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North Flank of Nazi Salient Crumbling

Luzon Landing Believed Near

Lingayen Gulf Beaches Under Attack by Warships, Planes, Nippon Radio Broadcasts Say

Tokyo Reports Four Powerful Invasion Units Now Hovering in Isle Area; Enemy Asserts 40 Allied Warships, Transports Are Bagged

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 8 (UP)—Tokyo reported today that one of four powerful American invasion armadas converging on Luzon in the Philippines has carried an unparalleled bombardment of beach defenses in the Lingayen gulf north of Manila into its third day and said a landing appeared imminent.

Some 400 to 450 American vessels are bound for "some not too clearly definable point on or near Luzon," Tokyo said, but warned that the American maneuvers were so complicated that false conclusions might be drawn.

Japanese broadcasts said American battleships and other warships escorting 70 to 80 landing craft, penetrated Lingayen gulf to within a few thousand yards of the coast and were hurling shells into a 27-mile stretch between San Fernando and the northern tip of Manila.

Two Fliers Killed In Crash of Plane

Portland, Ore., Jan. 8 (UP)—Crash of a training plane from the Redmond army airfield Saturday killed Capt. Alph A. Thiessen of Hamburg, Ia., and Lt. Max R. Smith of Eugene, Ore., the Portland army airbase announced today.

A search party reached the wreckage late Sunday after it was sighted from the air. Scene of the crash was in rugged terrain 10 miles southeast of Bend. Relatives of the officers have been notified.

The Bend Ski patrol was alerted, and state police and county station KBND aided in the search for the missing fliers after the Redmond army air field officials reported the aircraft overdue. All members of the ski group who were in the city were on orders to be prepared to aid in the ground search upon call.

Gallagher Given Besson's Berth

Port Lewis, Wash., Jan. 8 (UP)—Col. Edward B. Gallagher—a veteran of the march to Rome—has arrived at Fort Lewis to assume command of the engineer training section, army officials revealed today.

Colonel Gallagher replaces Col. Frank S. Besson, who recently announced his intention of retiring after 39 years' army service. A veteran of the engineers' corps since 1917, Colonel Gallagher was awarded the legion of merit in Italy for "brilliant employment of engineers" on the march to Rome, where he served with the Second army corps prior to taking the Fort Lewis assignment.

Served in France
During the last war Colonel Gallagher served 19 months in France, after which he saw duty in Panama until 1921. A four-year assignment as assistant professor of military science and tactics at Yale University was followed by a post in the chief of engineers' office, Washington, D. C.

In 1941 the colonel was appointed division engineer for the New England division. Colonel Gallagher is a graduate of the command and general staff school, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the army industrial college, Washington, D. C. His home is in Norristown, Pa.

STORM WARNINGS UP
Portland, Ore., Jan. 8 (UP)—Storm warnings were hoisted at 10 a. m. today on the Washington coast and at the mouth of the Columbia river and through the strait of Juan de Fuca to include Port Townsend.

EASTERN STATES ALERTED FOR BUZZ BOMB ATTACK

An East Coast Port, Jan. 8 (UP)—Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, said today that it was "possible and probable that New York City or Washington will be hit by buzz bombs within the next 30 or 60 days."

Ingram said Admiral Ernest J. King, naval commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleets, concurred with him in the "possibility and probability" of the attack and that Admiral King had approved today's warning.

Ingram said he would take charge of coastal defenses of New York and Washington and that he had moved "plenty of forces" to take every possible precaution against the attack.

He said the bombs could come one of three ways: (1) Surface ship; (2) Submarine; (3) Long range planes.

He said the bombs would probably be smaller than the V-1 or V-2 launched against Great Britain. He said the greatest danger to expect was from fires, and that the bombs were not expected to seriously damage any large buildings. He warned against panic, which he said could increase the damage.

"The next alert will be the real McCoy," he said.

Rescued Aviator Visitor in Bend

Lt. (j.g.) William E. Miller, veteran of the South Pacific, who was missing in the Philippines area from September 21 until the Christmas season, was met yesterday in Portland by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller, and is now in Bend on a 30 day leave. Under instructions from his superiors to divulge no information relative to his experiences in the Philippines, he was not available for an interview.

The New York Herald-Tribune in a dispatch passed by Pacific censors revealed in its December 26 issue that Lt. Miller was pilot of a navy plane shot down in a sweep over Manila. The plane, a Hellcat, crash landed on an islet near Corregidor.

