

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

To my desk has come a beautifully printed brochure on "Memorials that Live," a publication of the American Commission for Living War Memorials.

Nor is there much to be said in defense of many of the stock models which have absorbed the dollars of communities after our various wars.

But for the idea of the "living memorial" is that expenditure of money in art forms like statues is a "waste" then I beg to dissent.

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GI Given Life Term for Sale U.S. Gasoline

PARIS, Jan. 13 (AP)—Pvt. Level Ealy was sentenced to life imprisonment today by a court martial at headquarters of the Oise section for the illegal sale of 20 gallons of U. S. army gasoline to the French black market.

Two other enlisted men were sentenced to 25 years at hard labor for their part in train-looting black market deals by members of a U. S. army railway battalion.

They were found guilty in a general court martial session convened by the protest of Sgt. Frank C. Pozzi of Chicago, that army investigators "threatened me with perjury until I decided to sign the confession."

The second defendant, Sgt. Walter G. Torsell of Portland, Ore., testified that an investigator "threatened me verbally with a rubber hose," but he admitted participating in the thefts of post exchange supplies from trains and selling the cigarettes and other items to the black market.

The testimony of undercover agents pictured an atmosphere of corruption along the railway line from Dreux to Paris.

"Unbelievable sums of money" circulated in poker games among these men, they added.

Wayne Seifer Dies in Action

GERVAIS, Jan. 13 — Wayne Seifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Seifer, was killed in action December 13, in Germany. Information was received by his parents from the war department.

A letter written December 3 had just been received by his parents when the notification of his death arrived. Requiem mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic church, of which parish his parents are members.

PFC Lloyd Reed Is Killed in Action

PFC Lloyd Reed, son of Mrs. Nellie Reed, route 4, was killed in action December 8 on Leyte. The information was received by his mother Thursday in a telegram from the war department.

Lloyd Reed was an only son. He was born January 5, 1919.

Cattle Men Assail Ceilings, Subsidies

DENVER, Jan. 13 (AP)—Western cattle men demanded the abolition of ceiling prices on beef cattle and termed the government's subsidy program a "grave threat" to producers and feeders in resolutions adopted at the American National Live Stock association convention in Denver today.

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Americans Patrols Hit Inland Within 90 Miles of Manila

Eight-Mile Gain Chalked Against Light Resistance

By James Hutchison GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Sunday, Jan. 14 (AP)—American motor patrols have pushed inland 20 miles at two points along the Luzon island invasion front, to the vicinity of the towns of Urbiztondo and Bayambang.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique covering action to midnight Friday said the advances were eight miles ahead of the previous day positions, against continuing light resistance.

Urbiztondo is about 18 miles from the Lingayen gulf coast, where the Americans made a beachhead last Tuesday, and Bayambang is around 20 miles inland.

Both towns are located on road junctions, and both are on the Agno river which cuts across the northern Luzon plain and then swings northward to the gulf.

The Agno river is the first formidable natural barrier to be reached in the southward drive of units of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth army.

"The enemy is as yet either unable or unwilling to seriously challenge our offensive drive into the (Luzon) central plains," the communique said.

The central plains, which form the path southward toward strategic Clark field and Manila, the latter about 90 miles below Bayambang, range from 30 to 50 miles wide and will provide perhaps the first opportunity for the wide employment of tanks.

During the daytime Wednesday fighter planes destroyed 50 small enemy craft along the west coast of Luzon near Vigan. The craft were mostly barges which may have been attempting to get supplies to Nipponese troops in northern Luzon.

American air units continued their bombing and strafing of Japanese equipment on highways and railroads from Manila bay northward.

The Japanese made one bid in strength in the air, choosing allied shipping in Lingayen gulf and to the west of Luzon for their targets. Twenty enemy planes were shot down by allied air patrols and ships' anti-aircraft. The Nipponese planes succeeded in doing only minor damage, the communique said.

Nisei Finds No Prejudice

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—Not "the slightest hint" of racial prejudice has greeted Ted Hachiya, 25-year-old Japanese-American who returned to Portland two days ago to take over his small hotel, he said today.

"I am happy to say that my report to fellow Nisei will be that the people of Portland bear us no ill will because of our ancestry," declared Hachiya, former University of Oregon student. He said greetings from his many friends have been whole-hearted.

