

Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 51. Lowest this morning 32. Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0.

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REDS REGAIN INITIATIVE AT KIEV

Aftermath of California's 'Big Breeze'



After California's latest "big breeze," in which winds reaching 70 miles an hour caused millions of dollars of damage through coastal areas, tractors were called to the rescue of small fishing craft that were tossed high and dry on this Monterey beach.

MASSED GERMANS FINALLY STOPPED IN LONG BATTLE

Soviets Charge Out of Positions to Recapture Several Villages Near Malin.

Moscow, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The Red army has regained the initiative in the Kiev salient, not only stopping massed German forces but recovering some lost ground, after a crucial battle of nearly a month which cost the Nazis more than 1,000 tanks, Soviet front reports said today.

Suddenly reversing the eastward trend of the fighting west of Kiev, the Russians charged out of their defense positions and recaptured several villages southwest of Malin, 58 miles beyond the Ukrainian capital.

Comeback Unlikely

Though it would be premature to say that all danger to Kiev had been averted by the developments of the last two days, there was every indication that the Germans would be unable to repeat their exploit last spring when they countered a Russian offensive to reclaim Kharkov and much of the Donets basin.

The reports of limited Soviet successes on the rim of the Kiev bulge said the scale and intensity of the German attacks had waned, doubtless because of their tremendous losses suffered since Nov. 19 when the all out effort was launched to throw the Russians back to the Dnieper and recapture Kiev.

Along the middle reaches of the Dnieper, Gen. Ivan Sm Konev drove into the outskirts of Kirovograd, German-held industrial, military and rail center, while his right wing advanced beyond Chigirin, midway between Kremenchug and Cherkass.

YANKEE BOMBERS RETURN TO WORK OF BASHING NAZIS

London, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—American heavy bombers raided northwest Germany for the second time in three days today and Marauder mediums attacked the Schiphol airbase at Amsterdam, putting the Eighth air force back on a full schedule after a lengthy lull enforced by bad weather.

The daylight raids by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker's planes followed a night sortie over Germany by plywood Mosquito bombers of the Royal Air Force, the third in three nights.

Fighters Go Along The four-motored bombers were accompanied by fighters flying today, as was the fleet of Flying Fortresses and Liberators, which carried out one of the heaviest daylight raids of the war Saturday on Emden, in which the Nazis lost 138 planes.

RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfire fighters escorted the Marauder medium bombers in the attack on the main Amsterdam airbase. Observers on the southeast coast of England at mid-afternoon saw a good sized force of Allied planes flying eastward, their vapor trails in the haze marking a course toward Boulogne on the French shore.

SHADY COVE BOY KILLED IN ACTION

Staff Sgt. Howard Coffin, Shady Cove, is listed as one of three Oregon men killed in action in the Southwest Pacific war theatre according to a release of the war department last week. Listed as next of kin was his father Virgil B. Coffin, Star Route, Box 19, Shady Cove.

Russia and Czechoslovakia Sign Pact; Invite Poland to Join Cordon Sanitaire

U.S. LONG TOMS SCATTER GERMAN CONCENTRATIONS

Enemy's Attempt to Mass For Counter-Attack at Mignano Gap Frustrated.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Heavy American field guns have blasted a German attempt to muster strength for a counterattack designed to drive the fifth army from mountains north of Mignano Gap and the main road to Rome, official reports disclosed today. Massed fire from 155-millimeter "Long Tom" rifles and Howitzers and 105-millimeter field pieces shattered the German concentration and dispersed its reinforcements before the assault could get underway southwest of Filignano.

Concern Shown

Only 24 hours before, a German attack was repulsed by a determined American stand in the Mount Samucro heights just north of Mignano. The latest effort betrayed German concern over a possible flanking thrust by American forces from the 3,000-foot mountains toward Cassino.

Northwest of Filignano, other American forces cut up a strong German patrol thrust apparently intended as a diversion.

On the Adriatic end of the Italian front Canadian troops of the British eighth army captured heights commanding the town of Ortona, threatening to collapse German defenses on a 15-mile front running inland from the Adriatic to the 5,000-foot Mafella mountains.

Soggy weather had closed down again on the entire Italian front, official reports showed, and, combined with stiff German resistance, slowed the fighting.

(The Moscow radio, heard in London, said Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery had launched a general offensive toward Pescara and Chieti, eight to 12 miles beyond his army's present front line in Italy.)

Bad weather cut down aerial operations yesterday.

YANKEE HUSBANDS TERMED INEXPERT

Monterey, Cal., Dec. 13.—(U.P.) The sex life of American women, and consequently the institution of marriage, has been endangered by inept love-making on the part of American husbands, Dr. Rudolph von Urban, Monterey county psychologist, testified today at his trial on charges of practicing medicine without a license.

"Many American husbands are not experts in love," added to this, he said, are the "sexual taboos" against which he has crusaded in his capacity as sexologist and former associate of the Vienna psychoanalyst, Sigmund Freud.

INTRUDER KILLS PHYSICIAN, SELF

Los Angeles, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Dr. Verne C. Hunt, prominent physician, was killed today by a mysterious stranger who stalked into his office, demanded "Why didn't you operate on me?" shot the doctor twice through the heart and then killed himself.

