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Nazi Garrison In Budapest To Face Death

Angry Soviets Plan to Exterminate Germans; No Quarter Policy Due

Moscow, Jan. 1 (AP)—Russian shock troops fought through the last smoking, rubble streets of the western half of Budapest today in a "no quarter" battle, determined to slay the encircled enemy garrison to the last man to avenge the murder of two red army surrender emissaries.

Significantly, the Soviet high command no longer mentioned in its communique the taking of any prisoners inside Budapest, though an additional 300 blocks were cleared yesterday in Buda, bringing two thirds or more of that part of the city west of the Danube under Soviet control.

Many Nazis Killed
More than 2,700 German and Hungarian troops were killed in the capital in the past 24 hours, the latest communique said.

There was no doubt that the German generals and their staff officers held responsible for the killing of the two red army officers who carried surrender terms to the Germans under a flag of truce Saturday would be hanged as war criminals if taken alive.

The red army's "no quarter" policy in Budapest was expected to spread quickly to other fronts, including Poland, where the bulk of the Soviet armed forces appeared ready to launch the biggest offensive yet toward Germany.

New Orders Due
There was every likelihood that the troops in Poland will be sent forward under orders to show the enemy no mercy. It always has been a problem to the Russian command to get its men, inflamed by German atrocities in their homeland, to take Nazi troops alive in close-quarter fighting, but now the last barriers may be down.

Front dispatches indicated the fighting in Budapest would take on a complexion that would make any previous battles pale by comparison.

Jap Freighters Bagged By Fliers

Chungking, Jan. 1 (AP)—Fliers from the 14th airforce sank three Japanese freighters and left another burning in New Year's eve raids over the Yangtze river and Hainan island, strategic enemy base off the south coast of China, it was announced today.

A communique said two freighters were destroyed in the river during an attack on Hankow. Two enemy bombers were downed over the targets and two others were destroyed on the ground.

One freighter was left sinking and another burning off Hainan. Fighters from the 14th struck rail yards in the Tunting lake area and destroyed three locomotives on the Peiping-Hankow railway. In central Burma the versatile pilots stampeded a herd of 30 elephants being used by the enemy for military transportation. B-25's bombed bridges and rail lines at Mongping and Tongtai and strafed rail lines between Lashio and Mandalay. On the Burma-Yunnan border they supported Chinese ground force operations.

Lloyd George Gets British Earldom

London, Jan. 1 (AP)—David Lloyd George, Britain's elder statesman and World War I prime minister, received an earldom on the king's list of New Year's honours.

He will be known as Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, the latter the name of a mountain stream passing his farm in Wales. George announced last week that he was retiring from parliament. He is 81.

The king also made Marshal of the Air Force Lord Portal, chief of the air staff, a viscount and named Admiral of the Fleet Sir Andrew Cunningham Knight of the Garter, filling a vacancy caused by the death of the queen's father, the Earl of Strathmore.

Nip Emperor Offers Prayer As Year Begins

The Japanese empire observed the arrival of 1945 with a series of uncheerful speeches by the nation's leaders on their hopes for the new year.

Tokyo radio Monday reported that "his gracious imperial majesty," who is enjoying "the best of health in his 45th year," offered prayer for the empire and "for its continued existence along with his 100,000,000 children.

Japanese broadcasts, recorded by United Press at San Francisco, included the following: Speaker of the House Sanzo Okada—"Our first aim is to complete the peace in East Asia. Then extend it to the rest of the world under Japanese guidance. This is the immutable policy of the government of our nation."

BEND OBSERVES ARRIVAL OF 1945 IN QUIET WAY

The year 1945 was ushered into Bend without riotous fanfare, and the din which usually breaks one minute after midnight was wholly lacking in the city.

Numerous watch parties were held in private homes and in churches but these also were marked by quiet welcoming of the New Year.

