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YANKS STOP NAZIS NEAR MEUSE

Air 'Forts' Again Blast Tokyo; Aircraft Plant Fliers' Target

Enemy Says Big Sky Fleet Bombs Capital

Plunge of Warplane To Earth Cheered By Nips, Asserts Radio

By Fred Scherff
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Dec. 27 (UP)—B-29 Superfortresses, 50 to 70 strong by axis accounts, resumed their aerial bombardment of Tokyo in daylight today, presumably again hitting the big Musashino aircraft works in the western suburbs of the capital.

The attack, the fifth in strength on Tokyo, inaugurated the second month of the mounting B-29 offensive against Japan from Saipan bases. Some 1,500 tons of bombs were unloaded on the Japanese homeland during the month ended Dec. 24, an average of 50 tons a day.

A Japanese communiqué said 50 of the huge raiders participated in the raid, of which 14, including five probables, were shot down, and 27 damaged. A German Transocean dispatch from Tokyo, however, estimated the number of bombers at 70.

Given Respite
Tokyo had had a respite from large-scale raids since Dec. 3, though lone B-29s have dropped bombs on the city during weather and reconnaissance flights in the interim.

A brief war department announcement said only that the Superfortresses bombed "industrial targets in the Tokyo area," but two of the previous four raids were directed against the Musashino works, among the most important in Japan, and other targets were chosen only when visibility was poor.

Brig. Gen. Heywood Hansell, Jr., chief of the 21st bomber command at Saipan, acknowledged in a press statement yesterday that results so far at the Musashino plant had been "inconclusive."

"In other words," he said, "we destroyed a few buildings in the factory area and possibly interrupted production inside the plant, but we did not knock it out."

Japs Make Report
The Japanese Domei agency said that B-29s dropped explosive fire bombs at scattered points in the Tokyo area shortly after noon (Tokyo time) today, but claimed "no effective damage" had been done.

"Details of the war results inflicted against the raiders by our air and ground resistance are now being investigated," Domei said.

Another Tokyo broadcast said downtown Tokyo cheered and applauded when a B-29 broke out of formation amid a cluster of anti-aircraft bursts and "hurled" toward the ground.

Hansell's statement disclosed that the 21st command had dropped an average of 100,000 pounds of bombs a day on the Japanese homeland during the first month of operations from Saipan, Nov. 24 to Dec. 24.

New FBI Agent On Oregon Job
Portland, Ore., Dec. 27 (UP)—Joseph E. Thornton today took up his new duties as special agent in charge of the Portland office of the federal bureau of investigation.

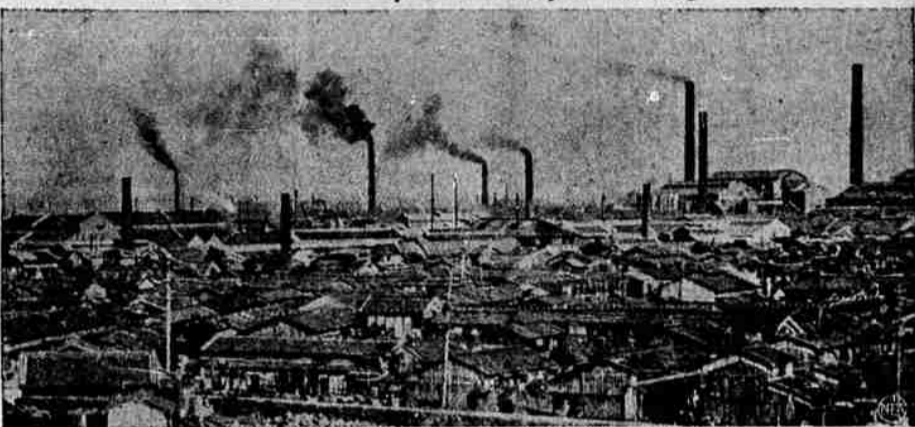
Thornton succeeds Clinton W. Stein in a swap of jobs, with Stein going to the Honolulu office which Thornton has headed since 1942.

Thornton also had been assigned to wartime FBI work in Honolulu and North Africa, and previously was special agent in charge of offices at Pittsburgh and Springfield, Ill., and also worked in the Washington headquarters. He has been an FBI agent since 1934.

TWINS ARE BORN

Salem, Ore., Dec. 27 (UP)—Twins, a boy and a girl, were born here yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shaw, at the Salem General hospital. Three minutes later, twins, both girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin E. Burk, at the same hospital.

