

Four New Crossings Forced

Sarrequemines Nearly Cleared Of Nazi Troops

By Gayle Talbot (Associated Press War Editor) American troops drove into Germany's rich Saarland from six bridgeheads across the Saar river and last night were fighting for the final third of the French coal city of Sarrequemines, nine miles southeast of the shell-raked Saar capital of Saarbrücken.

Doughboys with flamethrowers and bayonets fought into the first defenses of the Siegfried line east and northeast of Saarlautern, which apparently had been cleared of Nazi resistance. Four new crossings of the Saar had been made just north of Saarlautern, bare six miles from Saarbrücken.

On the Aachen front to the north the US First army had more than four hours of tough fighting in repelling a series of enemy tank-led counterattacks aimed at the village of Bergstein, six miles southwest of Düren. Both the First army and the Ninth, on its left, were resting and gathering their forces for the next phase of their drive toward Cologne and the Rhineland.

The British-Canadian front in Holland remained quiet.

A dispatch from allied headquarters conceded that the allied offensive which began in earnest Nov. 16 was perhaps behind schedule at this point, but said it had accomplished a main purpose in forcing the Nazis to commit a huge force to the great battle of attrition east of Aachen. The Third army was, if anything, ahead of schedule in its drive into the Saar.

Leyte Fighting Increases With Yanks Gaining

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Thursday, Dec. 7. (AP)—Fighting on Leyte island in the Philippines is increasing, with the Americans making substantial gains on all fronts, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

A Japanese tank attack, launched in the Ormoc corridor sector where the 10th US army corps is applying its pressure, failed to break the Americans' grip.

To the south of Ormoc, Japanese supply port on the Philippine west coast, the Americans of the 24th corps breached the enemy's line on the Palanas river and pierced to a point south of Balogo on the coast and Kang Dagit village inland, the communique said.

"The enemy's line of reinforcements by water through Ormoc bay has been cut by our naval and air forces," MacArthur said on this third anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"With the increasing pressure of our ground troops the enemy's situation must be regarded as serious," the general said.

Chiang, Communists Exchange Proposals

CHUNGKING, Dec. 6. (AP)—Wang Shi-Chieh, China's new minister of information, confirmed today that new proposals have been exchanged by the Chiang Kai-shek government and the Chinese communists, but declined to disclose details.

Wang did say, however, that one encouraging sign was "the atmosphere has been more calm and there has been a noticeable diminution of recriminations on either side."

Reclamation Congress Will Meet in Salem

The Oregon reclamation congress and the Willamette valley project committee will meet in Salem December 18 and 20, it was announced here Wednesday. Many reclamation problems of particular interest to Oregon will be discussed.

The congress banquet will be held Tuesday night. A large attendance was expected at the sessions.

15 SHOPPING DAYS ARE YOUR GIFTS IN THE BAG

Britain, America Disagree

Eden Reaffirms England's Right Of Intervention

By Alex Singleton LONDON, Dec. 6. (AP)—A wide-open British-American split in policy over liberated Europe's political quarrels developed today, with Britain insisting upon her right to intervene when necessary and the United States equally firm on a hands-off attitude.

Watching the continent's political strife with mounting concern, the house of commons heard Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden—his usual suavity sacrificed for edged words of determination—serve notice that Britain intends to stick to her position regardless of American reaction.

The British government's position—one of transcendent importance in its potential impact upon the ideological struggles gripping many of Europe's restive countries—was outlined just 24 hours after the United States formally declared those problems should be settled "without influence from outside."

The immediate issue revolved around Britain's intervention in Italy's affairs, specifically on its objection to liberal Count Carlo Sforza as Italian foreign minister in the Bonomi government.

From that issue stemmed a fundamental problem affecting many of the other countries.

Chinese Admit Tushan Lost

CHUNGKING, Thursday, Dec. 7. (AP)—The Chinese admitted in a special communique today the loss of Tushan, former terminus of the Kwangsi-Kweichow railroad 75 miles southeast of Kwei-yang.

Japanese claimed the town was captured December 2, but the Chinese high command said it fell the morning of December 5 after the enemy suffered heavy casualties.

This reverse came amid reports that a Japanese drive was in full swing toward Kunming, loss of which would hamstring the prospective India-China supply route and deliver the US 14th air force a crippling blow.

Senate Prexy Still Up in Air

PORTLAND, Dec. 6. (AP)—The state senate presidency began to teeter uncertainly again today with announcement by State Sen. Coe McKenna that his name would be presented at the senate caucus January 7.

