

## HEAVY DAMAGE IN BERLIN DONE BY RAF ATTACK

### Nazis List Death Toll At Six Persons

### CATHEDRAL IS HIT

### Britain Also Feels Air Blows in Many Places

Berlin, Dec. 21 (AP)—An official statement said today that a British air raid in Berlin had killed six persons, injured 17 others, severely damaged the main cathedral in the capital and blasted Lustgarten Square in front of Kaiser palace where Adolf Hitler often spoke in the early days of Nazi rule.

The official news agency said that the ministry of church affairs had announced that damage to the cathedral amounted to 1,500,000 marks (nominally \$600,000).

The bombs also damaged the Zeughaus, which is a museum of German military history where Hitler spoke last March.

London reported that big fires and explosions had followed a Royal Air Force attack on an airplane factory in Berlin.

At Potsdam the bombers damaged an historic theater and killed three civilians, the news agency said, presumably making a total of at least nine dead in the Berlin area.

An official agency said that during the first attack British planes were hindered by anti-aircraft gun fire and were unable to reach the city. The planes dropped bombs in the suburbs, it was said, and small fires broke out which were put out quickly.

Some time later, the agency said, several British planes flew over Berlin and dropped several high explosive and incendiary bombs in the eastern part.

### BRITAIN RAIDED

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—German planes ranged wide over north-west, north and northeast England and the Midlands today after bombing Liverpool and the Mersey river area generally for hours during the night, in a return to their blitzkrieg technique.

A German bombing plane was shot down at dawn over an English area as the Nazis returned to the attack by daylight.

There had been four quiet days when the air raid sirens shrieked their alarm in London at dusk yesterday.

As the hours passed, 12 areas of England, Wales and Scotland reported raids.

Then it became evident that the Germans were using their "utter destruction" tactics along the Mersey, concentrating their attack, to an obligate of terrific anti-aircraft gun fire, on Liverpool, the great west coast port, in an attempt to destroy its docks.

For many hours Liverpool was subjected to its first attack in three weeks. Commercial premises, shops, homes and at least one hotel were wrecked by an incessant hail of high explosive and incendiary bombs but, it was indicated, the casualty toll was surprisingly light.

## Tractor Accident Kills Bend Woman's Brother

Stanley J. Pierce, brother of Mrs. H. E. Beach of Bend, was instantly killed in a tractor accident at his home orchard near Merced, Calif., on December 14. It has been learned here that Mr. Pierce was an early day resident of the Bend country. He came here in 1908 and lived here until 1920, when he moved to Merced.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his sister, Fay Pierce Beach of Bend, and a brother, Roy Pierce of Los Angeles, Calif.

### FUNERAL TO BE MONDAY

The funeral of Oswald C. Serogins, who died in Madras Thursday, will be held from the Niswonger and Winslow chapel Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. John B. Coan in charge. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

**MORE DAYS TO SHOP**  
and to  
**BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS SEALS**  
Tribute guards against tuberculosis must be thrown up around babies. Parents and nurses can unknowingly be carriers of tuberculosis.

## Indians Defend Flag Fathers Fought



Members of the great Sioux tribe, whose fathers and grandfathers participated in the famed Custer massacre in 1876 are in the color guard of Company B, 163rd Infantry, with the 41st Division in maneuvers near Tacoma, Wash. From left, Corporal Red Thunder, Sergeant Skar, Sergeant Hamilton and Sergeant Red Elk.

## Winter Begins Regardless Of Springlike Temperature

Astronomical winter reached Central Oregon this afternoon at 3:55 o'clock, but the fact that the earth's north pole is tilted slightly more than 23 degrees away from the sun appeared to have no effect on midstate temperatures or weather. Generally over the interior country of Oregon today, springlike weather prevailed, following a night of comparatively high December temperatures.

Also, the official arrival of winter finds all mountain passes not only open, but practically snowless. Even the exposed McKenzie and the high Diamond lake cutoff remain open. Lower hills are still barren of snow and Skyliners face a week end of inactivity.

## DODECANESE ISLES RAIDED BY BRITISH

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—Airplanes of the fleet air arm have bombed the Italian islands of Rhodes, Stampalia and Scarpanto in the Dodecanese group off the Turkish coast, the admiralty announced today.

The raid was made Tuesday night, the night before the British fleet steamed into the Adriatic, "Mussolini's private lake," bombed Valona, on the Albanian Adriatic coast, and vainly sought for Italian ships to fight.

