

Fifth Regains Lost Territory In Italy Gains

ROME, Jan. 1.—(P)—Fifth army 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 announced today.

Bitter Dispute Still Raging Over Poland

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(P)—The United Nations made a badly handicapped start on their fourth year today, impeded by the bitter dispute between Poland and Russia.

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 London.

Greek Regent Asks People To Quit Arms

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(P)—Archbishop Damaskinos, 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.

The Elas message to the regent added that the committee will order the laying down of arms when current political questions are settled.

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.—(P)—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 year.

Both compulsory military training legislation and tax revision should wait until after the fall of Germany, Martin indicated in reviewing for reporters his ideas of what the new congress convening Wednesday should take up.

"I don't think there is any reason to be stampeded into a hasty decision," Martin said. "A peacetime draft cannot become effective until after the war, and it should receive mature consideration."

President Roosevelt has said he would like to see a universal draft bill passed this winter, and Chairman May (D-Ky) has announced the house military committee would start hearings this month.

Both the army and the navy reportedly have urged early congressional consideration.

Martin emphasized that he was not opposed to compulsory peacetime training and believed "some type" should be ordered.

At the same time, Speaker Rayburn of Texas told reporters he believed the peacetime 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 year.

Martin pledged the cooperation of the 190 house republicans on 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 To 11,900,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(P)—This country's armed forces have increased to 11,900,000 since 1940. Of that number 8,100,000 were in the army; the remainder in the navy, marines and coast guards.

Colonies Eye Better Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(P)—The New Year brings an implied promise of better things for colonial peoples under Britain's rule—a promise 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 development and welfare in the West Indies and chairman of the British section of the Anglo-American Caribbean commission, had been appointed to a newly created post of advisor of development planning.

The Caribbean commission from which Stockdale emerges has been hailed as demonstrating that it is possible for two or more powers having direct concern in backward areas to "adjust common problems on a regional basis with the object of assuring colonial communities a greater measure of prosperity and stability."

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 Feel Mounting Fury of Soviet

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 2.—(P)—The fanatical German and Hungarian defenders of Budapest, trapped between assault forces which squeezed steadily from both the east and west, felt the mounting fury of the red army today in a battle which threatened to demolish the once beautiful Hungarian capital.

An early morning communique broadcast from Moscow said the enemy garrison, although supplied 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 front-line reports received there indicated that the fall of Buda, the section of the city west of the Danube river, was expected within 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 German defenses east of the river at will.

Holiday Death Toll Reaches Total of 217

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 Ogden, Utah, of two Southern Pacific trains, from which 48 bodies were recovered.

Traffic accidents, other than the train wreck, resulted in 77 deaths. Fires accounted for 49 deaths. Miscellaneous accidents caused 43 deaths. Utah with 48 dead led the states. California was second with 19. Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania each reported 13 deaths by accident.

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

Japanese Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso broadcast to the subject peoples of occupied Asia Monday the claim that Japan would drive its foes from the entire Greater East Asia in 1945 but acknowledged that the military situation in the Philippines was growing in 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 forces adds to the enemy's desperation resulting in greater recklessness, with which the enemy continues his costly invasion operations by dint of sheer weight

20 Live Bombs Dropped From Abandoned Plane

SALINA, Kas., Jan. 1.—(P)—Twenty live bombs, jettisoned by a crew forced to abandon a big army bomber, are scattered over an area about 15 miles northwest of here, army officers warned tonight.

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



Steel cars piled up in a heap in this Southern Pacific train wreck on a rock fill-in leading onto the Great Salt Lake trestle. Between 40 and 50 persons were killed and more than 100 injured. (AP wirephoto)

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.

C. F. Chambers, who succeeds I. F. LeGaris 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 which they were elected in last May's primaries.

Mayor I. M. Doughton has declared that his message will contain no revolutionary suggestions, while others in official circles point to the fact that the prospect he laid down for his term of office two years ago is still largely in the creative stage.

Then, one of the changes he proposed was an expansion of the city boundaries to take in well-populated adjoining suburban areas, a matter which may come to a vote here April 6. An ordinance bill setting April 6 as the date for the special election to consider the annexation of the border territories may be presented tonight.

An ordinance which is definitely slated to make its appearance 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.

Brownell Lauds Late Mrs. McCormick Simms

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(P)—Herbert Brownell, jr., chairman of the republican national committee, today lauded the late Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms as "one of the outstanding leaders of the republican party."

Mrs. Simms, who died Sunday, had served on the national committee and in congress. "She devoted a constant and loyal interest and an unflinching zeal to the party's interests," Brownell said.

British Troops Reach Burma Rice Country

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, Jan. 1.—(P)—British imperial troops have entered Kaduma, 16 miles from Yeu, and the triple drive from northern Burma had reached the northern and western rim of the Burma rice bowl where all roads lead to Mandalay.

The approach to Yeu, only 70 miles northeast of Mandalay, was announced by the headquarters of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten today.

At the same time was announced that other British forces fighting 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 meeting opposition.

These twin developments emphasized the current opinion that the Japanese high command has written off Burma as a bad investment for troops and materials and is pulling out.

Three years after their jungle-style blitz, the Japanese Burma bubble has burst.

The New Year finds the Japanese in retreat or in hazard on every Burma front.

Pravda Writer Rebukes Anglo-American Policy In Liberated Countries

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(P)—Ilya Ehrenburg, writing in the communist party newspaper Pravda, declared today that the Russians have not disarmed partisans in countries liberated by Russia because "the red army is a liberator and not a nurse."

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 people's affairs nor denied any factions freedom of expression in countries they had liberated.

A human adult has half an ounce of sugar in his blood.

Germans Hurl Air Force Into Fight, Lose 241

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(P)—The German air force lost at least 241 of its carefully hoarded planes today, with most of the downed planes—208—sacrificed in a desperate attempt to cripple allied aerial superiority by bombing and strafing allied air fields in France, Belgium and Holland.

The surprise offensive was the greatest by the Luftwaffe since its heyday of 1940-41, but it failed to check the momentum of the allied aerial offensive that sent at least 8000 American and British planes over the continent on New Year's day. These included more than 1600 US Eighth air force heavy bombers and fighters.

First reports placed allied plane losses today at 25. The figure did not include losses of heavy bombers of the Eighth air force, which were not yet tabulated.

A front dispatch said some of the German planes that struck the allied air fields shortly after 9 a.m. were American craft captured by the Nazis in the recent breakthrough into Luxembourg.

2 Yanks Get Order of Bath

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(P)—King George VI approved today the award of the order of commander of the bath to two American generals in recognition of their services in the southeast Asia command.

The two are Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, until recently deputy chief of staff in southeast Asia and now commanding general of US army forces in China, and Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, commander of the East air command and second in command of allied airforces in southeast Asia.

ON the HOME FRONT

Someone sent Sips (columnist in our afternoon contemporary) a spring violet, apparently to lift the tone of his production.

He has nothing on us. Someone sent us a whole bouquet of spring posies, three varieties of narcissus, iris, rosebuds, scacelia 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 and 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 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 soldiers.

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