Probably the most spectacular event to feature the occasion was the discharge by someone of a roman candle over Mirror pond. Fired from the east side of the river, the candle made an attractive scene as the lights flared above the smooth surface of the pond.

State and city police reported that the weekend was unusually quiet with few arrests being made, and only one of them for intoxication.

Many soldiers from the Redmond army air field spend the weekend in Bend, and were guests in private homes as well as the USO servicemen's club. More than a score of the flying officers were registered at the Pilot Butte inn.

Mills Observe Holiday
Employees of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company Inc. and The Shevlin-Hixon Company had extended holidays as the big plants were closed both yesterday and today.

The courthouse, city hall and postoffice were closed today, as were most of the downtown business houses. In most stores inventories were being made by employees working behind closed doors. State offices, with the exception of state police, were also closed. But federal activity at the bureau of reclamation, U. S. employment service and the forest service carried on as usual.

Scores of Bend folk availed themselves of the opportunity to visit their favorite skiing places, with dozens of devotees of the sport going to the Hoodoo bowl near the Santiam summit.

U. S. Airmen Again Cruise In Tokyo Sky

Nippons Report Some Fires Are Started By Planes Based in China

Single Marianas-based B-29 Superfortresses cruised over Tokyo three times between 10 p. m. and 5 a. m. (Japanese time), dropping "some" incendiary bombs and starting "some" fires, Japanese broadcasts reported today.

A Tokyo broadcast recorded by the FCC said that two Superfortresses also appeared over the southern Japanese home island of Kyushu "shortly after 9 o'clock this morning." The Japanese said these planes had come from the "China area" on reconnaissance and dropped no bombs.

Regarding the Tokyo raids, the broadcast said: "Each plane fled eastward after dropping some incendiaries. Some fires were started but were put out in a short time."

Four Superfortresses also were said to have made incursions over central Honshu between dusk Saturday night and dawn Sunday, two over Tokyo, one over Nagoya and the fourth over "central Japan." Fires were started in Nagoya, a Tokyo broadcast said.

There was no confirmation of the reports from American sources, but a Pearl Harbor communique said Liberator bombers raided airstrips on other installations on the tiny Japanese island of Iwo in the Volcano group, half way between Tokyo and Saipan, Thursday and Friday for the 22nd and 23rd consecutive days.

To Move Closer
A delayed dispatch from the Pacific said Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, in a Christmas day interview aboard Admiral William F. Halsey's flagship, promised that the United States in the coming months will move closer and closer to Japan "with all the weapons we have."

The Pacific war will reach its "toughest phase," he said, only after American forces have struck all the way across the Pacific to the Asiatic mainland. Though the Japanese navy is no longer the tremendous threat it once was, enemy surface and submarine forces still must be watched, he said.

Track Torn Up
Working through the night, wrecker crews ushered in the new year in the fitful glare of cutting torches and lights provided by a portable generator.

More than half a mile of track was torn up by the powerful steam locomotive of the fast mail and express train as it ground deep into the rear car—a Pullman sleeper—of the passenger section.

Among the dead was James McDonald, 64, gray-haired veteran of 37 years as a locomotive fireman and engineer for the Southern Pacific, who rode his engine to a

Milan Rail Yard Hit by Airmen
Rome, Jan. 1 (AP)—Havoc night raiders attacked the largest rail yard in Italy at Milan in the first American air blow at the enemy in 1945.

The first plane, piloted by 1st Lt. Robert Ritchie of Hanford, Calif., dropped its bombs precisely at 12 midnight. The low level bombing attack was described as the "boldest maneuver" attempted by American air units during recent months.



A Superfortress soaring off Saipan, into the rising sun, symbolizes what will be America's great task of 1945—carrying the Pacific war in ever more punishing intensity to Japan itself.

48 PERSONS DIE IN TRAIN CRASH CLOSE TO OGDEN

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 1 (AP)—Screaming winch cables and the pounding of air hammers were substituted this morning for the screams of injured and dying passengers as crews sought to clear Southern Pacific railroad tracks near Ogden of the shambles which marked the scene of the nation's worst rail tragedy of 1944.

