

German Border Crossed by Russian Army JAPS BELIEVED REMOVING MANILA PERSONNEL

Tokyo Reports Lingayen Gulf Army Flanked

Landings From Ocean Reported By Foe News Agency; Gains Achieved

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 18 (AP)—Field reports indicated today that the Japanese have begun evacuating key personnel by air from Manila to northern Luzon and possibly even Formosa in anticipation of the early fall of the Philippine capital.

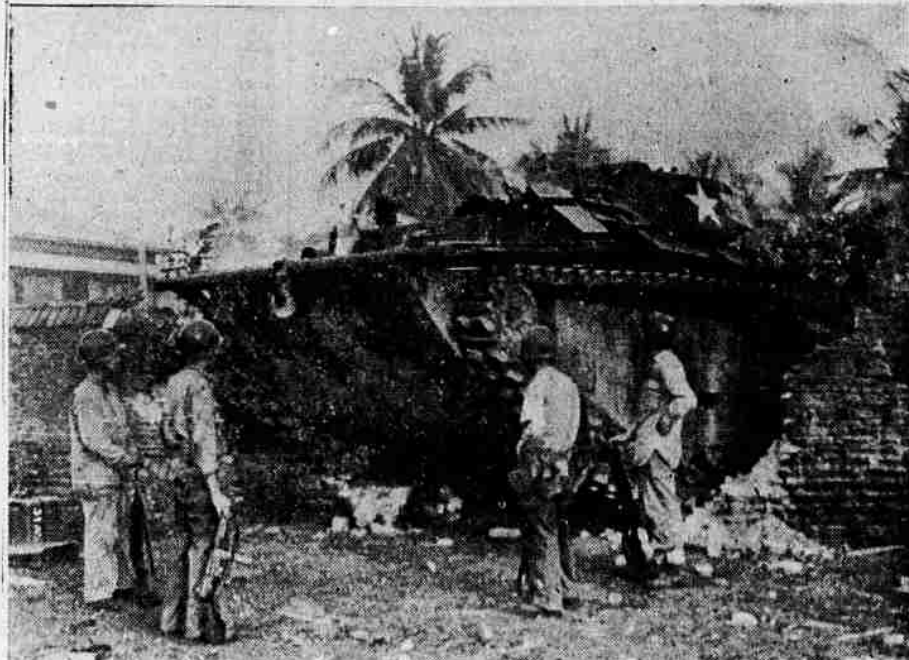
(A Japanese Domei dispatch recorded by the FCC claimed that a Japanese unit had landed "from the sea and to the rear" of American positions in the Lingayen gulf Tuesday night and "heavily blasted and set ablaze enemy munitions stored in native houses and trucks assembled along the coastal highway.")

News of a furtive northward flight by enemy transport planes reached headquarters as American forces massed strength a few miles above Tarlac, 65 miles north of Manila, for a new southward lunge that was expected to carry all the way to the great Clark air center, 25 miles away.

Beachhead Other forces widened the American beachhead on the Lingayen gulf north of Tarlac to 65 miles with a 17-mile advance which sealed off the Pangasinan peninsula and secured the western flank against the possibility of a Japanese counter-attack.

Striking northwest from Alaminos, the western column pushed through clear to the northern tip of the peninsula at Bolinao in the face of only negligible resistance from scattered Japanese stragglers. At last reports, the Americans were advancing down the west coast of the peninsula toward Dasol bay, 15 miles southwest of Alaminos.

American Amtrac Knocked Out By Jap Fire



American doughboys inspect wreckage of this armored Amtrac, knocked out by Jap artillery fire after it had plunged through brick wall while covering infantrymen taking Luzon town of San Jacinto. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.

U. S. Subs Bag 24 Nippon Ships

Washington, Jan. 18 (AP)—U. S. submarines have sunk 24 more Japanese ships, including four combat vessels, the navy announced today. The four warships were a destroyer and three escort vessels. The others included three transports, five tanks, and 12 cargo vessels.

New Jansen Villa In Bend Is Sold

The 40-unit Jansen Villa apartment building at 407 Portland avenue, completed in February, 1944, at a cost of \$200,000, were sold yesterday to Paul B. Ford and John McMahon, both of Sacramento, Calif., by James Jansen, Ashland. The sale price was not announced.

GASOLINE AT \$60!

Paris, Jan. 18 (AP)—Five American soldiers who stole "huge quantities" of gasoline from the army, sold it on the Paris black market for as much as \$60 a gallon and lived in luxury on the profits, have been sentenced to death, the army announced today.

Nearly \$8,000,000 Is Sought For Rural School Districts

Sum Would Be Raised By Annual Tax Outside 6 Per Cent Limitation; Milk Bill Also Introduced Salem, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Nearly \$8,000,000 is sought for county school units and rural school districts in a bill submitted to the Oregon house of representatives today, while a bill providing for the control of milk-carried diseases is due for introduction later today.

Woolmen Open Business Meet

Prineville, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—President Mac Hoke of Pendleton, heading the Oregon Wool Growers association convention, today opened the 49th annual convention by inviting cattlemen to sit in for discussion of mutual problems.

Nine Miners Die In Shaft Blast

McAlester, Okla., Jan. 18 (AP)—The charred remains of nine miners were recovered today from their tomb 2,600 feet underground by rescue squads who had worked for eight hours to clear a deadly "black damp" from a blast-torn southeastern Oklahoma coal mine.

Meat Loss Blame Placed on Points

Portland, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Portland meat dealers today blamed a "ration point blockade" for slowing down sales of the cuts to the point where extensive spoilage is being reported.

Yanks Lash Out At Nazi Bulge And Span River

U. S. First and Third Armies Bring German Crescent Under Attack

Paris, Jan. 18 (AP)—American Third army forces crashed into the southeastern shoulder on the deflated Ardennes bulge today in a new attack across the Sure river in the area of Diekirch, 15 miles north of Luxembourg City.

Big Turnover of Taxes Reported

A tax turn-over totalling \$13,562.70 was made yesterday by R. L. Hamby, deputy sheriff of Deschutes county in charge of tax collections, to R. A. Ferguson, county treasurer. This amount was collected since Dec. 15, when tax receipts were last given to Ferguson.

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New Crisis Threatens Greece; Gonatas Rumored Governor

British Expected to Oppose Move; Action Takes Place as All Region Observes Truce

Athens, Jan. 18 (AP)—A new crisis threatened troubled Greece today as E.L.A.S.-hating Gen. Stylianos Gonatas announced he soon would be named governor-general of Macedonia and Thrace, E.L.A.S. strongholds.

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First Invasion Of Reich Noted As Konev Hits

Berlin Is Objective of Soviets on Big Drive; Moscow Is Triumphant

(By Bruce Munn) (United Press Staff Correspondent) London, Jan. 18 (AP)—Moscow reported today that Marshal Ivan S. Konev probably had driven a spearhead of his first Ukrainian army across the German border and established a bridgehead in Silesia some 225 miles southeast of Berlin.

Klamath and Lake Stand on Protest Against Exchange

Klamath Falls, Jan. 18 (Special) The county courts of Klamath and Lake counties today stood firmly on their protest against a proposed land exchange between The Shevlin-Hixon Company of Bend and the national forest service in the northern parts of the two counties.

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