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Russians Head For Vienna in New Strategy

Battle for Budapest Is Roaring to Climax in Bloody Struggle

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Moscow, Dec. 28 (UP)—The Red army struck for Vienna on a broad front west of Budapest today as the battle for the Hungarian capital roared into its second day with Russian tanks and riflemen racing through the barricaded streets to root out and destroy the trapped axis garrison.

The bulk of the German-Hungarian army that had defended Budapest for seven weeks apparently was pulling back hurriedly to cover the Austrian border, and powerful Soviet armored forces wheeled away from the doomed and burning city to take up the chase.

Striking along a 30-mile front some 23 to 30 miles west of Budapest, units of Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army drove the enemy back as much as 10 miles and broke across the Bakony hills into the Gyor plain, 95 miles or less southeast of Vienna.

Good Gains Made

The biggest gains were won on the northern wing of the assault line, where Tolbukhin's troops yesterday captured Sutto, 98 miles from Vienna. At the center of the front, they moved even closer to the Austrian capital, pushing beyond captured Felsogalla and Tatabanya. The Soviet flank drove into Bahhida, site of Budapest's electric power station, 34 miles southeast of Gyor and less than 60 miles from Austrian soil.

Strong German armored units counter-attacked time and again in a futile attempt to delay the Russian advance, losing 79 tanks in a series of fierce rear guard actions.

Riders Slash Flanks

Soviet cavalrymen were reported slashing around the flanks of the retreating enemy and chopping isolated units to pieces. Three Nazi battalions numbering perhaps 3,000 men were wiped out by the Russian horsemen yesterday.

Another 3,000 Germans and Hungarians died in the streets of Budapest and its immediate approaches and 2,000 more surrendered in defiance of a "stand and die" order from Berlin. The casualties raised to almost 27,000 the number of enemy troops killed or captured in the past six days.

The bloody battle for the city appeared to be entering the annihilation stage as converging Russian columns from the north, west and south lanced into the center of Buda, the main section on the west bank of the Danube.

U.S.S. Seawolf Reported Lost

Washington, Dec. 28 (UP)—The 1450-ton submarine Seawolf is overdue on Pacific patrol and presumed lost with its crew of at least 62 men, the navy announced today.

This was the 34th U. S. submarine to be lost from all causes in this war and the 239th American naval vessel lost. Our submarines, however, have sunk 934 Japanese ships.

Skipper of the Seawolf was Lt. Comdr. Albert M. Bontier, White Plains, N. Y. he was a native of Caney, Kan.

The Seawolf was commissioned on Dec. 1, 1939. This was the second submarine bearing the name Seawolf to meet disaster. The first ran aground on an island off lower California in 1920 and sank during salvage operations.

Although the navy did not disclose the war record of the second Seawolf, it obviously had had a distinguished career. Its first skipper, Comdr. Frederick B. Warder, earned two navy crosses.

Japanese Claim New Super Gun

Tokyo, Dec. 28 (UP)—The Japanese claimed today that a super anti-aircraft gun, capable of firing projectiles to the stratospheric height of 60,000 feet, was responsible for "bagging over 80 per cent of the American Superfortresses" that raided Tokyo yesterday.

The gun's range, a Tokyo broadcast heard by United Press in San Francisco said, was the highest in the world.

The fantastic claim of shooting down 80 per cent of the Superfortresses contrasted with Gen. Henry H. Arnold's official statement listing one B-29 lost in the raid.

Bullets Miss British Premier As Leaders Confer in Athens

Lead From Machine Gun Strikes and Seriously Injures Greek Girl; Fighting Still Continues

Athens, Dec. 28 (UP)—British sources said today that machine-gun bullets believed fired in an assassination attempt missed Prime Minister Churchill and other British authorities by 30 yards yesterday, but wounded a Greek girl probably fatally.

It was the second time in 24 hours that Churchill has missed death in Athens. On Tuesday, nearly a ton of dynamite was found fused in a sewer beneath the Great Britain hotel, British and Greek government headquarters.

The latest incident was disclosed as negotiations among Greek political leaders seeking to end the civil war reached a temporary stalemate. However, it was believed that King George might pave the way for a solution by setting up a regency.

Fighting Continues

Fighting still raged in Athens and northwest Greece. Additional areas of southeast Athens were cleared during the morning. A British armored force was sent 16 miles south of the capital to round up 150 members of the rebellious E.L.A.S.

British informants charged that machine-gunners undoubtedly were aiming at Churchill, Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, supreme allied commander for the Mediterranean theater, and Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie, British commander in Athens, when they opened fire yesterday.

