

COMPLACENT U. S. WARNED OF HEAVY LOSSES COMING

Half Million Casualties Within Next 90 Days Belief of Government Officials.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Top government officials, alarmed by public complacency and wishful thinking about the war, today predicted 500,000 new American casualties in the next 90 days.

If borne out by future events, this estimate—presumably based on plans for a major invasion of Europe—would mean almost the quadrupling of casualties to date.

Thus far the army, navy and marine corps have suffered 131,385 casualties—and the full scale assault upon Hitler's European fortress is yet to come.

Dark Days Ahead
The prophesy of heavy losses in the next three months was made while government officials from President Roosevelt down were attempting to get across to the public the idea that dark and costly days lie ahead.

To wishful thinkers who may be banking on an early German collapse, the nation's war leaders have this message: Victory is still far away, and in the next three months American fighting men will die, suffer wounds or



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2 cups powdered sugar
2 tablespoons rum
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Daughter Aged 3 Heaves Savings In Family Stove

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Primo Fernandez sent the remains of his family's \$110 Christmas savings—a box of powder-line ashes—to the treasury department today and hoped the government would recognize them.

Fernandez' three-year-old daughter, Virginia, who "likes bright things and didn't know any better," took the money from a purse and threw it into the family's stove.

He was captured in unprecedented numbers.

The thing that looms large in the minds of many of the highest officials, it was said, is the fear that only a military disaster—at least a severe military setback—will shock the nation into acceptance of the hard fact that victory is not in sight for the near future.

Nazi Collapse Doubtful
The men burdened with direction of the American war effort warned that there is no reason to expect repetition of the 1918 pattern of German collapse.

Nazi party discipline is behind the Germany of today, and German morale generally is much stronger than it was in 1918, they said. In this connection they pointed to official belief that bombing alone will not knock Germany out of the war, and that only a full-fledged military defeat in Europe can accomplish that objective.

The big problem worrying President Roosevelt and his top-most officials, it was said, is how to convince the public that, though victory is predictably sure, it is a long way off and this country's greatest sacrifices are yet to be made.

To Shock Public
In the next few weeks, it was understood, the public will be given unpleasant but factual evidence of what war means and will continue to mean—evidence including pictures of shell-torn Americans on the field of combat.

These photographs will not be like those the public has been permitted to see of the fight for the Gilberts, where casualties included 4,000 men killed, wounded or missing. Pictures released so far have been a glossed-over version of what really happened.

BROKE BUT HONEST
Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—George Kirk, 70-year-old penniless laborer who found a wallet containing \$548, gave it to police to return to the owner. Officers said the loss had not been reported. The water-soaked wallet was believed to belong to Raymond Scott of Roanoke, Va.

Tiny fish, scarcely an inch long, live in salt pools in Death Valley, survivors of the days when the valley was a huge lake.

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BATAAN AIR HERO DIES IN SPARING LIFE OF ANOTHER

Burbank, Cal., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Lt. Col. William E. Dyess, a gallant air fighter on Bataan and one of the first air heroes of the war, died last night in the tradition which won him a half-dozen decorations.

Dyess, 27, of Albany, Tex., who survived the savage struggle in the Philippines and escaped from a Japanese prison camp, was killed in a country back yard when he crashed his plane to save the life of an approaching motorist.

With both motors failing, Dyess was setting the speedy craft down on a paved street. He saw a car coming toward him, pulled the nose of the ship up, fell off on one wing, clipped the top of a church and plunged to the ground in a roaring mass of flame.

He wore the Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, Silver Star and two cluster group citations.

FREE CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR KIDS

Again this year, the George A. Hunt Theatres, Inc., and Medford Mail Tribune are sponsoring a free Christmas matinee at the Craterian theater for local children, it was announced today. The Christmas show has been traditional for several years.

Scheduled to begin at 10 a. m. Friday, Dec. 24, the show will feature Gene Autry in "Sierra Sue" and two Walt Disney cartoons in technicolor. An added comedy with the "Three Stooges" will also be shown.

All children of southern Oregon are invited.

Paralysis Patient From Camp White Succumbs in Lung

Eugene, Dec. 23.—Robert Struck, 24, suffering with paralysis of the breathing muscles, was rushed to an iron lung in a local hospital Monday night from Camp White, but he died Tuesday, three hours after his arrival. The soldier was accompanied by his wife on the trip from Medford.

