

Gateway 135 Miles From Berlin Captured

Yank Columns Near Clark Field, Only 53 Miles North of Manila

Troops Take Capan, Head For Capital

Fall of Bamban Expected As Macmen Drive Across Plains; Flanks Bolstered

By William B. Dickinson (United Press War Correspondent) General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 23 (UP)—Vanguard of the American 14th corps drove to within sight of Bamban and the first of the Clark field airstrips only 53 miles north of Manila today.

Canas, four miles northeast of Bamban and 56 miles north of Manila, fell yesterday in the swift American advance down the main highway to the Philippines capital and it appeared likely that Bamban also would be captured by dusk today.

Resistance continued negligible. Through earlier reports indicated the Japanese might make a stand at Bamban, headquarters now anticipated no more than a delaying action. Optimism rose that all 11 of Clark field's valuable airstrips soon may be in American hands.

Flanks Strengthened The Americans also further strengthened their eastern and western flanks against the possibility of a Japanese counter-attack as the invasion of Luzon went into its third week.

One column thrusting down the west coast of Luzon beyond the Zambales mountains reached Infanta, 74 miles north of Bataan peninsula, after clearing the entire Dasol bay area. The eastern wing captured Cuyapo, 30 miles northeast of Capas, and Anao, five miles southwest of Cuyapo, sent patrols onto nearby Mt. Balunago and beat off a Japanese banzai charge near Damoris at the northeastern tip of the invasion area.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed that five divisions and a special regimental combat team—a total of 75,000 to 100,000 troops—were fighting on Luzon, divided into two corps.

Two Towns Seized Spearheading the advance on Manila, Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's 14th corps captured both Capas, 11 miles south of Tarlac, and Santa Monica, eight and a half miles east of Capas, yesterday.

A dozen smaller villages were overrun in the advance and a front dispatch said patrols were probing the Bamban river valley within sight of both of Bamban and the Bamban airstrip, northernmost of the Clark field constellation.

The 14th corps sent one column branching out to the west toward Camp O'Donnell, eight and a half miles from Capas, where a large number of American war prisoners formerly were confined.

Lt. Warren Brandon of Forest Hills, N. Y., who flew over the camp in an observation plane, said the Japanese had set fire to native villages in the area. He saw a skirmish, under way, apparently between Japanese and Philippine guerrillas.

Strong Stand Probable The Japanese may make their first strong stand north of Manila in the Fort Stotsenberg area, 10 miles southwest of Bamban. They were known to have strong forces at the fort, where MacArthur's father, Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, once was commander.

The 14th corps comprises Maj. Gen. Robert F. Beightler's 37th and Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th divisions, all veterans of jungle fighting in the Solomons.

The first corps under Maj. Gen. Inis P. (Bull) Swift, holding down the eastern flank, steadily was driving the Japanese deeper into the hills flanking the Luzon plains.

FLUE FIRE CHECKED City firemen shortly before midnight last night, were called to the home of A. C. Yoachim, 1314 Lexington avenue, to extinguish a flue fire. They reported there was no damage.

American Mortar Team in Luzon Rice Field



This American mortar team sets up in business in a Filipino rice field, fires at Jap positions harassing our troops as they advanced past Luzon town of San Jacinto. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.

Senate to Study Dog Priority

Washington, Jan. 23 (UP)—The senate military affairs committee whole priority practice" and parroted today to investigate "the tickler" the "A" priority that kept Col. Elliott Roosevelt's dog on an army airplane while three servicemen were "bumped off."

This was the first official congressional committee action taken in connection with the transcontinental trip of the dog, Blaze, who was sent from Washington to Hollywood.

Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, chairman of the committee, was expected to name a three-man investigating committee later today.

Sen. Styles Bridges, R., N. H., brought up the matter of Blaze and "other strange facts and incidents" at an executive committee meeting today, and moved for the inquiry.

He told the committee that "this disgraceful incident of three servicemen being put off an airplane while an English bull mastiff, consigned by the President's son, Col. Elliott Roosevelt, to his actress wife Faye Emerson, at Hollywood, was allowed to outrank them in travel priority, has shocked every right-thinking citizen."

U. S. Soldiers Sentenced on Theft Counts

Paris, Jan. 23 (UP)—Six more American soldiers today were sentenced to hard labor for participating in the theft and black market sale of army supplies.

The six, who were also given dishonorable discharges, and their sentences were Corp. Harold J. Ainsworth of Milwaukee, 20 years; Corp. Dwight J. Curtis of Pocatello, Idaho, 35 years; Pvt. Robert Charles Forsyth (address not given), 25 years; Corp. Rudolph J. Miel of Fort Sam Houston, Tex., 20 years; Pvt. Sam Ferrero, Jr., of Houston, Tex., 15 years; and Pvt. Charles Isham of Syracuse, N. Y., 25 years.

Among them they were accused of stealing 1,000 packs of cigarettes, 24 cans of milk, and 10 cans of bacon. The verdict brings to 43 the number of G.I.'s so far convicted in the mass trials being conducted by the U. S. army court-martial.

