Fifth Regains Lost Territory In Italy Gains

troops sweeping back across the Serchio river valley, where they were forced to give ground before a strong nazi offensive last week, have recaptured all territory east of the river, allied headquarters

Driving forward a mile and a half north of recaptured Barga, tive until after the war, and it allied troops have occupied Sommoclania, a tiny village east of tion.' the Serchio river and one of the Give Vets Voice first towns taken by the Germans at the start of their drive, the

West of the Serchio other Fifth army units made small advances. The Germans maintained their hold on Gallicano but the town was covered by allied artillery fire from the surrounding hills.

Along the Po valley front Eighth army troops continued to push forward north of Faenza, capturing several localities against strong German resistance.

Bitter Dispute Still Raging Over Poland

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1-(A)-The

United Nations made a badly handicapped start on their fourth year today, impeded by the bitter dispute between Poland and Russia.

To some officials here it began to appear that the issues of this dispute possibly are insoluble and that the political and territorial conditions involved may remain to disturb the world for years to

- The latest development, following the "weekend claim of the Lublin committee of liberation that it is the provisional government of liberated Poland, consisted in a comment by Secretary of State Stettinius that the United States continues to recognize the exile Polish government at Lon-

There is every expectation here of governmental status yesterday will be followed promptly by Moscow recognition of that claim. That action would put Russia formally behind one Polish government and Britain and the United States behind the other.

The only hope remaining here for at least a surface settlement is that the London Polish government in desperation may restore former Premier Mikolajczyk to power and empower him to save. what he can for it out of the

Greek Regent Asks People To Quit Arms

LONDON, Jan. 1 .- (AP) -Arcabishop Damakinos, in his first official statement as regent of Greece, today told the Greek people that the immediate laying down of arms is an "indispensable pre-condition" toward solving the Greek crisis.

Simultaneously, a report from Athens said the Elas central committee had sent a note to Damaskinos saying the committee was prepared to order its members to cease fire immediately so that negotiations for the end of civil strife may begin.

added that the committee will grder the laying down of arms when current political questions are set-

Olson Called to Duty

Announcement that Lt. Col Raymond Ferdinand Olson, Salem, had been called to active duty in the finance department of the army was issued Monday night from Washington, DC.



Joe Martin Calls for Delay On Military Training Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan 1-(AP)-House Republican Leader Joe Martin of Massachusetts warned today against "hasty" action in the face of administration plans for enacting a universal peacetime draft law this

Both compulsory military training legislation and tax revision should wait until after the fall of Germany, Martin indicated in reviewing for reporters his ideas

ing Wednesday should take up. "I don't think there is any reason to be stampeded into a hasty decision," Martin said. "A peacedecision," Martin said. "A peace-time draft cannot become effec- Feel Mounting should receive mature consideration."

Fury of Soviet

"Perhaps," he added, "the boys coming back will want to have

something to say about it." President Roosevelt has said he

portedly have urged early con- garian capital. gressional consideration.

Not Against Idea Martin emphasized that he was time training and believed "some

type" should be ordered. At the same time, Speaker Rayburn of Texas told reporters he believed the peace-time draft was certain to come before the new congress although he did not think it would be one of the first things considered

He agreed with Martin that a general revision of the tax program would not be effected this Pledge Cooperation

of the 190 house republicans on at will. legislation directly connected with the war, commenting that there would be many other things to fight about.

"We must cut spending and appropriating as deeply and as sharply as we can," he said. "Even war appropriations must be given very close scrutiny."

Armed Forces Of U.S. Grow that the Lublin committee's claim of governmental status vesterday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.-(AP)- were recovered. Of that number 8,100,000 were deaths. navy, marines and coast guards. Nov. 1, were presented recently to a senate committee and given to-

tion Director Byrnes. Byrnes cited them in emphasizing the "remarkable job in mobilization" since 1940. At that time the military strength was

The 11,900,000 was a net estimate after deducting 1,500,000 for discharged and killed.

Colonies Eye Better Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- (AP)-The New Year brings an implied East Asia in 1945 but acknowlpromise of better things for col- edged that the military situation onial peoples under Britain's rule in the Philippines was growing in -a promised based on an Anglo-American laboratory experiment in the Caribbean.

Preparing for "increased activity in colonial development after the war," the British government announced today that Sir Frank Stockdale, comptroller of devlopment and welfare in the West In-The Elas message to the regent dies and chairman of the British forces adds to the enemy's dessection of the Anglo-American peration resulting in greater reck-Caribbean commission, had been appointed to a newly created post of advisor of development plan-

> The Caribbean commission from which Stockdale emerges has been hailed as demonstrating that From Abandoned Plane it is possible for two or more powers having direct concern in mon problems on a regional basis a crew forced to abandon a big

Durazzo, Albania, flourished 2500 years ago as Epidamnus of the Greeks and was renamed Dyrrachium when it passed into the hands of the Romans.

