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U. S. Troops Blunt Foe Drive In Alsace, Then Launch New Assault in Region of Bulge

Yanks Hit at Hitler's Lines Along Front Some 30 Miles Long; Fighters Cross River, And No Opposition Met; British in Action

By **BOYD LEWIS**
(United Press War Correspondent)

Paris, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—American armies blunted the Nazi offensive in northern Alsace today, seized another five square miles of Germany west of Cologne and, according to a Berlin report, struck out from the former Ardennes bulge in a new assault along a 30 to 35-mile front.

The 102nd infantry division of the Ninth army added another five square miles to the American line along the west bank of the Roer river 27 miles due west of Cologne, with an unopposed advance across the Wurm river just north of Linnich before dawn.

The advance resulted in the capture of Brachelen, two miles northwest of Linnich and 10 miles inside Germany. Patrols reported the Germans had pulled out of the area under cover of darkness last night.

Springboard Enlarged

The British Second army also enlarged the allied springboard for the next phase of the advance into the German Rhineland with a 2,000-yard advance that engulfed six more Nazi villages six to 12 miles northwest of Linnich.

The British forces reached the Wurm along a two-mile stretch and evaded all of the German bridgehead west of the Roer with the exception of a strip less than a mile deep. Grebber, Huloven, Dremmen, Horst, Norm, and Hoven were captured and a front dispatch said the German lines were "sagging at a quickening tempo."

A German DNB dispatch broadcast by Berlin said tank-supported American columns attacked yesterday morning on a wide front stretching from a point southeast of Malmédy in eastern Belgium to the junction of the Sure and Our river in central Luxembourg, but did not make clear immediately the scale of the assault.

No Mention Made

Latest American dispatches from the Ardennes front made no mention of a new assault, but told of advances of up to a mile and a half within sight of the river border of Germany in the continuing process of whittling down the former Nazi bulge to a harmless bump.

In French Alsace, Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch's Seventh army halted the 24-hour-old German offensive above Strasbourg and won back a good proportion of the terrain yielded along a 20-mile front between the Rhine and the Hardt mountains.

Patch's men threw the Germans back across the Moder river and restored their defense line east of Haguenau, 15 miles north of Strasbourg, and re-took part of the Uhwiller and Ohlungen forests west of Haguenau, but the Germans still were clinging desperately to a bridgehead across the Moder in the latter area.

PENDERGAST ILL

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 26 (U.P.)—T. J. Pendergast, 72, former political boss who was convicted of income tax evasion, is seriously ill and associates fear he might not live until his federal court probation expires in May, it was reported today.

Peacetime Tourist Travel To Be Promoted in Oregon

Portland, Ore., Jan. 26 (U.P.)—The Advertising Federation of Portland is enlarging its statewide scope under the name of Oregon Advertising club to assume an active part in Oregon's post-war problems, particularly promotion of post-war tourist travel, President Arden X. Pangborn announced today.

The board of governors approved a change in the constitution to provide for establishment of "community committees" in at least 15 of the state's leading cities.

"Oregon has the greatest outdoor playground in the world," Pangborn said, "yet Oregon is the least known of all Pacific coast states. The tourist, in the past, has spent money in Oregon, but too often only when he is en route from California to Washington."

"Our sister states are already active in further promoting and preparing for post-war tourist travel. The average American is

Jones Protests Appointment of Wallace



Retiring Secy. of Commerce Jesse H. Jones (left) testifying in favor of legislation to curb powers of his designated successor, Henry A. Wallace, tells Senate commerce committee that the Government's loan administrator should be a man of proven and sound business experience. At his side is Senator Walter George (D., Ga.) author of the proposal to divorce from the commerce department all the functions of the Federal Loan Agency.

Supplies Moving Over China Road

By **ALBERT RAVENHOLT**
(United Press War Correspondent)

With First Allied Convoy on Ledo-Burma Road, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—This first convoy of more than 100 supply-laden military vehicles moving to a red Kumming over Asia's high mountains and great rivers is the pay-off on American effort in the Orient.

And it is a pay-off in more ways than keeping our promise to China to revitalize her with a stream of war material over a land route. These trucks rolling eastward mark the finish of a phase of the history of the war in the Far East—a phase strung with the names of striking personalities and hotly contested Burmese and Chinese villages.

Stilwell, Wingate, Sultan, Merrill's marauders, Cochrane's commandos; Shinbwiyang, Tengchung, Jumbubum, Maingkwant, Lungling.

It has been a war punctuated not only with battle casualties, but with those caused by malaria, monsoons, typhus and blazing heat.

