

Jungle Fighters

Bend boys are fighting in the rain-soaked jungles of the south seas. Are you backing them by buying bonds?

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Oregon—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday with valley fog tonight. Little temperature change.

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Railroad Strike Order Believed Due by Evening

General Walkout of All Employees Set for Dec. 30; FDR Parley Fails

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—Leaders of 1,100,000 non-operating railway employees expect to issue before nightfall an order for a strike Dec. 30, it was learned today.

The five operating brotherhoods already have ordered their 350,000 members to begin a strike on that date.

Disclosure of the non-operating strike threat was made shortly after President Roosevelt had told his news conference that the worst blow imaginable against the war effort. The president revealed he has urged a compromise proposal for averting a strike of the five operating railway brotherhoods by allowing them four cents an hour in addition to four cents awarded by an emergency board.

Representatives of the 15 non-operating groups met today with executive committees of the five operating unions were meeting in the same hotel to discuss the administration proposal. There was no announcement from the non-operating group, but it was learned that the officials were planning to issue a strike call for Dec. 30.

The non-operating unions' decision to force a showdown came only one day after they were defeated in their efforts to obtain an immediate house vote on the senate-approved Truman resolution to boost their hourly rates by eight cents an hour.

The non-operating leaders, it was said, complained that while they had had three understandings with the president during the past six months for settlement of their wage dispute none had materialized.

Meanwhile, it was understood that the non-operating group did not favor the house interstate commerce committee's proposed modification of the Truman resolution to strip economic stabilization director, Fred M. Vinson, of authority over railway wage cases.

78th Congress Session at End

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—Congress ran down and stopped like an unwound clock today.

The first session of the 78th congress ended at 4:23 p. m. as the house adjourned until Jan. 10 with only 16 members present. Earlier, the senate adjourned after a dull 46-minute session, in which only minor business was transacted.

The session, which has created legislative history—appropriated astronomical sums for the war effort, repeatedly challenged and rebuffed the president, and enacted a new departure in tax legislation—expired quietly.

Few On Floor

Only a dozen senators were on the floor when the senate adjourned, and attendance in the house fell off steadily during a long program of prepared addresses by members. No legislation was considered, although several members said the house should not adjourn without acting on a senate-approved mustering-out pay bill, and Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R, Mass., made one belated unsuccessful effort to bring the bill up.

Over 400 Tons of Bombs Dropped on Nippons Defending New Britain; 2nd Invasion Looms

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 21 (UP)—A record 414-ton American raid that shattered Japanese defenses on Cape Gloucester touched off speculation today that Gen. Douglas MacArthur may be planning an invasion of the northwestern tip of New Britain in an attempt to tighten the blockade of Rabaul.

Hundreds of American bombers, striking in two formations, spread fire and destruction through the Cape Gloucester area, 275 miles southwest of Rabaul, Sunday in the heaviest attack of the war in the southwest Pacific.

The bombs, equalling in tonnage those dropped in some of the heaviest German raids on London during the height of the 1940-41 "Blitz," caused large fires and explosions at the Cape Gloucester airdrome, supply and bivouac areas, gun positions and nearby coastal villages.

Japanese Believed Evacuating Part of Bougainville Island

Knox Reports Nippons Apparently Quitting by Sea, Using Barges; Yanks Make Air Attacks

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said today there were indications that the Japanese are evacuating the southern part of Bougainville island in the Solomons.

Knox said most of the evacuation apparently was taking place by way of land but a naval aide at the conference said that some of the Japanese appeared to be quitting by sea, using "lots of barges."

Knox, emphasizing American aerial superiority in the Pacific, said that during the week of Dec. 13-20, army, navy and marine corps planes in the Pacific carried out 71 missions involving more than 1,500 light and heavy bombers with fighter escort.

"This is more than 10 missions a day," Knox said. "And enemy air opposition was negligible. On some missions not a single enemy plane was found in the air."

Plane Loss Small

In the central Pacific, he said, the air forces carried out nine bombing missions against the Japanese-held Marshalls. The box score for those operations was Japanese losses—19 planes definitely shot down, seven probably destroyed. U. S. losses—three shot down.

In the south Pacific during the same week airmen carried out 61 missions in which more than 1,400 aircraft participated. In addition there were seven large scale naval task force raids. He also noted that during that week there was an air task force raid on Nauru, Japanese base on the fringe of the Gilberts.

He said the forces in the southern part of the island were moving northward. He told his news conference that since the enemy's forces are scattered it was obvious that they would attempt to concentrate to meet the expanding American threat to the Empress Augusta bay area.

His awards are many, including the distinguished flying cross for outstanding feats last April over Palermo when wounded, he destroyed one enemy fighter, damaged another, and administered first aid to other crew members when he had fought off the attackers.