Osaka—City of Flimsy Buildings



Factory chimneys rise skyward in contrast to the two-story "skyline" of the hundreds of paper-and-wood buildings that make up most of Osaka, Japan. With about the population of Chicago, Osaka covers some 70 square miles on a mud flat on Osaka Bay, is traversed by hundreds of canals. With Kobe, Amagasaki and other contiguous cities, it forms the most important industrial and commercial unit in Japan.

Midwest Routes Covered By Ice

(By United Press)

A freezing rain and snow that turned highways into sheets of ice moved into the Midwest today in the wake of the season's worst cold wave which invaded the east and northeast.

The rain, which swept across the central states from northern Texas through Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee, turned into snow in the north central states where a fall of two or three inches was anticipated. A fall of one inch was reported at Mason City, Ia.

The federal weather forecaster at Chicago said the storm would extend into northern Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and parts of Ohio today.

Pennsylvania Cold
No zero weather was reported in the Midwest today but in the east, several weather stations reported sub-zero temperatures with Black Moshannon, Pa., reporting a low of 15 degrees below zero.

However, the weatherman said, the cold wave was decreasing in intensity as it moved eastward.

Sub-zero temperatures were reported in some parts of Illinois during the night but the mercury had climbed to 10 or 15 degrees above by this morning.

Greeks Exhorted To End Civil War

Athens, Dec. 27 (UP)—The second session of a Greek peace conference broke up late today with representatives of Premier George Papandreu's government professing indignation at settlement terms proposed by the leftist E.L.A.S. delegates.

The conference called by Prime Minister Winston Churchill was resumed today under a partial truce similar to that of yesterday, which E.L.A.S. armed forces broke by firing on warships and naval installations at Piraeus.

Exhorted by Churchill to cease their civil war and establish a coalition government, the Greek delegates met for the second session of the conference after an order to cease fire for 45 minutes along certain streets permitted E.L.A.S. representatives to enter central Athens.

Greeks Warned
Churchill warned that if the rebels fail to come to terms, Britain will feel bound to aid Premier George Papandreu's government in "rescuing Athens from anarchy and the miserable conditions now prevailing."

Authorities announced that 10 minutes after the beginning of the semi-truce incident to the conference yesterday, E.L.A.S. guns hurled two 75-millimeter shells into Piraeus. One landed near the navy house and the second in the harbor between the house and a warship.

MADRAS MAN WOUNDED
Madras, Dec. 27—Carl A. Kemp, 74, son of Mrs. Eliza E. Kemp, Madras, has been wounded in action in the European war theater, the war department announced today.

Detroit Store Scene of Riot After Pickets Start Parade

Merchandise Trampled Following Outbreak; Police Arrest and Identify Two Ring Leaders

Detroit, Dec. 27 (UP)—A crowd of alleged Store Workers' union members smashed show cases, overturned counters and trampled merchandise displays at Montgomery Ward and company's Dearborn store today in an outbreak of violence which a labor leader charged was instigated by "imported strike breakers."

Two persons who, Dearborn police said, led an estimated 75 union members into the store and during a 15-minute rampage through its first floor aisles were arrested on charges of malicious destruction of property.

Police identified the arrested ring-leaders as Stanley Bukowsky, 45, Detroit, and William E. Smith, 32, Dearborn. Police said that neither had been a Dearborn store employee, but that they were members of either the striking union or the United Automobile Workers union (CIO), which has been actively supporting the Ward walkout.

Estimate Is Lacking
The store management said that no estimate of damage would be available until an inventory is taken.

Roy Scoggins, Michigan director for the striking United Retail, Warehouse and Department Store Employees (CIO) union, declared that the disturbance began when "company imported strikebreakers attempted to interfere with our members who went into the store for a peaceful demonstration."

Scoggins said pickets had planned to "parade" through the store in a repetition of tactics which had been used previously to force the company to close the building early during pre-Christmas shopping days.

"But today," Scoggins said, "strike breakers imported by the company tried to stop the pickets and a scuffle resulted."

U.S.S. Cooper Lost in Action
Washington, Dec. 27 (UP)—The navy today identified as the 2,200-ton U.S.S. Cooper a destroyer recently announced as lost off Ormoc, Leyte, and also announced the loss of a landing craft, the LSM-20, in the same waters.

Both skippers, Cmdr. Mell A. Peterson of the Cooper, and Lt. John R. Bradley of the LSM-20 survived, but Bradley was wounded, the navy said.

Casualties were not announced. Normal complement of the Cooper is about 275 men and of the landing craft, 52.

Applications for Car Tags Increase
Applications for 1945 motor vehicle licenses are coming in earlier this year than last, R. I. Hamby, Deschutes county deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections, said today. Last year, up to 5 p. m. on Dec. 26, 260 applications had been filed. In the same period this year 357 persons applied.