Odds Discounted

But beneath the personalities and color there's a more significant pay-off: the allies have proven that the Japanese aren't the only Asiatics who can fight modern war with the odds against them and emerge with a major strategic victory.

The enemy's steady retreat on all Burma fronts daily confirms the long-held contention of American strategists that if the Japanese no longer were able to block the road and pipeline to China, the remainder of Burma would be of little value to them, not worth the price of holding it.

COLD CAUSES BLAST

New York, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Customers said it looked like the fourth of July today in Mrs. Francis Piccarri's candy shop in Brooklyn, Lime, cherry, strawberry pop, and root beer froze and exploded in her shop window.

VITAL CITY TAKEN

London, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight that the Russians had captured Hindenburg, Nazi stronghold.

NIPPON AND U. S. FORCES REPORTED IN BIG BATTLE CLOSE TO CHINA COAST

By **FRANK TREMAINE**
(United Press War Correspondent)

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Unconfirmed Chinese reports said today that 50 American and Japanese ships battled for nine hours in the East China sea within 300 miles of Shanghai Tuesday in the biggest naval engagement since last October.

Japanese forces broke off the battle at noon and fled toward their homeland, some 650 miles to the northeast, the Chinese army newspaper Sao Tang Pao at Chungking said.

The newspaper said the engagement began at 3 a. m. (China time) off Yungkia (Wenchow) and Pingyang, on the China coast some 250 miles south of Shanghai and 200 miles north of Formosa. Gunfire was audible at Pingyang, it added.

Pacific fleet headquarters made no comment on the report, but units of Admiral William F. Halsey's Third fleet launched carrier planes against Okinawa, 475 miles east of Yungkia, Monday some 12 hours before the supposed engagement.

Third Fleet Silent
There have been no official reports on the whereabouts of the Third fleet since the Okinawa raid. During Third fleet attacks on the Formosa area Sunday, a major American warship—possibly a battleship or an aircraft carrier—was damaged.

It was the first time since the early days of the Pacific war that American warships have been reported in the East China sea, which is bounded on the north by Korea and Japan, on the west by China, on the south by Formosa and on the east by the Ryukyu islands.

American warships have not tangled with Japanese naval units in strength since the second battle of the Philippines last October, when the Third and Seventh fleets smashed three Japanese task forces off Leyte.

Dee Haines Wins Rank of Major

Word has been received here of the promotion of Captain Dee Haines, Bend man now serving with the American forces in the European theater of war, to the rank of major. He is serving with a quartermaster unit of the Seventh army.

Major Haines has been in the service three years, and has been overseas for 21 months. He entered Europe the "hard way," via Africa, Sicily, Italy and southern France.

Mrs. Haines and two children, Suzanne, 5 and Judy, 3, are making their home in Bend. Major Haines is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines, Bend.

Clarence Sager Listed Missing

Pfc. Clarence Sager, son of Mrs. J. F. Duryee, 1363 Harmon boulevard, has been missing in action in Luxembourg since Jan. 5, according to information received from the war department.

The young man, who has been overseas about eight months, spent a furlough here last spring. He was born in Pasco, Wash., on August 19, 1923 and attended Pasco high school for one year, transferring to Bend high school in 1938. He graduated here in 1941.

Yank Fighters Rapidly Close In on Manila

Clark Field Captured as Americans Surge Across Isle; Stotsenburg Taken

By **WILLIAM B. DICKINSON**
(United Press War Correspondent)

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—The 40th (California) division, with Clark field's dozen airstrips and adjacent Fort Stotsenburg firmly in its hands, rushed on to the south today within 40 miles or less of Manila and 20 miles of Manila bay.

(A Tokyo broadcast recorded by the FCC said today that the American command appeared to be planning "new developments in the Luzon war situation with the massing of fresh troops." The broadcast called attention to increased number of ships in the waters south of Luzon and an intensification of air attacks on the Manila area, including Corregidor isla 1 in Manila bay.)

River Lies Ahead

The division was expected to make rapid progress without a major battle at least as far as Calumpit on the Pampanga river, 24 miles southeast of Clark field and 26 miles northwest of Manila.

The San Fernando river, half way between Clark field and Calumpit, offers a possible enemy defense line, but there were no indications of any large Japanese forces there and the fixed defenses were not too strong. Destruction of bridges across the San Fernando may slow the advance, however.

It appeared more likely that the Japanese would make their stand, if at all, at Calumpit, within easy striking distance of Manila. American planes destroyed a Japanese concentration of troops and vehicles at Calumpit soon after the invasion of Luzon Jan. 9.