Rhodes, Stampalia and Scarpanto form roughly a triangle in the Dodecanese islands, which Italy had hoped would prove a menace to British eastern communications in war.

Rhodes is the principal island of the group and is an important airplane base. Stampalia is 35 miles northwest of it, Scarpanto 28 miles southwest.

## Labor Peace Seen in Newly-Made Contract

San Francisco, Dec. 21 (AP)—Pacific coast longshoremen worked today under terms of a new contract that runs until Sept. 30, 1942 and which, it is believed, will assure waterfront peace for some time to come.

The contract between the longshoremen and the Waterfront Employers association was signed yesterday in the presence of Wayne L. Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school, who will remain as Pacific coast arbitrator.

Harry Bridges, district president, and Matt Mehan, district secretary, signed on behalf of the union; Frank P. Foisie, president; A. Boyd, secretary, and W. J. Bush, Hugh Gallagher, J. G. Cushing, J. A. Lunny, J. B. Bryan and F. C. Gregory for the employers.

Both employer and employee received with satisfaction the word that Dean Morse would continue as arbitrator. He had announced he would be unable to devote full time to the position, as the contract required, because of his work at Oregon.

## ITALIAN CITIES RAIDED BY RAF ARM IN GREECE

### Greek Troops Claim Continued Gains

### BRINDISI IS BOMBED

### Men o'War Fail to Find Mussolini's Ships In Adriatic

Athens, Dec. 21 (AP)—British aircraft operating with Greek troops are striking at Italy on far-flung fronts and have blasted Berat, vital Italian headquarters in Albania, and the important Italian mainland base of Brindisi, communicate said today.

Greek troops in the Albanian coastal sector repulsed several counter-attacks by the Italians and then resumed their own advance against Chimara, south of the port of Valona, reports from the front said. Gains for the Greeks were reported in all sectors.

The ministry of marine said in a communique that the Greek fleet had meditated the example of the British Mediterranean fleet and on December 15 and 16 had steamed past the Saseno islands at the entrance to the Gulf of Valona in search of the Italian fleet "with the intention of giving battle."

The Greek men o'war failed to find a single Italian warship, the communique said. It added that the Greek forces were commanded by Admiral Cavadias.

### Bomb Brindisi

Despite poor visibility and intensive anti-aircraft fire, Royal Air Force planes attacked Brindisi and "all bombs exploded in the target area," the RAF said.

"Large fires were started and subsequently there were several explosions," said a communique. "RAF bomber aircraft attacked Berat yesterday and during the night of December 19 bombers carried out successful attacks on oil tanks and railroads at Brindisi."

Berat is just south of Elbasan, the only important Italian position defending Tirana, capital of Albania. Brindisi is on the Adriatic, at the back side of the heel of the Italian boot. One of Italy's most important and most vital airports is there.

"During the attack on Berat bombs fell close to the road junction and also within the boundary of the airfield," the RAF said.

### Bombers Intercepted

"Gladiator fighters patrolling the Tepelini area intercepted and engaged a formation of enemy bombers, Savoia 79's. One was believed shot down and one of our pilots took to his parachute when his aircraft burst into flames."

Air Vice-Marshal John Henry d'Albiac told newspapermen that the Italians had transferred planes from the Albanian front to Libya because of the British offensive. He said he expected that British air forces in Greece would be increased as soon as weather conditions improved, making large scale operations possible.

D'Albiac said that the RAF in Greece had definitely destroyed 39 Italian planes, plus 12 probably destroyed but not claimed officially. Nine RAF planes have been lost since the beginning of the Italo-Greek war. D'Albiac said that the RAF had made 70 raids against Italy from Greek bases and had dropped 120 tons of bombs.

## Guard Boys to Arrive For 11-day Vacation

The vanguard of Co. I of the Oregon national guard, mustered into federal service several months ago and now stationed at Camp Murray, Wash., is expected to arrive here early this evening, as the young soldiers move to the Christmas holidays. All guardsmen have been granted a 11-day Christmas furlough, with the exception of a detail that must remain on duty in camp.

Most of the Bend guardsmen are making the trip south from Camp Murray to Portland by train this afternoon. Some 4,000 Oregon soldiers are joining in southward migration. Many of the Bend boys will be met in Portland by relatives.

Also, the Mount Hood stages is to run a special bus out of Portland tonight. This bus, carrying 30 Bend boys, will reach here around midnight.

