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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sweeney

A few years ago Paul Robeson gave a concert in Salem. He is one of the world's great singers and now is proving a great actor in a production of Shakespeare's Othello.

But Paul Robeson could not get a hotel room in Salem. Robeson is a negro.

Because there is discrimination on the ground of race or color the so-called civil rights bill is introduced in the state legislature. It has been there before, but always it has been defeated.

Why is it defeated? Because of the opposition of the restaurant proprietors, the hotels and apartment houses.

But do not blame these proprietors and managers with exclusive guilt of racial intolerance. In many respects they merely reflect the intolerance of the white community.

The hotel keeper may be willing to house a negro, but he is fearful of his regular paying white guests will check out. The restaurant keeper may be willing to feed a negro, but he is afraid his white trade will flounce out in disapproval. The prejudice, in other words, lies behind the clerk at the hotel desk who says "no rooms" to the great negro singer. And prejudice dies hard.

Of course there are objections to the civil rights bill—the argument that it may be used to blackmail a hotel or restaurant. There is also the assertion that you can't legislate tolerance into (Continued on Editorial Page)

House Passes Manpower Bill Minus Changes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—(AP) Brushing aside every proposed major change, the house passed and sent to the senate today legislation to coerce men between 18 and 45 into war plants. The roll call vote was 246 to 165.

Passage of the measure requested by President Roosevelt came only after its backers staved off a mighty drive by opponents to substitute a voluntary plan for meeting manpower needs.

The substitute, backed heavily by republicans, went down by a non-record vote of 187 to 177. Earlier the house decisively rejected moves to incorporate in the legislation a so-called "anti-closed shop" amendment and a ban against giving essential rating to an employer unwilling to hire a worker because of his race, color or creed.

Whitey Dahl Acquitted By RCAF Court Martial

MONTREAL, Feb. 1—(AP)—Squad. Ldr. Harold (Whitey) Dahl, internationally-known war flier was acquitted today by an RCAF court martial on 10 of 14 charges of improper disposition of government property. He must await announcement from the Canadian judge advocate-general for the court's findings on the remaining four charges.



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Jaws Of U. S. Trap Closing

Newest Invasion To Stop Union Of Jap Forces

By C. Yates McDaniel

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Feb. 1—(AP)—A new landing southwest of Manila -- the third invasion of Luzon island -- forged the jaws of a trap north and south of the Philippines capital, with some Yank columns reported today a bare 20 air miles away.

Virtually sealing off the possibility of Nipponese troops south of Manila joining those to the north, 11th division troops of the Eighth army landed at Nasugbu on the west coast of Batangas province 32 miles southwest of Cavite naval base.

They opened a drive north while Yanks of the Sixth army pressed south from Calumpit down Bulacan province to the Angat river, the closest approach to Manila. These Yanks have covered approximately 100 miles since their January 9 landing at Lingayen gulch.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported in his communique today that patrols were operating freely on this closest approach to Manila.

Move For Junction Eighth army elements which landed Monday northwest of Manila and quickly secured Subic bay as a base for the Seventh fleet were reported today to be moving east against light enemy resistance across the base of Bataan peninsula toward a juncture with Sixth army columns driving southwest from Lubao.

MacArthur reported the enemy was "caught off balance and we landed without loss" at Nasugbu. A fine road leads from Nasugbu to Manila by way of Tagaytay ridge through Cavite province.

Pvt. Ace Daily Dies in Action

Pvt. Ace Daily died in action December 25, in Luxembourg. His wife, the former Lila Green, 1050 North 18th street, has been notified by the war department. He was previously reported missing in action.

Having served in the regular army and a member of the reserve, he was called up in February, 1944 and sent overseas in September 1944. Before he was inducted he worked for the Southern Pacific freight deliveries. He attended St. Vincent de Paul school and Salem schools. Besides the widow two children, Lila Mae and Asa Rufus survive.

Yank Rangers, Filipino Aides Rescue 513 Prisoners of Nips

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Feb. 1—(AP)—Green-clad United States rangers and Filipino guerrillas rescued 513 gaunt and ragged men, mostly American survivors of the Bataan "death march" and Corregidor, in a bold raid Tuesday night 25 miles behind Japanese lines.