They conceded, however, that the snipers might not have known that Churchill was in the party which was entering an armored car in front of the British embassy. The short burst felled a Greek girl 100 yards away and struck and adjacent building 30 yards from Churchill.

It was believed the first time that the snipers had used a machine-gun in the embassy area, though they previously had chipped the front of the building with rifle fire.

Scobie announced in a communiqué that the process of clearing Athens and Piraeus of insurgent forces was "progressing slowly, but satisfactorily."

Negro Troopers Battle Germans

Rome, Dec. 28 (UP)—American Negro troops of the 92nd division battled today against a German counterattack along a six mile front in the Serchio valley at the western end of the fifth army front.

Allied headquarters confirmed an earlier German radio report that the surprise attack had been launched against the negro units. The German radio said the shock of the first assault in a sector that had been quiet for more than a month carried German and Italian troops through the main American fighting line.

Yield Two Towns

The Americans were forced to yield the town of Barga, 15 miles north of Lucca, headquarters announced, indicating the Germans had advanced up to three miles. Units of the eighth army contacted the enemy on the outskirts of the German stronghold of Alfonsine on the Ferrara road in further progress along the east bank of the Senio river.

Action elsewhere on the Italian front was confined to patrols and artillery exchanges.

Nippons Report New 'Fort' Raid

(By United Press)

The Japanese domestic radio reported that a "minor formation of B-29 Superfortresses from the Marianas dropped "some incendiary bombs" in Ibaraki Prefecture on the island of Honshu, just north of Tokyo, today.

The broadcast, recorded by FCC, said the big four-engined bombers had been en route to Tokyo but were unable to reach the Japanese capital because of the "night of our crack units."

The radio did not explain the type of defenses used against the B-29's nor did it make any claims of damage to the American planes.

Nippons Lose Three Destroyers in Abortive Blow at Mindoro; New Attacks Are Expected

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 28 (UP)—New enemy naval attacks designed to disrupt the American timetable in the Pacific were expected today following an abortive bombardment of Mindoro in which three Japanese destroyers were sunk and a battleship and a cruiser damaged.

The Japanese repeatedly have said they believed the battle of the Philippines would go a long way toward determining the length of the Pacific war and they appeared ready to gamble a major portion of their dwindling sea and air strength on stalling the American liberation offensive.

Their hit-run foray against Mindoro Tuesday night came to grief in a hail of bombs and shells from American heavy, medium and fighter-bombers that sank or damaged all but three destroyers in the armada.

It was the first time that Japanese surface forces have ventured from their bases in any strength since the American third and seventh fleets sank 24 Japanese warships, probably sank 13 others and damaged 21 in the second battle of the Philippine sea in late October.

Despite mounting damage from attacking American planes, the Japanese task force pressed on toward Mindoro Tuesday night and just before midnight began a 20-minute offshore bombardment described officially as "fruitless and inaccurate."

A Japanese communiqué said that Japanese warships sank four transports, a torpedo boat and two other small craft and bombarded the San Jose airfield at Mindoro Tuesday night. Supporting air-

12 U.S. Bombs Hit Nip Plane Plant in Tokyo

Pictures Reveal Blows As Air Armadas Again Wing Way Over Japan

By Lisle Shoemaker
(United Press War Correspondent)

21st Bomber Command Headquarters, Saipan, Dec. 28 (UP)—(Via Navy Radio)—Twelve direct bomb hits from giant American Superfortresses thundered into the buildings of the important Musashino aircraft factory in the industrial suburbs of Tokyo yesterday, for the third raid on that plant since the start of B-29 bombings from Saipan Nov. 24.

Tokyo radio reported that a small number of Marianas-based B-29s appeared over Honshu island this afternoon, dropping incendiaries in Ibaragi prefecture north of Tokyo, but claimed the Tokyo area proper was not approached.

(The raiders caused "small fires in a forest area," the broadcast heard by United Press in San Francisco said.)

Late photographs developed today clearly showed 12 budding bomb bursts in the building area which comprises most of the space of the 50 acre Musashino plant layout.

Factory Is Big

The victory, part of the Nakajima Aircraft company, along with the Mitsubishi works represents the dominant factor in the Japanese aircraft industry.

Brig. Gen. Haywood S. Hansell, Jr., commanding the 21st bomber command, announced after the second raid on the Musashino plant that a few buildings had been destroyed and production possibly had been interrupted inside the plant.

Although the photographs of yesterday's attack now available do not reveal specific damage, it may safely be assumed that this sprawling plant which produces a large part of Japan's planes is not running on schedule today.

