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BIG SCALE FIGHT LOOMS IN AFRICA

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon



Washington, Jan. 5.—A highly placed British authority expects the German war front to collapse and bring peace to Europe by April. Another British official, whose opinion is less to be respected than the first authority, has more definitely marked Easter, April 25, on his calendar as the ultimate day to which Hitler can hold out.

Both of these opinions are only personal guesses—but well-made guesses. They are not necessarily based on any specific knowledge of events to come, but rather represent superior judgment on the prospects which all can see—namely, the pressure of the Russian winter campaign, plus the closing Anglo-American stranglehold on Italy, and intensified bombing of the continent (if not a new front in northern Europe) should break the war-will of the German army.

Japan is another matter, a matter of at least a year or more. CONGRESSMEN who have been trotting in and out of the White House lately have talked vaguely of post-war planning, and there is a report among the topmost politicians that Mr. Roosevelt has a definite formula prepared and ready.

Indeed, this report is what caused Mr. Hoover to speak out, a few days back, in favor of a long armistice to allow war wrath to cool before any definite peace move is attempted. Mr. Hoover did not say so, but what he means by "a long cooling-off period" is a term of many years, at least ten.

In some public statements since the war started, Mr. Roosevelt is supposed to have intimidated, or directly said, he would favor a long armistice period of perhaps a year.

But no one around the White House can recollect the exact occasion, and possibly it was an off-the-record observation dropped at a press conference. At

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Chicago, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Major league baseball clubs today agreed to hold their spring training close to home and adopted a 154-game schedule for the 1943 season.

The majors have played a 154-game schedule annually since 1920.

The season will open Wednesday, April 21, and close Sunday, October 3. Under the original schedule drafted at the December meetings of the major leagues, the season was to have opened April 13 and closed September 26.

County Enjoys Record Cash on Hand Balance
Jackson county closed 1942 with the largest cash balance on hand in its history, \$1,114,463.26, according to the report of County Treasurer Ralph E. Sweeney. This was due to more than 80 per cent of the current taxes being paid. Taxes are deductible from 1942 income taxes if paid before January 1.

Side Glances
By
TRIBUNE REPORTER
Doris Murdock, Grace Madigan and Eve Prentice displaying their ability at baking gingerbread.
Police Chief Clatus McCredit and Traffic Officer Walt Reinke hard at work placing 1943 license stickers on the police cars.

ALLIES FEEL OUT ENEMY POSITIONS BEFORE NEW PUSH

March to Sea Between Tunis and Bizerte Believed Planned—Nazis Retreat.

London, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Signs of impending big-scale fighting in Tunisia increased today.

Allied North African headquarters announced that armored forces had reconnoitered in force around Medjez-El-Bab, 27 miles southwest of Tunis, without meeting effective enemy opposition.

This might indicate that the Allies were feeling out enemy positions before making a quick stab to the sea between Tunis and Bizerte.

Nazis Retreat
The Germans attacked around Fondouk-El-Aouared, 55 miles southwest of the port of Houss, met a stinging defeat and were retreating.

Gen. Henri Honore Giraud's headquarters announced that the Germans attacked Sunday with 20 to 30 tanks. For a time the situation was precarious, the enemy having surrounded Allied defenses.

Then French forces, American fighter planes and bombers and tank destroyer forces—presumably the heavy guns mounted on tractor treads that had spread havoc among the Afrika Korps armored forces in Egypt and Libya—smashed into the Axis tanks.

Enemy Losses Heavy
The enemy's losses were heavy, Gen. Giraud reported. They were retreating and the Allied situation was considered safe.

"The enemy left 10 large tanks destroyed by our air force and anti-tank guns on the battlefield," Radio Algiers said today, quoting French headquarters.

A dispatch from a United Press staff correspondent with the Allied armies in Tunisia said that a few days of blazing sun had baked a thin crust on the thick mud, but it was not yet strong enough to stand the maneuvering of 30-ton tanks in a full-fledged battle.

Sprague Cleans Slate for Snell
Salem, Ore., Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague, who will be succeeded at the head of the state government next Monday by Earl Snell, today announced that he had dissolved the state defense advisory council and other similar organizations to give the new governor a clean slate to start on.

Governor Sprague also dissolved the state advisory council of the employment service, the agriculture committee of the employment service and the Oregon economic council, which has functioned in place of a state planning board in carrying on industrial and economic research in behalf of the governor.

Carole Landis and Air Fighter Marry
London, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Carole Landis, film actress, was married at the Church of Assumption today to Capt. Thomas C. Wallace, a United States fighter command pilot from Pasadena, Cal.

Mitzi Mayfair, American dancer, who, with Miss Landis, has been entertaining American soldiers in England, was bridesmaid. The guests included actresses Kay Francis, Bebe Daniels and Martha Raye.

Beefsteak Rare in S. F. Butcher Shops
San Francisco, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—There was scarcely a retail beefsteak for sale today on the main street of San Francisco, the west coast's second largest city.

There were filets of steelhead trout, pompano, fresh crab, prawns, a few chickens and turkeys, an occasional gob of hamburger and sausage—but practically no pork chops or veal cutlets.