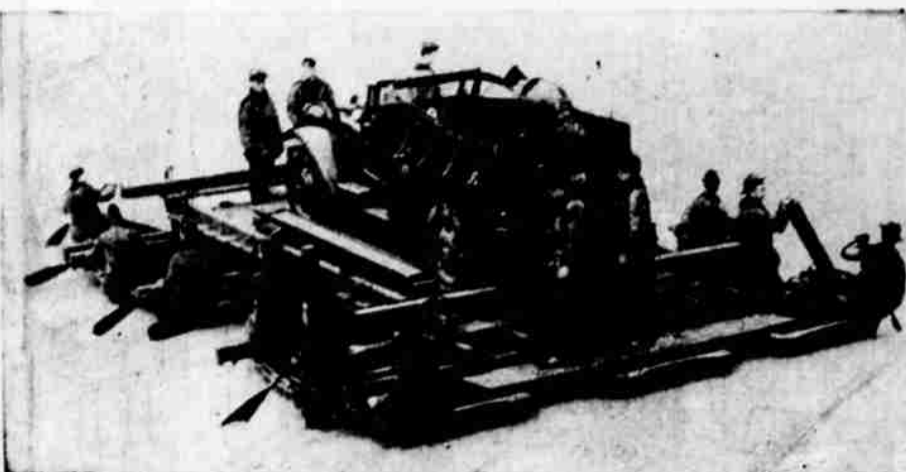
Arrivals from Camp Murray over the weekend will include Captain J. L. Chute, who will be accompanied here for the holidays by Mrs. Chute and their daughter, Jackie.

A selective lottery system was used in designating the boys who are to remain on duty at camp over the holidays. These boys are to divide the detail work, making it possible for all to spend several days in Bend over the holidays.

### FUNERAL TOMORROW

Funeral services for George H. Gibson, of Lapine, will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Niswonger and Winslow chapel, with the Rev. Morris A. Thompson officiating. Interment will be Monday morning at Resthaven cemetery in Eugene.

## Man-Power Ferry Boat



Another use for pontoons, besides supporting bridges, is demonstrated by Fort Knox engineers during river exercises. Here flat-bottomed boats have been made into a ferryboat. With a dozen soldiers paddling away, an armored car is transported across the stream.

## Ambassador to Be Chosen Soon

### Sinclair Is Most Likely Candidate

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—The government will cable to Washington the name of the man it proposes as the new British ambassador to the United States, within 24 hours, reliable sources said today.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, air minister, was said in usually informed quarters to be the most likely candidate, although the possibility of Viscount Halifax, foreign secretary, was not excluded.

Reports that Halifax's name already had been submitted to President Roosevelt for approval were denied by the foreign office.

"The statement that a communication about a new ambassador has been made to President Roosevelt or to the United States government is absolutely without foundation," a foreign office statement said. "Speculation cannot be anything but harmful."

The statement was construed as an indication that no decision on an appointee had been reached here.

Earlier there had been reports that Halifax, foreign secretary since the days of Munich, already had been selected.

## COMET VISIBLE IF CLOUDS CLEAR UP

### Maximum Brightness to Be Reached in January

Should storm clouds clear from the western skies this week-end, Central Oregon people may be able to get their first glimpse of Cunningham's comet, a visitor from deep interplanetary space which astronomers declare will provide earth dwellers with their finest cometary show since 1910, date of the visit of Halley's comet.

Cunningham's comet will not attain its maximum brightness until the first part of January, 1941, but it is expected to come within the range of unaided vision on or around Christmas day. It will be seen in the western skies, some 20 degrees above the horizon and a little north of the sunset line.

The comet is now making a "power drive" toward the sun, probably its first visit to the center of the solar universe in some 10,000 years. Unlike some other comets, Cunningham's comet is not believed to have a closed orbit, and therefore has no definite period.

As the weird visitor from deep space plunges toward the center of the solar system, its tail, several million miles long, will at all times point away from the sun.

The comet was first located late last summer at Harvard university, on a photographic plate. Nearly a month ago, Prof. J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon astronomer, located the comet with his telescope.

## Rome Claims Success Along Albanian Fronts

Rome, Dec. 21 (AP)—Italian forces have gained possession of important positions on the Greek front by a series of surprise attacks, a high command communique asserted today.

Greek attacks, the communique said, were everywhere repulsed. Italian naval units, it was asserted, shelled Greek positions effectively along the coast of the Ionian sea, hitting specified targets.