The bomber command had not announced the bombing results earlier because first photographs did not show hits. Announcement that this vital factory received huge bomb bursts indicates that the command thought the damage was conclusive enough to announce.

Pictures Studied

Results of later photographic reconnaissance flights are being eagerly awaited for final damage appraisals.

The Musashino plant, lying in the western suburbs of Tokyo, was first hit Nov. 24 and again on Dec. 3.

Participating air crew said they strung bombs across in industrial area in a pattern a mile long and three blocks wide and in the dock area of Tokyo despite the stiffest fighter opposition yet encountered over the capital.

Irked Gob Locks Up Two Sisters

Seattle, Dec. 28 (UP)—Irked with two attractive sisters, waitresses in a malted milk bar, rejected his bids for a date, a sailor today locked the entire staff of four inside the shop for half an hour before they escaped through a basement window.

The waitresses said the sailor spent the half hour walking up and down outside the shop making faces at them through the window.

The shore patrol recovered the key.

Seabees Observe Third Birthday

Washington, Dec. 28 (UP)—The navy's Seabees, who fight with one hand and build with the other, celebrated their third anniversary today with a record of participation in every major amphibious invasion in this war.

Since the first naval construction regiment was authorized just four days after the fall of Iwo Jima in December, 1941, the navy's youngest service has consistently lived up to a tradition of getting things done.

Growing from an original nucleus of 3,300 men to more than 234,000 strong—more than three-fourth of whom are now overseas with thousands more scheduled to go in the near future—the Seabees have followed close on the heels of the invasion waves to build airstrips and bases as fast as the fighting troops secured the land.

CAR TAMPERED WITH

For reasons police were unable to determine, someone last night removed a portion of the distributor and disconnected the ignition wires from the spark plugs belonging to Jack Lee, 78 Kearney street, reports stated today. Lee said that the car was tampered with while it was parked in front of his residence.

Greenland? No, Just Chicago



The scene above might have been snapped somewhere in the icy wastes of Greenland—but it was actually taken in Chicago, at the Jackson Park Coast Guard station, during recent cold snap. Keeping chilly vigil is Coast Guardsman Robert Soverville.

Army, Acting on FDR Orders, Takes Charge of Ward Stores

Seizures in Seven Cities Reported; Notice Warns Interference May Bring Penalties

Chicago, Dec. 28 (UP)—The federal government under orders from President Roosevelt took possession of Montgomery Ward and Company facilities in seven cities today.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, director of the special services division of the army service forces, seized the plants at 9:50 a.m. CWT.

The executive order, which was executed by the war department covered Ward properties in Chicago, Detroit, Jamaica, N. Y.; St. Paul, Minn.; Denver, Colo.; San Rafael, Cal., and Portland, Ore.

The executive order said that employees were to keep on performing their normal duties.

"The terms and conditions of your employment will remain unchanged, except that we are putting into effect immediately the provisions of the directive orders of the national war labor board," the order stated.

Called Duty

"It is the duty of every Montgomery Ward employee and supervisor, as a patriotic American, to assist the army in carrying out its mission. We have a job to do and we are going to do it. Any person who interferes with our operation is subject to severe penalties under the law.

"I hope we will not have to invoke these penalties against anyone.

"I am counting on your help."

The move was the second seizure this year of the firm's Chicago properties by the government seeking to enforce WLB directives on wages and maintenance of membership.

Lt. Bill Miller Reported Safe

News that their son, Lt. (jg) William E. Miller, listed missing in Pacific action since late last September, is safe, was received today by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller, Bend, from Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel. The telegram reads, in part:

"The navy department is pleased to inform you that your son, previously reported missing, is now reported a survivor and has been returned to U. S. naval jurisdiction. Undoubtedly he will communicate with you at an early date concerning his whereabouts. The department rejoices with you in this good news."

Lt. Miller had been reported in action in the Philippines theater of war.

Three In Service

Lt. Miller, a navy pilot, is one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Miller in the service of their country. Lt. Charles Miller was in the Philippines at the time of the Japanese invasion and has not been heard from since the fall of Batuan. Also a pilot, Lt. Miller was believed to have been in the Sebu area when the invasion occurred.

The third son, Captain Harry A. Miller, is with the army medical corps, in Italy.

2,000 Warplanes Blast at Germans

London, Dec. 28 (UP)—Nearly 2,000 American heavy bombers and fighters smashed through dirty weather today at rail yards, bridges and other vital links in the transport network behind the German salient in Belgium and Luxembourg.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle dispatched more than 1,200 Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by upward of 700 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, against 10 key points between the German salient and the Rhine.

