

WARSAW FALLS TO RED LEGIONS

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Weather Forecast

Rain west portion today, spreading to east portion tonight. Thursday, occasional showers; warmer east portion tonight.

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2 Sixth Army Columns Merge, Continue Race Toward Manila And Provisional Island Capital

Speculation Grows That Japs May Not Even Attempt to Defend City; Lack of Bridges Is Handicap to Yanks; Tarlac Fall Expected

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 17 (UP)—Two strong Sixth army columns have merged near Paniqui, 36 miles inland, and are sweeping across the Luzon plains toward Tarlac and Manila virtually unopposed, a front dispatch said today.

Tarlac, a provincial capital and strategic communications hub only 12 miles south of Paniqui, was expected to fall without a fight and speculation was growing the Japanese might not even attempt a strong defense of Manila, 65 miles farther south.

H. D. Quigg, United Press war correspondent with forces on the Luzon plain, said the two columns joined forces near Paniqui after advancing from Moncada, four and a half miles to the north, and Camiling, 11 miles to west north-west.

Ban on Nippons Asked By V.F.W.

Auburn, Calif., Jan. 17 (UP)—

Approximately 300 residents of Placer county, led by the commander of a local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, last night signed a petition agreeing to boycott returning Japanese-Americans and "persons who do business with the Japanese."

The action came as the climax of a meeting called to protest return of the Nisei to this fruit growing and mother lode mining area of northern California.

A citizens' committee was organized in an attempt to obtain as many signatures as possible to the petition, which reads:

Agreement Signed
We the undersigned agree not to purchase, do business or fraternize with any returning Japanese and that we also will boycott and refuse to do business with any other persons who do business with the Japanese."

The meeting was called by Deputy Sheriff Jack Hannon, commander of Donner Post No. 1942, VFW, who was appointed a committee of one by his post at a meeting last week.

"We do not want the Japs back," Hannon and other speakers at the meeting said. Several women said they would withdraw their children from schools attended by Nisei children.

Alies Capture Sixteen Capitals

London, Jan. 17 (UP)—Warsaw

was the 16th European capital to fall to the allies since the capture of Rome on June 4, 1944. Seven others still are held by the Germans.

The liberated capitals, in the order they fell, are Rome; Wilno, Lithuania; Paris; Bucharest, Rumania; Brussels, Belgium; Monaco, Monaco; Luxembourg, Luxembourg; Sofia, Bulgaria; Helsinki, Finland; Tallinn, Estonia; San Marino, San Marino; Riga, Latvia; Athens, Greece; Tirana, Albania; Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and Warsaw.

Still controlled by the Germans are Budapest, Hungary (now under Russian assault); the Hague, Netherlands; Oslo, Norway; Copenhagen, Denmark; Prague, Czechoslovakia; Vienna, Austria, and Berlin.

People Queue Up In Wrong Line

Portland, Ore., Jan. 17 (UP)—

Customers lined up for a block today in front of a building. A poll, taken in various segments of the line, showed the customers thought they were going to get cigarettes, extra whiskey, little boys' jeans, pointless butter, an extra shoe stamp or "something really good, it's such a long line, I wouldn't miss this one on a bet."

The crowd actually was headed for a special income tax information office, set up to relieve congestion at the Custom house building.

STOVE EXPLODES

City firemen shortly before noon today were called to the Standard Oil service station at the corner of Greenwood avenue and Fall street, where a small oil stove had exploded, causing a small fire. There was no damage to the property, according to the firemen.

BIG AIR FORTS CONTINUE TO BLAST FORMOSA AREA AND HIT AT CHINA COAST

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 17 (UP)—B-29 Superfortresses bombed military installations on Formosa in daylight today after carrier planes wrecked at least 30 and perhaps 100 or more Japanese ships off that island bastion and the China coast in a three-day assault.

It was possible that planes of Admiral William F. Halsey's Third fleet extended their attacks on the Formosa-China coast area into a fourth day in conjunction with the B-29 raid. Both Superfortresses and carrier planes attacked Formosa last Sunday and on Jan. 9.

A brief war department announcement in Washington disclosed the latest Superfortresses strike mounted by Maj. Gen. Curtis Le May's 20th bomber command from bases in China. Though no details were available immediately, it was likely the B-29's struck at airfields, supply dumps and similar military targets.

Norway Forces Take Over Front

Stockholm, Jan. 17 (UP)—Norwegian forces, reinforced by police troops trained in Sweden and flown to northern Norway in American transport planes, have taken over the Finnmark front from the red army and have liberated half the province, it was disclosed today.

Advancing west across mountains from the Tana valley district—the point reached by Russian forces which liberated East Finnmark—the Norwegians increased the freed portions of Finnmark, northernmost province of Norway, to 80,604 square miles.

A communique from the Norwegian government in exile in London said the Norwegian troops were holding positions south of Porsangerfjord and were in contact with the enemy.

