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**Weather Forecast**  
Rain today, tonight and Thursday. Snow in mountains. Slightly warmed northeast portion today and tonight.

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## U. S. Troops Return in Triumph to Bataan Following Bloodless Landing on Luzon Isle

### Nippon Forces Cut Into Four Small Pockets

Japs Scatter Into Hills When Big Invasion Fleet Seen Approaching Area

By William B. Dickinson  
(United Press War Correspondent)

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 31 (UP)—American troops returned in triumph to Bataan today after a bloodless landing on the west coast of Luzon that cut the Japanese island defenses into four doomed pockets and may already have overrun the former U. S. naval base at Olongapo.

In another of the bold amphibious strokes that have rolled the Japanese back across New Guinea, the Halmaheras and the central Philippines, the newly constituted U. S. Eighth army established a solid eight-mile beachhead between San Felipe and San Antonio, some 45 miles northwest of Manila, without losing a man, ship or plane.

### Heads Task Force



Called the hardest-hitting admiral in Vice-Adm. Marc Mitscher's Third Fleet, Rear Adm. Joseph James ("Jocko") Clark, above, commands a carrier task force that has consistently blasted Iwo Jima and Chichi Jima, Jap islands north of Saipan.

### U. S. Troopers Pressing Near Siegfried Line

Hodge's 1st Army Shells German Barrier; Berlin Says Major Drive Due

Paris, Jan. 31 (UP)—American forces more than seven divisions strong shouldered their way into the forefield of the Siegfried line today, crossing the upper Roer river east of Monschau and pushing beyond the line from which Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt launched his winter offensive.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army was shelling the Siegfried belt, which was less than a mile ahead of his vanguard.

Doughboys of the First army drove into Germany at two more places, and tightened their grip on a cluster of villages and defense points east and northeast of Monschau.

The veteran First infantry division was leading the assault. It gained more than two miles through the woods east of Kinckel, eight miles south of Monschau, for one of the new border crossings. The 82nd airborne division made the other east of Lazentath, 10 miles northeast of St. Vith.

With the First and Third armies pushing through the outposts of the German westwall, a Berlin military commentator said it was increasingly clear that the Allies were readying a major offensive, the main weight of which was expected to be focused against the Cologne plain east of Aachen.

The Nazis said American forces were deploying in force along the Roer river line east of Aachen, estimating that the concentration included six tank and four infantry reserve divisions.

### How Red Steamroller Eats Up German Miles



Russian mobile forces, sweeping toward Berlin, were ahead of map makers today as Landsberg, 69 miles northeast of the capital fell and other German centers, including Schweibus, were overrun. One Russian unit was reported probing southeast of Stettin, on the river Oder.

## Russian Mobile Forces Sweep Toward Foe Capital on Long Front; Three Anchors Seized

Red Vanguard Reaches Rail Junction Not Far From German Citadel; Disaster-Laden Radio News From Hitler Quarters Tells of Reverses

London, Jan. 31 (UP)— Russian mobile forces sweeping toward Berlin on a broad front today captured Landsberg, 69 miles northeast of the capital, and toppled the three anchor bases of the Nazi defense line 80 to 90 miles due east of the threatened German capital.

Marshal Joseph Stalin announced the new Soviet victories on an arching battlefield moving in against Berlin, and Nazi broadcasts said the Russian vanguard had reached the rail junction of Soldin, 58 miles northeast of the city.

Along with Landsberg, key junction on the Berlin-Danzig railway, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's army overran Meseritz, Schweibus, and Zullichau, vital transport centers and defense posts some dozen miles inside German Brandenburg.

Zhukov Lauded

Stalin, in his first special order of the day since Monday, hailed Zhukov's First White Russian army for the four-day victory on the outer approaches of Berlin. He called the captured towns "large communication centers and powerful strongholds of the German defenses covering the approaches to Frankfurt."

At Landsberg the Russians were 28 miles from the Oder at Kustrin, where the Warthe flows into it and the Berlin trunk railway crosses it.

