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Russians Launch New Drive In Voronezh Area

Red Army Drives On in Caucasus, Don and Inside Stalingrad

London, Jan. 13 (AP)—The German high command announced tonight that the Russians have launched a new offensive in the Voronezh area, the Berlin radio said in a broadcast heard by Reuters.

Voronezh is the anchor of the entire Russian line running southward to Stalingrad and the Caucasus.

The Germans last summer attempted repeatedly to take the city and sweep beyond it upon Stalingrad from the north but the red army held its ground and the Germans never penetrated beyond that point.

This latest drive, if confirmed by the Russians, indicates that the red army might attempt a sweeping move to the west and southwest into the Ukraine toward Kursk and Kharkov.

Russians Drive Ahead

Moscow, Jan. 13 (AP)—Russian armies swept on through more villages and towns on the Don and Caucasus fronts during the night while inside Stalingrad strong troops in a sudden, ferocious attack, smashed into the western outskirts to capture a number of streets at the bayonet point.

Ripping through desperate German defense on the Don front, the Russians took several inhabited places during the night, the noon communiqué said, killing 800 Germans, destroying seven guns and five tanks and capturing eight guns, 30 motor trucks, ammunition and food stores and other spoils.

Gain Before Salsk

The Russians had gained four important inhabited places in yesterday's fighting and dispatches indicated that they were hammering at the last German defense line before Salsk at the Manych river 15 miles northeast of that key junction city 100 miles southeast of Rostov.

The Germans during the night threw a big force of infantry and tanks into a counterattack, the noon communiqué said, and made gains into Russian positions. The Russians reformed, reattacked, flung them out and won a fight in which the Germans suffered heavily.

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Indictments For Lynchers

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 13 (AP)—U.S. Marshal W. T. Reese said today warrants had been issued for five men indicted here Tuesday by a federal grand jury under civil liberties statutes in connection with a negro lynching, but that no arrests had been made up to late morning.

Gov. Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi, who had expressed hope some time ago that the lynchings would be punished, still declined today to comment.

The first reaction here came from the Jackson Daily News which commented editorially that some local attorneys "frankly say they regard it as another attempted federal invasion of states' rights."

Frank Coleman of Roanoke, Va., special assistant to the attorney general who indicated he expected a test of the statutes, described the indictments as "based on theory of law not yet passed upon by the supreme court" which would "chart a new law course in such matters."

William Oscar Johnson, a farmer; Nathaniel Shotts, employee of a wholesale firm; Allen Pryor and Barney Jones, employees of a manufacturing plant, and Luther Holder, Jones county deputy sheriff and jailer, were charged in the indictments.

Petrillo to Stand Pat on Movie Ban

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, today flatly refused to lift his ban on recorded music pending settlement of his dispute with broadcasters and record makers.

Petrillo's refusal was given before a senate interstate commerce subcommittee investigating the ban on recorded music. Chairman D. Worth Clark (D., Ill.), asked the stocky union president to lift the ban immediately and then to proceed with negotiations.

Petrillo said that while he was willing to negotiate immediately, he would not lift the ban.

Chinese Retake Base in Honan

Chungking, Jan. 13 (AP)—Sinyang, important Japanese base in southern Honan province on the Peiping-Hankow trunk railway, has been recaptured by the Chinese, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

This was considered the most significant Chinese victory in months in the central China war theatre.

The high command's communiqué also reported the recapture of Hwangchwan, east of Sinyang in a battle in which 600 Japanese were slain.

It also reported renewed fighting in western Yunnan, near the Burma border, where the Japanese attacked Mengma Jan. 8. They encountered Chinese resistance and fighting was continuing two days later.

Jap Plane Raids Guadalcanal

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—A Japanese plane dumping bombs near Henderson field on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons killed one man and wounded several others while American aircraft continued to pound the enemy air field at Munda, the navy reported today.

The single-plane attack on Henderson field, in which five bombs were dropped on United States positions southwest of the airfield, was the first bombing there since December 14. In that bombing only one plane participated also.

No aerial opposition, the navy said, was encountered by American bombers continuing their regular attacks on the Japanese airfield at Munda on New Georgia island. Anti-aircraft batteries were reported active, however. Results of the attack were not reported. All United States planes returned.

Meantime, in ground action on Guadalcanal small scale offensives against enemy outposts were continued "satisfactorily," the navy said, with several enemy positions surrounded.

More Arrested for Plot Against Darlan

By C. R. Cunningham

Algiers, Algeria, Jan. 13 (AP)—A French military board of inquiry questioned today a second batch of prisoners—some important figures—suspected of complicity in the assassination of Admiral Jean Francois Darlan.

A spokesman, who announced last night a "number of additional arrests," said the suspects would be court-martialed, if the board decides they were involved.

A number were arrested shortly after Darlan was shot on Christmas Eve, but the spokesman said some of these had been released, implying that they had given information leading to the later arrests.