The Norwegian Telegraph agency said the Norwegians had cleared the area along the west boundary of Finnmark and had captured the Banak airfield, one of the bases the Germans used for air attacks on allied convoys bound for Murmansk.

Ship Total Counts
Though only 30 ships were identified specifically in the communique, the large toll of tonnage listed for Tuesday indicated the number of ships hit during the 48-hour period actually totaled between 60 and 70.

Observers believed that when figures are received for Sunday, the first day of the attack, the total number of ships hit may exceed 100.

'Mac' Steps Out, Faces Get Red

Washington, Jan. 17 (UP)—The war department, in a "memorandum to the press," today told of the embarrassment of a group of crewmen from a navy attack cargo ship who served as a shore party directing unloading operations at a Leyte beachhead.

A signalman whose job was to keep the sector clear of other craft saw a small landing craft approaching. "Get that boat out of here," he shouted.

The ship continued toward the beach. It struck bottom 15 yards from the shoreline. An army lieutenant's head appeared over the ramp.

Get Orders
"Send a 'Duck' out to pick us up," he called. The assistant beachmaster shouted back in a truculent tone: "Walk in. The water's fine."

The landing craft's ramp dropped. The first man to jump into the waist-deep surf was Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme Allied commander in the southwest Pacific.

The embarrassed beach party was put at ease when the general waded up and, with a beaming smile, greeted with, "Good morning. How are things going?"

The war department didn't disclose the reply—if any.

Col. Chenoweth On Way Home

Portland, Ore., Jan. 17 (UP)—Lt. Col. William C. O. Chenoweth, of Bend, Ore., one of the survivors of the Bataan "death march" was in Portland today, on his way home from Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D. C.

Chenoweth, a West Point graduate of the class of 1937, was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Ann Chenoweth, and his son William, 4½ and daughter, Nancy, 3.

Col. Chenoweth is one of 83 who swam from a torpedoed Japanese prison ship, many of whom made their way to Philippine islands, where they were treated by Filipino doctors and protected by guerilla bands.

United States should make every conceivable effort to enable the armed forces to carry out your instructions."

Mr. Roosevelt said in his letter to May: "It is true that there has been a trend toward increased placement of manpower within the last two weeks, but there is danger that this trend, which unquestionably due to the belief that congress contemplated prompt action, will be reversed by reports now current in the press that congressional action is likely to be delayed."

He added that "as the United States enters upon a truly total offensive" it was vital that their drive should not slacken "because of any less than total utilization of our manpower on the home front."

Blows By Allies Stagger Nazis On West Front

Ardennes Salient Now Hammered Into Small Pocket; British Help

Paris, Jan. 17 (UP)—Allied troops hammered the Ardennes salient down into a narrow pocket on the rim of the Siegfried line today and swung over to the attack on either flank with two offensive thrusts that staggered the Germans in Alsace and the Netherlands.

Hard fighting still raged in the Houffalize area where a few German panzer units were struggling to escape envelopment by the American First and Third armies, but the focal point of the Ardennes battle had shifted eastward to the St. Vith area and late dispatches said the nazis were being squeezed inexorably back across their own frontiers.

Nazis Compressed

The remnants of Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's three attacking armies were compressed into a thin band of Belgian and Luxembourg soil extending down about 50 miles along its eastern base from Monschau to the Eichternach area and measuring about 12 miles at its widest point.

An Allied headquarters communique reported that the Germans were being forced back all along the Ardennes front, giving ground fairly rapidly on the southern and western flanks and fighting back furiously against three American First army divisions driving in from the northwest on their last stronghold at St. Vith.

Fifty miles to the north, tanked British army troops lashed out against the German salient west of the Roer river in a surprise attack that official spokesmen said was making good progress against only moderate resistance.

The Tommies shoved off from the Sittard area early yesterday in what appeared to be a limited offensive aimed at eliminating the Itter bridgehead as a possible springboard for another nazi counterdrive.

There was no immediate information on the scale of the British attack which at last reports was pounding steadily ahead into a triangular salient roughly 15 miles at its base on the Roer 15 miles on each side, bounded by Sittard in the west, Roermond in the north and Gellenkirchen in the south.

United Press War Correspondent Ronald Clark reported that the British advanced about 1,000 yards during the night to capture one unnamed village and enter a second.

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The Plain Road to Berlin



Warsaw was captured by the Red armies today, and now the same flat, Polish plains that made the invasion of Poland so easy for Hitler's mechanized hordes in 1939 now stand as a threat to Berlin. Map also shows how all transportation routes converge on the German capital.

Bill Motivated By 'Lower 13' Murder Shows Up in House

Logging Truck Measure Also Introduced in Salem; Candidate Advertising Given Study

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17 (UP)—A bill motivated by the recent "lower 13" murder case in which an alleged "confession" was brought into the trial, was introduced into the Oregon senate today by Sen. Frank H. Hilton, Portland. It states in clear terms that a confession produced by threats or fear may not be used as evidence, and that only confessions signed before a court oath-administering officer may be accepted as evidence.