Wins Many Medals

He has also been awarded the purple heart medal, and has received the air medal and 10 oak leaf clusters, representing 11 awards of the latter decoration.

Sgt. Moore, who won his wings at Harlingen, Tex., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. F. V. Moore, at 223 S. E. 81st avenue in Portland and spent Saturday and Sunday here with his sister, accompanied by another brother, Bill, and his wife. He will return to duty after Christmas.

Grand Jury Will Get Assault Case

Bennie Powowit, 20, Simnasho Indian, appeared before Justice of the Peace C. D. Stovall in Redmond Monday afternoon, was booked on a charge of assault, and bound over to the grand jury.

The Indian allegedly assaulted two Redmond girls there Sunday evening, while he was intoxicated. A struggle ensued with Powowit receiving some bruises, and one girl's shoulder being dislocated in the struggle. Because there was still doubt after testimony whether the defendant should be charged with a more serious offense, the higher judicial body will decide the specific charge against him.

Movie Patrons Witness Robbery

Los Angeles, Dec. 21 (UP)—The 1,500 patrons of a movie theater sat quietly while a robbery was taking place on the stage. They thought the hand that reached through the curtain into a bowl containing \$125 for a drawing was part of the show. It wasn't—and there was no drawing.

STALIN HAS BIRTHDAY

London, Dec. 21 (UP)—Premier Josef Stalin of Russia was 64 years old today.

Damage was widespread, MacArthur's communique said today.

The raid exceeded in weight the heaviest in the southwest Pacific, that smashed the Arawe peninsula defenses 50 miles to the southeast less than 24 hours before sixth army troops swarmed ashore last Wednesday. One hundred and ninety tons of bombs were dropped on Cape Gloucester Saturday.

Capture of Cape Gloucester would cut the northern barge line from New Guinea to Rabaul and leave that key bastion dependent entirely on Truk, Japan's Pearl Harbor, for supplies and reinforcements. The seizure of the Arawe peninsula already has cut the southern barge line from New Guinea to Rabaul.

Sixth army patrols were revealed to have pushed nearly six to nine miles northeast of the Arawe peninsula on the southwest coast of New Britain to the approaches to the Sigul and Pule rivers. Attack planes bombed and strafed jungle trails in support of the ground forces.

The main American invasion forces seized the Arawe airstrip, four miles east of the peninsula, Sunday without opposition. Though at present unusable because of allied raids and Japanese demolitions, the airstrip probably will be repaired quickly for use by American aircraft.

A Tokyo radio broadcast heard by United Press in San Francisco today admitted a "superior number of enemy troops" were in the Arawe area but said Japanese land and air forces were "continuing fierce resistance."

The broadcast also claimed allied planes which reportedly attacked Rabaul harbor Sunday were repulsed by Japanese interceptors.)

U. S. Troopers Fight in Snow Of Lofty Peaks

Twin Anchors of Nazi Line Menaced as Allies Make Imposing Gains

By C. R. Cunningham

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 21 (UP)—American troops edging forward as much as a mile and a half in the snow-capped mountains of Italy have captured Mount Spinoce, 2,600-foot peak looking down on the inland road to Rome, it was announced today.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark swung the right wing of his fifth army slowly northwestward, bringing it in line with the positions on the coast and in the center where the capture of San Pietro had cracked the core of German resistance.

Across the peninsula the British Eighth army tightened its hold on the vital road between Ortona and Orsogna, twin anchors of the German line which were under direct threat.

British Reach Ortona

(The Cairo radio reported street fighting in Orsogna, 12 miles inland from Ortona. Algiers advices Saturday said the British had driven into the outskirts of Orsogna.)

"Fifth army troops continued to advance in some positions of the mountainous country on the right of the army front," Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's communique said. "At one point we advanced a mile and a half, while elsewhere an important hill was occupied. Patrols were active in the coastal sector."

The important hill was Mount Spinoce, four miles west of Filignano and some eight miles north of the San Pietro sector where the Americans had won one of the bitterest battles of the Italian campaign.

A spokesman said the advance west of Filignano, near the previously captured village of Lagone, was "appreciable." Reports were lacking on developments in the San Pietro-San Vittore section.

The Germans stepped up their air activity somewhat. Twenty-five fighter bombers attacked San Pietro twice Monday. Antiaircraft gunners shot down three and damaged two more.

The communique reported "fierce fighting" throughout the day on the eighth army front, where a further advance was made on the center and the British positions improved in the Ortona area.

Neuner Named as Attorney General

Salem, Dec. 21 (UP)—George Neuner of McMinnville, former U. S. district attorney, today was interim attorney general of Oregon, filling the unexpired term of the late I. H. Van Winkle.

Gov. Earl Snell late yesterday announced appointment of Neuner, a former resident of Douglas county who served as district attorney there for several years, as well as city attorney for Roseburg during the same period.