But McKenna gave no hint as to how many senators were pledged to him, while Sen. Howard Belmont, Clackamas county, claims more than enough backers for the presidency.

Some of McKenna's backers shifted to Belmont when early returns indicated McKenna would lose the Multnomah county senate seat.

Insistent



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Senate Protests Nominations For State Posts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (AP)—Several new dealers joined today in a senate debate against President Roosevelt's nominations to high state department posts—and the names were sent back to committee for study.

This startling upset came on a 37 to 27 vote which turned Senator Connally (D-Tex) pink with anger. Connally as chairman of the foreign relations committee was in charge of the nominations on the floor.

Senator Guffey (D-Pa.), usually an administration supporter, was a leader in the fight against immediate confirmation of the appointments of Joseph C. Grew to be undersecretary of state and Nelson A. Rockefeller, W. L. Clayton and Archibald MacLain to be assistant secretaries. Only praise was voiced for Grew but his nomination went back with the others.

Atlanta Cons Would Give Up for Story

ATLANTA, Dec. 6. (AP)—Twenty-five convicts, who have barricaded themselves in a building at the Atlanta federal penitentiary with four guards as hostages, told Atlanta Journal columnist late today they would surrender only if he published a story setting forth their grievances.

Morgan Blake, Journal columnist and Sunday school teacher, who has addressed inmates of the prison in the past, was summoned at the request of the convicts, who seized control of a five-story building Monday.

For 45 minutes Blake, speaking through a window, pleaded with the men to leave the building and liberate their hostages.

The convicts agreed to yield only if Blake ran a story in his newspaper relating their grievances. They said an early edition of the paper must be shown to them by Blake and, if it met their approval, they would come out and free their hostages.

4 Amendments, 2 Statutes May Become Operative Today

Minus slip-ups, four constitutional amendments and two statutes, approved by voters of Oregon at the November general election, will become operative some time today.

The official canvass of the votes for all candidates, constitutional amendments and measures was completed at the office of the secretary of state Wednesday afternoon. Now, only the signing of the proclamations declaring the results of that canvass remains to make the amendments and bills part of the state law.

Gov. Earl Snell and Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., indicated Wednesday that they planned to sign the proclamations when they are prepared today. All will be ready by noon, it is anticipated. Farrell will be out of the city part of today but is expected to return in time to attach his signatures to the proclamations before 5 p.m.

When the proclamations are signed the Burk wine bill, which prohibits the sale of any intoxicating liquor containing more

It's Time To Buy--A Bond

Big Push Underway to 'Avenge Pearl Harbor'

Salem and its environs will be bond-conscious today. It's the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and from all appearances no one will be allowed to forget it.

A drive-within-a-drive—a one-day spurge to make the Sixth War Loan an established success—

Pearl Harbor Day Schedule 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Thirty-second blast of sirens on every hour and bond messages over radio.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Exhibition of modern infantry weapons at armory, free to public.

7:15 p.m.—Band concert at Sweetland field.

7:30 p.m.—Assault on a Japanese pillbox by US infantry at Sweetland field.

8:30 p.m.—665th infantry band at armory.

9 p.m.—Preparation for battle presented by US infantry.

9:30 p.m.—Radio show from armory over KSLM.

All day—Buy an extra bond.

will open with reminders by sirens and KSLM radio at 9 a.m. The day's slogan will be "Avenge Pearl Harbor by buying an extra war bond."

The day's big attraction will be the spectacular US infantry show at Sweetland field tonight. But there will be others (see program).

All Legion posts and Legionnaires will aid in the campaign today. Many will be on the telephone selling bonds, and telephone calls to bond headquarters, Salem 9163, will bring bond sellers to anyone who phones to make known what denomination is wanted.

Retail stores have been asked to have their telephone operators answer calls with the admonition—"buy bonds today."

A special request for servicemen and men who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces during this war to attend the infantry show tonight was issued this morning by the Marion county war finance committee. Such men can be of definite assistance if they will report to the sponsors of the show at 8:30 p.m., it was said.

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Newly Born Baby Killed

SEATTLE, Dec. 6. (AP)—The body of a newly born baby, which was slain when approximately an hour old, was found in a trash container in the Seattle business district today, Coroner C. L. Harris said tonight.

Later Dr. Gale Wilson, county autopsy surgeon said the child's skull had been crushed and the body stabbed 13 times, presumably with a long heavy pin. Three of the punctures entered the baby's heart, but any one of the 13 would have been fatal, Dr. Wilson said.

