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## Rommel Abandons Burning City of Tripoli

### Heavy Snowfall Mantles Salem And Vicinity

#### Some Inconvenience But Little Damage—Transportation Slowed

Snow that began falling in and around Salem about 11:30 o'clock last night brought a white blanket to the community which caused no serious inconvenience aside from the curtailment of school activities. Snow fell intermittently during the forenoon.

Traffic by street buses and taxis was handicapped early in the day, but by the middle of the forenoon vehicles were operating on fairly accurate schedules.

Attendance at the Salem public schools was approximately 60 per cent of normal, Superintendent Frank B. Bennett reported. With two exceptions rural buses made their trips. The one which operates through the Polk county hills found travel too difficult and called off the trip. The one which collects pupils in Mission Bottom failed to complete its run.

#### Little Damage Results

Superintendent Bennett said that most parents contacted this forenoon reported they would rather have their children in school than running loose around the streets. He expected attendance during the afternoon would pick up considerably.

The city street department had a crew of about a dozen men working on the streets, clearing the snow from sidewalks and crosswalks in the downtown section, and several men clearing gutters.

No machinery is being used, City Engineer J. H. Davis said, hand shovels being depended upon entirely.

#### No Wire Trouble

W. M. Hamilton, district manager for the Portland General Electric company, said no trouble had yet been caused by the snowstorm.

"We expect no trouble as long as the snow is dry," he said. "But if it gets wet then trouble may be expected from over-weighted tree limbs falling on wires and power lines."

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### Brown Given Full Leaway

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Given a free hand to make or break himself, Prentiss M. Brown set sail on stormy OPA seas today with a bid for consumer support of a program envisioning gradually rising prices, increased local controls over rationing and fewer cold homes next winter.

The nation's new price administrator, a Great Lakes boatman of no mean nautical ability, tackled smartly to catch the wind of public and congressional approval in a press conference declaration yesterday that he was taking over OPA with the primary objective of protecting the American consumer.

Isolating himself for a 10-day look-see at the inner operations of OPA, Brown went to work on several pressing problems. These included the imminent necessity of going to congress for a \$20,000,000 deficiency appropriation, the need for additional transportation subsidy money and the possibility of a shake-up in his agency's top personnel.

Brown, 53-year old former senator from Michigan, took over formally from Leon Henderson with the reputed understanding that he would be given a free hand by his immediate boss, James F. Byrnes, the economic stabilization director, to work out the country's supply and demand problems with the consuming public, congress and the farmers.

### Cold Wave In Midwest Moderates

(By the United Press) The worst cold wave of the winter moderated today in central portions of the country, leaving death and crop destruction in its path but sub-zero temperatures continued in the northern tier of states from eastern Washington through New England.

A United Press survey showed 53 deaths attributed either directly or indirectly to the storm. They were: Illinois 14, Wisconsin 4, Iowa 2, Michigan 2, Texas 5, New York 1, Massachusetts 2, Oklahoma 4, Missouri 3, Tennessee 1, Indiana 7, Nebraska 1, Pennsylvania 1, Washington 3, and Colorado 2.

Below freezing temperatures wiped out winter vegetable crops in the Rio Grande valley, Arizona.

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### New Carrier Christened

Newport News, Va., Jan. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt returned here today and christened a new carrier Yorktown.

The new ship, a namesake for the gallant carrier sunk in the Pacific after she had helped win the battle of Midway, is of the Essex class and reportedly displaces 25,000 tons.

The old Yorktown was also christened by Mrs. Roosevelt on April 4, 1936.

Artemus L. Gates, assistant secretary of the navy for air and principal speaker at the launching, said that "our aircraft carriers have been given credit for damming the raging flood of Jap aggression that was surging so strongly last spring and summer, threatening Australia and Hawaii with invasion."

### Labor Board Forms Branches

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The war labor board today created 12 regional boards with full authority to make final decisions in labor disputes and to pass on voluntary wage and salary adjustment cases.

Each regional board will have equal presentation of public, employer and labor members.