Disaster-laden Nazi broadcasts said Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army was driving inexorably toward Berlin from the northeast, east, and southeast on a broad front.

Obra River Reached

Moscow dispatches said that after crashing through the Obra river defenses just inside Germany, Zhukov's forces were rushing westward along the main roads converging on the capital. The Soviets reports, which usually are well behind the events, said the red army vanguard was roughly 75 miles from Berlin.

Bitter fighting in the areas of Soldin, Landsberg, and Zielenzig was reported by Nazi broadcasters, whose stark admission of landslide advances by the Soviets lacked even the customary propaganda assurances that the enemy would be stopped in due time.

At Soldin the Russians were 38 miles northeast of Berlin, 53 miles southeast of Stettin, and 20 northwest of Landsberg. Landsberg is on the north bank of the Warthe river and a major junction on the Danzig-Berlin railroad 68 miles northeast of the capital. Zielenzig, 20 miles south of Landsberg, is 65 miles due east of Berlin, 25 northeast of Frankfurt and 30 miles inside Germany.

Threat Mounts

Russian and German reports agreed that the threat to Berlin was mounting steadily. Zhukov's forces already were within easy reach of the Oder, which winds about 35 miles east of the capital, and it was there that the Nazis must check the invaders if the siege or capitulation of Berlin was to be averted.

The German Transocean agency acknowledged that a frontal assault had crumpled the Meseritz-Schweibus-Zullichau defense line only 45 miles east of Frankfurt-on-Oder, 90 miles east of Berlin and nearly 20 miles inside the capital's home province of Brandenburg.

Goals Set For Farmers Of Deschutes

Deschutes county farmers are being called upon generally to increase their production output during 1945, as a result of a recent meeting in Redmond of county and community AAA committees, extension service, granges, USDA war board, soil conservation service, the REA and county planning committee.

In order to impress producers with the necessity of increasing their output as an aid to the prosecution of the war, speakers will during February appear before the different granges. The dates have not yet been set, but the schedule calls for George Murphy to visit the Eastern Star and Pine Forest granges; Bob Thompson, Plainview; James Underwood, Redmond; Alvin Phillips, Terrence, and Lee Allen, Tumalo.

Eby Hopeful

Although the goals in general call for the farmers to again "do more with less," H. P. Eby, chairman of the county AAA committee, said he believes this can be accomplished because they were established by state officials "after careful consideration of the state's capacity to produce under expected conditions."

Goals calling for marked changes from last year's output include:

- Increase over 1944 of 5 per cent in barley; 4 per cent in late hay; 10 per cent in Austrian field peas; 25 per cent in clover seed; 50 per cent in Alskie seed; 50 per cent in Ladino seed, and a 1 per cent increase in milk production.

The conferees expected that a decrease would occur in hairy vetch seed production, and chickens kept for egg production.

The rest of the goals remain about the same as last year's production, according to H. G. Smith, county agent.

Decline Feared

A decline in the production of spring pigs was feared unless more brood sows are kept for farrowing in the spring. The present support price has been extended to March 31, 1945, to cover the period when this year's spring pig crop will go to market, according to Agent Smith.

Attending the production goals (Continued on Page 6)

### Storm Whitens Interior Region

The heaviest snowstorm of the season came to Central Oregon last night, depositing as much as 12 inches of snow on the crest of the Cascades and blanketing Bend under six inches. According to reports reaching the headquarters of the state highway department, the storm appeared to be most severe to the north, and it was still snowing in The Dalles region as sunshine brightened the scene here in the morning.

More snowfall was forecast for tonight and Thursday, particularly in the mountains.

Redmond received more snow than Bend, nine inches being reported there this morning. The highway department reported conditions as follows:

Roads Snowy

Santiam highway, 30 inches of packed snow and 12 inches of present storm, with snow plows working; Willamette, five inches of new snow with plows working; Lapine, 2 inches, with rain being reported to the south; packed snow on The Dalles-California highway at Sun Mountain; Wapinitia highway, packed snow.