Military authorities arrived Tuesday to take charge of the body. The attending physician said the paralysis was "a rapidly progressing thing, sometimes amenable to treatment, sometimes not." The iron lung used was that belonging to the Lane Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and located at the Sacred Heart general hospital here.

Sunday School to Give Yule Program Tomorrow Evening

The Sunday school and teachers of St. Peter's Lutheran church will give a Christmas program Friday at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of Lincoln school on North Bartlett and Maple streets. The program will be a presentation of the Savior's birth, in recitation and song. The audience will also be asked to join in singing many old familiar Christmas carols. The public is cordially invited.

Festival services will be conducted Christmas morning at 11 o'clock in the chapel on Portland avenue with special Christmas music. Chaplain Van-Husen of Camp White will occupy the pulpit.

WEATHER
Northern California.—Partly cloudy southern, cloudy northern part today; tonight and Friday; occasional light rains beginning late tonight; extreme north part; little temperature change.

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WHO'S WHO LISTS EX-MEDFORD BOY

Earl Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Uther Rogers, formerly residents of Medford, who will receive his A. B. degree from Northwest Nazarene college in June, will be listed in the 1943-44 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, according to an announcement from the publishers. The book will be released in April.

Several students from accredited colleges are selected each year by a committee, and their biographies published in the book, placed in the hands of companies which annually recruit outstanding students for employment.

Rogers graduated from Medford high school in 1940. The family made their home in Medford for several years before moving to Klamath Falls a year ago. Their last Medford address was 304 Boardman avenue, according to high school records. The Rev. Fred M. Weatherford, pastor of the local Nazarene church where Mr. Rogers was a member, reports that the young man visited here during his vacation from college in the summer of 1942, and was employed at that time by Myron-Root Packing Co.

Rogers is a member of Alpha Delta Phi athletic literary society, and has served as president of the Christian Worker's Band, vice-president of the Missionary Society, chaplain of the Men's Club and the Alpha Delta Phi, president of the Oregon State Band and assistant dean in the men's dormitory.

Giant New Bomber Being Readied to War On Japanese

Washington, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Rep. John J. Sparkman D., Ala., declared today that the aviation industry was turning out a giant new bomber—something better even than the heralded B-29 super-bomber—that would "surprise and hurt" the enemy.

Sparkman, chairman of a house military affairs subcommittee that recently toured aircraft factories, said in an interview that combat crews were

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now being trained for the new aerial weapon, and indicated that it was designed for operation especially against the Japanese.

He said most of the information gathered by his six-man committee must remain secret, but added, "I wish everybody in the country could have seen what we did."

BAY AREA FACES MEATLESS YULE

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—A meatless holiday season—save for turkeys and chickens—was the prospect for San Francisco bay area residents today as skilled packing house workers left their jobs for what one union leader described as a "prayer meeting."

The work stoppage in San Francisco and Oakland slaughterhouses, called to protest the War Labor Board's denial of an 8 1/2-cent-per-hour wage increase, prompted instructions to growers and feeders to hold their livestock because processors would be unable to handle them.

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OBSERVANCE SET

Malta Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, will hold the annual Christmas observance Saturday, Dec. 25, at 9 a. m., at the Masonic Temple in Ashland according to an announcement today by H. H. Mayberry, eminent commander. This service is held by Knights Templar all over the world at exactly the same hour.

A program of Christmas carols and toasts will be followed by breakfast served in the dining rooms of the temple. All Sir Knights and their ladies are invited to attend.

It is stated that the program will begin promptly at 9 o'clock.

SULLIVAN RESIGNS
Washington, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Matthew G. Sullivan, Rochester, N. Y., has resigned as assistant director of the war production board's printing and publishing division, chief of the division's newspaper section, and administrator of the newsprint limita-

tion order, it was announced today.

EDITOR HARP DIES
Richmond, Cal., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Charles Ellington Harp, 65, veteran newspaperman and tele-

graph editor of the Richmond Independent, died of pneumonia last night. Harp was employed by the Medford News, Medford, Ore., during the early days of L. A. Banks' ownership of that paper.

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