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Carlile Named To Head Board

Appointment of Harold P. Carlile, a member of the Bend high school faculty, to the chairmanship of the local war price and rationing board, was announced today. Carlile succeeds Jackson T. Moore who recently resigned to accept a position as district board supervisor for the OPA.

At the same time it was announced that Mrs. A. T. Herrling had been selected as vice-chairman of the board.

In making the announcement of the appointments, Judge C. L. Allen, chairman, and George S. Merrill, coordinator of the Deschutes county defense council, paid high tribute to "the civic and patriotic spirit" of Carlile for accepting the non-salaried and trying position. They were equally enthusiastic in their praise of Mrs. Herrling, who will head the board in Carlile's absence.

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Nazis Wilting Before Allies In Big Bulge

Americans Drive Into St. Vith as Germans Retreat From Region

Paris, Jan. 23 (UP)—American forces drove into St. Vith today on the heels of Nazi forces which markedly increased the pace of their withdrawal all along the line of the remnants of the Ardennes bulge.

Both the American First and American Third armies reported the nazis were wilting under remitting ground pressure and the effects of the terrific air smash which yesterday knocked out 4,100 German vehicles trying to get back inside the protection of the Siegfried line.

The Third army punched out a gain of four and a half miles from a point six miles northeast of Houffalize and all along the line shoved forward distances of a mile or more.

Fliers Active The American tactical air force was out in some strength again today but it was hardly hoped that it could repeat yesterday's record bag.

Up to noon the Ninth air force had flown 198 sorties, destroying 302 motor transports and damaging another 119.

Eight armored vehicles of various types were destroyed for a two day total of 73.

The tactical air forces ranged behind the German lines, attacking railroads and freight yards as well as highway convoys, and reported the destruction of 72 cars and damage to another 72.

Advance Made The Seventh armored division's two-and-a-half mile advance into the northeastern perimeter of St. Vith threatened momentarily to collapse the northern half of the shrunken bulge.

The fall of St. Vith would knock out the last practical escape highway from Ardennes north of the Luxembourg border and also cut the main north-south road running the length of the narrow Nazi salient.

Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's decimated legions fleeing east across the German border for the comparative safety of the Siegfried line faced another day of merciless pounding from thousands of American planes and massed artillery.

Snow was falling on portions of the battlefield at dawn, but the weather generally was no worse than it was yesterday, when tactical air forces flew more than 3,000 sorties for a day of unparalleled destruction.

Judge Fines Self After Dove Check Mobile, Ala., Jan. 23 (UP)—When the game warden came along, Judge John McDuffie and his hunting companions, Horace S. Turner and Thomas M. Stevens, prominent Mobile businessmen, found themselves afool of the law.

But the judge fixed things—in court yesterday. He fined himself \$25 for having too many doves in his hunting bag, and his friends \$10 apiece for violation of federal game laws.

Industrial Jap Homeland Bombed By 'Forts', Tokyo Says; Nagoya Designated One Target

By Frank Trenline (United Press Staff Correspondent) Pearl Harbor, Jan. 23 (UP)—The Tokyo radio said about 70 Superfortresses from the Marianas raided the Japanese homeland aircraft center of Nagoya for two hours today.

The war department, announcing the raid, said the B-29's "again struck at the center of industrial Japan." A communique gave no details of the attack by the Superfortresses operating under a new commander, Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay.

The Japanese claimed "fierce interception" interfered with the several formations of big bombers so that they were able to do only "slight" damage. They said nothing however, of any American planes shot down or damaged.

Destruction of 140 Japanese aircraft and damage of 100 more by planes of the Third fleet in destructive attacks Sunday (Tokyo time) on Formosa and the adjacent Sakishima and Pescadore island were disclosed in a Pacific fleet communique.

GESTAPO CHIEF HIMMLER SENT TO EASTERN FRONT AS HYSTERIA GRIPS NAZIS

BY ROBERT DAWSON (United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Jan. 23 (UP)—Berlin reported today that Adolf Hitler had rushed Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler and other of his best commanders to the eastern front and given them "complete power" to rally German strength against the Russians in any way they saw fit.

"The fuhrer has sent his best army commanders and men of iron determination like Reich Leader Heinrich Himmler to the focal points of the battle," a Nazi broadcast said.

"They have been given complete power and will make radical decisions and guarantee the command."

The broadcast signaled Berlin's acknowledgement that the battle of Germany had begun in the east, since Himmler is command-in-chief of the German home army and commander of the gestapo, which allied armies have credited with keeping Germany in the war.

Unconfirmed reports from Stockholm said Nazi leaders were fleeing Berlin, and the rest of the capital's inhabitants would be evacuated as soon as the party bigwigs were safely away.

Hysteria Sweeps Reich A wave of hysteria was said to be sweeping the reich in the path of the Russian invasion and radio Berlin repeatedly blared urgent appeals to the wehrmacht and the people's home army for a "now or never" stand of the eastern front.

Word of the reported flight from Berlin came in a Swiss dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet. A neutral diplomat arriving in Bern from the German capital was quoted as saying that the Nazi party chieftains were leaving for an undisclosed spot, removing the government archives with them.