While Bend's thermometers registered 20 degrees above zero, it was 10 degrees higher in the mountains this figure being recorded at Santiam Junction.

Employees of the state highway department cleared the state roads through Bend, and city streets employees planned to clear the city's streets tonight, and remove the snow ridges tomorrow.

MAY RATION CHICKS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31 (UP)—Rationing of commercial hatchery chicks may be necessary, if the present demand for baby chicks continues, Portland hatchery men indicated today.

### Churchill, Eden Head for Parley

London, Jan. 31 (UP)— Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden have left Britain, it was learned today as the date for the "Big Three" conference approached.

In commons, Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Foreign Undersecretary Richard Law answered questions addressed to Churchill and Eden respectively.

A German DNB dispatch yesterday said a "high British personality" had passed through Paris by plane en route to the Near East by way of Rome.

"One considers it not impossible that this personality is Eden, who is said to be on his way to the place where the 'Big Three' meeting will be held."

### Guerillas Clear Japs From Shore on Luzon Preceding Landings By American Troopers

By William C. Wilson and Francis McCarthy  
(United Press War Correspondent)

With U. S. Eighth Army North of Subic Bay, Jan. 29 (Delayed)— Three ragged guerillas paddled out to meet the American invasion fleet west of Luzon this morning with word that the Filipinos already had won the beachhead and that the Japanese were head or fleeing for Bataan.

The dramatic message came just as Rear Adm. A. D. Struble, commander of the amphibious fleet, was about to open a tremendous naval and air bombardment to clear the way for his assault troops.

As a result, not a shot was fired nor a bomb dropped throughout the landing, and the grinning doughboys splashed ashore through lanes of cheering Filipinos who crowded the beaches to meet them.

At every village along the American landing front the natives turned out in their ceremon-

### Committee Asks Wallace Rejection

Washington, Jan. 31 (UP)— The senate commerce committee today asked the senate to reject the nomination of Henry A. Wallace to be secretary of commerce and also to pass legislation to deprive the commerce department of its present vast lending powers.

### DR. CLENDENING DEAD

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 31 (UP)— Dr. Logan Clendenning, nationally-known physician and writer of a syndicated newspaper column on health problems, was found dead in his home here today.

Police said his throat had been slashed.

### Australia Ready To Aid Mackmen

Canberra, Jan. 31 (UP)— Deputy Prime Minister Francis M. Forde said today that Australia is today entering the field under Gen. Douglas MacArthur the largest forces ever sent from this continent.

The only operations in which Australian ground forces are engaged that may be disclosed at this time, he said in a broadcast to the United States, were those in the Aitape area of northern New Guinea in the Solomon islands, in New Britain, and in some smaller islands in the area.

"Substantial forces are assigned to these areas—substantial because they have to deal with Japanese forces estimated to number 90,000 who are fit, well armed and equipped, and in no mood to surrender," Forde said.

"Where the rest of our troops are being used or will be used is the discretion of General MacArthur and his command will announce the success of these formations."

### 17 Babies Die in Fire; Stove Blast Is Blamed

Auburn, Me., Jan. 31 (UP)— Seventeen babies died in smoke and flames before dawn today when a fire swept a boarding house for war workers' children, and at noon a tragic line of mothers, fathers, and grandparents began filling through a silent funeral parlor to claim the bodies.

One adult attendant died with the babies, whose ages ranged from three months to five years. Mrs. Eva La Coste, operator of the house, and five other children, including three of her own were saved. The oldest child among the victims was five years old.

Mrs. La Coste said there was a "terrific explosion" and that the one-and-a-half story frame house instantly was a mass of flames. She believed the fire was started by the kitchen stove. Screams of the children awakened the neighborhood and moans and sobbing cries were heard through the flames, which crackled from every window and door.