Italian bombing and chase airplane units hit Greek troop concentrations, road junctions and defense works in all sectors where the Greeks are active, the communique said.

Of the British drive in Libya, the communique said that there was artillery activity in the frontier zone.

## 50,000 LETTERS RECEIVED IN DAY

### Heavy Tide of Christmas Mail Floods Office

Fifty thousand letters and thousands of pounds of parcel post matter passed through the Bend post office yesterday as the staff, augmented for the holidays, faced its greatest volume of Christmas mail in the history of the local office. An even larger volume of Christmas mail was anticipated today, and, to accommodate later mailers, windows are to be kept open until this afternoon.

Yesterday, 25,000 outgoing letters, all first class, passed through the cancellation machine. The incoming first-class mail equalled that sent out.

The Bend post office staff faced the unprecedented Christmas mailing short the services of a number of its regular crew, including I. John Bell and R. H. Martin, victims of influenza. Two other members of the staff returned from sick beds to assist in handling the great stack of mail.

### Work Late Hours

Last night, members of the staff worked until 10 o'clock, to clear the quarters for the several truck loads of Christmas mail that arrived by trail this morning.

Deliveries will be made tomorrow, Sunday. Otherwise, it is pointed out, the volume of mail stacked into the post office Monday morning would be "ceiling high."

Bend residences can assist the postal workers tomorrow by answering door bells promptly and accepting packages.

Postmaster R. H. Fox regretted this morning that, unless there is a sudden change in the weather, it will not be possible to make Christmas deliveries as in the old days, when horse-drawn sleds with jingling bells provided an extra yuletide touch as Christmas mail was delivered through a snow-covered city.

Postal officials anticipate a huge volume of incoming mail over the week-end.

## Charles H. Erickson, Pioneer, Dies at Home

Charles H. Erickson, a pioneer of Central Oregon who remembered Bend as a little village on the upper Deschutes 40 years ago, died here this morning, at the family home at 1434 Hill street.

Mr. Erickson, Portland's first city electrician, came to Central Oregon from Linn county in 1900 and settled on Bear creek. In Crook county, The family moved to Bend in 1918.

Mrs. Erickson died on December 10, 1937. The pioneer couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary here in November, 1936.

When Mr. Erickson moved into Central Oregon, coming across the Santiam pass, this part of the state was very much a rangeland frontier, and Farewell Bend was a stopping place for stockmen, near the edge of a virgin forest.

In telling of his experiences in early day Oregon, a state to which he moved as a young man from Kansas, Mr. Erickson recalled that his first work with the city of Portland was to keep the city's first electric car in repair.

Farewell Bend in early days attracted the attention of Mr. Erickson, and he for a time "commuted" here from his Bear creek holdings and operated a dairy establishment, the first to serve Bend.

Mr. Erickson is survived by three grandchildren, Miss Oleva Erickson and Melvin Erickson of Bend and Cecil Erickson of Portland. A great grandchild, Cecil Harry Erickson, of Portland, also survives.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson's only son was the late Oliver Erickson. Funeral services have not yet been arranged.

### STALIN 61 TODAY

Moscow, Dec. 21 (AP)—Josef V. Stalin was 61 today. The occasion was not observed in soviet Russia.

## Levy for PUD Is Set at 1.2 Mills

### Budget Is Approved at Redmond Hearing

A special tax of 1.2 mills will be made next year in Deschutes county's portion of the Central Oregon PUD, it was announced today by Assessor J. A. Fountain. The tax is based on a valuation of \$8,123,350, and a levy of \$9,397.17 for the county.

The PUD budget of \$12,375 for next year was adopted without protest last night in Redmond at a budget meeting attended by all members of the Central Oregon PUD board of directors except the chairman, J. D. Donovan of Bend, who has been hospitalized by illness. The budget was legally certified today.

Added to the previously announced millage rates of 75 mills for Bend and \$6.4 for Redmond, the PUD tax will bring the Bend millage to 76.2 and Redmond's to 57.6, compared with 78.8 and 62 mills for 1940.

Crook county's share of the PUD levy will be \$1,618.09, based on a \$1,711,665 valuation. Jefferson county will raise \$1,359.74 on a valuation of \$1,892,596.75.

All of Deschutes county is within the people's utility district. School districts 4, 25, 15 and 34 are entirely without, and districts 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 23 and 36 are split.

The Central Oregon PUD was created at the November 5 election this year, and includes portions of Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties. Only Prineville, of the towns and counties voting, elected to stay out of the PUD.