MacArthur 65

Gen. Douglas MacArthur celebrated his 65th birthday today by announcing the capture of Clark field, greatest air base in the western Pacific and where his original force was wiped out by Japanese dive bombers only a few days after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 8, 1941.

Though cratered by American bombs and littered with the wreckage of Japanese aircraft, Clark field probably quickly can be restored to operational condition.

Its dozen airstrips and thousands of acres of dispersal areas make Clark field big enough to handle the entire present strength of MacArthur's Fifth and 13th air forces—thousands of planes—though it was obvious that all would not be concentrated there.

Base Is Vital

From Clark field, American planes can fan out over Formosa, 475 miles to the north, French Indo-China, 775 miles to the west, and Hong Kong, 650 miles northwest, as well as cover any projected landings on the China coast.

The 40th division met only scattered Japanese patrols and light harassing sniper fire in its capture of Clark field, 50 miles northwest of Manila, and Fort Stotsenburg, three miles farther west.

Pressing on to the south, the division overran Angeles, four miles below Clark field, 45 miles from Manila and 22 miles north of Manila bay. Magalang, six miles northeast of Clark field, also was reached.

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London, Jan. 26 (U.P.)

—Marshal Stalin announced triumphantly tonight that the red army had barricaded the back door of East Prussia in a drive to the Baltic sea, trapping about 200,000 German defenders of the once proud Junker province.

Stalin's order of the day putting the official seal on Nazi admissions that East Prussia had been isolated, said in part:

"Troops of the Second White Russian front, continuing their impetuous offensive, today captured the East Prussian towns of Muhhausen, Marienburg, and Stuhm, important strongholds of the German defenses, thus cutting off the East Prussian group of the German army from the central district of Germany."

Break in Cold Wave Due East

(By United Press)

Weather forecasters promised a break today in the cold wave which has engulfed the eastern seaboard from Maine to Virginia and set low temperature records in New York state.

Subzero temperatures still prevailed in several New England areas and northern sections of New York, but forecasters said the mercury would climb as much as 25 degrees later today and snow would fall in most states affected by the cold snap.

Marine forecasters halted down storm warnings which had alerted small craft from Block island to Cape Hatteras and Chesapeake bay as gale winds subsided generally.

In northern New York, where school systems and transportation lines were virtually frozen to a standstill, the promised relief would end record-breaking weather. Albany, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse recorded thermometer lows that broke records which had stood for three generations. Six deaths resulted from the freeze-up.

Junior Citizen To Be Named at Jaycee Dinner

Nearly 100 members of the Junior chamber of commerce and its auxiliary are expected to attend a banquet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Pine Tavern when an award will be presented to the outstanding junior citizen of Bend. Besides members of the organization, leaders of other service clubs and civic groups of the city have been invited to attend.

A feature of the evening will be an address by William M. Tugman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard. Tugman, who has won national recognition for his post-war development ideas and who was directly responsible for Bend's peace time planning, was expected to deliver a highly interesting talk.

Anti-Closed Shop Provision In Work-Fight Bill Attacked

Washington, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—The house rules committee today prohibited any employer from refusing to take on, because of "race, creed or color" any prospective worker assigned to him by federal authorities.

Cox said the military committee "chilled the enthusiasm of the public and congress for work or fight legislation when it took out 'the anti-closed shop amendment.' "It should be put back in the bill to show who's master of this country, the government or labor unions," he said.

Chairman Andrew J. May, D., Ky., of the military affairs committee denied that the proposal was an "anti-strike bill," as contended by Rep. Charles Halleck, R., Ind.

"If a fellow goes out on strike you could throw him in jail under this bill," Halleck said.

"The committee had no intention of writing a bill to stop a man from striking who has the right to strike under law," May replied.

Oder Defensive Line Breached By Stalin Men

Moscow Reports Great Air Battles Raging as Fleets Go Into Action

By **ROBERT MUSSEL**
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Russian armored columns were reported striking into the Polish-German border area little more than 90 miles east of Berlin today as other red army forces to the south breached the Nazis' main defensive line along the Oder river.

The German Transocean news agency said two Russian flying columns were intercepted and "destroyed" after they had swung past the Polish fortress city of Poznan and driven almost to the border of Germany's Brandenburg province.

At the same time, Berlin said a third armored spearhead plunged 55 miles north of Poznan to the area of German Schneidemuhl, 95 miles southeast of the Baltic seaport of Stettin.

