

# Patton's Army Enters Saarlautern, Saar Fortress

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### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

A parable of the modern mount of transfiguration—  
It came to pass that three men were on the mountain of economic transfiguration: a businessman, a farmer, a worker. The light of war prosperity shone round about them, brighter than any they had ever before seen.

And one said: "It is good for us to be here. Let us make three tabernacles, one for each of us, and abide permanently on the mountain-top."  
But the businessman said: "The war will end; and then where will we be?"

The worker said: "I am not going down to the bottom again, to work and to slave and to be jobless half the time. If the government can accomplish this for war, it can provide jobs and prosperity for peace. I'm going to stay on the mountain-top."

The farmer said: "I am not going to submit to another post-war depression with bad markets and impoverishing prices. I shall expect government to provide support so I can stay on the mountain-top."

The businessman said: "I want to stay here too. But I must have the government reduce my taxes and let me run my own business so I can

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## Armament Task Might Retard Reconversion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—(AP)—The armament task now in sight may retard reconversion for some time after Germany collapses, war production board chairman J. A. Krug said today.

He made that observation in disclosing that \$500,000,000 worth of new plant construction is planned to boost production of shells for infantry mortars.

The drive meanwhile to get lagging production programs of other war implements up to the pace needed to meet the demands of all-out war on two major fronts is showing "excellent progress," Krug told a news conference.

New workers, he said, are entering war plants in "encouraging" numbers.

The unexpectedly rapid advance against Japan, piling new Pacific demands atop the heavy requirements of Europe, has caused the army to revise its V-3 day cut-back plans, Krug said.

## Britain's Home Guard Slates 'Stand Down'

LONDON, Dec. 2—(AP)—Britain's home guard, its job done with the disappearance of the German invasion threat that never materialized, will "stand down" tomorrow when a parade through the heart of London completes the ceremonies marking the end of its active career.

Picked contingents arrived by special train today from all parts of the United Kingdom. Every county had its representative at the dinner given tonight by the lord mayor of London at the mansion house in observance of the stand-down order.

More than 5000 men will march in the parade tomorrow. Home guard bands will be in the march, and the band of the Irish guards will play as the troops pass the reviewing stand.

## Crisis Upsets Greek Cabinet

ATHENS, Dec. 2—(AP)—A Greek cabinet crisis over a British army proclamation disbanding guerrillas came to a head today with the resignation of all six ministers belonging to the left wing party.

Premier George Papandreou, expressing regret at the resignations, reiterated his determination to stick to his task and called the cabinet into another session tonight.

John Zavgos, communist minister of agriculture, stepped down, protesting what he styled "unilateral decisions" of Major Gen. Ronald MacKenzie, British commander of allied troops in Greece.

## 41 Per Cent of Bond Quota Met, 'Es' Lag

PORTLAND, Dec. 2—(AP)—Huge corporation sales shot Oregon's lagging war bond tally to \$44,877,983—41 per cent of the quota—today, nearly double yesterday's \$25,128,243 mark.

E bond sales of \$9,893,993, stood at only 28.1 per cent of a \$34,866,000 quota.

# SOVIET FORCES SCORE GREAT BREAKTHROUGH

## 'Tragic' Reports Berlin

### Reds Within 74 Miles of Austria In Big Advance

By Richard Kasichke  
LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 3—(AP)—Russian motorized troops, in a great breakthrough on a 110-mile front in western Hungary, yesterday raced to within 74 miles of the ore-rich Austrian province of Styria, and also sped 30 miles up the right bank of the Danube to within 47 miles of imperiled Budapest.

Overrunning 300 localities south and southwest of Budapest, Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukraine army also cut the Budapest-Zagreb-Trieste trunk railway and hurled the enemy back onto the flat plains 28 miles from strategic Lake Balaton guarding the southeastern approaches to Austria.

'Tragic' Says Berlin  
Berlin, describing the breakthrough as "tragic," said Soviet spearheads moving up the Danube's west bank already were attacking Dunafoldvar, 43 miles from the Hungarian capital.

In Czechoslovakia Col. Gen. Ivan Petro's Fourth Ukraine army stabbed to within two miles of the big northeastern Hungarian city of Satoraljaiuhely, cut the city's railway link with Kassa (Kosice) in eastern Slovakia, and also severed the Satoraljaiuhely-Cemerne highway as it moved westward six miles on a 30-mile front beyond the Ondava river.

