

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

"This is just the season when churches, 30-40 years ago, used to hold their evangelistic meetings," remarked the Old Time Reporter.

"Deep in the heart of January, with Christmas well over with, the preachers used to gird their loins for a joint attack on the devil and all his works.

"These full-scale efforts didn't come often, but once every five or ten years, unless the city was unusually righteous or unusually wicked, I never could tell which, and shortened the interval.

"But the union meetings, the one staged in big wooden tabernacles, with sawdust for carpeting and two-inch planks for seats, they were

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May Moves to Protect Farm Labor in Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—In a bid for farm block support, the house military committee moved today to reemphasize in work-order legislation the principles of the Tydings formula for deferring farm workers.

Although the committee was in recess, Chairman May (D-Ky) said it would write into the legislation requested by President Roosevelt a proviso that nothing in the bill shall be construed to set aside the operation of the Tydings act.

The action, May said, will be taken Monday when the committee resumes its study of the legislation, which already has been changed substantially and faces more revisions before its expected arrival on the house floor next week.

Rickenbacker Says Reds Hold War's Key

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (AP)—Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker said today Russia "holds the key to the duration of the conflict in Europe" and "if she has the power to follow through in this push it will help shorten the war in Europe by months."

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200 Miles To Berlin For Reds

Russians Capture Tilsit in East Prussia Advance

By Richard Kasichke LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 21 (AP)—The Red army, killing or capturing 50,000 Germans in a week of its lightning offensive across Poland, yesterday forced the Warta river 210 miles east of Berlin, and the German radio said early today that other Soviet spearheads to the southwest had crossed the embattled Silesian frontier only 200 miles from the reich capital.

Simultaneously other Soviet forces invading German East Prussia to a depth of 46 miles in a 17-mile advance toppled the great stronghold of Tilsit and reached to within 45 miles of Konigsberg, while another army coming up from the south reached the lower east Prussian frontier in a wide front.

Berlin Alarmed Berlin said the Russians had crossed into southern East Prussia on a 37-mile front in a great pinners movement that carried to within 65 miles of the Baltic behind Konigsberg and which was aimed at lopping off that entire German province.

In eastern Slovakia the strongholds of Kassa, Presov, and Bardejov fell and the Russians also seized Nowy Sacz in southern Poland southeast of Krakow.

Berlin indicated that the crossing into German Silesia, the "Ruh of the east," was made by the Russians in the area of Namslau, six miles inside Silesia, 27 miles east of Breslau, the provincial capital, and 200 miles southeast of Berlin.

The situation at the Silesian frontier is "critical," Berlin said, with schoolboys, businessmen, clerks and others of the Volkssturm, or home army being thrown into the struggle to save Breslau—once considered a "safe city" by those who fled there from Munich-bombing Berlin.

Moscow did not mention a crossing into Silesia, but said that Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army had reached the frontier or was within five miles of it on a winding 65-mile front from captured Mieslezn, 45 miles east of Breslau, down to occupied Lubliniec, strategic road junction 32 miles east of the German industrial city of Oppeln.

Cold-Snap Hits State to End Mild Weather

PORTLAND, Jan. 20 (AP)—A cold-snap today nipped Oregon's comfortable temperatures of the past week, slowing traffic on frost covered roads and icy pavements. Portland temperatures dropped from mid-forty to 29 this morning and remained at near freezing points until noon in airport readings. Baker recorded an 18 degree low early today; Klamath Falls 20, Bend 23 and North Bend 32.

The state motor association warned motorists headed for the mountains to take chains while the Blue mountain highway between Pendleton and LaGrande was rated most dangerous. Twenty inches of snow was reported at the summit.

The weather bureau reported increasing clouds in northwest Oregon but continued cold.

Paul Goyette Dies in Action

Lt. Paul Goyette, husband of the former Barbara Jean Saunders, 1175 E. St., was killed in action in Germany December 1.

Lt. Goyette went overseas with a replacement unit following completion of training at Camp Adair and other later stations. He was born 24 years ago in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent most of his life. He was inducted in the army in 1941.