Relocation camps were "great opportunities for romance," he reported, explaining that it was there he met his wife. Before his return here he worked in Salt Lake City.

Compulsory Compensation and Three-Way Insurance Sought

Compulsory compensation for workers, a choice of three kinds of insurance—in fact, a virtual revision of a major share of Oregon's workman's compensation law—would be effected under provisions of a bill now about ready for introduction in the 43rd legislature.

Nearly all employers would be subject to the compensation law, under the proposal, and employers would have their choice of state insurance, self insurance, or private-company insurance, or a combination of the three.

Farm labor, domestic servants and certain other classes of workers would be exempted, but any employers exempted could elect to come under provisions of the law if they so elect. (The present law applies only to employers in haz-

Senate to Meet At 10 Tomorrow; House Set for 11

The Oregon state senate and house of representatives will convene tomorrow morning for the second week's session which state-house sources said Saturday may see the beginning of a veritable deluge of bills expected to be introduced before the 43rd meeting ends.

The senate will take up at 10 a. m., the house an hour later. Expected to receive prompt action is the senate-approved resolution providing for an investigation of Oregon's liquor dealings, including the Waterhill and Fraser purchase which unofficial sources estimated Saturday already had netted the state a gross profit of \$2,400,000.

Other controversial measures also were understood to be ready to run the gamut within the next few days. (Legislature stories page 6)

Cordon Makes New Attempt For Academy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Senator Guy Cordon (R-Ore) has introduced a bill to establish a federal naval academy on the Pacific coast, similar to the measure sponsored by his predecessor, the late Sen. Charles L. McNary. Cordon said experiences in this war may change the status of the war and navy departments, whose opposition thus far has prevented passage of a bill setting up another academy.

The school would strengthen coast defenses, he asserted, because men trained in that area would have a more thorough knowledge of geographical factors, meeting every type of climate, terrain, and navigable water.

Japs Worry Over Russian Pact Ending

By the Associated Press Japanese concern over possible Russian moves in the Pacific war were expressed by a Nipponese commentator beamed to unoccupied China Saturday night (Japanese time).

"Stalin will be forced to show his hand in the Pacific war before April next," said the Domei news agency commentator.

He was referring to the probable meeting of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin in the April deadline for a declaration of intention by either party to the Japanese-Russian non-aggression pact.

The Domei comment, broadcast over the Japanese-controlled Singapore radio and intercepted by the federal communications commission, pointed out that the non-aggression pact with Russia, signed in April, 1941, for a period of five years, provides that should either of the parties desire to terminate the treaty it must give notice of the intention one year in advance of the termination date. Failure to give such notice automatically renews the treaty for another five years, the Domei broadcast said.

Check Up on This Fellow Next Year

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—Rolf Passer, metal telepathist who stated in New York City's Rainbow room in August, 1941 that America would declare war on Japan the following Dec. 6 or 7, predicted today the European war would end Nov. 23, 1945.

The war with Japan will end Jan. 6, 1946, said Passer, here for a night club engagement.

"Nobody wrote me a postcard or sent me a turkey when my 1941 prediction came true," he lamented.

Says Nazis Ready To Leave Italy

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—The German high command has decided to abandon all of Italy, say reports from Zurich, Switzerland, John Bryson, correspondent of the Blue network, reported from London tonight. The Swiss reports said the Germans tell their estimated 20 to 24 divisions on the Italian front had accomplished their main purpose.

Winter Campaign Started

Reds Smash 25 Miles; Big Vise Closes on Nazis

By Richard Kasichke LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 14 (AP)—Premier-Marshal Stalin announced last night that the red army had opened its eagerly-awaited winter offensive on the eastern front, breaking through 25 miles toward the heart of Germany on a 37-mile front in southern Poland.

Striking powerfully beyond the Vistula river, the Russians swept to within 60 miles of industrial German Silesia, reaching the Nida river, last big water barrier before the reich frontier. A "decisive" soviet barrage from massed cannon paved the way across the frozen plains, Stalin said in a special order of the day.

Millions on Move Berlin reports said 2,500,000 Russian troops were on the move. The new blow put Germany in a giant vise with more than a dozen allied armies striking concertedly from east and west.

Overrunning more than 350 places in two days the Russians drove to within 36 miles north-east of Krakow and to within 11 miles southeast of Kielce, threatening to collapse the entire German front between Warsaw and Krakow.