Near Stronghold  
The Russians in Slovakia also were only 15 miles from Kassa, major axis stronghold controlling traffic in the eastern part of that axis puppet state.

## Stay on Job Requests FDR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—(AP)—President Roosevelt says "ultimate victory is inevitable, but in the meantime the American people must not relax for a moment their inflexible determination."

The chief executive couples with this statement, made in the annual "United States at War" edition of the Army and Navy Journal, a renewed plea to war workers to continue on their jobs.

"The weapons of war which America has turned out and which have given us superiority on land, on the sea, and in the air must continue to flow if we are to attain that victory. Everybody on a war job must stick to that job."

## December Brings Heavy Traffic Loss; Extra Caution Urged

Sixteen Oregon pedestrians have been killed each December for the past five years, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., declared Saturday. The fatalities were blamed largely on holiday travel and weather conditions.

Farrell urged pedestrians to exercise caution when crossing streets and highways and warned automobile drivers to keep their speed within the wartime limitations.

## Vague Peace Feelers Hit Allied Capitals Every Week

By John M. Hightower  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—(AP)—Peace feelers—vague, roundabout and evidently unauthorized—hit the allied capitals at the rate of about one to two a week.

They all are based, it was learned today, on the assumption that the allies in the last analysis are willing to make substantial concessions in order to get Germany out of the war. Those taken seriously enough to get any response at all receive, in effect, the firm reply: "Unconditional surrender."

These feelers, according to diplomatic authorities here, conform to the best fiction ideas of Euro-

## Wounded Yank Moves Out of the Frontline



Part lines of men moving up to front positions, this wounded Yank is carried on a stretcher to the field hospital in the forward area of fighting on Leyte island in the Philippines. (International)

## Blinding Rains Again Slow Up Battle on Leyte

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Sunday, Dec. 3—(AP)—Aircraft traded vicious blows throughout the central Philippines, headquarters reported today, as blinding rains again halted the bitter ground battle for Leyte island's Ormoc corridor.

Japanese planes in force attacked American positions along Carigara bay, on Leyte's northwest coast. Other Nipponese bombers raided American-held Morotai island, in the Moluccas, a springboard for the Philippines.

American bombers meanwhile heavily attacked imperial air bases throughout the central Philippines in new assaults to minimize the Nipponese aerial flank threat to Leyte.

The strikes included another blow at Legaspi airdrome on Luzon island where 27 tons of explosives cratered runways during a raid Wednesday.

## Yankees Raid Coblenz, Down 28 Germans

LONDON, Dec. 2—(AP)—American fighter pilots escorting bombers raiding Coblenz shot down 28 Nazi planes today while a force of more than 500 RAF Lancaster heavy bombers hit a benzol plant at Dortmund.

The German planes were knocked from the air by a force of almost 550 Thunderbolts and Mustangs of the US eighth air force which encountered several formations of enemy aircraft over the Bingen area, 25 miles southeast of Coblenz.

Eight American fighters and 11 bombers were reported missing, but six of the fighters were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

## Sales in 6th War Loan Drive Near Half-Way Marker

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—(AP)—Leaping ahead at an eleven million dollar an hour clip, war bond sales to individuals rose \$22,000,000 in the 24-hour period ended yesterday.

With the 27-day sixth war loan drive at about the half way mark, total sales reported to the treasury were \$5,364,000,000. Of this amount, sales to individuals amounted to \$1,691,000,000 and sales to corporations \$3,673,000,000.

## Stalin Greet Gen. DeGaulle In Red Capital

MOSCOW, Dec. 2—(AP)—Gen. de Gaulle, who arrived in Moscow by train today, was received by Premier Stalin tonight in his quarters at the Kremlin.

The French leader was accompanied on his first visit to Stalin by Roger Garreau, chief of the French diplomatic mission to Moscow.

It was reported that de Gaulle, after a visit of about four days here, may visit a volunteer French flying squadron on the East Prussian front. His aides said such a trip had been discussed but that arrangements were incomplete.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault conferred today for 50 minutes with Foreign Commissar Molotov before de Gaulle's visit to the Kremlin.

## State Workers Would Adopt Merit Service

Members of the general council of Oregon State Employees association meeting in Marion hotel Saturday heard Mrs. W. H. Copeland, of Portland and member of Oregon League of Women Voters outline conditions under which the women would give full support to enactment of proposed legislation placing all state workers under "merit service."

Fred C. Inkster, president of the League of Oregon Cities, told the council that his group would like to join the state group in its effort to have the legislation passed.