Hamby stated today that, as the office closes at noon on Saturday, persons should apply for licenses as soon as possible. After Jan. 1 persons driving a motor vehicle without a 1945 license will be liable to arrest, it is explained.

Nippons Threaten To Destroy City
Chungking, Dec. 27 (UP)—The Japanese have threatened to destroy Shanghai if and when they are forced to vacate, a Chinese military spokesman said today.

He said the threat was voiced by the Japanese garrison commander recently to a mixed Chinese and Japanese audience at Shanghai.

Japanese forces in China are preparing to strengthen defenses on the China coast as a precaution against Allied landings, the spokesman said.

Russian Forces Stab to Heart Of Fiery Buda in Attempt to Split Encircled Foe Garrison

Great Columns of Smoke Billow Over City As Reds Press Conquest; Hungary Capital's Fall Believed Near; Germans Are in Trap

By Henry Shapiro
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Moscow, Dec. 27 (UP)—Russian tanks and infantry stabbed into the heart of flaming Buda, western half of Budapest, today in an attempt to reach the Danube and split the encircled enemy garrison.

A front dispatch to the government newspaper Izvestia said the Germans were blowing up ammunition dumps and dynamiting and setting fire to railway yards, public buildings and private dwellings as they slowly gave ground under the powerful soviet assault.

Great columns of smoke were rising over the apparently doomed Hungarian capital, Izvestia said. Red army forces were said to have captured a trainload of German officials attempting to flee to the Reich.

The bloody battle inside Buda, that part of the capital lying on the west bank of the Danube, appeared to be developing on the Stalingrad pattern. All government buildings are in Buda.

May Be Difficult
German regiments believed to be among the best in the Wehrmacht were entrenching themselves in the ruins of the city's stone houses and the process of cleaning up Buda may be difficult and protracted unless a sudden collapse comes.

A soviet breakthrough to the Danube, however, would split the garrison and conceivably hasten its annihilation.

Field reports said the Russians were stepping up the intensity and weight of their attacks in Buda almost hourly. Siege guns were being brought up in a solid ring around the city, ready to pound it to pieces unless the enemy surrenders.

Skies Dominated
Red air force planes maintained a constant air umbrella over Budapest and pilots reported the squares appeared deserted except for occasional Germans scurrying from building to building. German gun batteries were said to have been mounted in the city's parks.

Two soviet spearheads were less than three miles from the Hungarian royal palace on the west bank of the Danube early today and field dispatches said long columns of men and armor were streaming into the city from the north, west and south to bring the seven-week siege to a triumphant close.

OPA Gives List Of Voided Stamps
Washington, Dec. 27 (UP)—The office of price administration today warned that use of the invalidated food ration stamps by consumers or merchants would constitute a violation of rationing regulations. It urged housewives to destroy all stamps no longer good.

The agency also said that the invalidation of certain food stamps had no effect on red tokens, which will continue to be honored. Blue tokens, which have not been used since Oct. 1, will be returned to use.

Ration stamps no longer good
Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5.

Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5.

Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 40, with all home canning coupons.

KBND Goes Back On Mutual Line
Radio station KBND returned to the Mutual network at 10:32 a. m. today when arrangements were completed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. for use of a line to the south. KBND, which normally is connected with the Mutual system by the way of Portland, lost its network connection yesterday morning when telephone lines to the north were broken by accumulated ice and frost, result of nearly two weeks of foggy weather.

The break in the north lines was in the high Criterion summit country, south of Maupin. Crews today were still attempting to establish normal service over the Bend-Portland wires.

U. S. Air Force Believed to Have Knocked Out Half of Nazi Armor in Western Front Action

hicles used in invading Belgium were destroyed.)

Roads through the 1,500 square miles that Von Rundstedt's offensive overran were lined with the burned out hulks of what he had counted on as a mobile reserve that would turn the tide of battle.

In his big gamble on the offensive Von Rundstedt had put down a tall stack of blue chips on the weather. His weather forecast was excellent. It called for nearly two weeks of overcast skies that would keep off the dreaded American Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs.

In that time he apparently believed he could consolidate his gains and, with saved up Luftwaffe strength, could maintain the offensive.

But Saturday both Rundstedt and allied meteorologists were surprised by a sudden atmosphere shift that cleared the skies.

Now, in four days, Von Rundstedt's ground forces have been chewed to ribbons. Behind him

Jap Trapper



(Signal Corps Photo from NEA)

Maj.-Gen. Archibald V. Arnold, above, commands the tough U. S. 7th Division troops on Leyte Island in the Philippines. His division trapped and reduced elements of the Japanese 26th Division near Ormoc and continued to sweep inland.