## NAVY SHIPS TO BE BUILT IN OREGON

### Portland Firm Contracts For Mine Layers

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Two mine layers authorized today to be built for the navy at Willamette Iron and Steel corporation here will cost about \$12,000,000 each, it was estimated.

It was the largest shipbuilding order awarded Portland since world war days. About \$500,000 will be paid each month in wages to between 1800 and 2200 workmen employed on three shifts. The wages will total about 60 percent of construction costs.

Details of the contract were not made public, but it was believed here that each of the mine layers will be about 500 feet long and that it will require from 32 to 36 months to complete them. Work will begin within three or four months, Willamette officials indicated.

The Willamette firm, of which Amedee M. Smith is president, is currently busy converting two liners, the City of Baltimore and the City of Norfolk, into navy troop transports.

## Super Defense Agency Asks for Hard Work

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The new four-man office for production management—super defense agency—today called upon the American people to "pull off their coats and roll up their sleeves" and concentrate on defense.

The statement, which said that the world crisis cannot be ended by "appeasement," was issued by Director William S. Knudsen following the first informal meeting of the agency whose creation was announced by President Roosevelt yesterday.

Explaining the president's purpose in creating the new agency, the statement said it was "expected" to provide the necessary authoritative leadership required to still further accelerate and augment the production of war materials of every kind.

## U. S. ATTITUDE INSUFFERABLE SAYS HIGH NAZI

### Recall of Members of Embassy Asked

### NOTE "PIN PRICKS"

### Germans Right in Asking Withdrawal of Trio, Says Hull

Berlin, Dec. 21 (AP)—A German foreign office spokesman said today that a United States policy of "pin pricks, challenges, insults and moral aggression" toward Germany had reached the point of "insufferability."

It was announced at the same time that the German government had asked the United States to recall several members of its Paris embassy staff. The official news agency said they were accused of being involved in action which endangered the German reich.

### Statement Serious

The foreign office spokesman said he was fully aware of the seriousness of his statement and that he made it as "the representative of the foreign office and the responsible spokesman for it."

He made his statement in connection with comment on a speech by Ronald Cross, British minister of shipping, in which Cross asked for American aid to Great Britain in the form of ships.

This comment, the spokesman said, had concentrated the German government's attention on the whole question of United States support of Great Britain.

"We are watching with great interest the attitude of a nation which has shown only restraint and friendliness to one warring nation but whose attitude toward the other has consisted of a policy of pin-pricks, challenges, insults and moral aggression which has reached the point of insupportability," the spokesman said.

### Recalls Asked

According to the official agency, the embassy attaches whose recall had been requested are Miss Elizabeth Deegan, an employee of the embassy; Cecil M. P. Cross, first secretary, and Leigh W. Hunt, second secretary.

They were accused of aiding a British officer in his attempt to flee occupied France, the agency said.

It reported that the state department already had agreed to recall the three Americans, and had promised to investigate the allegation that they aided a British officer.

(Miss Deegan was arrested by the German secret police, and held for 10 days. She was released after representations had been made several times. She had been serving as an embassy reception clerk.)

### SAYS GERMANS RIGHT

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that Germany had a perfect right to request the withdrawal of three members of the American embassy in Paris and that they will be withdrawn.

Hull said that the United States has not yet had time to investigate any allegations against the trio. He said that nothing indicating any culpability would be shown.

The three were accused of actions purportedly endangering the German government.

Hull did not comment on German assertions that American aid to Britain was an act of "moral aggression" which had reached the point of "insupportability."

The Americans who are to be withdrawn from Paris, it was understood, are Miss Elizabeth Deegan, an embassy clerk; First Secretary Cecil M. P. Cross and Second Secretary Leigh W. Hunt.

Hull asserted that any government at any time can request that a specific individual be withdrawn from its area and that such requests are invariably complied with, without asking for an explanation.

## People in the News . . . .

(By United Press)

First degree murder charges were on file in Portland today against Mrs. Julia Carlson, the 50-year-old widow who confessed to police she slashed her lover's throat and beat his head in with an axe because she was jealous of a meeting he had with his estranged wife.

Sen. Rush D. Holt, D., W. Va., denounced at Chicago activities of the William Allen White committee and said its arguments "sound very familiar to those who listened to the same song in 1915, 1916, and 1917." He spoke at a rally of the citizens keep out of war committee. . . .