Darlan's assassin, a young Frenchman, who has never been officially identified, was executed the day of Darlan's funeral. Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud now

36 Axis Planes Destroyed by Allies in Tunisia

Allies Catch Rommel's Forces in Aerial Nut Cracker on Desert

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Jan. 13 (AP)—The increasing allied air offensive in Tunisia has resulted in the destruction of 36 axis planes in the last 24 hours against the loss of only one American fighter, it was said today. In addition, 10 axis planes were damaged as the American, French and British hammered axis forces from two sides.

Sixteen axis planes were shot down in combat, it was said, and 20 were destroyed on the ground. The only allied loss was a Lockheed Lightning (P-38) fighter.

American planes, dogging Marshal Erwin Rommel's desert trails, destroyed 19 of the 36 axis planes lost in an attack on Castel Benito airfield, 10 miles south of Tripoli.

In Aerial Nutcracker

The allies had caught Rommel's forces in a vast aerial nutcracker. From the west, big flying fortresses based in western Tunisia and Algeria flew to Tripoli to blast the axis troops, supply lines, and communications. From the east, planes attached to Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery's British eighth army attacked repeatedly.

In the second day of heavy raids, the allies bombed an important airfield at Castel Benito. Flying fortresses destroyed an entire row of buildings and at least five aircraft on the ground.

Roaring away from this raid, the powerful bombers proved their toughness in a 75-mile running battle with German Messerschmitt fighting planes. Fourteen Messerschmitts plunged to earth. Not a single American plane was lost.

Joined by RAF

American pilots estimated that between 20 and 30 Messerschmitts attacked them. Some of the German planes got through the escort of P-38 fighters to shoot at the bombers.

Bombers of the Royal Air Force joined the American forces in attacking axis concentrations in points along the coast road running south from Tunis. B-24 bombers hammered at important road junctions along the coast south of Tunis during the night.

Today's operations demonstrated the growing effectiveness of the new allied air command under Major Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, who was named chief over all air operations in North Africa last week.

Mice Eat Dynamite

Portland, Jan. 13 (AP)—Paul Dum caught a number of mice and handled them with care. He found they had eaten part of his dynamite cache.



They Caused Deadlock—Dorothy McCullough Lee, Multnomah senator, and Senator W. H. Steiwer, Fossil, whose aspirations for state senate president delayed inauguration of new governor. (Courtesy Oregon Journal.)

Threaten to Seize Struck Collieries

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 13 (AP)—Thousands of striking miners in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields were called into mass meeting today to consider a possible truce after the war labor board hinted it may ask President Roosevelt to seize all strike-bound collieries and end "this threat" to the prosecution of the war.

Strike leaders received the labor board statement—its second in two days—at a meeting last night and immediately acted to convene their local unions, affiliates of the United Mine Workers, today to "get the reaction" and consider peaceful negotiations.

The UMW, in telegrams to John L. Lewis, UMW president, and heads of five companies, declared that "anthracite coal stockpiles are at a critically low level, endangering the health of our people and the prosecution of the war," and added:

"Unless this threat to the safety of our nation is immediately terminated, the board will exercise all powers within its jurisdiction to fulfill its obligation to the country."

Spokesmen for the 18,000 participants in the 15-day-old wildcat strike took this statement to be a strong indication that the board, if necessary, would recommend that Mr. Roosevelt seize the 15 strike-bound collieries in the name of the government.

The board's message was read to the strike leaders from a news dispatch.

Meanwhile three local unions at nearby Olyphant, Pa., appealed to Mr. Roosevelt to intervene, in telegrams dispatched last night, but at the same time voted to remain on strike.

Jeffers Speeds Rubber Plants

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—Rubber Director William M. Jeffers was reported today to have won a partial victory in his struggle to get immediate expansion of the synthetic rubber program.

A compromise plan, which finally was referred to Economic Stabilizer James F. Byrnes, may authorize work on 50 per cent of the overall synthetic program of 800,000 tons annually, authorities indicated.

The war production board, with the approval of the armed services, approved priorities some time ago which covered only 20 per cent of Jeffers' program. He has criticized that decision and more recently declared in an interview that the country faces "disaster" unless work is begun immediately on 65 or 70 per cent of the entire project.

Unable to get satisfaction from WPB Chairman Donald Nelson, Jeffers then took the dispute to the White House. A conference was held last Saturday in which Nelson, Jeffers, Byrnes, Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes and army and navy leaders participated. The basis for the compromise reportedly was worked out at that meeting and is expected to be announced soon.

Allied planes, Havoc A-20 attack bombers and Australian long range Beau fighters, bombed trails in the Salamaua area, up the coast from where the Japs are holding out at Sanananda Point, and destroyed a bridge. Havocs and Beau fighters also made a sweep along the coast in the same area, machine gunning and cannonading enemy positions. There was activity by both allied and Jap planes in the zone north and northwest of Australia.

Long range allied fighters made a low altitude attack against the enemy airdrome and installations at Fuirore, in Portuguese-Dutch Timor island. The Japanese sent nine bombers on a raid on Merauke, on the south coast of Dutch New Guinea, causing slight damage.

14-Point Plan Submitted by Governor Snell

Soldier Benefits, Higher Age Pensions, One-Man Tax Board Urged

SNELL'S RECOMMENDATIONS
In a nutshell, here are the recommendations made to the legislature today by Gov. Earl Snell:

Provide benefits for returning war veterans.