Mrs. Goyette and her son, Paul, jr., who is 18 months old today, make their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Saunders, 1175 E. St. Other survivors include his mother in Los Angeles.

Nazi Officer Removed

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Moscow radio said tonight that Ritter von Schleich had been removed as commander of the German air force in Norway and would be succeeded by an SS (elite guard) officer.

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Canada Has New Crisis

7800 Soldiers Slated for Duty Overseas AWOL

By the Associated Press OTTAWA, Jan. 20—A new crisis in Canada over conscription for overseas service arose today with official disclosure that half of a group of more defense troops—7800 out of 15,600—had gone absent without leave as they were about to be sent abroad.

Defense Minister A. G. L. McNaughton announced that although 1500 men had since returned voluntarily or been apprehended, 6300 were still AWOL. They will be classified as deserters if they do not return within 21 days, he said.

8300 in Britain More than 8300 of the drafted home army have arrived in Britain recently under the government's new conscription policy, McNaughton announced, plus the "normal quota of reinforcements," presumably men from the regular home training stream.

The defense minister issued a long statement on the situation after reports received from all across the country—from Quebec, Montreal, London, Ont., Calgary, Regina and Vancouver—had indicated disturbances in home defense troops camps over the question of service abroad.

Spotlight Rumors The Montreal Gazette said that these stories of insurrection and desertion among the draftee troops "bring into play the rumors that have floated around military district No. 4 concerning the two camps taken over by draftees returned to Montreal from the east and west coasts.

The conscription crisis revolved once more around a group of 60,000 men—out of nearly 1,000,000 taken into Canada's armed services—who have declined to serve overseas and now are liable to be sent abroad under one government's new policy.

Bombers Blast Rhine Bridge, Rail Junctions

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—More than 1300 American heavy bombers and fighters, struggling through high altitude snowstorms and bitter cold, blasted a Rhine bridge and vital rail junctions behind the German west front today.

The air assault on enemy communications was renewed after a one-day lull. Even as reports came in of damage inflicted by the latest raids, the German radio warned that a bomber formation from the south was approaching Saxony.

The renewed bombing was carried out through solid clouds, by instrument, by the more than 750 US Eighth air force Fortresses participating. Targets were railway yards at Rheine and Hellbronn and the three-span, 1200 foot bridge at Mannheim.

Ghost Voice Haunts Nazi News Broadcast

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—A ghost voice broke in on a German news broadcast tonight with the cry of "Defeat—nothing but defeat." When the announcer quoted from a statement by Press Chief Otto Dietrich that the eastern front position had changed, the voice mocked: "Yes, it has changed a great deal. We are now fighting inside the reich again."

Marauders Try to Dynamite, Burn Jap American's Farm

AUBURN, Calif., Jan. 20 (AP)—Sheriff's deputies guarded the home of a Japanese-American farmer and his aged parents tonight, after attempts to burn and dynamite one of his packing sheds, as state officials moved swiftly to prevent further trouble. Sumio Doi, first of some 1000-odd Placer county residents of Japanese descent to return to his home from relocation centers, reported that marauders set fire to the shed one night, and early yesterday came back to fire shots over his house and plant dynamite beneath the shed.

At Sacramento, Gov. Earl Warren called upon "every officer and every citizen" to unite in preventing further incidents.

Heavy Blows Dealt Luzon Japs; French First Launches Attack

Drive At Colmar Pocket

Seventh Fighting 70 Miles South Near Strasbourg

By Edward Kennedy PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 21 (AP)—The reinforced French First army scored gains up to three miles yesterday in a new offensive launched against the Germans' Colmar-Mulhouse pocket approximately 70 miles south of where U. S. Seventh army troops were fighting to save Strasbourg, imperilled capital of Alsace.

The French struck this blow for Alsatian liberation at a German-held sector that extends 35 miles into the Vosges and is 55 miles wide at its base along the rim. The Germans have been stubbornly defending this large Alsatian foothold with perhaps as many as 35,000 troops.