The child's mouth had been stuffed with paper, leading to an original theory it had been strangled to death.

Germ Killing Extract Discovered in Garlic

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (AP)—A germ-killing extract from garlic, which is about one per cent as powerful as penicillin, but attacks a wider range of diseases, was reported to the Proprietary Association of America here today.

Weather

Maximum temperature Wednesday 54 degrees, minimum 48 degrees, 3 inch rain, river -3 ft.

Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday with light rains north-west portion Friday. Cooler west portion Friday.

ELAS MAY TRY ALL-OUT ASSAULT FOR ATHENS

Defense Measures Prepared

Greek Officials Think Civil War Will End Today

By Stephen Barber ATHENS, Dec. 6. (AP)—Police Chief Evert of Athens said tonight that according to "more or less reliable information" forces of the ELAS and communists may attempt an "all-out assault" on the city during the night.

"Measures are being taken to meet the situation," he declared.

The police chief's report followed a day of clashes between British and Greek regular army troops and armed members of the ELAS. Before he made his announcement of preparations to meet the assault, Greek government authorities had said they believed the near-civil war which has rocked the city since Sunday would be ended by tomorrow.

While intermittent firing was heard in Athens all day, punctuated occasionally by the burst of a grenade or the crackle of machine gun fire from a British tank, authorities reported that clashes in Piraeus, the port of Athens, had subsided.

British casualties have been very few thus far, while those of the ELAS have been considerably higher. It is not possible to obtain any definite figures as yet.

Head for Athens However, fresh bands of ELAS, armed units of the EAM, the national liberation front party, were reported streaming from the rural districts toward Athens.

Refusal of the EAM to disband its militia brought on the crisis, in which the government of Premier George Papandreu had been supported by Britain with a large contingent of troops under Maj. Gen. R. M. Scobie, who has termed the ELAS mutineers.

British troops were establishing control over the center of Athens, working out in concentric rings.

Allied Planes Blast Germans

LONDON, Dec. 6. (AP)—Allied air fleets, the American eighth air force by day and the RAF with a 1300 plane blow at night, smashed again today at German oil plants and railways.

The RAF targets, a synthetic oil plant and two freight yards, were not identified in an air ministry announcement shortly before midnight.

The Luna synthetic oil factory at Merseberg and the railway yards that feed into the Ruhr at Bielefeld were attacked by 1600 American planes. It was the 17th daylight attack on Merseberg.

Jap Paratroops Drop On Leyte Says Tokyo

By the Associated Press Japanese paratroops were dropped Wednesday on American air bases at Burauen, San Pablo, Dulag and Tacloban on Leyte, Tokyo radio reported today in a broadcast recorded by the federal communications commission. There was no allied confirmation.

Three Years Ago Today Japs Made Attack on Pearl Harbor

By Charles H. McMurry US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 6. (AP)—Three years ago tomorrow at dawn planes from a Japanese carrier task force—the largest fleet unit of that type in history, to that date—sank or damaged 18 United States warships in a treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor.

Today, every one of those six Japanese carriers lies on the bottom of the Pacific ocean, while 11 of those United States warships are on active duty in the Pacific and another presumably is participating in Atlantic operations.

Still another of those American ships fought the Japanese courageously for a year before she was sunk.

The guns, machinery and even sections of the hulls of four other Pearl Harbor attack victims have been salvaged and used against the Japanese.

Only the target ship Utah remains on the bottom of Pearl Harbor where she will might be a fitting permanent monument to American skill, persistence and ingenuity which raised and rebuilt those other vessels into modern fighting ships greatly improved over their pre-war ratings.

Bazooka in Action



A 39-man demonstration unit of combat infantrymen will exhibit this infantry weapon in the spectacular outdoor weapons show at Sweetland field tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Three Costly Years of War Finds U.S. Sure of Victory But Not of Winning Peace

By John M. Hightower WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (AP)—The United States finished off three costly years of war today with full confidence in military victory but shaken faith in winning the peace.

The eve of the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor is marked by political disputes with Britain, the latest of which is just developing over Italy and Greece, and lack of certainty about

Russia's future course in Europe. Thus the American people and government face a critical question: can the allies remain unified in peace as in war?

Early Answer Due A decisive answer may be had within three months, after President Roosevelt meets with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill. The main objective of the meeting will be to work out common policies on just such issues as political freedom in Europe and the exact role of the great powers in the proposed security organization.

All leaders here agree, in looking back over the past 36 months, that it was common purpose—to batter the enemy into unconditional surrender—which made possible the advances toward victory already achieved in Europe and the Pacific.

