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500,000 NAZIS FLEE IN RUSSIA

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 6.—The new year is over, but no one seems to know it yet.

Circumstances surrounding the assembling of this new congress (formed by the critical results of the last election) show that the political program of the past ten years has come to the end of full popular approval. It may take a long time for those election results to work out in governmental action, but it is not too much to expect that the end of an era is nigh.

The removal of Leon Henderson and the unsuccessful efforts which Mr. Roosevelt made a few weeks ago to revise his cabinet, were but the first steps toward a political reorganization and readjustment of the government to popular electoral opinion. The situation calls for stronger and further steps along the same line, and Mr. Roosevelt will no doubt take them, for that has been his way.

Meanwhile, this critical congress will institute numerous committee investigations of various phases of the war effort and its local political side-shows. Waste of money is likely to be exposed in certain quarters as well as incompetency. Whatever part of the administration house that Mr. Roosevelt does not clean, congress certainly will.

THE various economic-war bureaus, however, have been so thoroughly infiltrated by the bright young men of new deal men that a change at the top (Brown and Henderson, for instance) will make no difference. Even ex-Justice Jimmie Byrnes, in his new economic control organization, is virtually surrounded by men of this type.

Three of his top four advisers are Ben Cohen, of the old Cohen-Corcoran team of hottest new dealers; Justice Felix Frankfurter's secretary, Edward F. Prichard, and Sam Lubell. These are the men who make the decisions that are

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WORK RESUMED IN BIG FORD PLANT

Detroit, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Full production was resumed today at the giant River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor company after striking maintenance men heeded their union officials' plea to "remember our pledge to the boys on Guadalcanal" and ended their 23-hour walkout.

The strike, described as unauthorized by the executive board of Local 600, United Automobile Workers of America (CIO), was called off late yesterday when a back-to-work order was issued by Paul Ste. Marie, president of the local.

MAIDEN SPEECH
Washington, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Rep. Will Rogers, D., Calif., son of the famous humorist, made his maiden speech before the house today. At 3:05 p. m., Rogers rose and said: "Mr. Speaker, I move the house do now adjourn."

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTER

Hob Deuel, retiring city mayor, enjoying a back seat at city council session after a strenuous two years as head of city government for busy Medford.

Tom Brailey and Harvey Field hard at work at city council business and smoking good smelling cigars.

COSSACKS LEAD EFFORT TO CUT FUGITIVES DOWN

Germans Blow Up Bridges,
Mine Roads in Desperate
Attempt to Escape.

By United Press
Routed axis forces fled in disorderly retreat before the advancing Russians in the Caucasus today.

Hard-riding Cossacks slashed at their flanks as the Germans and their allies attempted to escape from the resurgent Russian forces west of Moscow. The Germans were blowing up bridges and mining roads in a desperate attempt to escape annihilation.

London reports said at least 500,000 axis troops were in full retreat in Russia. The Soviets fanned out from Prokhladnenski in an attempt to annihilate the enemy. The Cossacks led the red army charge, followed closely by tank units and infantry ready for mopping up duty.

Africa Picture Bright
The war picture was brighter for the United Nations in North Africa as well as on the snow-swept Russian front.

British troops held a hill position approximately 30 miles southwest of Bizerte. They won their new position after a dawn attack yesterday on a strong German entrenchment. They now were in position to move up reinforcements across Tunisia's northeastern tip for further assaults against the axis perimeter defenses of Bizerte and Tunis.

On the other end of the African battlefield, the British eighth army imperially stabbed at axis defenses around Misurata, 125 miles east of Tripoli, where Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was expected to make a stand. Italian rear guards had evacuated Buqat El Haun, 75 miles east of Misurata, Radio Morocco reported, and had entrenched behind the Wadi Zem Zem on a 28-mile front.

FRENCH PRESIDENT FLEES TO AFRICA

New York, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—The fighting French Brazzaville radio, heard by the FCC, reported today in a broadcast to France and the French empire that Albert Lebrun, president of France, had arrived in North Africa.