Lived on Snails
The Bend lieutenant, the New York paper added, lived on snails and crabs for many days, in torrential rain part of the time, then made his way to the mainland, where he joined companions. Their rescue was effected by a navy speed boat, which braved Jap guns to dash through Mindoro strait, the New York paper said. In making their escape, the boat crew and fliers were attacked by a Japanese plane.

Lt. Miller was missing some 90 days in the Philippines. His parents had been notified. News that he was safe reached his parents shortly after Christmas.

Tanned by South Pacific suns, the young lieutenant was meeting friends around Bend today.

Arnold District To Get Water

Users of water along the Arnold Irrigation company canal today were urged to fill their cisterns while the water is turned on.

George Murphy, chairman of the irrigation company board, said that the water was turned on Saturday noon and will be on until tomorrow night. He stressed the filling of cisterns because weather conditions might prevent any early release of water.

Congress Expected to Back Drafting of Nurses and 4 F's

Washington, Jan. 8 (UP)—Congress appeared today to be ready to follow White House leadership for drafting 4-F's and nurses but balked for the time being on the idea of complete national service legislation.

In response to President Roosevelt's request for "total mobilization of all human resources for the prosecution of the war," congressional leaders were prepared to put the tightening of manpower controls at the top of the legislative calendar.

A sampling of congressional reaction, however, indicated a desire to try so-called stop-gap measures, such as the 4-F draft and a check on job-jumping by occupationally-deferred men, before embarking on more drastic courses of action. Organized labor expressed strong hostility to a labor draft.

Typical of the feeling in congress was the attitude of Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky.

Fiery Meteor Races Across Oregon Skies

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 8 (UP)—Prof. J. Hugh Pruett of the University of Oregon meteorology department, today reported sighting a meteor of unusual brilliance about 9 p. m. Sunday.

Sighted by residents of Oregon and Southwestern Oregon, the meteor left a trail of blue flame and set up a sheet of light in the southwestern sky when it struck. Pruett said he believed it landed at sea after going over southern Oregon or Northern California.

Slot Machine Bill May Be on Slate

Salem, Ore., Jan. 8 (UP)—Gov. Earl Snell will "have no part of" any proposed legislation to license slot machines by the state, he said today in response to newspaper articles and comments by legislators, which stated that the illegal machines were putting the state-license pin-ball machines out of business.

"Action will be taken," the governor said, in insisting that law enforcement officials stop operation of the illegal machines, if it is found such a condition exists.

Revenue from the licensed pin-ball machines goes to the old age assistance fund, and the governor pointed out that contention over the use of illegal slot machines "is coming on eve of a legislative session." "Watch for a bill to be introduced" to license the slot machines by the state, he said.

The governor stated he presumed that such a proposed law would give the slot machines state sanction to operate in defiance of the state constitution.

Midstate Solons Get Assignments

Central Oregon's representatives in the Oregon state legislature today won important committee assignments, according to a United Press report from the statehouse in Salem.

Rep. William Niskanen, Bend, was named chairman of the important game committee; and Rep. Bert K. Snyder of Lakeview, heads the highways and highway revenues committee.

Rep. Niskanen was named to four other committees, Rep. Snyder to four others, and Rep. W. B. Morse of Prineville was chosen to serve on seven committees.

Besides the game committee, Niskanen is on the administration and organization, banking and corporations, forestry, irrigation and drainage committees.

Snyder, besides heading the highways committee, will serve on the legislation and rules, public welfare and unemployment and the ways and means committees.

Russian Lines Buckle Before German Attack

Nazi Relief Column Is Now Only 15 Miles Out Of Besieged Budapest

London, Jan. 8 (UP)—The red army siege lines west and northwest of Budapest buckled dangerously today under a pile-driver German attack that carried vanguards of a Nazi relief army within 15 miles of the beleaguered city.

Spending men and armor recklessly in an 11th-hour bid to rescue the remnants of some 80,000 Axis troops holding out inside Budapest, the Germans slugged their way almost into artillery range of the capital in the face of terrific casualties and a growing threat to their left flank north of the Danube.

Crossing Captured
One Nazi column recaptured the Danube crossing town of Esztergom, 19 miles northwest of Budapest and almost half-way back from Komarno, where the counter-offensive began last Monday.

At the same time, a second armored spearhead farther to the south carried a six-day, 22-mile advance to the outskirts of Bicske, 15 miles west of the capital, and began storming that Russian stronghold.

Late dispatches said furious fighting was in progress at Bicske and south of Esztergom, where outnumbered Soviet armored and artillery forces ground the Nazi advances to a temporary halt last night.