The northern end of the westward-moving Russian front was 100 miles south of Warsaw and 145 miles west of Sandomierz, Vistula river bridgehead base. Defense Lines Smashed Over muddy ground the Russians smashed three successive German defense lines in attacks supported by an artillery barrage which prisoners said was "hellish" that some units lost half of their personnel, reported a mid-night soviet bulletin.

Russian engineers picked a path through thick minefields for waves of infantrymen, and the communique supplement said the terrain was strewn "with thousands of enemy corpses, broken equipment, arms and war material."

Berlin reports, describing the Polish offensive as "the greatest of all time," said that two other major soviet offensives had begun—in German East Prussia and southern Czechoslovakia—accompanied by smaller attacks at intervals along a 600-mile front from Memel in the north down to stricken Budapest in Hungary, where the German garrison appeared to be on its last legs.

Bombers Hit Rhine Bridges

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP)—American heavy bombers struck at seven Rhine river bridges from Bingen to south of Karlsruhe today in the first blow of a systematic assault designed to wreck every span over the stream and make it impossible for the enemy to supply or to rescue his armies on the western front.

Swarming over western Germany again after two days of idleness forced by the weather, more than 900 Liberators and Flying Fortresses, protected by more than 400 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, pounded vital railway spans at Rudesheim, Worms, Mannheim, Gernsheim and Karlsruhe and two at Mainz.

Later in the afternoon a force of RAF Lancasters with a Mustang escort dumped a concentration of heavy bombs on railway yards at Saarbrücken, immediately behind the Nazi counteroffensive aimed at Alsace and Lorraine.

Newsprint Cut Little in 1944

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Combined 1944 newsprint paper production in Canada, Newfoundland and the United States at 3,994,383 tons was only one per cent under that of 1943, the news print service bureau reported today.

Canadian output for the year at 2,981,783 tons compared with 2,982,797 in 1943 and with 3,425,865 in 1941 base year for current newsprint use restrictions.

United States mills turned out 719,902 tons, against 804,853 in 1943 and 1,014,812 in 1941.

NAZIS FALL BACK AS YANKS STRIKE TO CUT RETREAT

Britain's Status To Be Aired

Change in Times Indicates Big-3 Conference Set

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP)—The government announced today it had decided to hold full-dress debate on the general war situation a week earlier than previously planned, and this led to speculation that a date already had been set for the impending conference of the "big three."

Prime Minister Churchill will open debate next Thursday with his report to commons reviewing the war and the Greek crisis, and the debate will continue through Friday.

Meeting Believed Near With President Roosevelt's inauguration Jan. 20, there is little or no chance of the "big three" meeting before then, but there is a general feeling here that the president, Churchill and Marshal Stalin of Russia will meet either late this month or early in February.

Britain's whole military and diplomatic position faces a full airing after the return of commons from the holiday recess Tuesday. Already laborites and independents have drawn up a list of sharp questions to fire at the prime minister in an attempt to clarify the situation in Greece.

An announcement by the conservative whip said the general war debate would open Thursday instead of Jan. 23. Previously, only the Greek situation had been expected to be considered next week.

In the face of admitted differences among the Allies, diplomats here looked for the president's inaugural address and Churchill's war review to give a possibly further exposition of both American and British policy, clearing the path for the "big three" meeting.

Planes Attack Nazi Convoy Off Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 13 (AP)—Allied planes today attacked a German convoy in the Kattegat off Sweden's west coast in the heaviest such battle yet observed Swedish press reports declared.

Observers on the coast reported seeing a great many Allied planes attacking German vessels and said they could "clearly see bomb hits" on the ships. The sky was alight with tracer shells.

At the same time several waves of foreign planes were reported flying toward Germany through fog at low altitudes over southern Sweden south of Goteborg. Whether they were German or Allied was not known here.

Sailor Eludes Japs for Two Years in Philippines

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 13 (AP)—The navy permitted a 23-year-old sailor to describe for the first time today how he outwitted the Japanese for two years and two weeks on half a dozen enemy-infested Philippine islands after his escape from a prison camp.

Aviation machinist mate Charles O. Watkins of St. Petersburg, Fla., was rescued Aug. 31, 1944, before American forces invaded the Philippines.

Once Watkins and two other escaped Americans killed a Japanese sympathizer who was planning to betray them. The sailor was awarded a purple heart because of a knife wound received in the fight.