Boards will be established in two new regions—Detroit and Seattle. Edwin E. Witte, chairman of the University of Wisconsin economics department, will be chairman of the Detroit board, serving the state of Michigan. The chairman for the Seattle office, for the Washington and Oregon area, has not been named.

The regional board for Denver will be headed by Charles Graham and will have jurisdiction in Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico and Colorado.

### Anthracite Miners End 3 Weeks Strike

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 21 (AP)—A three-weeks old wildcat strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields—the nation's costliest in man hours lost since Pearl Harbor—apparently ended today a few hours before a back-to-work deadline set by President Roosevelt.

Enthusiastic miners by the thousands trooped back to their jobs in all major strike-closed collieries in what one strike leader described as "a courtesy to the president" rather than an acceptance of defeat.

Of the 24,000 who once participated in the revolt against United Mine Workers' leadership, barely 3,000 were known still to be idle as the crowds of over-allied workers rode down colliery shafts to their pits, many for the first time since December 30.

Two of the four small UMW

### Snow Blankets Most of Oregon; Industry Slowed

#### Transportation Hampered But Snow Plows Opening Highways

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Snow covered almost all sections of Oregon today but in spots freakish weather changes cleared it off in a hurry.

There was considerable snow on the ground here, transportation was hampered and some defense workers—living in outlying sections—were unable to get to the job.

The weather bureau said it had not been authorized to issue any warnings or forecasts.

#### Deep at Eugene

Heavy snow last night blanketed Eugene with its greatest depth in six years and there was one death in an automobile accident attributed to road conditions. The victim was George Cameron, a lumber worker. George W. Drake and George M. Drake were injured in the accident which occurred on the Jasper road.

Klamath Falls battled a deep carpet of snow which melted rapidly this morning following a night of rain and warm wind. The Dalles also reported considerable snow but said major roads were opened although slippery.

#### Snow Plows Used

The highway department sent snow plows out on several roads around Salem where the fall was also heavy. Highway traffic in that and other sections of the Willamette valley was sharply curtailed.

Corvallis reported a deep layer of snow but the storm there ended before daylight.

Grants Pass reported a variety of weather. The temperature sagged to 14 degrees Monday when two homes were burned to the ground and the fire department answered a near-record number of calls. Tuesday came two inches of snow, Wednesday morning produced a downpour of rain which cleared it off and brought the Rogue river up to 16.33 feet, just 3 short of January flood peak. A warm wind last night once reached an estimated 30-mile velocity.

#### Industry Slowed

Industry was operating at slow bell in most sections. Shipyards and other factories here had not suspended but almost all of them ran with only partial crews. Some yards reported all outside operations temporarily closed. Klamath Falls' mill operations were curtailed heavily. The same was true of mills around Eugene and elsewhere in the Willamette valley.

Power failures were commonplace. Wet snow on trees and power lines cut Eugene's connections with Bonneville and its two hydro plants on the Macdo.

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Wavell and Bissell Confer in New Delhi—Britain's General Sir Archibald P. Wavell (left), commander in chief in India, and Brig. Gen. Clayton Bissell, commander of U. S. air force in India, received a snappy salute from a guard (right), on leaving a conference at New Delhi, India. The meeting was seen as a possible omen of important action to come. (Associated Press.)

### Reds Advance on Kharkov, Rostov

Moscow, Jan. 21 (AP)—Red armies closed in on five key Nazi-held cities between the Ukraine and the north Caucasus today. Their spearheads were within 79 miles of Kharkov, 50 miles of Rostov, 30 miles of Voroshilovgrad, Donetsk basin industrial center, 18 miles of Salsk railroad junction and 48 miles of Armavir, where the Baku-Rostov oil railroad joins with that to the Malkop oil fields and Tuapse, oil port on the Black sea.

Today's noon communique revealed that in a ferocious three-day battle for Priolotarskaya, 20 miles east-northeast of Salsk on the Stalingrad-Tokhoretzsk railroad, the Russians smashed the famous German's troop combat regiment "Germany" and remnants of other regiments concentrated there, before the Manchukuo, with big artillery, mortar and tank forces.