Lebrun escaped to Africa from the occupied zone of France, the broadcast said. "It will be remembered that a short time ago it had been announced that President Lebrun had escaped from his property in Lorraine," Brazzaville said.

Lebrun, 71, was elected president of France in 1932 and re-elected for a second seven-year term April 5, 1939, five months before the war broke out. His term had nearly six years more to run when France collapsed in 1940 and the Vichyites deposed him and other republican leaders.

SIX LIVES LOST IN BLAZE, PANIC

Chicago, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Fire enveloped a crowded recreation parlor today, bringing quick death to six men, seriously burning 35 others and driving the remaining 300 patrons in panic through doors and shattered windows.

Hospitals said five of the injured were in critical condition. More than 100 were treated for shock and minor burns. Fire burst like an explosion across varnished and highly-flammable bowling alleys with only a moment's notice.

Five attempted to find refuge in a washroom and their crumpled bodies were found there three hours later. A sixth body, that of Janitor Joseph Bingham, 41, was found in the center of the building.

War Bulletins

London, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—British units, driving the Germans from hill positions dominating the Allied lines in northeastern Tunisia, have captured Djebel Assag and other points about 15 miles west of Mateur, an Allied communique disclosed today.

London, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—The German-controlled Radio Paris, quoting reports from Australia, said today that the largest Japanese fleet yet seen in the southwest Pacific had been sighted north of New Guinea. Japanese submarines have been sighted off the Australian coast, the report added.

RAYBURN ELECTED TO SPEAKERSHIP BY CLOSE MARGIN

The Lineup

Washington, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Here's the lineup of the 78th congress:

House—Democrats, 222; Republicans, 208; American Labor party, 1; Progressives, 3; vacancy, 1.

Senate—Democrats, 57; Republicans, 38; Progressive, 1.

Two years ago, when the 77th congress convened, the house classification was: Democrats, 287; Republicans, 162; other parties, 6. In the senate, there were 68 Democrats, 28 Republicans, one Progressive and one Independent.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—The 78th congress convened at noon today and the house promptly re-elected Democrat Sam Rayburn of Texas as its speaker—but by the closest speakership vote since Democrats took control of the chamber in 1931.

Rayburn received 217 votes against 206 votes for Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, the Republican nominee for speaker. Martin automatically became Republican leader again.

Bureaucracy Foe
The 78th congress already was winning a different character than did its recent predecessors. Elected by a nation at war the new congress already was pledged by its leader—Democrat as well as Republican—to fight "arrogant bureaucracy."

The margin of Rayburn's victory—11 votes—was exactly the same as that by which Democrats took the house organization from the Republicans in 1931. At that time Democrats elected John Nance Garner as speaker by a vote of 218 to 207.

MUNDA SHELLED BY TASK FORCE

Washington, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—The navy announced today that a U. S. task force of surface units has successfully bombarded the Japanese airfield at Munda on New Georgia Island in the Solomons.

American air forces also have knocked down seven more enemy planes.

On Jan. 5, which rounded out a busy day for American forces in the Solomons, air forces also scored a bomb hit on a Japanese transport in the Shortland Island area.

During the same day, the communique said, 84 Japanese were killed in mopping up operations on land in the Mount Austin sector on Guadalcanal Island.

Radio Highlights

Washington, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt will make a radio address over all major networks on Jan. 12, farm mobilization day, the agriculture department announced today.

Mr. Roosevelt will speak between 1 and 1:31 p. m. (PWT), launching a nationwide drive to enlist every farmer in the 1943 food production program.

MEEKER PRESIDES AT FIRST COUNCIL MEETING OF YEAR

New Mayor Praises Administration of Predecessor;
Deuel Thanks Council.

C. A. Meeker took over the gavel as mayor of Medford last night at city council meeting in the city hall and pledged himself to the responsibility of his office in meeting and solving the problems coming before the council during the year. He said that "retiring Mayor H. S. Deuel has given something to the city during his term in public office that will live through the years to come."