A former assistant attorney general, Neuner served in the senate and the house in the Oregon legislature. A son, George Neuner, Jr., is an assistant in the attorney general's office.

Iced Highways Menace Traffic

A settling mist and below-freezing temperatures today combined to make travel on highways throughout Central Oregon, and Bend city streets, unsafe for traffic most of the day.

Conditions were especially dangerous over the Santiam pass, according to the state highway department offices here, with a thin sheet of ice covering the highway between Suttle lake and Sisters, and extending on in toward Bend. Likewise motorists were slowed on sections of Highway 97, between Bend and Klamath Falls.

State police and local officers announced they had received no accident reports, despite precarious driving conditions.

Christmas Tree Reported Raided

Portland, Dec. 21 (UP)—A discriminating thief opened all the Christmas presents under the tree at the home of Mrs. Benny La Ford of Portland.

Then he took away gifts valued at \$45.

But before leaving, the intruder rewrapped all the discarded gifts and replaced them under the tree.

Victim of a Nazi Booby Trap



This American soldier, killed by a booby trap, fell before a sign extolling fascism and ending with the word, "Viceremo," which means "We Will Win." Note how he must have raised his arms to shield his face as the trap exploded. Soldier at right is operating a mine detector while his buddy looks on.

New Government of Bolivia Pledged to Support Allies

Penaranda and Entire Cabinet Reported To Be Prisoners; Old Regime Is Called "Mockery"

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 21 (UP)—The new revolutionary government of Bolivia was pledged to full adherence to the United Nations cause today under a manifesto that charged the deposed regime with fascist tendencies.

The manifesto, issued by the revolutionary junta following its ouster of President Enrique Penaranda and his government in a swift military coup yesterday, apparently was calculated to ally allied suspicions that the revolution was pro-axis in nature.

It proclaimed the government's intention of maintaining "constitutional normalcy" and asserted that the new president, Maj. Gualberto Villaroel, and his cabinet had "sincere and permanent faith in democratic ideals and absolute solidarity with American interests."

(Reports reaching Santiago said Penaranda and his entire cabinet were being held prisoner at La Paz.)

Merely Interned

(The leader of the revolutionists, Victor Paz Estenssoro, in an exclusive telephone interview with United Press Staff Correspondent William Horsey at Santiago, said the coup had "purely internal significance." He was not and will not be connected in any way with the recent army coup in Argentina, he said.)

(Dispatches from other Latin American cities, however, said that the membership of the new junta was such as to not inspire confidence in its pro-allied intentions.)

The junta's manifesto charged Penaranda, who signed the United Nations pact for Bolivia at Washington last May and who paved the way for the country's declaration of war against the axis, earlier this month, with copying his principles "from the fascist copybook."

The manifesto said the Penaranda regime "made a mockery" of democratic principles by cancelling the municipal elections which constitutionally should have been held on the second Sunday in December. (Penaranda explained the cancellation as due to the state of war between Bolivia and the axis.)

Jeep Shows Up At Anchor End

An Advanced South Pacific Base, Dec. 21 (UP)—A freighter here discharged its cargo and was preparing to head for home. The anchor came up with a slime-covered jeep hooked to it. The jeep had been lost overboard several months earlier.

City Officer Issues "No Kissing" Ruling

Buffalo, Dec. 21 (UP)—Health Commissioner Francis E. Fronczak made a holiday suggestion today to prevent the spread of colds—"No Kissing" signs suspended from the mistletoe.

Stores to Assist Yuletide Shoppers

With the exception of food markets, all downtown stores in Bend will remain open until 8 p. m. tomorrow and Thursday nights, it was announced today at the chamber of commerce offices.

According to Don H. Peoples, chamber secretary, the merchants agreed to the later closing hour as an accommodation to shoppers unable to attend to their Christmas buying except at night.

Housewives, however, were reminded that grocery stores and meat markets would close at the usual time, and that early shopping would be advisable if the yuletide dinner table is not to suffer.

Gasoline Tickets Reported Stolen

Theft of enough gasoline rationing tickets to procure 100 gallons of the prized fuel was today reported to police by Everett Donahue, Route 1, Box 472, Bend. The tickets were removed from his truck, Donahue stated, adding that the vehicle's license number, T-24-151, was written in red across the tickets. Gasoline vendors in Bend were asked by officers to be on the lookout for the appearance of the stolen coupons.

Royal Air Force Strikes Hard Blow at German Arm Centers As Allies Gain on Two Fronts

Airmen Round Out 36 Hours of Savage Attacks By Blasting Sprawling Chemical Plants; City Of Frankfurt Left Ablaze; Advance Made in Italy

(By United Press)

The royal air force struck possibly its greatest blow of the war at the sprawling German chemical and arms centers of Frankfurt and Mannheim-Ludwigshafen last night in a thunderous accompaniment to the advance of allied armies on the Russian and Italian battlefronts.