Russian storm troops led by guards broke into the town and the railroad stations yesterday. They routed the Germans in street fighting, the communique said, and threw the remnants beyond the Manchukuo.

In another sector the guards at once drove ahead, occupied two inhabited places, captured an artillery battery and nine machine guns and took prisoners.

In overnight fighting the Russians took nearly 1,700 prisoners by specific claim, including a battalion of 1,000 Hungarians who with their officers downed.

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### Axis Powers Sign New Pact

Tokyo, Jan. 21 (Japanese broadcast recorded by UP at San Francisco)—Japan and Germany and Japan and Italy have signed new agreements designed to substantiate the tripartite pact "in the field of economics," the board of information announced today.

The announcement said the Japanese ambassador to Germany, Lt. Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, and German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop, signed the agreements at the headquarters of Adolf Hitler yesterday.

At the same time, the Japanese charge d'affaires at Rome, Huneisi Kasi, and Italian Foreign Minister Ciano, signed the pacts for economic cooperation between the two nations.

The board of information said "these agreements possess the same period of validity as the tripartite pact with the purpose of substantiating it in the field of economics."

The announcement said the agreements provide for "acceleration of extensive exchange of various kinds of economic goods and services."

The board of information said the agreements recognized "Japan's exclusive right to the economic sphere of greater East Asia."

### Ask Memorial For Ruml Tax Plan

The house taxation and revenue committee today recommended passage of a memorial asking congress to adopt the Ruml plan, or pay-as-you-go system, and paying federal income taxes.

The committee recommended against passage of a resolution providing for joint senate and house hearings on tax matters.

### Jap Destroyer 8 Planes Lost

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The navy announced today the bombing of a Japanese destroyer off Bougainville island in the Solomons and the shooting down of eight enemy planes in the Shortland island area.

The text of the navy's communique, number 257:

"South Pacific (all dates are East Longitude):

"1. On January 19 an air striking group of United States planes bombed Japanese positions at Munda on New Georgia island. Results were not reported.

"2. On January 20:

"(a) During the early morning flying fortress heavy bombers (Boeing B-17) second a bomb hit on a Japanese destroyer off Cape Friendship at the eastern-most tip of Bougainville island.

"(b) Flying fortresses with fighter escort attacked two enemy cargo ships and two destroyers in the Shortland island area. A number of enemy Zeros and float-type biplanes intercepted the attack and eight of these planes were shot down. No hits on the enemy ships were observed. One United States fighter was lost and several fortresses were damaged.

"3. On January 21, during the morning, marauder medium bombers (Martin B-26), dropped bombs on Japanese positions at Munda. Results were not observed."

#### Nazi Losses in Russia

London, Jan. 21 (AP)—Reuters quoted a Moscow radio broadcast today as saying that German casualties on the Soviet Russian front in the past six weeks totaled 750,000 men, including 250,000 dead.

#### Axis Sub Warfare

Greater emphasis is being placed on anti-submarine warfare and the protection of shipping, he said, as offensive operations develop around the world.

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### 5 Axis Subs Sunk In South Pacific

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 21 (AP)—Rear Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, commander of the United States naval forces in the south Atlantic, announced today that five axis submarines have been sunk in the last month in the south Atlantic.

Ingram said a German surface raider had been intercepted in these waters and scuttled by her crew in the same period.

"There have been comparatively few sinkings of allied ships in the south Atlantic," Ingram told a press conference, "and we've gotten a high percentage of enemy craft—higher, I believe, than in other zones."

"We can account for five submarines within the last month. Our success is due largely to the fine air forces of the United States and Brazil, which are doing a magnificent job operating from bases extending from Bahia northward."

The admiral said his theory of

### Army Troops Replace Marines At Guadalcanal

#### Patch in Command—Stimson Reports on War Progress

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson disclosed today that army ground troops have replaced the marines in the Solomons and are commanded by Major General Alexander Patch, who has moved his headquarters from New Caledonia to Guadalcanal.