It was the first mass rescue of prisoners in the Pacific war, carried out by 407 picked fighters of the Sixth ranger battalion and guerrillas.

Stealthily piercing the Nuevo Eeija province hills, the commando force led by Lt. Col. Henry Mucci, of Bridgeport, Conn., with the Filipino guerrilla unit under Maj. Robert Lapham of Davenport, Ia., hit the Abanatuan prison camp near Cabu at 7 p. m., their guns blazing.

The prisoners feared the firing meant their liquidation by the Japanese had started—and end to their nearly three years of cruel

custody since the fall of Bataan and Corregidor.

The gaunt and hungry men dodged to the floor, waiting. Then rangers burst into the barred wire-enclosed barracks with the reassuring words:

"Take it easy fellows, the Yanks are here. We got this place, pal."

Freed were 496 Americans; 23 British, some of whom defended Singapore; three Netherlanders and one Norwegian. Two of the men died on the way to safety, their failing hearts unable to withstand the ordeal which climaxed their three years' imprisonment.

They were all that were left at the Abanatuan camp, which once held 10,000 captives. Hundreds had died from disease, malnutrition or mistreatment. Others had been removed to work camps in Japan.

Clean-up of the Japanese guards proceeded briskly, the 121 rangers and 286 Filipinos moving with deadly precision.

With no time to lose, the rescuers and rescued started their night forced march back to American lines. Some of the prisoners walked despite tropical ulcers, wounds and bodily weakness. Others were carried on the backs of rangers. Some rode in carabao carts.

The Japanese struck the column in persistent, tank-led attacks, but the Americans and Filipinos were not to be denied their prizes.

Fighting on the way back took 523 Japanese lives, better than one for every rescued man, and cost the enemy 12 tanks.

The daring operation, cost the lives of 27 Americans and Filipinos. Two more were wounded. "No incident of the campaign has given me such personal satisfaction," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communique announcing the rescue.

To emphasize his satisfaction, he awarded decorations to every member of the commando party. (Additional details on page 2.)

American Armies Hammer Into Nazis' Siegfried Line Against Slight Resistance

By Austin Bealmeier

PARIS, Feb. 1—(AP)—U. S. troops drove as deep as two and a half miles today through hitherto unbreached ramparts of the west-wall south of Aachen against resistance so light the belief grew that the Germans had weakened the reich's great western fortifications to bolster the eastern front.

The full weight of the assault by the U. S. First and Third armies was churning through dragon teeth tank traps and pillboxes on a 40-mile front, widening the breaches in the Siegfried line against an astounding lack of resistance.

Some First army forces in the forefront of the assault found the Germans had fled from roadblocks and pillboxes, abandoning main position with guns and ammunition.

The Third army, closing to within seven and a half miles of Prum after seizing Winterscheid, swept three and a half miles into Germany without sighting a tank. Prum is the big road and railway center which supplies the Siegfried network facing southern Belgium and northern Luxembourg.