Mayor Meeker stated that the city truly appreciates what Mr. Deuel had done as mayor and speaking of the council for 1943 he expressed hope that "we can carry on equally as well. Many people do not realize the amount of sacrifice and work done by the mayor and council and the time devoted, and on the part of the council and the residents of Medford we want you to feel that your work and time from private business have been appreciated."

Deuel Lauds Aides

In retiring from the office of mayor, Mr. Deuel said that he left the chair with a feeling of regret and relief and a feeling of confidence that it will be well occupied. He said that the incoming mayor had a splendid body of men to work with and will find the same cooperation as he had experienced during his term of office.

"I want you to know that the eight years I have been in public office have been pleasant and interesting and the last two years have been the most occupied with interest and had it not been for the able and ready efforts of members of the council all the problems could not have been handled so well." He referred to the many problems which had come to the attention of the council in connection with construction of Camp White and the population influx.

He stated that the city was in a good financial position and he looked forward to the time in the not too distant future when the city water department would be self-sustaining.

Reports Heard

Routine reports from various city departments were heard. The council recommended the sale of a lot, 100x50 feet, located

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Takes Gavel



C. A. Meeker (above) who assumed office last night as mayor of Medford at the city council's first meeting of the new year. He succeeds H. S. Deuel who had served as mayor for two years and six years as a councilman.

C OF C MEMBERS TO HEAR LAWSHE

Ben B. Lawshe, Washington, D. C., manager of the commercial organizations division of the National Chamber of Commerce, will speak here Friday evening of this week at a joint meeting of the Ashland and Medford Chambers of Commerce. The meeting is to be at 7:30 o'clock in the basement of the Medford Hotel.

"Business and War" will be the theme of Mr. Lawshe's talk. According to Frank Hull, secretary of the local chamber, Mr. Lawshe is considered one of the best informed men in the National Chamber of Commerce and is an excellent speaker. All business men and others are invited to attend.

NON-ESSENTIAL MOTORING OUT

Washington, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Price and Ration Administrator Leon Henderson today banned all pleasure and non-essential motoring in 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia, effective at noon tomorrow.

The office of price administration at the same time revealed substantial cuts will be made in 24 hours in fuel oil heating rations of all buildings in the east except those used for residential purposes.

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NURSERY SCHOOLS GRANTED \$12,163 FOR MAINTENANCE

Medford Institutions Assured
Continuance by Receipt
Of Government Finance.

A grant of \$12,163 for operation and maintenance of three nursery schools in Medford was made yesterday by the Federal Works Administration according to a wire received by the Mail-Tribune from Rufus C. Holman, United States senator for this district. Two schools are already being operated in the basement of the First Christian church on South Oakdale street and the grant will make a third possible if the need is found. The schools are for the children of working mothers.

Administration of the nursery schools will shift to the public school system under provisions of the grant and will come under the supervision of E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of Medford city schools. Presently the school is administered by a council of representative men and women of the city and headed by the Rev. R. W. Coleman.

Available Now

Money from the grant is available from January 1 and will cover the period until June 30, according to Senator Holman. The schools have been operating under WPA funds and the change was made necessary by dissolving of WPA by President Roosevelt. Funds for nursery schools of this type are granted under the provisions of the Lanham act which set aside money for projects of various types in defense areas. The Rev. Coleman stated today that the Medford schools were the first in Oregon to be granted money under the Lanham act.

Improved service in the schools will be made possible by the grant, the minister said. He pointed out that in anticipation of the grant the council had some time ago worked out a sliding scale of fees based on income of the parents and that many children were cared for for a very small sum.

May Care for More
Additional pupils may now be cared for also, Rev. Coleman said, and stated that applications could be made at once. Another feature made possible by the funds will be extension of health supervision of the children, he said. The two schools now have an enrollment of 35 children.