Heavy Toll Taken
Red army dive bombers and artillery took a terrific toll of the panzer spearheads, knocking out 88 tanks Saturday and 69 more Sunday, running the enemy's losses to more than 300 tanks since the start of the week-old counter-offensive. In addition, more than 1,400 Nazis were killed yesterday in the fighting west of the capital.

Meanwhile, a grave threat to the Germans' left flank was developing in the north, where powerful units of the Second Ukrainian army broke out of their narrow bridgehead on the west bank of the Iron river and advanced 12 miles to take Madar, 11 miles northeast of Komarno. Capture of Komarno would lop off one of the main supply and communications centers of the Nazi relief army moving on Budapest.

Window Broken By Crash of Car

Alleged drunk driving over the weekend caused the arrest of two men, and considerable property damage in one case, state officers reported today.

Herbert Mitchell Franklin, 47, of 820 Federal street, was at liberty today on \$100 bond pending arraignment this evening in justice court. He was arrested by State Officer Walt Smead and Floyd Chesnut who witnessed a crash between Franklin's car and another belonging to Edward G. Axtell of Bend, Saturday night near the intersection of Wall street and Louisiana avenue. Officers said that Axtell's car was parked at the curb, and that the impact threw this machine across the sidewalk, smashing a plate glass window in the Bend Garage company building. They said that the suspect was also driving his car without lights.

The other alleged drunk driver was Albert Dyer of Prineville, who was arrested in that city.

Bidding for Land Is Reported Brisk

Asking prices were paid by three purchasers of Deschutes county lands at the semimonthly land sale, conducted Saturday morning by Sheriff C. L. McCauley. Bidding on a 160-acre plot in the Brothers district might have turned into a spirited competition, the sheriff said, but for an old factor: Mike Dragich had entrusted McCauley with only \$160 with which to buy the land in question. George H. and Jake P. Settemeyer over-bid the sheriff. They got the land for \$165. The sheriff stated today that, even though he had been given permission to pay more for the land, he is forbidden by law to make more than one bid.

Other purchasers of county lands this morning were: Pearl Weiland, \$80 for 80 acres; B. F. and B. L. Rhodes, \$80 for 80 acres; H. E. and Grace Thornton, \$320 for 320 acres.

Two Great Battles



The Battle of the Bulge shared the limelight with a German thrust across the Rhine in the Strasbourg area. The U. S. First and British Second Armies smashed into the north side of the bulge for slight gains while the Germans were counter-attacking heavily in the Bastogne area. In the Saar area Seventh Army troops were reported to have stopped the Germans after a 10-mile penetration. Very heavy fighting continued at Bitch, Wingen and Wissembourg.

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1945 Oregon Legislature Opens in Salem; Belton Heads Senate, Marsh House's Chief

By Eric W. Allen, Jr. (United Press Staff Correspondent)
Salem, Ore., Jan. 8 (UP)—The 1945 Oregon legislature today convened its second wartime session and 43rd regular meeting since attaining statehood, with formal election of officers and attaches.

The senate meeting was opened by Sen. William Strayer, Baker, "Dean of the senate", while the house was called to order by Fred Drager, veteran chief clerk who retires after the first day after more than 30 years of service in that capacity.

A joint session of both houses was set this afternoon to hear Gov. Earl Snell deliver his biennial message. Preliminary organization was completed last night in pre-session caucuses with the "unofficial" election of presiding officers, clerks and minor officials.

Tide of Battle Favors Yanks; Foe Retreats

Overall Situation Along West Front Encouraging; Snow Covers Entire Area

Paris, Jan. 8 (UP)—American forces drove through a swirling snowstorm a mile to a mile and a half deeper into the crumbling north flank of the Ardennes salient on a 15-mile front today, and the Germans began pulling out of its blunted nose.

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Wasco Prepares For Death Trial

The Dalles, Ore., Jan. 8 (UP)—Selection of a jury will begin Tuesday in the trial of Sam A. Brodel, charged with the fatal stabbing of Willie Carl Jones here last Sept. 30.

Brendel faces first degree murder charges that he followed Jones from a courtroom and stabbed him during an argument. He will be defended by T. Leland Brown and F. L. Phipps, both appointed by Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson.

DOG BELIEVED POISONED
Bend police today were investigating the supposed poisoning of a dog belonging to Homer Cole, 1044 Portland avenue, with chemists aiding in the analysis of the contents of the dog's stomach. Finding the animal suffering, Cole administered an antidote and probably saved his pet's life.

Officers said that this poisoning brings the total to over a dozen in recent weeks.

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