Two Dark Spots There are but two dark spots on military maps now. One is the grave weakness of war-weary China and the other the lack of a major offensive by Russia on Germany's eastern front to match the Anglo-American-allied assault in the west. But a Russian winter offensive is expected shortly, and there are signs of improvement in China, though little can be done about one basic trouble, lack of supplies.

Austrian Unit Formed

LONDON, Dec. 6. (AP)—The Cairo radio said tonight that the first "free Austrian brigade" had been formed on Yugoslavia and that it was fighting under Marshal Tito's command to join in the liberation of Austria.

B-29's Attack Manchuria

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (AP)—Superfortresses attacked industrial objectives in Japanese-dominated Manchuria today.

A brief 20th air force communique said a large task force of B-29s of the 20th bomber command "continued the campaign against Japanese war production with a daylight attack today against important industrial objectives in Japanese-dominated Manchuria."

Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the 20th air force, in his announcement said further details will be announced later.

Stalin, DeGaulle Meet

MOSCOW, Dec. 6. (AP)—Premier Stalin and General De Gaulle early tonight had the third of their talks since the French leaders' arrival here last week for discussions of political and military matters.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

A few years ago I was browsing around in the M&F-book room when Miss Cooley, the manager, spied me and hustled me to an upper floor to see some paintings by a new artist, lately come to Portland. The artist was Peter Winthrop Sheffers, a native of San Antonio, Texas, who had studied art in London and Paris and won an M. A. at the Royal Academy.

After varied productive work which earned him recognition in numerous exhibitions, Sheffers came out to this coast, fell in love with Oregon, located here and began painting its scenery.

Even a dub like me as far as art is concerned could see that Sheffers' paintings had quality; and his choice of familiar Oregon scenes, particularly on our own coast, gave one added delight.

So competent an artist could not long be in Oregon without Claude Kells' hearing about him. So it was no surprise to me to see a Sheffers collection on display at the Salem YMCA a year ago. One of his finest paintings stayed at the Y; "November Storm," which now hangs in the lobby. Last winter Sheffers conducted a class in painting at the Salem Y.

A few months ago I received an announcement from the famous art store of "Gump's," San Francisco, which read as follows:

"We are pleased to announce that we have made a discovery. Three years ago Peter Winthrop Sheffers arrived on the Pacific coast, and, in his quiet and individual way, started painting 'the land and the

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Russians Drive 16 More Miles In Balkan Push

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 6. (AP)—The red army scored gains ranging up to 16 miles yesterday on the southern approaches to Budapest on the Danube river, as Russian front dispatches placed Soviet vanguards within 35 miles of the Austrian frontier.

The Russian war bulletin said Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukraine army captured 50 places in the drive on Budapest, including Racalmas, 28 miles south of the Hungarian capital. The Germans said they had abandoned Ercsi, only 13 miles south, and asserted the Russians had crossed to the Danube's west bank from Csepel island below the capital.

Units of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukraine army are entrenched solidly on the 30-mile island in positions only six miles from Budapest's outskirts. Racalmas is only four miles from the southern tip of the island and a junction of these forces was imminent, if not already accomplished.

German radio broadcasts declared the red army was striking at Budapest in a new offensive from the south, northeast and east, but there was no confirmation from Moscow.

Rockets May Provide War's Climactic Blow

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (AP)—Capt. Gerald D. Linke of the navy department's ordnance bureau, said today that rockets were expected to provide in large part "the climactic punch to knock out both the Nazis and the Japs."

Terminology production "one of our hottest production programs," Linke said that during the recapture of Guam several thousand rockets were hurled in less than a minute.

PROCLAMATION

Three years ago Japan committed a most dastardly crime against the United States of America when, without warning, and while talking peace, the cowardly and sneaking attack was made at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, is a dark day in the history of the United States. The wrong then committed against us can be avenged by the defeat of Japan and the axis nations. To avenge that wrong we are now engaged in a war. To win the war has required and will continue to demand sacrifices of our people. We can win that war by loaning to our country our money, as well as by rendering every service possible.

On December 7, 1944, we cannot celebrate, but we can resolve to avenge the wrong committed at Pearl Harbor. Therefore, I, as mayor of the city of Salem, Oregon, declare December 7, 1944, "Avenge Pearl Harbor Day" in the city of Salem, and urge every citizen to buy bonds of the United States so that the defeat suffered at Pearl Harbor may be avenged.

Dated this 6th day of December, 1944.

E. M. DOUGLTON, Mayor of the City of Salem.