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Rose Bowl Fans With B, C Cards Anger Rationer

Los Angeles, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Because "thousands" of B and C gas ration stickers were stuck on the Rose Bowl game New Year's day, state rationing officer Paul Barksdale D'Orr announced today he has asked a federal ban on major sports in California for the duration.

D'Orr's action followed receipt of increasingly numerous complaints about the number of B and C coupon holders who attended the grid classic, and official disclosure that despite gas rationing, Rose Bowl traffic New Year's day was the heaviest in its history.

NINE JAP SHIPS SUNK BY ALLIES IN RABAU RAID

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Allied planes, in a shattering blow at a new Japanese invasion fleet, have sunk nine and probably 10 ships, totaling more than 50,000 tons, at Rabaul, in New Britain island, it was announced today.

Striking at a moment when Australia was fearful of a major Japanese offensive, possibly even against this continent, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's giant consolidated Liberator and Boeing Flying Fortress bombers attacked the Japanese fleet concentration in two waves.

They planted 1,000-pound bombs on eight supply ships and transports, a destroyer tender and a destroyer tied alongside it. The bombers, raiding without fighter escort, shot down six Japanese fighter planes which tried to intercept them.

Only one bomber was missing when the communique announcing the raid, possibly the most successful in the southwest Pacific campaign, was issued.

For two days, Australian government and other sources have been expressing fears of new Japanese aggression, asserting that a powerful Japanese fleet was assembling at Rabaul, Japan's biggest base in the southwest Pacific, lying 900 miles south of its own Truk Islands base.

GALLAGHER HEADS S. O.

New York, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—R. W. Gallagher was elected president and chief executive officer of the Standard Oil company (N. J.) today succeeding the late W. S. Farish.

M'ALLISTER SEES POSSIBILITY OF INCOME TAX CUT

Medford Man Slated for
Speakership, Gives Views
On Departure for Session.

There is a distinct possibility that the state legislature may be able to reduce the rate of the state income tax at the session which opens Monday according to William M. McAllister, Medford attorney, member of the house of representatives, slated to be the next speaker. McAllister, who left this morning for Salem to attend the 1943 session of the state's governing body, yesterday discussed important measures which will probably come before the legislature and stated that the state's coming financial program would probably constitute the biggest problem to be handled.

"War has increased the income of the state, mainly through increased collections on the state income tax," McAllister said, and added that the cost of governing the state had risen also. In this respect he said that many employees of the state had gone into higher paid employment. There is little possibility of any new tax being introduced, he said, unless the issue of the sales tax is revived.

School Tax Faulty

An amendment to the recently passed school tax bill is sure to be introduced according to Mr. McAllister. This bill, providing that any money in excess of seven and three-quarter million dollars collected from state income taxes should be distributed to school districts, was passed on the premise that it would reduce real property taxes, McAllister said, but it is now thought this would not be accomplished. "The bill was poorly drawn and the people who sponsored it are now working to have it amended," Mr. McAllister stated.

A fight is likely to develop over the state's unemployment compensation set-up, the legislator said. He pointed out that a merit rating system had been worked out under which the amount paid into the fund by employers was lowered under certain conditions and that employers of the state, noting that more than \$28,000,000 has accumulated in the fund, will probably want the rate made still lower. Labor factors will probably work to have the merit rating system discarded entirely and thereby build up a large fund to draw unemployment compensation against in future years.

Early End Possible

"Everything possible will doubtless be done to alleviate conditions at the state hospitals for the insane," Mr. McAllister commented. He pointed out that the last legislature appropriated in excess of \$300,000 for a new building for these institutions but that due to conditions material for its construction was unobtainable. Mr. McAllister is of the opinion that a more adequate staff with higher salaries will probably be provided for the institutions.

Possibility of the session ending on the allotted 50-day period was discussed by Mr. McAllister, who said that if elected speaker he would make an effort to wind up the session on time. The last three sessions have averaged more than 60 days each in length. Beginning with this session, members will be paid at the rate of \$8 a day for 50 days instead of the former \$3 for 40 days paid for many years.