Planes Grounded French forces gained at several points along the southern flank although a daylong snowstorm deprived them of air support. The French jumped into the mounting battle, with the fate of Alsace and Strasbourg in the balance, after tank-led German troops drove U. S. Seventh army lines back five miles and threatened to undermine American positions in the northeast corner of France.

The assault rolling out under the cover of a blinding snowstorm from the Vosges eastward to the Rhine in the Mulhouse area, achieved complete surprise and still was pressing forward tonight against that tough German core known as the Colmar pocket from which the enemy was enacting Strasbourg from the south.

Associated Press Correspondent Robert C. Wilson said the French were attacking all the way from St. Amarin, 16 miles northwest of Mulhouse, east to the Rhine where the French already hold an eight-mile strip on the west bank above the Swiss frontier. The Germans were pouring more and more troops and tanks across the Rhine north of Strasbourg to exploit the five-mile penetration of American positions.

Oregon Second in Per Capita E Bond Sales

SEATTLE, Jan. 20 (AP)—Oregon and Washington ranked second and third respectively in the per capita sale of series E bonds in the sixth war loan drive, William C. H. Lewis, U. S. treasury department war finance committee executive manager, said today.

North Dakota led the nation in E bond sales per capita. Washington ranked fifth in the over-all totals. Pvt. Orlin F. Moser Missing in Action SUBLIMITY, Jan. 20—Pvt. Orlin F. Moser, army field artillery and paratrooper, has been missing in action in Belgium since December 23, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Moser, have been notified by the war department. He was graduated from Silverton high school with the class of 1939.

Soviets Will Protect British War Prisoners

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The soviet government has assured the war office that British commonwealth prisoners of war liberated in the Russian army advance will receive protection and care.

Approximately 40,000 British prisoners by unofficial estimate may be liberated shortly in five camps inside Silesia in the path of the advancing Russian armies.

Clear Today except for local valley fog, partly cloudy by afternoon in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau at McNary field, Salem.

MacArthur Lands at 'Backdoor' of Bataan



Gen. Douglas MacArthur, accompanied by members of his staff, is pictured as he walked shoreward from his LST on the beach at Lingayen, Luzon, "backdoor" to the peninsula of Bataan on Luzon. (International)

Roosevelt Dedicates Fourth Term to 'Total Victory' Plus 'Just and Durable Peace'

By Howard Fieger WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—In a ceremony of solemn simplicity Franklin Delano Roosevelt embarked today on his fourth term as president of a United States dedicated to victory and lasting world peace.

Standing on the south portico of the White house, he repeated the 37-word oath of the president for the fourth time, and set the theme of his new administration in these words:

"In the days and years that are to come we shall work for a just and durable peace as today we work and fight for total victory in war."

A select crowd of 7806 by the official count at the gates stood in the snow on the White house lawn to witness the inaugural ceremony—stripped of its usual glitter and pomp by the grimness of war.

The whole thing was over in 15 minutes, climaxed by Mr. Roosevelt's 551-word fourth inaugural address. A few minutes before the president repeated the oath after Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone, bespectacled Harry S. Truman of Missouri was sworn in as the third Roosevelt vice president. He took the oath from the man he succeeded, Henry A. Wallace.

"We have learned that we cannot live alone, at peace, he said, "that our own well being is dependent on the well being of other nations, far away. We have learned that we must live as men, not as ostriches, nor as dogs in the manger."

Chinese Force Takes Wanting

CHUNGKING, Sunday, Jan. 21 (AP)—The Chinese central news agency reported today that Chinese troops Saturday recaptured the Burma road town of Wanting, last major obstacle to reopening of an overland supply route to China.

The Chinese had captured the town on the Burma border January 3, but lost it again next day. At that time it was not the last major barrier to the India-China route, but since then Chinese and Allied gains in Burma had enhanced Wanting's significance.

The recapture came after two weeks of bitter, bloody fighting, the Chinese agency said.