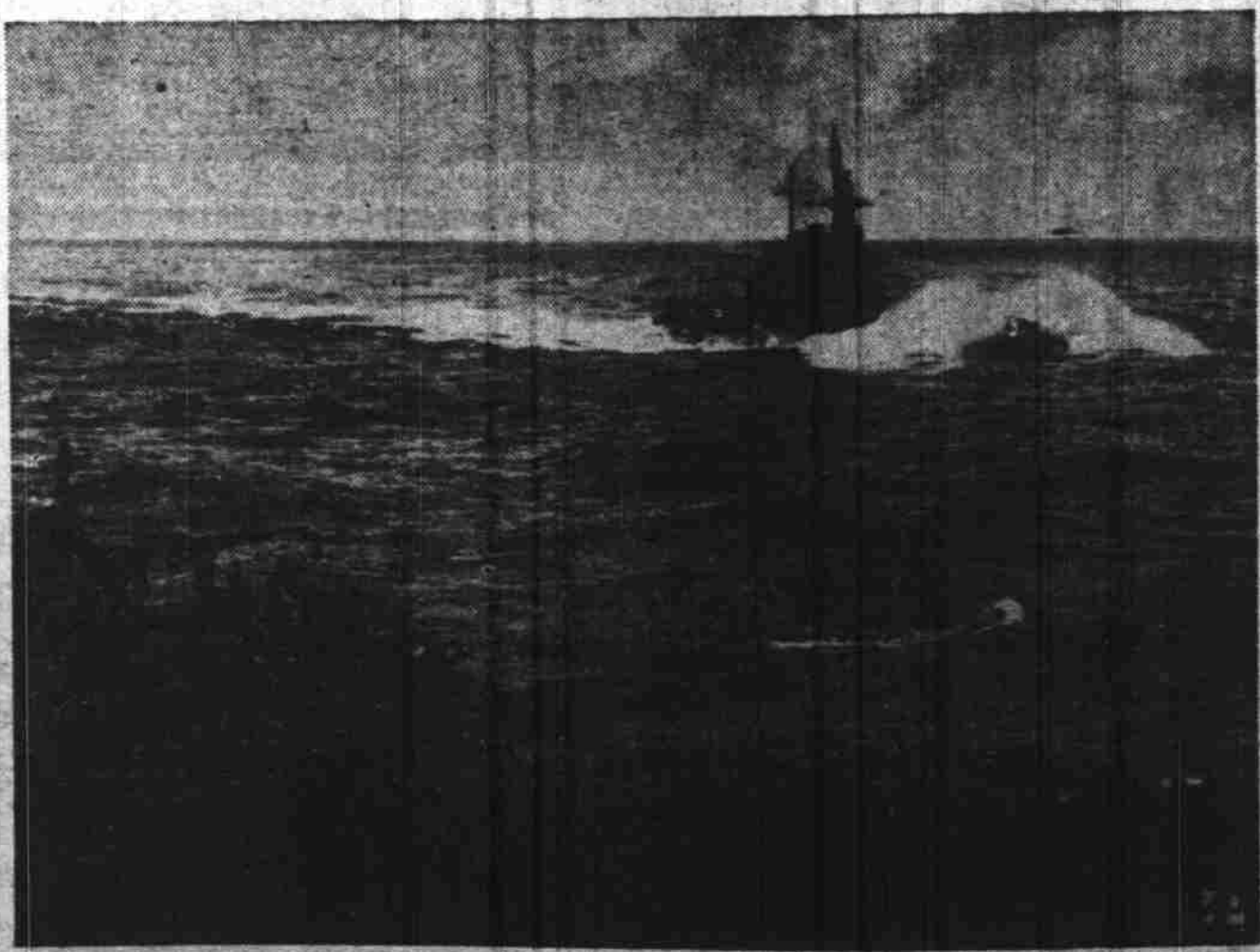
Ahead of them, hundreds of Allied heavy bombers battered rail yards and bridges in the Ruhr and Rhineland, attempting to paralyze German troop movement from the western to the eastern front.

Far to the south, the battle to drive the Germans from Alsace gathered momentum. French and American forces virtually wiped out the Rhinebank salient south of Strasbourg and tightened the ring around Colmar—last big French town in German hands—by severing its main railway line to the Rhine.

The target is prime. Built up by the British as their Gibraltar of the east, the Malay peninsula tip has facilities to handle the mightiest ships. There are huge repair shops.

The last raid on Singapore was Jan. 11. The continued attention may mean that the U. S. air force intends to pin down in that base any shipping crippled on the high seas by Admiral Halsey's far-ranging carrier task forces.

USS North Carolina Bucks Heavy Seas



One of the United States' newest and biggest battleships, the U. S. S. North Carolina, digs her bow into a heavy sea, throwing huge "feathers" of water ahead of her, somewhere in the Pacific, as she accompanies an aircraft carrier. (AP wirephoto from U. S. navy)

Senate Okehs George Bill to Clear Picture

By Jack Bell

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—(AP)—The senate and President Roosevelt agreed today on separating the huge RFC from the commerce department. The assumption was plain that Henry Wallace can have what's left of the cabinet post.

The confusion centering around nomination of Wallace for the dual job held by Jesse Jones was rapidly cleared in this series of quick steps:

1. The senate forestalled by a vote of 43-41 efforts to bring up Wallace's nomination immediately.

2. The George bill divorcing the multi-billion dollar lending agencies from the commerce department was passed, 74 to 12, and sent to the house.

3. Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky then read a message, coming indirectly from the president, saying he would sign the George proposal.

This message promptly enhanced Wallace's chances of being confirmed as secretary of commerce—a post in which he would supervise the census, the weather bureau, the coast and geodetic survey, the civil aeronautics administration and statistical bureaus.

Sub 'Growler' Believed Lost, 3 Ships Sunk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—(AP)—The U. S. submarine Growler finally has lost its long duel with the enemy Japanese and the Pacific deep.

The raider, saved once by a plucky skipper who cried "take her down" even though it was costing him his life, is overdue and presumed lost.

The navy made the announcement today, along with disclosure that the mine sweepers Hovey and Palmer and the tank landing ship LST 759 were victims of enemy action off the Philippines.

The navy presumes that Cmdr. Thomas B. Oakley, jr., of Los Angeles, Calif., and his crew of 65 went down with the Growler. She was the 36th U. S. submarine announced as lost in this war.

Jap Diplomats Depart Berlin for Safer Spot

NEW YORK, Feb. 1—(AP)—NBC's Paul Archinard said in a broadcast from Switzerland today that the Japanese ambassador to Germany and his entire staff had left Berlin for an undisclosed destination, presumably a new German capital. Archinard said others in the Berlin diplomatic corps also had left the city.

Fish Unit Winner In Senate

Direct Appropriation Bill Passed; Probe Gets Fund

The fish commission's request that it be placed on a direct appropriation basis was over its first hurdle today with senate passage of SB 99, and the joint legislative committee to probe the state's liquor business had \$25,000 to implement its work.

These were the major orders of business transacted Thursday when an avalanche of new bills all but buried previously-introduced legislation.

Fifty-two new measures hit the house, including HB 271 which would set up a new department of veterans' affairs, and separate provisions for increases in salaries of top state officers.

Auditing Firm Hired Eleven new proposals were dropped in the senate.

The \$25,000 accrued to the liquor investigation with house passage of SB 113, after not-too-enthusiastic debate, and the five-man commission later announced it had retained the auditing firm of Smith, Kimberling and company of Portland to aid in the probe.

The house proposal for the new department of veterans' affairs was designed to replace the state veterans' aid commission with a three-man advisory board and a director of veterans' affairs, with the latter to draw \$5000 a year under governor appointment.

Under HB 263, by the committee on administration and reorganization, the governor's salary would be boosted from \$7500 to \$9000, those of the secretary of state and state treasurer from \$5400 to \$6000, and the attorney general from \$5000 to \$5750. HB 262 by the same committee would increase the salaries of supreme court judges from \$7500 to \$8000, and HB 249 would pay the state superintendent of schools \$5000 instead of \$4000.

Other bills would increase the labor commissioner's salary from \$4000 to \$5000, and the real estate commissioner's from \$4200 to \$5400.

Three more school bills also were dropped in the house, providing for the addition of \$3,000,000 to the state-county school fund to reduce property taxes, usable when and if the \$5,000,000 cushion was depleted.

Several bills were up for final action today, including the house measure providing that there should be no return of unsold bakery goods.

Today marks the 26th day of the scheduled 90-day session, and in the house particularly the day was expected to bring in new avalanche of bills poured in ahead of the deadline set by the legislation and rules committee. After today, that committee must approve measures before they can hit the floor.

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Buses Evacuate Nazis

LONDON, Feb. 1—(AP)—Double-deck omnibuses from Berlin are helping evacuate refugees from Danzig and west Prussia, the German radio said tonight.

Departmen of Veterans' Affairs Proposed in House Bill; 26 Sign

Creation of a state department of veterans' affairs, as recommended by Gov. Earl Snell in his biennial message, was proposed Thursday in a house bill introduced jointly by 14 representatives and 12 senators.

The measure (HB 271) provides for a director of veterans' affairs, appointed by the governor at an annual salary of \$5000, who "shall organize the administration of all laws, federal and state, pertaining to war veterans."

The bill also provides that the governor shall name an advisory committee of three persons; that offices of the director shall be maintained in the capitol building, and that there shall be an \$80,000 appropriation to carry out the act.

Mrs. Flynn?