Pay \$40 old age pensions.

Reduce property taxes but don't reduce the income tax.

Substitute a single tax commissioner for 3-man commission.

Give milk control functions to department of agriculture.

Ask congress to pay states in lieu of taxes on federal land.

Create committee on post-war adjustment and development.

Authorize state civilian defense council.

Continue the state guard, which expires January 21.

Consolidate veterans' commission and state land board.

Consolidate banking and corporation departments.

Create reserve of surplus revenues to buy war bonds.

Appropriate for new state buildings to be built after war.

Transfer \$150,000 from hospital fund to highway fund.

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr.

Governor Earl Snell, who became Oregon's 23rd chief executive today in inauguration ceremonies at the opening joint session of Oregon's 42nd legislature, asked the lawmakers to provide benefits for returning soldiers of this war, to provide \$40 pensions for needy aged persons, to reduce property taxes, and to provide for a single state tax commissioner to replace the three-man tax commission.

Snell, whose inaugural address appealed for a short session, made 14 recommendations. Charles A. Sprague, whose farewell address as governor immediately preceded Snell's message, made no recommendations, being confined exclusively to a review of the war and a record of his administration.

The benefits Governor Snell advocated for returning soldiers of World War II include real estate loan privileges, veterans' preference in employment, educational opportunities, and vocational training.

In recommending that the old age pension be increased to \$40 monthly, the maximum now provided by law, Snell said pensions should still be given only on the basis of need. The average pension now is \$24 a month, but the new budget, prepared by the Sprague administration, would step it up gradually to \$34.

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Childish Prank Derails Train

Oregon City, Jan. 13 (AP)—A locomotive overturned, two Southern Pacific freight cars were derailed and the main Southern Pacific main line was tied up yesterday for six hours by a child's play.

That's what railroad agents said after investigating the accident, which they blamed on a dozen spikes left on the tracks by a youngster.

Crewmen suffered only light bruises in the mishap.

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Say Hornet Carried Raiders to Tokyo

New York, Jan. 13 (AP)—A Japanese broadcast asserted today that the United States aircraft carrier Hornet, identified Monday by the American navy as the aircraft carrier sunk October 26 in the battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, was the vessel which carried the planes that raided Tokyo last April 18.

The broadcast, beamed for Japanese communities in east Asia, said, without giving the authority, said it was "disclosed" that the Hornet "brought the North American bombers during the attack on Japan."

The broadcast was reported by government monitors to the office of war information.

The sinking of the Hornet was "revenge for the raid," the Tokyo radio said, adding that "our imperial air units have been

Harmony Rules Legislature As Deadlock Ends

Senator Lee Withdraws In Favor of Steiwer But Aids Organization

Harmony seemed to prevail throughout the Oregon legislature today, as senators on both sides of the bitter controversy over the senate presidency appeared eager to forget their differences and get the wheels greased for a speedy session.

Sen. H. W. Steiwer, Fossil, elected senate president on the 45th ballot last night, and Dorothy Lee, Portland, who conceded in his favor to break the deadlock, worked today in appointing committees.

Snell Inaugurated

The inauguration of Governor-elect Earl Snell took place at 2 p. m. today, 48 hours delayed by the senate's inability to organize.

The 15 members of the Steiwer group were happy today because of their victory. Mrs. Lee's 15 supporters were satisfied by assurances they wouldn't be overlooked in the committee assignments.

The senate president ordinarily appoints the committees, but this year, Steiwer and Mrs. Lee are doing the job jointly. In cases of disagreement, Sen. W. H. Strayer, Baker, who supported Mrs. Lee, will act as adviser.

No Permanent Wounds

Senators who supported Mrs. Lee agreed that since the fight lasted only two days and because both sides kept their arguments above personalities, there would be no permanent wounds. It had been feared that the two groups might divide on every issue all session.

In conceding to Steiwer last night, Mrs. Lee lost no prestige. The Steiwer group, while respecting her ability, objected to choosing a woman for the job in time of war, as she might become governor in case the governor dies, resigns or leaves the state.

But some of her supporters, thinking of the 1945 session when the war might be over, were looking forward to electing her then.

Steiwer, after she conceded, called her the "grandest sport in the state of Oregon." And his supporters agreed.

To illustrate what the Lee supporters think of Steiwer, they preferred Steiwer over any of his own group.

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Broadcasters Held Traitors

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—The justice department soon will indict for treason six Americans who are broadcasting regularly from Germany and Italy, it was learned today.

They are Constance Drexel, Fred Kaitenbach, Douglas Chandlee, Jane Anderson, Ezra Pound and Robert H. Best, who has said he would be a presidential candidate. They may never be brought to trial, but the indictment will warn them against trying to come back to the United States.

A spokesman for the justice department admitted that the indictments are being considered. It was learned that one of the delays thus far has been whether, legally, the six have committed acts of treason through broadcasts in contrast to overt acts. Should the six ever be tried, the supreme court would have to decide that point.

The federal bureau of investigation officially went on record as saying the six had been "under investigation for several years," but there was no comment from that source on the indictment.