Rounding out 36 hours of the most savage aerial bombardment Hitler's European fortress has yet undergone, hundreds of the RAF's black-winged raiders set Frankfurt ablaze with more than 2,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries.

Simultaneously, a smaller force struck 40 miles to the southwest at the twin Rhine-land cities of Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, the second largest inland port in Europe and perhaps second only to Frankfurt as a chemical manufacturing city.

The massive raids and accompanying diversionary operations over western Germany and Belgium, cost the RAF 42 planes, its heaviest loss in two months, but preliminary reports indicated the two main targets suffered crippling damage.

Daylight Raiders Strike

American Flying Fortresses and Liberators preceded the big RAF assault with converging daylight attacks on the continent yesterday from bases in Britain and the Mediterranean area. The British-based raiders left Bremen blazing under a great weight of bombs and shot down 40 enemy fighters at a cost of 26 heavy bombers and eight escorting American fighters.

In the Mediterranean theater, the fortresses and Liberators that blasted Augsburg and Innsbruck Sunday switched their bomb-sights to Balkan targets. One big formation hit the Sofia railway yards in the fourth American raid on the jittery Bulgarian capital, while four waves of fortresses lashed the Eleusis airfield outside Athens, causing extensive damage.

28 Fighters Bagged

Twenty-eight German fighters were shot down, while the raiders lost nine heavy bombers and fighters.

On the frozen Russian battle front below Nevel, the red army continued its week-old winter offensive toward the Baltic and Polish frontiers, sweeping up 70 more towns and villages in its westward surge.

Official reports said the nazis were abandoning guns and equipment in a hurried retreat toward Vitebsk and Polotsk, twin German strongholds on the Moscow-Riga railway which appeared to be the immediate objective of the red army drive.

Conditions Improve

While conditions were reported worse in the Allen school district last week, the situation has now shifted to the Kenwood school, George noted. Improvement in attendance at Allen was reported, with more pupils remaining at their homes from Kenwood school this week.

Dispatches today told of the closing down of 17 rural schools in King county, Washington, with between 30 and 40 per cent of the pupils absent from their classes. A premature closing for the Christmas holidays was reported from Yakima, Wash., where two schools were closed. Some Oregon schools are closed.

School Concert Set for Tonight

The Bend high school, district directors, and faculty members tonight in the auditorium will present their annual Christmas gift to the people of this city and Central Oregon—the 1944 Yule concert, eighth in the yearly series. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock.

A huge, lighted cathedral window will form the stage background for the program of Christmas music by the instrument and choral groups of the high school, under the direction of C. Dale Robbins. The high school band, orchestra, girls' glee club, a cappella choir, and string ensemble will each present special selections.

In honor of the occasion, the auditorium has been hung with holly and the giant Christmas tree will be lighted. Members of the Bear Paws club will usher and distribute the attractive programs which have been printed for the concert.

Maj. Hostetler Heads Air Group

Wilbur D. Hostetler, a fighting pilot in the first World war and stationed in Bend for several years as manager of the Standard Oil company plant, is now a major in the army air corps, B. A. Stover learned in a Christmas message from the officer. Maj. Hostetler is commander of cadets of a basic flying training squadron, near Garden City, Kans.

Maj. Hostetler is director of military training for the entire field of some 3,000 men.

FIRE CLAIMS LIFE

St. Helens, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—Funeral services were held today for Fred Olson, 74, who is believed to have died sometime last week when a kerosene lamp upset and ignited his clothing. Only the bed burned, leaving his home undamaged, which delayed finding of the accident.

Second Strike in Montreal Paralyzes Municipal Work

Montreal, Dec. 21 (UP)—Montreal municipal functions were paralyzed today when almost 2,300 municipal office workers failed to report for work. It was the second strike by city employees in the Canadian metropolis in a week.

The strikers are members of the Catholic syndicate of municipal employees and sympathetic non-union fellow employees. The decision to strike was made at a union meeting last night.

At 9:15 a. m., half an hour after the normal opening time of city offices, the strike was reported nearly 100 per cent effective.

City hall, heart of Montreal's municipal administrative system, was almost deserted. The building's main telephone switchboard was manned, but the handful of non-strikers on duty was unable to handle telephone calls to various administrative departments.

Extra police—from a m. o. g. those who struck last week—were stationed at city hall to protect any employees who wished to work.

The strikers are demanding wage increases averaging \$500 a year for each worker. A similar concession, in addition to union recognition, was won by the police and firemen as a result of their 14-hour strike last Tuesday.

Only some 900 of the strikers are members of the Catholic syndicate. Some belong to two smaller groups, the Canadian Brotherhood of Municipal employees and the Association of City clerks. The rest are unorganized.