocal solos by Cpl. Mackey Swan, (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Aluminum Labor Joins Drive Against Wages

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Aluminum Workers of America today joined other units of the CIO in a drive to break up the government's "little steel" wage formula by formally demanding a minimum pay boost of 15 cents an hour for approximately 60,000 aluminum workers.

In addition the union, headed by Nick A. Zonarich of New Kensington, Pa., told the Aluminum Company of America it wants a flat minimum hiring rate of 90 cents an hour at all the 26 plants over the country where it represents employees.

Los Angeles Leads War Contracts

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Los Angeles county, with 117 contracts totaling \$2,562,479,000, ranks as the leading war production center on the Pacific coast, a report issued today by the state chamber of commerce research department disclosed.

San Francisco, with a total of \$3,812,000,000 ranks second. In the nation Los Angeles county is exceeded only by the Detroit industrial area where contracts for supplies and facilities total \$11,300,000,000, the report stated.

Soviets Capture Novgorod

Trap Germans In Strelna Corridor

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, Friday, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The red army toppled the ancient bastion of Novgorod yesterday on the 60th day of a northern offensive which has cost the Germans 44,000 men, and also trapped an undetermined number of Nazi troops in the Strelna corridor southwest of Leningrad, a Moscow bulletin announced today.

Gen. K. A. Meretskov's armies of the Volkov front captured Novgorod, 100 miles southeast of Leningrad on the road to southern Estonia, by an action officially described as a "skillful outflanking maneuver." Premier Marshal Stalin saluted the important victory with an order of the day last night.

On the Leningrad front other armies under Gen. Leonid A. Govorov, attacking southwest of Leningrad and southeast of Cranienburg on the gulf of Finland, were declared to have joined forces to seal off for annihilation the Germans caught in the 50-square-mile Strelna corridor, which ran north from the Kransoye Selo sector to the gulf of Finland.

The two red armies together were slapping a massive trap for 125,000 other German fighters in a salient southeast of Leningrad.

The latest soviet communique disclosed that the Russians under Govorov were only nine miles from Kransoyevardsk, a rail junction through which most of the threatened enemy troops must withdraw toward Estonia if they are to escape the soviet steam roller.

Striking southwest of newly captured Krasnoye Selo, 15 miles southwest of Leningrad, the Russians during the day moved on to take Nizhnaya, four miles below Krasnoye Selo and only nine miles (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

AFL Council Sets Monday To Study UMW

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS
MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 20.—(AP)—The AFL executive council today set Monday to consider the proposed reinstatement of the United Mine Workers as news was disclosed of a secret meeting on the issue between the estranged presidents of the two organizations, William Green and John L. Lewis.

The council chose the same day to discuss an invitation to a world labor conference in London next June. AFL participation would mean, contrary to its policy, setting down with Soviet trade union representatives and sharing American representation with the CIO and some independent unions.

Another council action today was a declaration calling upon congress to enact a "simplified and uniform soldier vote law."

The Lewis-Green meeting took place in Washington recently and is believed to have been arranged by a third person interested in expediting the UMW's return to the federation. They talked about two problems relating to such re-affiliation: the progressive mine workers of America, which holds the exclusive AFL charter rights in the coal industry, and the disposition to be made of coke and chemical workers, some of whom belong to Lewis' district 50.

It is believed to have been their (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Navy Liberator Crash Kills 13

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Thirteen persons were killed today when a navy B-24 Liberator crashed on a takeoff at the Camp Kearney air field, the 11th naval district reported tonight.

The navy said four officers and nine enlisted men were aboard. The plane crashed in flames and all aboard were trapped in the wreckage. No other details were available.

First Citizen



RALPH W. JOHNSON

Ralph Johnson Wins Honor For 1943

Ralph W. Johnson, 33, assistant manager of the Salem division of the Portland General Electric company and active civic worker, is Salem's first junior citizen for 1943. The honor was accorded him Thursday night at the annual junior chamber of commerce citizen award banquet held at the Marion hotel. Ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague announced the recipient and presented the junior chamber plaque to him.

Mr. Johnson, since his arrival in Salem in 1941, has been active in community enterprises, during the past year participating in the Red Cross campaign and in the third war loan drive. He has been active in the Salem Retail Trade bureau, engaged in Salvation Army work, and served on program and war bond committees as well as being a leader in the Lions club.

Johnson is the first non-junior chamber member to be so honored. He is a native of Washburn, SD, and is a graduate of Concordia college in Minnesota. He is married and has two children.