Unofficial and still incomplete casualty rolls listed at least 48 dead and "more than 80 injured" after the mail and express section of the crack Pacific Limited of the Southern Pacific before dawn Sunday hurtled into the rear of the passenger section 22 miles west of Ogden. Eleven cars of the two trains were telescoped, three of them tossed from the 10-foot high road-bed fill into the marshy, salt-crusted landscape less than two miles from the east shore of Great Salt Lake near the famed Lucien cutoff trestle.

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U. S. Selective service takes over Wickiup camp. Deschutes county leads entire state in Christmas seal sales. The city commission votes to defray part of the cost of street improvements as an inducement to have property owners petition for the work. Arthur M. Erickson buys the clothing stock of the J. E. Stewart & Co. in Prineville. William Niskanen is named president of the Bend chamber of commerce. Dr. Rudolph R. Lang, Deschutes county health officer, is

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Highlights of Bend News For Past Year Reviewed

Military activities in Central Oregon decreased in the year, but 1944 saw people of the midstate nevertheless "carrying on" in the war effort, a review of the past 12 months shows.

The period was not featured by any spectacular building or business boom, but the months show a record of aiding the prosecution of the war through purchase of war bonds, generous support to returning war veterans and constant support of paper and various salvage campaigns.

The year saw the discontinuance of army activities in the district and the end to training at Camp Abbot. But Central Oregon was in the limelight as a military center as the training of fliers was resumed at the Redmond and Madras army air fields.

Steady progress in development of the North Unit irrigation project was noted throughout the year as the bureau of reclamation pressed its purpose to deliver water to arid lands in Jefferson county by mid-1945. Central Oregon continued to send its share of men and women to the armed forces, and voluntary enlistments in both the army and navy soared during 1944.

A review of the year, month by month, as taken from the files of The Bulletin, follows:

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Nation's Holiday Death Toll Listed

The nation's holiday death toll reached 158 today, with a collision between two sections of the Southern Pacific's crack west-bound limited near Ogden, Utah, claiming 48 lives, including the dead from the railroad wreck, and 69 lives were lost from other causes.

The traffic toll reported up to noon, CWT was far below the National Safety Council's estimate of 250 for the week-end. Pennsylvania led the list of states with 15 dead, after counting the 48 dead in Utah, while Michigan and New York had 11 dead each.

Officers Dangle From High Ledge In Chilly Dawn
London, Jan. 1 (AP)—Three U. S. army officers dangled precariously on a narrow window ledge 80 feet above Grosvenor square in the cold dawn today before they were rescued by firemen who arrived to extinguish a fire in their flat.

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Football Finals
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Vicious Air Battles Reported Over Western Front as Patton Cuts Deeper Into Enemy Bulge

U. S. Forces Slash Into Southern Flank as Allies Send Air Fleets Into Action Again Under Clear Skies; Germans Make Attacks

Paris, Jan. 1 (UP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's armored forces expanded their offensive front to 10 miles and punched two miles deeper into the southern flank of the German Ardennes bulge, supreme headquarters announced today.

As Patton's tanks and infantry continued the heavy attack, great forces of allied and enemy planes roared over the front in the best weather since the allied counteroffensive was launched.

Vicious aerial battles were reported over the fighting area and at least 53 German planes were shot down in the early engagements.

Supreme headquarters also disclosed that the Germans had launched five very heavy counterattacks against the Seventh army forces in the Herdt mountain area of southwestern Germany last night and early this morning.

Strong Attacks Made
The enemy assaults were concentrated in the Bitch area. The last two counterattacks were made at dawn this morning about two miles west of Dambach and five miles north of Niederbronn.

One of the assaults was made in battalion strength. A front dispatch revealed that German patrol activity increased on other sections of the Seventh army front, particularly around Bunderthal on the western flank of the American foothold in the Siegfried line.