Streets Icy

Firemen who raced to the scene over icy streets were almost helpless for two hours. Fire Chief Ralph B. Harnden said he and some of his men darted inside the flaming building several times.

"We carried out babies—God, I don't know how many babies—all of them dead."

Harnden wept as he described the scene.

"We got two babies out of the front room and eight out of the next room. Then we lost count. We kept luging them out, one after another."

The fire burned itself out after two hours leaving only charred walls around a confusion of blackened cribs, partly-burned teddy bears and dolls in scorched bassinets.

Die In Sleep

Some babies apparently died of suffocation in their sleep. Others held up tiny fists clenched in death agony. Rosa Cote, 50, an (Continued on Page 3)

### Arctic Chill Hits Northern States

A pessimistic weatherman today forecast little immediate relief from sub-zero temperatures for the nation's northern plain and midwestern areas but promised at least 24 hours' grace for states along the Atlantic seaboard.

A cold wave which rolled down from Canada yesterday brought sub-zero weather to Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and the Dakotas, the federal weather bureau at Chicago reported. Although a slight warming tendency may be experienced today, the weatherman warned that tonight's readings will again dip below zero.

East Still Chilled

In the east, the mercury will hover around the 20s during the day but can be expected to fall within the next 24 hours. However, the cold wave will have decreased in intensity by the time it reaches the eastern states, the weatherman added.

Near-gale winds and snow flurries accompanied the cold in the Great Lakes region. The national low of 17 degrees below zero was recorded at Rochester, Minn., and La Crosse, Wis. Duluth registered temperatures of —11 and Chicago —3.

Effects of the cold wave were felt as far south as the Texas Panhandle, the weatherman said, where the temperature dropped almost to freezing. Florida and the southernmost seaboard states probably will escape effects of the icy blasts, he said.

### Navy Is Expected To Hold Marianas

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 31 (UP)— The U. S. navy appeared determined today to retain the conquered Marianas after the war for conversion into the "Pearl Harbor of the western Pacific" within 1,100 to 1,500 miles south of Tokyo.

Artemus L. Gates, assistant secretary of the navy for air, told a press conference here that the Marianas "should be kept for what they are and what they stand for—and what they stand for is another Pearl Harbor 3,500 miles west of here."

### Collections in Theaters Yield Over \$571 for Paralysis Fund

Members of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority were revealed today to have collected more money to date than any other group for the "march of dimes" fund in the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis campaign.

Working four nights in the Tower and Capitol theaters, the sorority girls collected a total of \$571.93, according to Mrs. J. F. Arnold, Deschutes county polo campaign chairman. This sum, she said, was the largest yet received from any one source.

Taking advantage of the intermissions, the girls quickly canvassed the patrons, gathering in plates filled with the relief money.

The Camp Fire Girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Joe Elder, ran the Beta Sigma Phi girls a close race, being the next highest in total collections, according to Mrs. Arnold. To date the Camp Fire girls have turned in a total of \$337.35 from the schools, the mills and the ordinance shop. Mrs. Elder revealed that the Camp Fire girls were determined to "beat" the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 23, who raised \$311.65 in their "block of dimes." The girls were elated, Mrs. Elder said, when they realized they had exceeded the scouts' amount by \$25.70.

Mrs. Arnold reported today that money was still coming in from the sale of tickets to the President's ball, held last Saturday night. A total of \$202.50 has been realized to date from this source. Don McCauley, president of the Bend Youth Club turned in \$47, the Brandis Thrift-Wise drug store, \$12, anonymous \$7.50, and Henry Ziegler, \$5.

The Beta Sigma Phi girls who made the theater collections were Evelyn Zumwalt, Ann Staples, Luc Sanders, Lou Horn, Jean Watson, Catherine Iler, Margaret Dougherty, Laverne Ballard, Elizabeth Beaver, Carola May, Lucille Wood, Eunice Lindley, Vicente Grino, Marion Bloomquist, Mrs. Wayne Fadalis and Leola Olson.