The diplomat's account, which was not confirmed from any other source, said Berliners were losing their nerve as reports from the front told of the steady march of the red army within 150 miles of their capital.

Deschutes Men Get Service Call

Bound to Portland to take pre-induction physical examinations at the induction center, a group of men left Bend early today by special bus from the Deschutes county selective service board. Included in the party were:

Hugh Carroll, Joseph S. Fales, George L. Roberts, Douglas Preston Gibson, William G. Forrester, James Lewis Hamlin, Harlan Francis Williams, William Holmes Hamner, Lawrence J. Hart, Herman Henry Kramer, Harold M. Gross, George E. Fulton, Hugh Delmar Copeland, William W. Payton, Ray Helney, James Adrian Wimp, James Albert Farmer, Donald F. Lewis and Robert Lee Tye.

John Schruink, Verrel W. Gray, Prior V. Smith, John Haden Gray, Ernest L. Abitz, Donald W. Chamberlin, Clyde Charles Billadeau, John Elmer Putnam, Albert R. Smith, Wallace Ted Sorenson, Warren E. Heller, John G. Stenkamp, Gordon Wesley George, Edwin Jerle Stringer, Jr., Wayne F. Willis, Wes Elroy Elliott, Gerald Christensen, Roland Holmes McClure, Don Curry, Ludie Valpo McMahon, Cecil Hedger, Wallace A. Davis.

Special parking privileges were granted the city's physicians and surgeons after it had been pointed out that the health of their patients is jeopardized because of the delay in getting to their automobiles. The commission authorized one special parking place, marked by an insignia, adjacent to the doctors' offices.

The commission also took under advisement a request of C. R. Samples of Redmond, to farm the property abutting the runways of the old municipal airport on the old Bend-Redmond road.

A resolution was also adopted (Continued on Page 3)

Poznan Seized As Reds Race Across Poland

Last Big Base Along Road to Nazi Capital Falls to Soviet Army

London, Jan. 23 (UP)—Marshal Ivan S. Konev's army today reached the Oder river, Germany's primary defense line, on a 37-mile front in the area of Breslau.

London, Jan. 23 (UP)—Russian armies today reached the area of Poznan, 138 miles east of Berlin, captured Bydgoszcz, gateway of the old Polish corridor to the Baltic sea and narrowed to 23 miles the East Prussian escape gap of 200,000 German troops.

While Soviet troops closed on the last big Polish city between them and Berlin and were reported unofficially to have reached the Oder river line to the south, Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Bydgoszcz and a rush through East Prussia that carried within 28 miles of the Baltic.

Saalfield Falls Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's army captured Saalfield, 23 miles from the big rail junction of Ebling, last exit from East Prussia on the coastal trunk railway. Ortelburg, 25 miles southeast of Allenstein, Freystadt, 55 miles southeast of Danzig, Mohrungen, 28 miles southeast of Ebling, and Willenberg, 30 miles south of Allenstein, also fell.

Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovskiy's troops drove within 25 miles northeast of Konigsberg, the provincial capital of East Prussia.

Soviet columns pushing down the two railroads into Konigsberg from the east and northeast seized the junctions of Wehiau, midway between the capital and Interburg; and Labiau, on the Baltic coastal line.

Both the Fregel and Deime rivers, the main barriers of north-central East Prussia, were forced in the converging drives, Stalin reported in his third order of the day.

In the southeastern part of the province, Cherniakhovskiy's forces captured Treuburg, a rail and highway junction 50 miles below Interburg; Darkenheim, 18 miles southeast of Interburg; and Bekheim, 28 miles southeast of Interburg.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's army, setting the pace in the great Russian sweep against Germany, captured Bydgoszcz in a frontal assault coordinated with a flanking maneuver.

The fall of Bydgoszcz, hub from which a score of railroads and highways radiate, unhinged the main German defenses of north-west Poland and freed powerful Soviet forces to join in the big push toward Berlin.

Both Moscow and Berlin reported that Zhukov's left wing was charging over the approaches of Poznan, last big Polish base on the road to the German capital.

To the south, Marshal Ivan S. Konev's invasion forces in Silesia were reported to have reached the Oder river southeast of Breslau, and Berlin tacitly acknowledged that the first Soviet wedge had been driven to this primary defense line of the Nazi homeland.

Senate Summons Wallace, Jones

Washington, Jan. 23 (UP)—The senate commerce committee decided today to call former Vice-President Henry A. Wallace and Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones before it tomorrow.

The committee is considering both President Roosevelt's nomination of Wallace to succeed Jones and a bill by Sen. Walter George, D., Ga., to divorce the government's multi-million-dollar lending agencies from the commerce department.

The bill was prompted by Wallace's nomination. George, one of the most influential members of the senate, and many other congressmen have expressed the belief that Wallace lacks the necessary financial experience to handle successfully such agencies as the Reconstruction Finance Corp. Chairman Josiah W. Bailey, D., N. C., of the commerce committee said Jones and Wallace, bitter enemies, will meet face to face in a hearing open to the public.