Others Going

Other Jackson county legislators are Earl T. Newberry and Fred Homes, Ashland, the latter having recently been named by the county court to serve in place of Frank VanDyke, who entered the army after his election last fall. The 1943 session opens Monday, with a joint meeting of representatives and senators in the afternoon, at which time Earl Snell will be inaugurated as the state's governor.

Washington and Oregon produce about 25 per cent of the national timber supply.

Germans Now Get What Luftwaffe Attempted to Give Great Britain

(Editor's note: In recent weeks the United Press staff in Europe has culled every available source of information on what is happening inside Germany with a view to making a report on the outside world. The following dispatch, third of a series, deals with the effect the RAF bombings have had on the Reich.)

By Joe Alex Morris

United Press Foreign Editor
London, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Germany is getting what Marshal Hermann Goering's air force tried to give Britain. The blitz is working in reverse, battering the German war machine, disrupting production and hastening the disintegration of civilian morale in the Reich.

But nobody, least of all the Royal Air Force, believes that Germany has been smashed by the bombing she has received. That is the program for the future. A half dozen main targets in Germany have been attacked more than 400 times and such places as Rostock have been heavily damaged by concentrated raids.

Photographs Tell

The most reliable guide to damage done to German cities is the RAF aerial photographic

service. Pictures show that between 200 and 600 acres in such cities as Cologne, Dusseldorf, Mainz and Rostock have been devastated. When the RAF uses the word "devastated," it means that more than 65 per cent of the buildings in the area have been destroyed.

Photographs show that block after block of buildings in Cologne, Luebeck, Osnabrueck and Essen are nothing but shells. There are many burned factories which the RAF is careful to bomb again as soon as repairs have been almost completed.

Frontier reports show that the Germans make a determined attempt to keep the news of this destruction from the people. Germans must obtain special permission before they are allowed to visit such bomb-stricken cities as Cologne and Dusseldorf.

The German propaganda line now is to attempt to foster hatred against the British for the bombing destruction. The propagandists emphasize that the people are now fighting for their existence and in line with that policy the name of the anti-air defense organization has been changed. It used to be "Luftschutz"—air defense. Now

It is "Selbstschutz"—self defense.

Effects Are Listed

In broad terms, here are some of the effects of the RAF raids:
1. Swedish reports say coal production in the Ruhr has fallen off which in turn reduces steel production and that repair work has consumed a tremendous part of German's war energy.

2. German morale in the bombed areas is wobbly. A Swiss correspondent wrote that inhabitants of the Rhineland seemed "obsessed by the horrors of bombardment." Even the German radio after the September raid on Duisburg described the situation this way: "Last night the men and women of Duisburg trembled, their faces were lined and haggard and their words bore witness to their terror."

3. Between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 persons—many of them eligible for front line duty—are tied down as members of the "self defense organization." Later, however, the demand for additional troops has increased so much that workers have been taken out of factories to man the anti-aircraft units and the men released have gone to war.

4. Actual physical damage can

be summarized as follows:

Duisburg—One of the largest steel works in Germany has been out of operation since July; Cologne—bombed 110 times and about one-third of the city is in ruins including an area one mile by a mile and a half which included the industrial section; Mainz—the Germans have acknowledged that the older part of the city has been ruined with seven of 10 houses wrecked; Hamburg—raided 93 times with submarine construction plants and port facilities heavily damaged; Bremen—raided 101 times, including one 1,000-plane raid, factory area so devastated that the Focke-Wulf four-engine aircraft works has been moved farther east; Karlsruhe—270 acres of the factory are devastated; Rostock—Heinkel airplane factory knocked out; Luebeck—Germans acknowledge 40 per cent of the town has been devastated; Aachen—railroad marshaling yards and one-third of the town ruined.

The indirect effect of the bombings shows on the nation's transportation system, particularly railroads. The railroads in Germany still run, an authoritative source said, but they are able now to take care of only 40 per cent of the normal civilian needs.