Budapest Nazis

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 2-(AP)-The fanatical German and Hunwould like to see a universal garian defenders of Budapest draft bill passed this winter, and trapped between assault forces Chairman May (D-Ky) has an- which squeezed steadily from both nounced the house military com- the east and west, felt the mountmittee would start hearings this ing fury of the red army today in a battle which threatened to de-Both the army and the navy re- molish the once beautiful Hun-

An early morning communiq broadcast from Moscow said the enemy garrison, although supplied not opposed to compulsory peace- by air, had lost more than 1000 men and had been pushed from more than 200 additional blocks of buildings in savage fighting through the city's streets Monday. Dispatches from Moscow said frontline reports received there indicated that the fall of Buda,

in 24 to 36 hours. Once Buda is in Soviet hands, red army guns placed on its heights will command the plain of Pest and will be able to level Martin pledged the cooperation German defenses east of the river

the section of the city west of the

Danube river, was expected with-

Holiday Death Toll Reaches Total of 217

By the Associated Press Traffic accidents led as the cause of holiday deaths as fatalities in the nation's observance of the three-day New Year week-end reached 217 last night. The death toll was swelled by a

Sunday morning wreck near Og-

in the army; the remainder in the deaths. Miscellaneous accidents border territories may be precaused 43 deaths. Utah with 48 sented tonight. The figures, compiled as of dead led the states. California was 13 deaths by accident.

day in a report of War Mobiliza-The 1943 New Year holiday death toll was 242-150 from traffic causes, and 92 from miscellaneous causes, an Associated Press survey showed.

Koiso Insists Japs Will Win

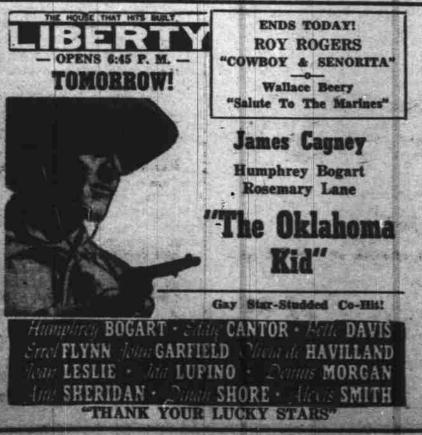
Koiso broadcast to the subject Mrs. McCormick Simms peoples of occupied Asia Monday the claim that Japan would drive its foes from the entire Greater intensity.

The Tokyo Domei agency in a broadcast picked up by the federal communications commission quoted Koiso as adding that the Philippines battle, however, was costing the enemy "a great deal of blood" and declared "every enemy! ship sent to the bottom by our lessness, with which the enemy continues his costly invasion operations by dint of sheer weight

20 Live Bombs Dropped

SALINA, Kas., Jan. 1 -(AP) backward areas to "adjust com- Twenty live bombs, jettisoned by with the object of assuring co- army bomber, are scattered over lonial communities a greater an area about 15 miles northwest measure of prosperity and sta- of here, army officers warned to-

The bombs were dropped from the plane abandoned by the crew last Friday near Salina. The crew parachuted to safety and the plane crashed a short time later near Concordia, Kas.



Utah Train Wreck Kills and Injures Many



ed by the Nazis in the recent breakthrough into Luxembourg.

of War!

around trapped garrison.

offensive last week.

truce plans in Athens.

Last Month

Fourth Driest

For December

record, the lowest being in 1903

with 1.95 inches, and in 1938 with

2.28 inches and in 1915 with 2.52

inches.

inches.

land is now open to fleet attack.

2 New Aldermen Take Seats At Council Meeting Tonight

Two new aldermen take their seats, the mayor delivers his annual message and announces new committee appointments to break the monotony of what otherwise promises to be purely a routine meeting of the Salem city council tonight.

G. F. Chambers, who succeeds L. F. LeGarie as one of the aldermen from the second ward, and Lewis Mitchell, who replaces Mrs. G. F. Lobdell from the fourth ward, tonight join the council to Thumbnail

trol sky.

May's primaries. Mayor I. M. Doughton has declared that his message will con-(By the Associated Press) tain no revolutionary suggestions, while others in official circles Western front - Yank Third point to the fact that the prosarmy smashes forward up to six pectus he laid down for his term miles between Bastogne and St. of office two years ago is still Hubert, as enemy desperately largely in the creative stage. flings in planes in battle to con-

which they were elected in last

Then, one of the changes he proposed was an expansion of the city boundaries to take in wellden, Utah, of two Southern Pa- populated adjoining suburban cific trains, from which 48 bodies areas, a matter which may come to a vote here April 6. An ordi-This country's armed forces have Traffic accidents, other than nance bill setting April 6 as the the train wreck, resulted in 77 date for the special election to Fires accounted for 49 consider the annexation of the

> An ordinance which is definitesecond with 19. Hlinois, Michigan ly slated to make its appearance and Pennsylvania each reported tonight will provide that no further fees need be collected from owners of rental properties registered with the city's rent control board. Funds sufficient for the operation of the board are on hand or will be secured through anticipated re-registrations of properties as ownerships change or new registrations as additional residences go on rental lists, it is understood .