The supreme headquarters announcement of Patton's gains in the German Ardennes bulge covered progress of the offensive up to Sunday morning.

The attack, launched Saturday but revealed only today under security restrictions, ran into heavy resistance from German 88-millimeter guns, other artillery and small arms fire and tanks, but at last reports still was making progress.

May Prove Trap
Coming after the recapture of Rochefort at the western tip and Libramont, in the southwest corner, the new thrust further constricted the German salient which may yet be turned into a death trap for tens of thousands of Germany's best troops.

A late dispatch from the front said the Germans had been counterattacking with tanks and infantry all around the American corridor into Bastogne for the past 72 hours in a so far futile attempt to cut the supply corridor from Arlon and again isolate the fortress city.

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Eighteen German tanks were knocked out in enemy counterattacks north of Luttrebois, three miles southeast of Bastogne and one mile from the Bastogne-Arlon road, yesterday and 25 others were wrecked in the same area Saturday.

Other counterattacks yesterday were hurled back near Chenogne, four miles southwest of Bastogne, said.

Jap Corps Fails To Make Report
Tokyo radio announced today that its vaunted special attack corps struck at Allied ships in the Sulu sea Dec. 29, but said results were obscure because none of the force returned.

"As our escort fighters were kept busy by American Grumman fighters and the special attack planes did not come back either, we do not really know what happened," the broadcast, recorded by United Press at San Francisco, said.

Spending Spree Marks Advent Of New Year in United States

Americans turned once more to the grim business of producing materials for weapons of war today after ushering in their fourth wartime new year in the biggest spending spree since the roaring twenties.

Sunday laws prohibiting the serving of liquor put a damper on the gaiety in many states but in the majority of the larger cities the lid was off and crowds jammed night clubs, bars and theaters with open pocketbooks.

The tariff ranged from a top of \$25 per person in New York's night spots, while on the west coast the top was \$36.74 per couple at Mocambo's. Top price to celebrate in Chicago was \$17.25 per person at the Drake hotel's Camella house.

A heavy fog shrouded New York's Times Square, focal point of the nation's New Year's celebration, but it failed to keep away the crowds which gathered to celebrate the arrival of 1945.

Police estimated that 1,000,000 persons were jammed in Chicago's Loop at 12 o'clock. At Washington, D. C., most of the city's bars and cocktail lounges were closed in observance of a law prohibiting the sale of anything stronger than beer and light wine on Sundays.

At the White House, which was open to intimate friends of President Roosevelt and his family, the president led in drinking his traditional toast to the United States.

NIPPONS' LOSSES IN PHILIPPINES PUT AT 117,997

Allied headquarters, Philippines, Jan. 1 (UP)—Japanese losses in the Leyte campaign reached 117,997, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today, with the counting of an additional 1,191 dead and capture of 15 prisoners Friday.

Bombing of Japanese shipping and installations in the Luzon area continued, the communique said, while antiaircraft fire and allied fighters off Mindoro, just southwest of Luzon, shot down 14 of 32 enemy planes attacking convoys carrying supplies to the American beachhead on Mindoro.

(Tokyo radio claimed 33 American ships of a convoy of 30 transports and 20 cruisers and destroyers reinforced the beachhead were sunk or damaged, the enemy claimed 18 transports, two cruisers and one torpedo boat sunk and said nine transports, two cruisers and one destroyer were damaged.)

Airdrome Hit
Medium bombers struck at Guguegarao airdrome in northeastern Luzon, capital island of the Philippines, and Legaspi on the Bicol peninsula. Patrol planes at night sank a 6,000-ton freighter or transport in Lingayan Gulf.

The communique listed air raids against enemy positions from the Philippines south through Borneo to New Guinea and Bougainville, with Allied fliers dropping 208 tons of bombs on airdromes, runways, bivouac areas and ground defenses, and sinking at least four small ships and damaging others.

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