V-Bombs Bring Puzzles; Humor Termed Feeble

By the Associated Press V-bombs which fell recently in southern England also dropped English language crossword puzzles, the London radio said yesterday in a broadcast reported by the OWL.

Black squares on the puzzle, the broadcast said, formed a "V-1" and the questions and answers accompanying the puzzle were described as "rather feeble and heavy handed" attempts at humor. For instance, the answer to "He wants all you've got," turned out to be "Roosevelt," the broadcast added.

Allies Land Behind Japs Fleeing Akyab

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Jan. 13 (AP)—The allies have made a new landing on the west coast of Burma behind retreating Japanese forces below Akyab, establishing a bridgehead with the aid of naval and air bombardment against strong opposition, the allied command announced today.

The allied forces stormed ashore on Myebon peninsula in Hunters bay, approximately 32 miles southeast of the city of Akyab, big Burmese port captured in an amphibious operation Jan 3 without firing a shot.

Commando troops pushed two miles north of the landing scene, reaching a point 800 yards from the town of Myebon. The entire operation threatened the road and river escape routes of Japanese forces pulling back all along the coast.

Unlike the capture of Akyab, the landing on Myebon encountered firm Japanese opposition, particularly artillery and machinegun fire.

U. S. Editors in London to Ask Press Freedom

By Romney Wheeler LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Three members of a committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors which hopes to prevent barriers in the future exchange of world news arrived in London today on the first leg of a journey around the world.

Wilbur Forrest of the New York Herald-Tribune, chairman, said that the group probably would remain in London 10 days for talks before proceeding on a similar undertaking in liberated and neutral countries of Europe and the Middle East.

Other members were Carl W. Ackerman, dean of the Columbia School of Journalism, and Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution.

General Assault Begins

Air Force Hits; Germans Pulling Out of Salient

By Austin Bealmeier PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 14 (AP)—Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's German armies continued to fall back through their Ardennes salient last night as the U. S. First Army—in a grand attempt to cut off from the reich these retreating enemy forces—scored gains of up to two miles in a general assault against the Germans' northern flank.

The first army struck before dawn from south of Malmédy and Stavelot toward St. Vith, Belgium town four miles from the German border, where Von Rundstedt was expected to make his next stand against the mounting Allied drive. Near Escape Road

To the southwest, tanks reached Mont-Le-Ban, a village only a mile from the last good escape road from Houffalize German base which once was the center of the shrunken Belgian salient.

German resistance was light at first but stiffened during the day. The enemy used tanks against the advancing Yanks and supported his infantry with heavy artillery fire especially in the area north and northwest of St. Vith, which the Germans apparently mean to hold as long as possible. They need it to protect the junction there through which a large part of their retreating forces must pass.

Air Forces Hit Hard As fair weather enabled Allied air forces to strike hard at the withdrawing Germans, returning pilots reported heavy enemy movements eastward. Among the columns attacked was one proceeding to the northeast toward Prum, indicating that some forces have been pulled out of the salient altogether and not only through the Siegfried line but deeper into Germany.

British troops from the west ranged ahead to within seven miles of Houffalize. The Third army on the south flank sped the German withdrawal in gains of two and a half miles on a seven-mile front west of Bastogne that ironed out a three-mile corner on the southwest of the salient.

Retreat Indicated These blows, coupled with the menace posed by the First army far to the northeast, indicated that the Germans might be forced to fall back all the way to the Siegfried line inside Germany.

It was disclosed that the U. S. Ninth army had taken over almost all the Roer river front to the north. (German broadcasts made no claims of gains, but asserted that the French had lost 8000 troops in the bitter fighting south of Strasbourg.)

Girl, 17, Drowns After Jump From Broadway Bridge

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—Harbor patrolmen recovered the body of Maxine Parker from the Willamette river today an hour after she jumped from the Broadway bridge. A pedestrian crossing the span notified police.

Stockman to Push For Umatilla Dam

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Rep. Stockman (R-Ore) will ask congress to authorize the Umatilla dam near Hermiston as a separate project if the omnibus rivers and harbors bill is rejected in this session, he said today.

Stockman said the dam would be named "McNary dam" as a monument to the late republican senate leader.

Partly Cloudy with rain showers developing late today in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau at McNary Field, Salem.