Japanese Premier Gen. Kuniaki Brownell Lauds Late

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-(A)-Herbert Brownell, jr., chairman of in 1933 when 17.54 inches was the republican national commit- recorded, almost seven times as tee, today lauded the late Mrs. much as the 1944 amount. Other Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms as "wet" Decembers were 1917 with one of the outstanding leaders of 14.03 inches and 1937 with 13.60 the republican party.'

Mrs. Simms, who died Sunday, had served on the national committee and in congress. "She devoted a constant and loyal inter- recorded, according to Gilbert L. est and an unflagging zeal" to the Stearns, senfor observer at the party's interests, Brownell said. | airport weather bureau.

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Reach Burma

ASIA, Jan. 1.-(AP)-British imperial troops have entered Kaduma, 16 miles from Yeu, and the triple drive from northern Burma had rim of the Burma rice bowl where all roads lead to Mandalay.

At the same time was announc-

ed that other British forces fight-Russia-Red troops press ahead in Budapest, tightening ring Italy-Fifth army troops recover all territory east of Serchio meeting opposition. river lost before a strong Nazi

These twin developments em-Greece-Elas and British commander fail to come to terms on Pacific-Navy review of 1944 brings statement Japan's home-

style blitz, the Japanese Burma bubble has burst,

nese in retreat or in hazard on every Burma front.

Anglo-American Policy December of 1944, with its 2.67 In Liberated Countries inches precipitation, was the fourth driest for that month on

enburg, writing in the communist party newspaper Pravda, declared today that the Russians have not disarmed partisans in countries-Greatest precipitation registered liberated by Russia because "the for the month of December was red army is a liberator and not a

The writer's thinly-veiled slap at Anglo-American policies in liberated countries, broadcast by the Moscow radio, asserted also that the Russians had not meddled in Most rainfall for any 24-hour people's affairs nor denied any period in December, 1944, was on factions freedom of expression in countries they had liberated.

miles northeast of Mandalay, was announced by the headquarters of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten

ing southward along the bay of Bengal coast occupied Rathedaung, key Japanese defense position the east side of the Mayu river 25 miles north of Akyab, without

the Japanese high command has written off Burma as a bad investment for troops and materials and is pulling out.

Pravda Writer Rebukes

LONDON, Jan. 1-(P)-Ilya Ehr-

British Troops

LONDON, Jan. 1-(A)-King George VI approved today the award of the order of commander of the bath to two American gen-HEADQUARTERS ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SOUTHEAST erals in recognition of their services in the southeast Asia com The two are Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, until recently deputy reached the northern and western | chief of staff in southeast Asia and now commanding general of US

army forces in Chica, and Maj. Gen. George E. Stratmeyer, com-The approach to Yeu, only 70 mander of the East air command and second in command of allied airforces in southeast Asia.

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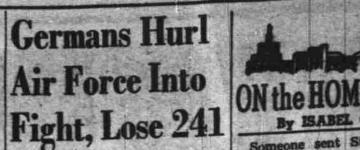
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CAPITOL

LAST TIMES TODAY IN TECHNICOLOR! "Greenwich Village"

Miranda, William Bendix, and Vivian Blaine CO-FEATURE -Smiley Burnette "Bordertown Trails"





By John A. Parris, Jr.

with most of the downed planes-

208 sacrificed in a desperate at-

tempt to cripple allied aerial su-periority by bombing and strafing

allied air fields in France, Bel-

The surprise offensive was the

greatest by the luftwaffe since its

heydey of 1940-41, but it failed to

check the momentum of the allied

aerial offensive that sent at least

6000 American and British planes

over the continent on New Year's

day. These included more than

1600 US Eighth air force heavy

First reports placed allied plane

losses today at 25. The figure did

not include losses of heavy bomb-

ers of the Eighth air force, which

A front dispatch said some of

allied air fields shortly after 9

a.m. were American craft captur-

gium and Holland.

bombers and fighters.

were not yet tabulated.

2 Yanks Get

Order of Bath

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in our afternoon contemporary) spring violet, apparently to lift the tone of his production. LONDON, Jan. 1-(P)-The Gernan air force lost at least 241 of

He has nothing on us. Some one sent us a whole bouquet of spring posies, three varieties of narcissus, iris, rosebuds, accacia and maidenhair, very lovely, we may add. But they were delivered to our

apartment, where by nightfall they had succeeded in banishing odors of onion, sage, coffee an tallow candles.

Probably they were intended for the office.

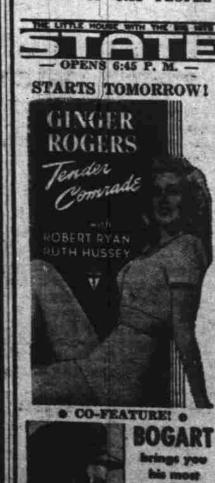
Slavs Exhume Bodies Of 3500 Shot by Nazis

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 2-(P)-The bodies of 3500 Yugoslav patriots shot by the Germans in a concentration .camp between March, 1943, and April, 1944, have the German planes that struck the been exhumed from 70 small and two large graves on Bezanija ridge near Belgrade, the Free Yugoslav radio said last night. The broadcast said the victims' clothing had been sold publicly by German sol-



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