POLICY ON JAPS UNCHANGED SAYS LT. GEN. EMMONS

Defense Commander Reveals Only 16 of Jap Ancestry Allowed to Return.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commanding general of the western defense command, announced today that only 16 additional persons of Japanese ancestry have been admitted to the Pacific coastal area during the past three months and "none of these threaten national security."

Apparently replying to published reports that some Japanese evacuees have been permitted to return to coastal areas, Gen. Emmons said "There has been no change in the policy which has been in effect for many months."

Unquestioned Loyalty

"During the past three months," he said, "only 16 additional persons of Japanese ancestry have been admitted to the coastal area."

"All of these were mixed blood or mixed marriage cases, and are the wives or children of persons of unquestioned loyalty. None threaten in any way national security."

A California state senate committee, investigating the Tule Lake segregation center for disloyal Japanese, appealed to President Roosevelt to prevent resettlement of any Japanese evacuated on the Pacific coast during the war, warning such resettlement would lead to "violence and bloodshed."

TWO SLAPPINGS ONLY INSTANCES

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported to the senate today that the two slapping incidents already reported in the press appeared to be only instances in which Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., has physically mistreated soldiers under his command in the Mediterranean theater of war.

Stimson reported, however, that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had informed him that Patton had reportedly "spoken threateningly and with undue harshness" to a soldier for failing to wear leggings.

He said that Eisenhower had reiterated, however, that none of these incidents has affected Patton's standing as a tactical leader whose men would follow him into battle.

Japs Halt Internee Trades Until Investigation Made

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The Japanese government has refused to exchange any more Allied internees held in the far east until Spanish diplomats investigate conditions in the internment and relocation camps for Japanese and Japanese-Americans in this country, it was learned today.

The Spanish diplomats represented Japan here.

The Japanese, it was said, are particularly anxious for a report on conditions at the Tule Lake, Cal., internment camps where alien Japanese and disloyal Japanese-Americans are held. There were several riots there last month. A Dies sub-committee has been investigating the disturbances.

Practice Questioned



Dr. Rudolph von Urban, above, Monterey, Calif., psychologist, is shown during his trial on charges of practicing medicine without a license. During early stages of the trial, two University of California neurologists came to his defense in naming Dr. von Urban as "probably the best man on the coast" to handle mental and sexual disturbances.

WHISKY CARGO IS SEIZED HERE BY STATE INSPECTOR

Sydney Marvin Sill of San Francisco, charged with possession of alcoholic liquor not procured by or through the Oregon Liquor Control commission, is scheduled to appear in justice court today to enter a plea.

He is held in the county jail in lieu of \$1,000 bonds. He was arrested late Saturday.

Sill, according to the sheriff's office was shipping by truck 69 cases of whiskey labeled "Cedar Brook," to Seattle. The liquor was held in a local warehouse awaiting re-shipment to Seattle. The authorities allege Sill attempted to change the stamps on the cases and hide the identity of the contents.

A state liquor commission inspector contacted Sill at the warehouse. Sill, it is said, refused to sell a case. Afterwards he was placed under arrest. He told the authorities he was taking the whiskey to his brother-in-law in Seattle as a Christmas present. It is held by the State Liquor commission as contraband, upon which no state liquor tax has been paid.

QUIZ KIDS TRAVEL

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Radio "Quiz Kids" were en route to Chicago today after concluding a week of war bond selling activities here by launching the cargo ship S. S. Archer at the Moore shipyard.

Any of the 110,000 internees can apply to return to Japan. It was understood that about 7000 of those at Tule Lake have made such applications, or are members of families for which application has been made. About 40 per cent of those interned at Tule Lake are aliens.

The United States, it was learned, will place no impediment in the way of the Spanish convention for the treatment of war prisoners, to which this country is a party, the authority to make such an investigation is given automatically to the neutral power which is looking after the interests of one belligerent in the territory of another.

MILITARY AID IS PLEDGED IN CASE OF FUTURE NEED

Signatory Nations Also Agree Not to Enter Any Alliance Directed at Other

London, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Russia and the Czechoslovak government-in-exile were bound in a 20-year defensive alliance today and Radio Moscow revealed that both states have extended a tacit invitation to Poland to join their "cordon sanitaire" against future German aggression.

The pact singled out Germany as a possible future aggressor, asserting that the two signatories would provide each other with immediate military aid in the event the Reich or any state allied with it should attempt another "drang nach Osten"—the drive to the east.

Signed in Moscow

It also pledged that neither Czechoslovakia nor Russia would enter into any alliance or coalition directed against the other.

The treaty was signed in Moscow by Czechoslovak Ambassador Zdenek Fierlinger and Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov, to become effective immediately, subject to formal ratification by both states.

Its duration was fixed at 20 years, with the provision that it will be extended for another five years if neither party announces its intention of renouncing the treaty 12 months before the original expiration date. Barring similar notice of renunciation at that time, it will be extended indefinitely for five-year periods.