A confession only, without other proof of a crime, cannot warrant conviction under the terms of the measure.

Permission for logging trucks to proceed to their destination after being stopped for violation of overweight laws, under certain conditions, was sought by Sen. Rex Ellis. The trucks could complete the trip if they carried a flag indicating that they were overweight, and drove at no more than 10 miles per hour.

Bill Passed
In the house, a bill to facilitate the absentee voting of Oregon's soldiers passed over the objections of five democratic representatives who disliked the clause in the measure which would provide for uniform portraits in the voters' pamphlet.

The bill would change the time between filing of a candidate and the ensuing election from 45 to 70 days, would require the uniform pictures, and would eliminate voters' pamphlet advertising for unopposed candidates.

Rep. Warren Erwin, Portland, said he thought "characteristic" pictures of candidates should be permitted. Referring to a picture of Willis Mahoney, defeated candidate for the U. S. senate, in the last pamphlet and which showed him on the Whitehouse steps, Erwin said there should be no objection to it, and described a hypothetical case where Henry Simon, Klamath Falls republican, ran for governor and wanted to use a picture of himself "with a hoe, in the middle of his potato patch, and dressed in overalls."

"He should be permitted to use such a picture if he desired," Warren maintained.

St. Helens Man Named to Board

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17 (UP)—R. W. Simeral, St. Helens, today was appointed as a member of the state board of education, Gov. Earl Snell announced.

Simeral has been serving on a interim basis during the absence of John J. Winn, whose term expired on Jan. 1. Winn is in military service.

PAIRS, PEARS DISCUSSED

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17 (UP)—Sen. Earl T. Newberry, Ashland pear grower, who yesterday made gifts to the legislators, today reminded the senate that "all good things come in pairs."

Replied Sen. Thomas Mahoney, Portland. "I've seen the time when I didn't think a pair was so hot."

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Soviets Sweep Across Plains Toward Berlin

Entire German Defense In Poland Believed to Have Quickly Collapsed

London, Jan. 17 (UP)—The red army captured Warsaw today in its greatest triumph of a six-day winter offensive sweeping across Poland and rapidly undermining the German positions along a 600-mile battlefield.

Marshal Stalin proclaimed the capture of Warsaw in a special order of the day which revealed that the First White Russian army had forced the Vistula north of the capital and clamped it in a pincers.

Cutting it off from the west, Soviet assault forces stormed Warsaw from three directions and wrested it from the Germans.

The announcement of Warsaw's liberation came as a flood of nervous nazi broadcasts reported that the Russians had plunged within 15 miles of the Silesian frontier at Czestochowa, had shattered the Narew river line of German defenses northeast of Warsaw, and were racing at top speed across central Poland.

Defense Collapses
The entire German defense in Poland appeared to have collapsed under the weight of probably the mightiest single land offensive of the entire war, and Stockholm relayed Berlin hints that the nazis had written off all of Poland.

Stalin, announcing the capture of Warsaw on the sixth day of the winter campaign, ordered Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's victors saluted with 24 salvos of Moscow's 324 victory guns.

Khukov, Stalin's deputy in the Soviet supreme command, set up Warsaw for a three-way assault by a double flanking maneuver. Swinging up behind the capital from a great bridgehead south of it, the Russians captured Zyrardow, 29 miles northwest of Warsaw, and cut the roads running west from the city.

Then the White Russian army stormed across the Vistula north of Warsaw and wheeled down to close the pincers and isolate the city.

Crossing Avoided
Storming in from three directions and avoiding a dangerous crossing of the broad Vistula from the long-held Praga suburb, the Russian "by combined blows from the north, west and south captured the capital of our ally, Poland, the city of Warsaw, the most strategic center of the German defenses on the river Vistula," Stalin said.

He paid tribute to troops fighting under 13 generals, including the commander-in-chief of the Polish First army, thus revealing that the Poles had taken part in the strategy which liberated their capital. Also praised were four generals of artillery, six generals of armor, and seven generals of the red air force.

Report Released
The radio Polski report from Lublin, seat of the self-styled provisional government of Poland, that Warsaw had fallen at first lacked confirmation in any other source. Even the BBC, which recorded it, did not include it in its (Continued on Page 6)

Snow Piles Up In Mountains; Routes Open

Light showers at dawn turned to a heavy snowfall along the crest of the Cascades as the state highway maintenance crews to use snow plows along the Santiam summit, it was announced at the local highway department offices. Reports indicated that the snowfall was general along several inches of new snow on the Wapinitia and Willamette highways.

Light snowfall was also reported at Sun mountain on the Dalles-California highway, but all roads, with the exception of the McKenzie pass which was closed several weeks ago, were open to travel.

The forecast called for continued snow showers at higher levels, but with warmer weather predicted for the east portion tonight and tomorrow.

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