Floods Sweep Through Western Oregon



Flood waters from the raging Willamette River swirl around the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co., Oregon City, during the height of the recent western Oregon floods. Coast Guardsmen and soldiers aided other agencies in evacuation and care of families.

JAP RESISTANCE FINALLY ERASED IN BUNA SECTION

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—United States and Australian troops have wiped out the last Japanese resistance in the Buna area of Northern New Guinea by smashing a small enemy pocket inland from the captured area, reports from the front said today.

About 50 Japanese bodies were found in the pocket area. Mopping up parties combed the coconut groves for possible stragglers isolated from the force which defended the pocket to the death.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—The navy announced today that U. S. forces on Guadalcanal have gained new ground positions and killed 170 more Japanese.

American air forces operating from Henderson Field also have executed another series of air attacks on the Munda area, in the New Georgia group of the Solomons. Near Munda the enemy has established a new air base.

Double Bad Luck For Bingo Player
Paterson, N. J., Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Veronica Dersch, 39, had not fared well at a bingo game and was gloomily walking home.

A little man, holding one hand in his overcoat pocket as if he had a gun, tried to rob her. She hit him one terrific blow in the face, he sailed backward, picked himself up and fled. But he did not fare worse than Mrs. Dersch. She broke her wrist.

Qualified Salesmen Promised Gasoline
Washington, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that qualified salesmen—except in the 17-state eastern shortage area—will be supplied with gasoline rations sufficient to enable them to drive up to 65 per cent of their last year's mileage or 8,600 miles a year, whichever is less.

Ellsworth Announces Exams for Academies
Washington, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth, R., Ore., announced today that preliminary qualifying examinations for the U. S. military and naval academies will be held January 23 at the post office building in Eugene, Medford, Marshfield, and Roseburg, towns in the fourth congressional district of Oregon.

Ellsworth said candidates must notify him at his offices here in the house office building by January 12, giving date of their birth.

Blockade Runner Sunk
London, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—A large German vessel attempting to run the blockade with a heavy cargo of war materials for Germany has been intercepted and sunk by British patrols in the Atlantic, the admiralty and air ministry announced today.

Willamette Flood Ebbs Revealing Heavy Loss

Portland, Ore., Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—The turbulent Willamette river, a sleeping giant that a week ago rose to sweep wildly through western Oregon in a torrent of destruction, slowly subsided today, signalling the end of the region's worst flood in half a century.

In the wake of the roaring flood were the reminders of the raging heights it reached—a toll of ten persons dead or missing and untold millions in property damage.

Weather observers predicted the river would continue to recede to normal with no further damage.

Although the stream still flowed above flood stage at many points through the fertile Willamette valley, transportation services were operating generally on schedule over regular routes.

The river first burst from its banks a week ago near Eugene, not far from where the McKenzie and other upper valley tributaries converge. Thousands of panic-stricken persons were hurriedly evacuated by boat as the waters swirled past their homes.

With a toll of ten victims, it appeared unlikely there would be additional casualties directly attributable to the flood. Health authorities, however, moved swiftly to take precautionary measures against possible epidemics stemming from contaminated water in the upriver areas.

Big Bill Edwards
New York, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—William H. (Big Bill) Edwards, 66, former Princeton football star, died today in Post Graduate hospital, where he underwent an operation last night. Edwards, who had conducted an insurance business for many years, was prominent in New York city political life and sports circles.

Trains Delayed by Flood Water
With the ebb of flood water between Oregon City and Park Place Portland-Medford Southern Pacific trains service showed signs of improving today, officials of the line said. Monday's train due to arrive at 8 a. m. did not arrive until after 9 o'clock in the evening. Today's train was due to arrive shortly after noon.

Groundhogs, unable to get through at all the middle of last week, have been running on schedule so far this week, the dispatcher's office reported.

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Determined Axis Counterattacks Beaten Back—Nazis Face Annihilation.

Moscow, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Russian forces driving through the Caucasus have captured Nalchik and Prokhladnenski, important German defense points west of Mosdok, a special Soviet communique announced tonight.

By United Press
Russian forces battered the Germans in the Caucasus today, beat back determined Axis counterattacks and threatened to split the enemy forces guarding the road to Rostov.

There were indications that two powerful Russian armies soon might converge for a concerted drive on Rostov, the gateway to the Caucasus. The army driving through the Kalmyk republic was reported less than 150 miles from another Soviet force moving up from Mosdok, which the Russians captured last Sunday.

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acting as a clearing house for food supplies for almost all Europe, prompting claims that Germany actually is feeding the equivalent of 17,000,000 to 18,000,000 more persons than before the war.

Germany must be extremely frugal with virtually every item of food, except salt, but the greatest and most persistent shortages include milk, fish and fresh vegetables. Consequently newspapers frequently praise small children who scour fields and woods in organized parties for weeds which can be used as wartime vegetables.

Nazi propaganda makes much of the food producing potentialities of conquered areas, particularly the Ukraine, and Germany's future success in maintaining current rations will depend on how well she can exploit these territories.