"The marines who fought so long and so well in the Solomons are now getting a chance to rest," Patterson said at a press conference.

Patch, who commanded the army troops which landed in New Caledonia last year, relieved Major General Alexander A. Vandegrift of the marines not quite a month ago, Patterson said.

The army troops and Patch are under the general command of Major General Millard F. Harmon, who commands all army troops in the south Pacific, but the operations in that entire area are still under the command of Admiral William F. Halsey, Patterson said.

#### Position Improves

The American position in the Solomons has improved further during the last week, Patterson said, but the Japanese are expected to make new efforts to reinforce their troops on Guadalcanal.

A navy communique also formally announced the change in command on Guadalcanal, and said General Patch would also command troops on Tulagi, a small island in the Solomons near Guadalcanal.

Reviewing other aspects of the war on various fronts, the undersecretary reported that except for submarine sinkings of allied cargo ships, "the over-all picture is bright."

#### Results in Russia

He said Russian successes against the Germans might force them to retreat to the Dnieper river to form a winter line, and that political differences among the French in North Africa had not stopped the French from taking an important part in military actions.

Construction of new ships now exceeds the losses from submarine sinkings, he said, but the axis undersea attacks are still placing a heavy drain on shipping and supplies even though new ships "are both faster and better than the ones being sunk."

#### Anti-Sub Warfare

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### Afrika Korps Speeds Retreat Toward Tunisia

#### Last Citadel of Mussolini's African Empire Abandoned by Axis

(By the Associated Press) Final collapse of Premier Mussolini's African empire appeared to be only a matter of hours today amid signs that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was hastily abandoning the burning city of Tripoli, and British Eighth army columns stormed forward within 35 miles of the axis stronghold.

Tripoli is the last citadel of Italy's dark continent domain which once embraced Eritrea, Italian Somaliland, Abyssinia, Cirenaica and Tripolitania.

A bulletin from Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 8th army headquarters said British troops yesterday captured the towns of Tarhuna and Homs, respectively 40 and 56 miles from Tripoli, and continued their pursuit of Rommel's fleeing armies.

#### Pursued by Planes

Front line dispatches said Rommel's troops and equipment were already streaming westward from Tripoli toward the Tunisian frontier, 100 miles away, with allied planes making a shambles of the enemy's line of retreat.

A 50-mile stretch of coastal road between Tripoli and Zura was described as littered with the bombed and bullet-smashed wreckage of trucks and other equipment.

British headquarters indicated that Tarhuna and Homs fell early yesterday and said that "during the day our troops were in close contact with the enemy retreating to the west."

#### In Narrow Strip

Rommel's battered forces were now pinned down to a narrow strip along the Mediterranean coast as the British 8th army moved swiftly upon Tripoli from the east and Brig. Gen. Jacques Leclerc's Fighting French troops drove up from the south after a 1,000-mile march across the Sahara desert from Lake Chad, in the heart of equatorial Africa.

Gen. Leclerc said his force were in firm contact with the onrushing 8th army, "brilliantly taking part with their British allies in the advance on Tripoli," thus effectively sealing the arc which the allies have thrown

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### Gabes Bombed By Fortresses

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Jan. 21 (AP)—American Flying Fortresses have attacked Camp Mangin at Gabes in Tunisia, scoring hits on the air-drome and shooting down two Messerschmitt-109s, it was said here today.

At the same time a French communique said the Germans had made new advances southwest of Pont Du Fahs and that the French forces had retired to new positions in the Kebir river valley. The Germans suffered severe casualties and heavy losses in armored equipment, the communique added. The French said they had improved their positions around Fondouk.

The Flying Fortresses were reported to have scored hits on the barracks and an adjacent railroad at Gabes. All of the American planes returned safely.

Billy Mitchell bombers escorted by Lockheed Lightnings bombed a tanker, escorted by destroyers, between Tunisia and Sicily. When last seen, the tanker was stationary.

Two enemy bombers were destroyed last night when axis planes raided Algiers, it was said.

One allied plane was missing from all operations.