"Oregon," Mrs. Copeland said, "has had no glaring examples of patronage scandals which always start movements for closer scrutiny of public employes. Because of that the chief appeal for passage of such a law will have to be based on the hypothesis that good employes make good government."

Weather  
Maximum temperature Saturday 48 degrees, minimum 39 degrees, no rain, river -1 ft. 2 in.  
Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday; not much change in temperature.

## Army-Navy Game Bond Sales Push Maryland to Top

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2—(AP)—Maryland, with the help of \$58,637,000 in war bonds sold to purchasers of tickets to the Army-Navy game, became the first state in the nation to oversubscribe its sixth war loan quota.

This was announced just before the kickoff at the stadium today by Theodore R. Gamble, national director of the war loan finance division of the treasury department.

Gamble told the crowd Maryland's tabulated sales now total \$238,479,000 for the drive. The quota set had been \$210,000,000.

## Nippon Reports New Superfort Raid on Tokyo

(By the Associated Press)  
A new Superfortress raid on Tokyo was reported today by the enemy's radio.

The raid, lacking confirmation from allied sources—Tokyo usually is first to report the strikes—would be the fourth since the B-29s started the attacks in late November from bases on Saipan.

Tokyo radio, whose broadcast was recorded by the federal communications commission, said "enemy aircraft flying in several formations had passed over Tokyo today (Sunday) at 2:10 p.m. (Japanese time)," and that the Nipponese air force "is now intercepting these planes."

The first reports, as is customary with Japanese broadcasts, did not say bombs were dropped but the mention of "several formations" suggested something more than a reconnaissance mission.

If confirmed, it would be the third daylight attack on Japan's war industries in the enemy capital.

## Nazis Suffer From First Food Shortage

NEW YORK, Dec. 2—(AP)—Germans "are suffering from the first real shortage of essential foods in this war" after being the best-fed civilians in Europe for almost five years, the American Institute of Food Distribution said today.

Basing its predictions on government surveys and information from private sources, the non-profit research agency said:

"If German armies are able to continue resistance until next spring, their fighting men will not be delivered enough food all the time. Hunger will cut producing for war and add to present discontent among civilians."

"Insufficient food and hunger were largely responsible for German quitters in 1918. Similar conditions will be appreciably worse during the next four months."

## Leave Canceled for Navy Men in Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 2—(AP)—Rear Admiral Frank A. Brantley today canceled shore leave after 6 p.m. for all enlisted men of the US navy in Bermuda.

His order was published shortly after Morris A. Gibbons had criticized the "behavior and lawlessness of certain men of the US navy" in a speech in the Bermuda house of assembly.

## 300 Persons Attend Annual Dog Show Sponsored by Salem Lions

Attendance at the seventh annual all-breed dog show of the Oregon Dog fanciers' association under the auspices of the Salem Lions club was over 300 on Saturday. Some 250 dogs were registered in the show.

All breeds are being judged again today by Rees L. Davies of Anderson, Ind. On Saturday night, all toys, non-sporting dogs and hounds were judged. At 9 a. m. today all working dogs and terriers will be in the ring.

Beginning at 1 p. m. sporting dogs will be judged and at 4 o'clock a special children's class will be judged. Any child under 18 years of age is eligible to show a dog benched at the show. Variety classes, best brace and best dog in show will be judged at 7 o'clock tonight.

(A complete list of Saturday's winners will be found on page 18.)

## Biggest Week Due On Bonds

### Infantry, Radio Show to Climax Speeded Drive

A tremendous effort to boost Marion county bond sales near the required \$5,000,000 will open Monday, to continue through Thursday when the drive will be climaxed by a spectacular US infantry show preceded by a peppy hour-long radio pageant and broadcast at the armory.

Thursday, December 7, will be the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor day, and American Legion workers are cooperating with the county bond organization in an intensified campaign expected to result in the sale of at least \$1,000,000 in bonds for the next four days alone.

Renewed efforts are underway in Polk, Yamhill, Linn and other neighboring counties.

The Marion campaign is expected to reach every prospective buyer in this area.

### Broadcast Planned

Salem Legionnaires under leadership of Jake Fuhrer were making arrangements for the Thursday broadcast at the armory, to follow the infantry show at Sweetland field. The outdoor affair will start at 7:30 p. m., last about 45 minutes, while the armory show as broadcast by KSLM will be from 8:30 to 9:30 or later.