CONTINUED COLD PREDICTION FOR MEDFORD REGION

The thermometer fell to 22 degrees early this morning for the second time in a week, and the forecast was for continued cold and clear tomorrow. The present period of cold, fair weather began Dec. 5 and has prevailed since, with the thermometer falling to 22 degrees the morning of Dec. 9 and again to that point this morning for the season's lows. Second coldest morning was that of Dec. 8, when the mercury fell to 24 degrees.

A warm wind Dec. 10 brought the thermometer up to 60 degrees during the afternoon but as the wind declined during the night, the mercury fell with it and a low of 27 was registered during the night.

By United Press Winter swept eastward Monday from the Great Lakes area to the seaboard states, where the weather bureau warned residents to brave themselves for zero and sub-zero temperatures tonight and tomorrow.

A 65-mile gale across the Great Lakes sunk one ship, grounded another, and is believed to have caused the wreckage of a third vessel.

WEATHER

San Francisco Bay Region, Northern California, fair today, tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 13.—Field Marshal Smuts, at Calro, called the big four meetings "the most significant conference for a hundred years."

He said they had accomplished unexpected unity among Russia, Britain, the United States and China. He urged news men not to pry into the secrets of the meeting, saying:

"You are on a knife's edge; a word dropped on the wrong side might cause great harm."

Smuts, South African premier and British cabinet member, himself had dropped some frank words right on the blade of the knife about two weeks earlier in London. They fell privately to 300 members of parliament and peers, but were later allowed to leak out.

They sounded as if here at last was a man speaking frankly his mind in a world where no one else, for one reason or another, seems to want to.

Officials naturally these days make their public statements only for propaganda or patriotic effect. That is their job. They picture conditions, not necessarily as they are, but as they think it is wise to have others believe them to be.

At London, however, Smuts freely told what a large number of British believe privately, that the comparative economic decline of Britain, the chaotic condition of France, and the rise of Russia make it advisable for Britain to consider more carefully her post-war position.

HE SUGGESTED organizing a protective wall of small democratic nations around Britain, meaning Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, to maintain themselves against post-war Russia.

These suggestions obviously disturbed British officialdom, not because they were untrue but because they were not good.

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SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Maude Brault running frantically back and forth through two rooms with a small glass, carrying water to extinguish a fire started by Guy Applewhite, while Diamond Flynn looked on and offered helpful suggestions.

Weatherman Lonnie Ball declaring he didn't care if the weather in Los Angeles was warm and sunny because the people here are nicer.

Allied "Nerves" Offensive Causes Mounting Tension In Axis Balkan Satellite Area

London, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Tension mounted throughout the Balkans today amid reports of an army peace ultimatum in Bulgaria, a purge anti-German elements in Rumania and the arrival of a Nazi "trouble-shooter" in Hungary.

European dispatches indicated the American air raid on Sofia Friday and U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull's warning that Axis satellite nations must share the consequences of Germany's defeat had spread uneasiness through the three countries.

YANKEES REPULSE JAP COUNTER BLOW ON BOUGAINVILLE

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—American troops have repulsed a small but sharp Japanese counter-attack on Bougainville and Australian forces have made new advances in New Guinea, killing 100 enemy soldiers, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said today.

The fight at Bougainville occurred last Thursday when 200 Japanese tried unsuccessfully to wedge into U. S. lines at the northeastern end of the Empress Augusta bay beachhead on the northern Solomons island.

Jap Losses Heavy

The futile attempt cost the enemy heavily, a dispatch from Admiral William F. Halsey's headquarters said, while an American patrol the same day killed 12 Japanese from a patrol of 25, losing only one man.

Australian troops on New Guinea's Huon peninsula pushed enemy forces from positions at the mouth of the Tonom river, on the coast, and Kalgia, beyond captured Bonga, which is some 11 miles from Finschhafen.

Battling in heavy rain and chasing the enemy from dugouts cut deep into mountainous terrain, the Aussies pushed a mile past the Tonom to the Sowi river mouth.

A month's lull in fighting in the Ramu river valley 150 miles northwest and inland from Finschhafen was broken by bitter patrol clashes, the communique revealed. Twenty Japanese were killed near Kesawi, 25 miles south of the enemy coastal base at Bogadjim, while Australian cavalry and Japanese patrols skirmished near Obolu, 35 miles west of Bogadjim.

ROOSEVELT AND FRANCO REPORTED IN POW-WOW

Stockholm, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The Stockholm newspaper Tidningen printed a roundabout report today that President Roosevelt met Generalissimo Francisco Franco at Gibraltar yesterday.

The dispatch, datelined Budapest and quoting an Ankara report, said the three officials discussed Spain's and Portugal's positions in the war.

DE GAULLE PROCLAIMS PROGRAM FOR MOSLEMS

Algiers, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle, president of the French Committee of National Liberation, today proclaimed full French citizenship and a broad social program for "some tens of thousands of Algerian Moslems" and a program of "renewal" for France after her liberation.

French observers regarded the program as going beyond anything offered by other nations and expected it to allay the ill-feelings among Moslems which followed the committee's recent restoration of a decree giving citizenship rights to Algerian Jews.