Jack Eddington, chief petty officer attached to navy intelligence at Los Angeles harbor, said that his daughter, Nora Eddington (above), 26, former Los Angeles aircraft plant worker and cigar stand salesgirl, had married Movie Actor Errol Flynn in Acapulco, Mex., in August, 1943. Flynn denied the report. (AP wirephoto)

Specific Terms For Germany Await Approval

LONDON, Feb. 1—(AP)—Disclosure that a full-fashioned "instrument of surrender" awaits only final "big three" approval was interpreted in London tonight as heralding a major psychological as well as military drive to bring about Germany's capitulation.

An authoritative source announced that the specific terms to be handed the Germans after their surrender had been initiated by representatives of the United States, Britain and Soviet Russia, respectively U. S. ambassador John G. Winant, Sir William Strang, British undersecretary of state, and Soviet ambassador Fyodor Gusev.

Simultaneously came word that prime minister Churchill was taking to the conference with president Roosevelt and premier Marshal Stalin—a meeting perhaps now underway—a concrete British plan for four-power rule over the Rhineland and the Ruhr believed to imply creation of a separate political and economic entity. France would share this measure with Britain, Russia and the United States.

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Sgt. Carl F. Widhalm Killed in War Action

The name of T/Sgt. Carl F. Widhalm, whose sister is Mrs. Anna Meyers, route one, Scotts Mills, is among a list of nine Oregon men killed in action in the European theatre, announced by the war department.

FEPC Made Permanent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—(AP)—A house labor sub-committee tentatively approved today legislation making permanent the president's fair employment practices committee (FEPC).

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An older brother, Kenneth J. Waters, is in the army air corps now in Florida. His father lives at Minden, Nevada. Surviving sisters are Eva Cohoon, Portola, Calif.; Marie Blondin, Minden, Nevada; Ina Bemis, Albany.

Russians At Banks Of Oder

Soviets Encircle Pomerania Fort, Capture Torun

LONDON, Feb. 1—(AP)—A Stockholm report, unsubstantiated elsewhere, quoted travelers arriving in Sweden tonight as saying that a Russian patrol had penetrated to the outskirts of Berlin today and withdrew after reconnoitering.

By W. W. Hercher

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 2—(AP)—Russian troops encircled the German Pomeranian stronghold of Schneidemuhl and captured the northern Polish stronghold of Torun yesterday as the nazi high command disclosed that other soviet units had reached the frozen Oder river 30 to 40 miles northeast of the capital.

Moscow officially placed the nearest red army units 59 miles northeast of Berlin with the capture of Duhringhof, 18 miles from Kustrin, one of the last strongholds barring the road to the axis capital.

The German communique, however, declared that "north of the Wartha (Warta river) enemy forces advanced as far as the Oder northwest of Kustrin, where they met our newly brought up reserves."

40 Miles From Berlin

Kustrin is 40 miles northeast of panic-ridden Berlin, and the Oder in its winding course northwest of the city flows to within 50 miles of Berlin. The Germans did not name the exact point where the Russians broke through to the last national defense line before the capital.

German broadcasts said that the Russians crashed into the eastern side of Kustrin and then were thrown out by strong reinforcements which have been hurried to the eastern front from central Germany, from the western front and from the Baltic port of Stettin.

Berlin in Panic

A Moscow radio broadcast early today on the second anniversary of Stalingrad said that the diplomatic corps in Berlin had been instructed to leave for Munich in the south. German broadcasts said that "frantic preparations" were under way to fortify Berlin, which is choked with thousands of refugees.

Although Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army apparently was meeting increasingly heavy German resistance on the approaches to both Kustrin and Frankfurt, another Oder river stronghold 18 miles to the south, the soviet communique announced that Zhukov's troops had gained from four to 14 miles during the day and captured 150 German localities.

Wounds Fatal To E. Watson

DALLAS, Feb. 1—(AP)—Pfc. Earl E. Watson, 26, son of Mrs. F. M. Waters, died December 26 in France as the result of wounds received in action December 16. Mrs. Waters was notified of his death this week by the war department.

He was a member of the army engineers and had been in the army for two and a half years. He resided in Dallas when 11 and 12 years old and later lived near Airline and was graduated from Albany high school.

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Occasional Light Rain

today in the mid-Willamette valley area with slightly cooler temperatures, predicts U. S. Weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.