Taking part in the broadcast will be Miss Margaret Becker, Salem girl chosen "Miss Oregon"; June Johnson, Oregon Victory girl; Stephen Paietta, accordionist; and Charles W. Robison, noted for four-minute radio talks and newspaper articles. Master of ceremonies will be Capt. Douglas McKay of Salem, veteran of both wars.

### Exhibits Due

Also on exhibition at the armory Thursday will be infantry equipment and munitions. Everything from bazookas to flame-throwers will be shown at the armory and demonstrated at Sweetland field. Nearly 50 trained servicemen will take part.

The 665th army band also will be on hand for both shows, it was announced yesterday by Chairman Douglas Yester of the Marion county bond committee. About 30 service men under charge of Captain Gates make up the band. (Additional details on page 2.)

## Bombers Blast Nip Airfields

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 2—(AP)—Seventh army air force Liberators Thursday made their fifth raid in four days on Iwo Jima, in the Volcano islands, launching point of Japanese raids on the US superfort base at Saipan.

The Liberators dropped 57 1/2 tons of bombs on the Iwo Jima airstrip and other installations in the Volcano islands, which have been subjected to a steady pounding ever since Nippon fighter planes began to sweep over Saipan on November 26, a fleet communique said.

Five enemy fighters attempted unsuccessfully to break up the Liberator attack Thursday. Acknowledged some of the American planes.

## Yankees Also In Julich

### Allies Meeting Stiffest Fighting Of Winter Push

By Edward Kennedy  
PARIS, Dec. 2—(AP)—American troops entered two anchor points of the main defenses of the German reich today—flaming Saarlautern, important Saar basin industrial city into which they penetrated deeply, and Julich, where they drove into the outlying part of the town on the western side of the river Roer.

At both Saarlautern and Julich, the Americans face river barriers. Julich, key point to the Cologne plain, lies mainly on the eastern side of the Roer. Across the Saar from Saarlautern, burning from aerial assaults, Siegfried line positions were denied by other air bombardments.

Opposition Heavy  
In the terrific battle on the edge of the Cologne plain, the US First army at Inden and the US Ninth army at Julich were encountering the heaviest opposition of the winter offensive.

US Seventh army troops wiped out the last remnants of the German bridgehead at the approaches to the now demolished Rhine bridges in Strasbourg.

Following attacks by nearly 250 medium and light US Ninth army force bombers which left Saarlautern in flames and tore open nearby Siegfried line defenses, Third army doughboys entered the Saar city at two points. The Americans then fanned out over most of that part of the city which lies west of the Saar river.

Saar Deeply Gouged  
The 90th and 95th divisions, with elements of the Tenth armored division screening them to the north, now hold a 14-mile stretch along the Saar between Merzig and Saarlautern. The vital Saar basin has been gouged deeply by Third army advances, but the river still is a barrier to the greater part of this heavily industrial region. The Germans apparently hope to make a strong stand along this natural line.

Troops of the 26th infantry division teamed up with Fourth armored division tanks and were fighting inside of Saar union, 12 miles south of the Saar border, where the Yanks are moving up the past bank of the Saar river in a potential outflanking threat to Saarbrücken.

## Col. Roosevelt, Faye Emerson To Wed Today

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 2—(AP)—Col. Elliott Roosevelt's bridal party arrived at the El Tovar hotel at 11 p. m. tonight after a trip by private plane from Hollywood. Victor Patrosso, manager of the resort, announced.

With the president's son was Faye Emerson, actress, whom he will marry at 9 a. m. tomorrow and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frye, Frye, president of Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., is to be best man.

Patrosso said the couple arrived at Valley airport, 20 miles from the hotel, late this afternoon and motored through Grand Canyon national park. The Fryes joined them later.

## Norwegians Are Starving

LONDON, Dec. 2—(AP)—Under the German scourge the citizens of northern Norway are a starving, freezing, disease-ridden band of homeless wanderers, the Norwegian minister of justice reported today after a recent trip of investigation to newly liberated portions of his country.

The minister, Terje Wold, said the Arctic province of Finnmark had been "burned, plundered and laid waste until it is only a barren desert."

Diphtheria and a form of dysentery are epidemic in Kerkenes, South Varanger, Vadsø, North Varanger, Nesseby and Tana, he said, and supplies must be sent into the recently liberated areas much more quickly than had been expected.

### 18 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

GET GOING ON YOUR GIFTS

BUY YOUR GIFTS