Nazi Aircraft Warning System Has Breakdown

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The German radio, intimating a breakdown in the anti-aircraft warning system, told civilians tonight they might hear gunfire before an alarm sounded.

"We must ask the public to be patient with the staff of observation posts, who may not have slept the night before and are over-burdened," the Berlin announcer said.

Nippon Defenses Crumble

Japanese Forces In North, South Practically Split

By James Hutchison GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Sunday, Jan. 21 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today announced the heaviest series of staggering blows against the Japanese in central Luzon since the Lingayen Gulf landing 12 days ago.

The general overall picture of the military situation as gleaned from the official communique and field dispatches was (1) solidification of the left flank and (2) consequent resumption of the drive, south toward Manila, approximately 70 miles beyond columns approaching Tarlac.

Highway Cleared Thirty-seven miles of the principal north and south highway have been secured between Sison, on the left flank of the campaign down the central Luzon plain, and Paniqui to the south, the communique said.

"This practically cuts the enemy in two, severing his forces in northern Luzon from those in southern Luzon," the communique declared.

Nip Flank Crumbles MacArthur said enemy resistance was crumbling and breaking into disorganized groups on the left flank, where the Japanese have shown their only strong resistance to date.

"Enemy resistance in the Cabaruan hills has collapsed," the communique said. These hills rise from the center of the Luzon plain midway between two invasion highways.

Sixth army troops also captured high ground northeast of Rosario Friday. Rosario, heavily shelled by both Japanese and American artillery to keep ground troops of both sides out of town, is in the mountainous north sector of the left flank.

China Troops Flown South By U.S. Pilots

CHUNGKING, Sunday, Jan. 21 (AP)—Thousands of Chinese troops were flown down from the north by American pilots in the greatest mass movement by air ever made in China when the Japanese drive began to threaten Chungking several weeks ago, it was disclosed today.

Seasoned pilots of the air transport command, who ferried troops and their equipment to Yunnan province, declared the job they successfully tackled was tougher than flying the hump from India.

The transfer came at a time when the Japanese, racing through southern China, split the country in half and then veered west in a drive threatening either Chungking or the terminals of China's aerial supply line in Yunnan.

Freeze Ends Monday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The three-day "freeze" of lard, shortening and salad and cooking oils will be lifted Monday, the OPA reminded today.

Beginning then these commodities will be rationed at two red points a pound.

Nazis Order Every Man Into Effort to Stem Soviet Tide

By Romney Wheeler LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Admitting the Russians had crashed across the Silesian border and were within 30 miles of Breslau, their once "safe" city, the Nazis tonight ordered "every man into the breach."

The Moscow radio said Heinrich Himmler himself had gone to Silesia to speed mobilization of the Volksturm (people's army) and that minister of munitions Albert Speer was there to expedite evacuation of movable industries. Nazi front line dispatches broadcast by the German radio said all

18-Months-Old Child Dies in Sodaville Fire

LEBANON, Jan. 20—The 18-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoeraus burned to death Saturday forenoon in an old house back of the store in Sodaville, four miles from Lebanon on the road to Sweet Home.

The fire was started from an overheated stove and the house burned like paper.

Two little boys had been left alone in the house with their grandfather while the mother went to the store. The grandfather saved the three-year-old boy but was unable to get back into the house to save the baby.

Saturday night the ashes were still too hot to recover the child's body.

Hungary Signs Allied Terms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The allies signed an armistice with Hungary today, narrowing Hitler's list of European cohorts.

Announcement of the pact came first from Moscow where the document was signed by Marshal Klementi Voros Ilov for the United States, Britain and Russia.

Although the armistice strips the nazis of a major ally, the Germans still are sponsoring a Hungarian government under Count Szalasi, and there remain German satellites in Slovakia, the Bohemian-Moravian protectorate and in northern Italy to bolster the German case.

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Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	57	34	0
Eugene	47	28	0
Salem	46	28	0
Portland	46	28	0
Seattle	46	28	0
Willamette river 7 ft. 5 in.			

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