Nippon Carrier Victim of Sub

Washington, Dec. 27 (UP)—A large Japanese aircraft carrier and 26 other enemy vessels have been sunk by U. S. submarines in their mounting offensive against enemy sea power, secretary of navy James Forrestal announced today.

These latest sinkings included seven enemy combat ships in all.

This latest haul raised to 1090 the total of Japanese ships sunk, probably underway fleet.

Forrestal said that the total of U. S. submarine successes in the Pacific covers the sinkings of more than 3,500,000 tons of Japanese shipping.

Carrier Bagged
Besides the aircraft carrier, the other enemy combat ships sent to the bottom recently were a converted light cruiser, a destroyer, two destroyer transports, and two escort vessels.

The rest of the ships included two large transports, 10 medium cargo vessels, three small cargo ships, a small transport, two medium cargo transports and two medium tankers.

Forrestal said that he could not now reveal any details concerning the Jap carrier that was sent to the bottom by American torpedoes but he commented that this was "hitting at one of the most painful spots on the Japanese body at the moment."

This was the first enemy aircraft carrier definitely known to have been sunk by our submarines. In addition, two are listed as probably sunk and two damaged by undersea craft.

Quake Recorded In South Pacific

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 27 (UP)—A "large" earthquake, possibly in the vicinity of New Britain, was recorded on the California Institute of Technology at 8:38 a. m. today.

The shock was centered about 6,400 miles west of Pasadena, scientists said, but they were unable to determine the direction exactly.

Varied Weather Noted in Oregon

(By United Press)
All kinds of weather, mostly bad, were experienced in the northwest today.

The wind was shipping through the Columbia gorge, to the discomfort of Portland citizens, and the weather man said it might rain or snow in the area. Freezing rain up the Columbia was on the schedule.

Temperatures in the 30's were experienced in the valleys and around Portland, with slightly higher readings along the coast and sub-freezing marks registered in eastern and central Oregon.

Most highways were posted by the weather bureau yesterday afternoon along the Washington coast, and small craft warnings from the mouth of the Columbia river south to Eureka, Cal.

Minimum temperatures reported included Baker 25, Bend 20, Burns 14, Spokane 16, Seattle 38, Eugene 30, Klamath Falls 24, Lakeview 15, and Crescent 19.

Shortage of Cigarets Finally Hits Alaska

Ketchikan, Alaska, Dec. 27 (UP)—The cigarette shortage has hit ration-free Alaska.

Stores here today announced they would sell a maximum of two packs a day to a customer.

Reason: Too many have been buying too much to send to the United States.

Americans Jab At South Flank Of Foe Column

Germans Probe, Punch At Western Front But Are Lacking 'Umbrella'

By J. Edward Murray
(United Press War Correspondent)

Paris, Dec. 27 (UP)—American forces today jabbed the nazis to a halt four miles east of the Meuse, recapturing the town of Celles, and front reports said the American drive into the southern flank of the German salient was "making excellent headway."

No notable changes of position were reported but the Germans were still probing and punching along the north flank of their salient from Stavelot to Marche, apparently hunting a soft spot where they could renew their northward thrusts toward Liege and Namur.

The weather was again bright and clear, allowing the American air power to turn out in force, and take a deadly toll of German armor and transport.

Yanks Get Help
The first allied airborne army announced that hundreds of tons of supplies, mostly ammunition, have been dropped to the powerful American forces holding out at Bastogne, a Belgian highway center, which has been under German attacks for a week.

Paratroopers were landed first in the area to mark out landing zones, then the supplies were rained down.

No specific report was released on the progress of the strong American relief column which has narrowed the gap that separates them from Bastogne to less than five miles. However, John McDermott, United Press war correspondent with the American first army reported that "at least three towns have been taken by the Americans" in this vicinity. In the northern first army area, he reports, at least one town was recaptured from the Germans.

Night Battles Fought
Two night armored engagements were fought in the vicinity of Gelles, which lies four miles east of the Meuse and due east of Dinant.

In one of these battles the Americans knocked out 12 German tanks and two self-propelled guns and at another seven Mark-5's, three armored cars, three trucks and two anti-tank guns.

Evidence of German supply difficulties in the Celles area, their point of deepest penetration about 50 miles from the Belgian frontier, was uncovered.

About a dozen tanks and self-propelled guns were found abandoned by the Germans because they had run out of gasoline. Five more, also out of gasoline, were found elsewhere on the front, an indication that the American air assaults were biting into Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's supply lines.

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