Yank Troops Seize Initiative On Flanks of German Salient; Berlin Admits Nazi Reverses

Hard Fighting Doughboys Win Most Decisive Victory in Bending Spearhead Aimed at Dinant; Enemy Reported Facing Local Entrapments

Paris, Dec. 28 (UP)—American troops have seized the initiative on both flanks and at the tip of the Belgian-Luxembourg salient, supreme headquarters announced today, driving back the westernmost spearhead three miles and surrounding thousands of nazis east of Celles.

A broadcast nazi dispatch from Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's headquarters admitted that the Germans had lost the initiative on a 35-mile front between Bastogne and Echten-nacht, and had "gone over to the elastic defense of their flank."

On the basis of SHAEF reports as of noon yesterday, hard fighting doughboys won their biggest defensive victory since the enemy attacked when they shoved back the spearhead aimed at Dinant on the Meuse, capturing several hundred prisoners and a number of tanks and other armored vehicles.

Planes In Action

Despite murky weather which grounded most of the tactical air forces, almost 2,000 Flying Fortresses, Liberators and fighters struck from Britain at 10 key rail yards, bridges and other links in the German transport network on which the break-through forces depended.

For the sixth straight day eight air force bombers struck at Rundstedt's rear. More than 1,200 big bombers crashed upward of 2,500 tons of explosives on the supply and reinforcement hubs west of the Rhine.

American troops were pressing home attacks on both sides of the German corridor, and apparently were whittling down its 20-mile waist between Bastogne and Manhay.

Although the Germans still fought bitterly, for the moment at least they were fighting to hold their sensational gains rather than to extend them.

Supreme headquarters revealed that the counterpush against the southern side of the German bulge had gained an average of 10 miles since it jumped off from an east-west line through Arlon five days ago.

Further gains appeared probable on the basis of the German admission of an "elastic defense"—the usual nazi terminology for an uncertain situation and sometimes constituting an acknowledgment of a retreat.

The German dispatch from Rundstedt's headquarters, which did not concede the relief of Bastogne, said that the big road junction was the center of "one of the most violent tank battles since the beginning of the invasion."

Divisions Identified

It identified the American units encircled at Bastogne as the 101st airborne division, the tenth armored division, and "remnants" of the 28th infantry division.

A light snow was falling this morning over much of the battle zone, and temperatures were somewhat higher.

A front dispatch said the Germans continued building up strength in the Monschau forest, on the north side of the base of the salient, and were believed to have placed a large number of troops in position with an especially strong concentration of self-propelled guns.

It was revealed officially that the nazis have committed two panzer armies and an infantry army aggregating more than 20 divisions—200,000 to 300,000 men—to the battle of the Ardennes.

'GAS', OIL IS STOLEN

Gasoline and oil were taken from two motorcycles while they were parked in the alley near his home, George Asendorf, 34 Delaware avenue, told police today.

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BIDS RECEIVED ON BIG CANAL

Six bids for contracts to construct approximately 10 miles of the North Unit irrigation project main canal, were opened today at the Bend offices of the bureau of reclamation. Beginning with the lowest bidder, they are:

Strong & McDonald, Tacoma, \$333,130.80; E. B. Bishop, Orland, Cal., \$333,803.00; Babler & Conley, Portland, \$347,278.50; E. C. Hall Co., Portland, \$376,178.50; C. J. Eldon, Portland, \$385,253.40, and Morrison-Knudson, Boise, \$511,561.00.

Because the contracts call for completion of the work in 100 days, it was held probable at the local bureau offices that Strong & McDonald, although lowest bidder, would not be awarded the contract as they sought approximately 30 per cent more time to complete the work.

Work Outlined

The successful bidder will be called upon to construct and improve the main canal from the so-called "big cut" north of the Smith Rocks near Terrebonne, around Juniper butte to Haystack draw south of Madras. It was expected that the contract would be awarded within 30 days.

This new section of the canal will include several laterals for supplying water to the Metolius and Culver sections, it was said.

Meantime work was progressing favorably along several sections of the big waterway, according to bureau officials. Heavy construction timbers have been moved to the site on the Crooked river where a huge flume will carry the water across the deep gorge. In the Smith Rocks where two long tunnels have been bored through, contractors are preparing to concrete the surfaces of the subterranean canal.

To Remove 'Plugs'

A 47-ton dragline is being moved along the canal to a point about five miles north of Bend where "plugs" in the ditch will be removed, and damage to the canal done by tanks and other heavy military equipment during last summer's army maneuver is to be repaired.

While bureau officials had planned to turn water into the big irrigation canal early this month, cold weather has held up this operation. It was said. There was a possibility, officials said, that this water test of the canal may not be made until spring.

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