"The fuhrer is relieving us from the choking death of space," Herbert Backe, minister for food and agriculture, said in a speech at Poznan (Posen), Poland, in November, "but it will be a permanent blessing only if it is filled with Germans."

The accuracy of this statement was indicated by a traveler's report that up to December only a single trainload of wheat had arrived in Berlin from the promised land. The train was covered

with posters proclaiming that "your soldiers send you this food," but comparatively few Germans could buy any of this "soldiers' gift." Most of it went to Nazi officials, military leaders and diplomats.

HEALTH SUFFERING
Nevertheless the Germans are not starving, although they are far worse off than the British. An ordinary meal at a better class restaurant in Berlin or Munich, costing about six marks (\$2.20 at the official rate of exchange), consists of thin soup and the choice of two standard dishes, a potato and cabbage stew, or a small hamburger or less than two ounces of steak.

There is no reliable comprehensive information available here on what has happened to the health of the German people under their reduced diet, but the welfare of babies and mothers is known to be inferior to the picture painted in official reports.

"Cases of scurvy and other signs of undernourishment and unsuitable feeding are becoming increasingly frequent," a medical visitor to Germany reported after arriving in a neutral country. It also is known that the decrease in diet has reduced the people's energy, lowered their resistance and made them increasingly irritable.

Estimated 15,000 Workers Idle by Action of River Rouge Plant Employees.

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A statement issued by local President Paul Ste. Marie, approved unanimously by the union's executive board, described as unauthorized the strike which left idle an estimated 15,000 workers on three shifts.

"No grievances will be considered or negotiated by local union representative until all men are back at work," Ste. Marie said. "In view of the war situation and the urgent necessity of maintaining continuous war production it is imperative that the Rouge plant resume operations without further delay."

The strike, which threatened to shut down the entire plant, started late yesterday when maintenance employees in several units walked out to protest company action in reorganizing maintenance crews.

Alameda, Cal., Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Thirty-four CIO machinists, who said they had not worked since last Wednesday, failed to report to their jobs at the General Engineering & Drydock company today in what was described as a dispute over union fines and suspension of four leaders.

The work stoppage followed by 24 hours President Roosevelt's order to San Francisco bay area shipyard union leaders demanding that they maintain uninterrupted production here.

War Bulletins

London, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—British bombers attacked Germany's industrial Ruhr valley last night for the second successive night and despite intense anti-aircraft fire only two planes were lost.

Returning pilots said they saw the glow of fires through thick clouds hanging low over the targets after the bombs had been dropped.

Washington, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—The Japanese are using two new fighters over China that are superior to the Zero type. Maj. David L. "Tex" Hill revealed at a press conference today. He formerly was a member of the American volunteer group and later was with the U. S. army air forces in China.

SHIP BUILDING TO SURPASS GOAL IN 1943, IS OUTLOOK

Washington, Jan. 5.—(U.P.)—Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission, predicted today that the original merchant ship-building goal of 16,000,000 tons set for 1943 will be surpassed if steel and other required materials are made available.

Land made this forecast at a press conference in which Admiral Howard L. Vickery, commission vice chairman, participated.

Vickery said the War Production board's new controlled materials plan has been the best thing thus far done in an effort to relieve the steel shortage.

Land said 746 victory fleet vessels were delivered into service in 1942 of which 542 were liberty ships, 62 tankers, 65 long-range standard C types, 55 cargo ships for the British, five coastal freighters, five car carriers and 15 special types.

These deliveries, he said, broke every world record for merchant ship construction.

Land said that Oregon Shipbuilding corporation at Portland led the nation in ship production with a total of 113 vessels in 1942.

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The Nazis are having difficulty meeting demands even for potatoes and vegetables. Persons recently in Germany reported it was not enough to present your potato and vegetable card, which entitles you to as much as "available," but that it was much more important to make friends with the shopkeeper. Otherwise he probably would tell you: "Sorry, I'm all sold out."

RICH EAT OUT
A Swedish woman who recently came from Germany told the United Press it was weeks before she had become sufficiently friendly with a shopkeeper to get vegetables. If you are rich enough, you do not bother the grocer and butcher, but eat in a restaurant where

you can get at least the amount of meat—about three-quarters of a pound per week—to which you are entitled.

But, the woman added, you must arrive early or you will not find a place—all restaurants are overcrowded—or the meat dishes will have been exhausted.

The Nazis, under Reichsmarschal Herman Goering's cynical slogan that "whatever happens elsewhere (in occupied Europe) Germans will not starve," have exerted themselves to maintain the food front at a subsistence level. For morale, at Christmas they announced a few extra rations, including seven ounces of meat, small additional allotments of vegetables, bread, flour and margarine and two ounces of ersatz coffee made from grain or tea made from dried apple leaves.

The big treat was an allotment of a half-bottle of German brandy for each adult to go with reduced quantities of watery, weak beer. War workers were granted an extra ration of cheap wine.

FEED MANY ALIENS
The Reich is trying to feed between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 foreign workers and war prisoners working on farms. It also is