Border Reached

The closest approach to Berlin apparently was made by a flank force that swept around the northern side of Poznan to reach the border near the German town of Driesen, 94 miles from the Nazi capital, 53 miles northwest of Poznan.

The second breakthrough came near the Polish border town of Zbaszyn, 42 miles east-southeast of Poznan and 97 miles from Berlin.

At Zbaszyn, the soviets were only 58 miles east of Frankfurt-on-Oder, the last defensive outpost before Berlin.

There was no immediate confirmation of the German reports from Moscow, but late soviet dispatches said Russian troops were storming into the eastern outskirts of Poznan while strong armored formations were looping past the city on the north and south.

Frankfurt Appears Goal

An Exchange telegraph dispatch from Moscow said "large soviet mobile columns" were skirting Frankfurt, leaving their supporting elements to clear out the Nazi garrison at Poznan.

The sudden breakthrough to the Nazi frontier at the center of the long eastern front came as red army divisions in Silesia ripped through a half-dozen breaches in the Oder river line on the southeastern road to the Nazi capital.

Enemy reports disclosed that the Nazi high command was throwing probably its last reserves of air power into the battle in an all-or-nothing gamble to turn back the red army invaders.

Berlin revealed that perhaps 3,000 fighters and bombers which the Luftwaffe had been hoarding to meet the Anglo-American air forces' spring offensive in the west were swarming out over the eastern front to cover the reeling Nazi armies and rake the advancing Russians with bombs and gunfire.

Warplanes Attack

Moscow dispatches simultaneously told of "huge" formations of soviet warplanes on the attack, and it appeared that the greatest air battles of the eastern campaign were in progress over a vast area extending from the Carpathians to the Baltic seacoast.

The Nazi gamble in the air came at the blackest hour of the war for German arms, with East Prussia all but lost, the strategic Oder river barrier broken in Silesia, and the red army hammering at Poznan on the direct road to Berlin.

Late Moscow dispatches said soviet troops had broken into the eastern outskirts of Poznan, 136 miles east of Berlin, and were trying to envelop the city before launching an all-out drive to take it by storm.

Arctic Weather Claims Life of Babe in Carriage

New York, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—The two-month-old son of Peter and Marie Langua froze to death early today in a carriage beside his mother's bed.

The infant, Victor, was bundled into the carriage last night in the bedroom of his parents' cold Brooklyn flat.

Mrs. Langua awakened and reached into the carriage to determine whether her child was warm and blanket. She screamed. Neighbors summoned an ambulance and police, but the baby could not be revived.

Senate Group Votes Against Henry Wallace

Washington, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—The senate commerce committee today voted against the nomination of Henry A. Wallace to be secretary of commerce.

The committee also voted, 15 to 4, to recommend senate passage of a bill to strip the commerce department of its supervisory over the multi-billion dollar federal lending agencies.

A motion to approve the Wallace nomination was rejected by a vote of 14 to 5.

Session Closed

The votes were taken in a two-hour closed session which wound up with friends of Wallace even losing a motion to put the nomination before the senate without any recommendation. That motion lost by a vote of 11 to 6.

Committee chairman Josiah W. Bailey, D., N. C., said he would report the committee's action on both matters to the senate next session on Monday.

Hoyt Protests U. S. Policies

San Francisco, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian and former domestic chief of the office of war information yesterday warned that the United States is losing the war diplomatically while winning it on the military front.

"It's time, Hoyt said, 'that we win this war on every front, diplomatic as well as military.' "The events in Greece, the mess in Italy and Belgium, the confusion that darkens the future of France... the complete breakdown of Chiang's Chinese legend, all indicate how tragically we have failed to make the proper deals when we held the blue chips.

"Are we so enthralled with the British empire policy," Hoyt asked, "that we cannot force by immediate sanctions the actual lifting of news censorship there so that we may know what is going on?"

"U. S. protests 'to evidences of empire policy seem tardy, weak and ineffective,'" Hoyt declared. He spoke at a meeting of the Commonwealth club here.

Boston Animals May Face Death

Boston, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—The Boston city council was split today over a proposal to shoot the animals at the Franklin Park zoo—including a sacred cow—and utilize money for their feed for playground purposes.

The proposal was made at yesterday's meeting by City Councilor William J. Keenan who said the animals' food allotment of \$23,500 per year could be transferred to the park commission. The dead animals, he said could be salvaged as fertilizer and fats for munitions.

MACARTHUR HONORED

Salom, Ore., Jan. 26 (U.P.)—The house of representatives again raised their voice in song today—"Happy Birthday to You."

The occasion was the birthday of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.