Main speaker was Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college, who discussed objectives in postwar planning—how planning should be not purely of materialistic things such as bridges and school buildings, but also concern developing the human mind. Dr. Strand stressed that the post-war era must be one of cooperation rather than exploitation, and cautioned that the northwest must hang onto the better brains among its young men, must encourage them to stay on home soil, in place of migration to eastern centers of industry.

Leith Abbott, Southern Pacific public relations man from Portland, was master of ceremonies and made the introductions. Pat Crossland, junior chamber president, introduced Paul Lee of Klamath Falls, state president of the junior chambers; Floyd Campbell, junior first citizen of Portland for the year 1943; and Trent Jones, president of the Portland junior chamber. Jaycee key-man awards were given by the local organization to Jim Beard, Jud Davis and Dick Tatro for outstanding work inside the chamber.

Junior citizen for 1942 was Roy Harland, local attorney. Donald Black was named in 1941.

Foundry Workers' Vote to Come Late Friday, Pardo Reveals

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The results of tomorrow's vote by striking Oregon and Washington foundry workers on the back-to-work issue probably will not be known until evening, Neil V. Pardo, the Pacific northwest secretary of the molders and foundry workers' union, (AFL) said today.

A negotiating committee agreed yesterday at a conference with government and military officials to call for a vote on a war department offer to ask the national war labor board to hold a public hearing on the union's protest against a regional board wage decision. Most of the locals will vote at meetings set for 10 a. m., but the vote of the area will not be completed until a 3:30 p. m. meeting at Bellingham.

Approximately 9000 foundry workers walked out Tuesday morning, and an estimated 4000 machinists and other shop workers were reported idle because of the picket lines around the plants.

Nazis Claim 21 Allied Planes Are Shot Down

Canadians Participate; Half City Razed Despite German Claim of 'Terror'

By Ernest Agnew
LONDON, Friday, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Royal air force night bombers hammered Berlin last night, it was officially announced early today, in the 11th massive attack on the greatest of German targets since the extermination campaign against the reich capital began November 18, 1943.

The German radio said that 21 bombers were shot down—a statement which was not confirmed from allied quarters.

The attack, in which a heavy force of Canadian bombers participated, added to approximately 14,000 (long) tons of bombs previously dropped on the German capital in 10 major assaults which have laid waste more than half the city.

A continental radio blackout last night suggested that a strong force of night bombers was out, probably hitting more than one target. First announcement of the Berlin raid came from the German radio.

This was the 105th raid of the war against Berlin, and the German radio indicated that the attacking force had an ideal night to carry out the assault.

Describing the blow as a "terror raid," the German broadcast declared, "In view of the weather, German authorities had expected major bomber formations would make an attack and as a result the attack defenses were effective to the fullest extent from the start."

Broadcasting its claims early, the German radio said 10 four-engine bombers were shot down in the "first nine minutes of the raid over two districts of Berlin alone."

The German long wave transmitter and the Luxembourg radio station shut down for the second time last night before midnight.

The Rome radio announced an allied air attack on the outskirts of the Italian capital at 2:30 p. m. yesterday—the second day in two days—and said the assault caused (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Demos to Take Troubles to FR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The midwest democratic conference, composed of national committeemen and state chairmen from 13 states who are complaining principally about administration of the farm program, may carry their troubles direct to President Roosevelt as well as to the party's national committee.

This was disclosed today by James C. Quigley, Nebraska national committee member and chairman of the conference which was formed at Omaha in December, 1942, with ten states represented. The group will meet here tomorrow with Montana, Indiana and Wisconsin as new members.

Stimson Says Fighting Going Well for Allies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson, in a summary of the war on many fronts, reported today that the fighting is going well for the Allies.

He rolled off in rapid-fire order at a press conference reports that Japanese resistance may be collapsing in northern New Guinea, that the great Russian offensive seems to include a serious effort to lift the long siege at Leningrad, and that substantial progress is being made against Cassino at the head of a valley route to Rome.

The secretary stopped short of any discussion of what may be the greatest battlefront of all, noting merely that he, President Roosevelt and other officials had talked with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower here shortly before the General showed up in the United Kingdom to lead the Allied invasion of Europe from the west.

Of the Pacific situation he said: Allied forces are making steady progress throughout the southwest Pacific. In northern New Guinea, Australian veterans have captured Japanese troops between themselves and the American forces at Sidor, and have captured large amounts of stores and equipment. As proof of evidence that some (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Weather
Thursday maximum temperature 51; minimum 21.
Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday; not much change in temperature.