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Ortona Falls; Rome Airfields Bombed



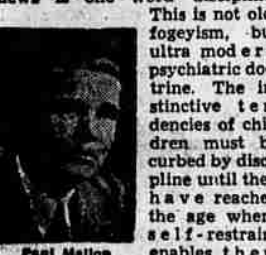
Coinciding with the fall of the Italian Adriatic base of Ortona to Canadian troops came news of the bombing of German airfields in the Rome area by American medium bombers. At San Vittore, the U. S. Fifth Army improved their mountain positions.

Nazi Communication Lines Target For Yanks in Italy

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—American bombers loosed another broadside yesterday in the longest sustained assault of the Italian campaign on German transport targets, and the Fifth army struck across the Garigliano river toward the Tyrrhenian road junction of Minturno.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The incontestable answer to all this juvenile delinquency in the news is one word—discipline.



Paul Mallon

This is not old-fashioned, but ultra modern psychiatric doctrine. The instinctive tendencies of children must be curbed by discipline until they have reached the age where self-restraint enables them to conform to social customs and to take advantage of social opportunities.

TOO many parents and children themselves erroneously believe that modernism permits free expression of their instincts. This leads to the current savage excesses of our civilization in which prostitution has been flaunted conspicuously in cities by grade school girls, thefts and crime before the age of reason have been reached, and murder of parents by children who find them troublesome.

The fault is not with modern principles, but that they are not enforced. Toleration of such popular misconceptions is the crime of our age.

I have seen, in Times Square, New York, girls barely past puberty with soldiers and sailors, not in small groups, but in droves, while police look on shaking their heads in apparent helplessness. I could break that up in 15 minutes.

Everywhere that soldiers and sailors go there are MPs. If the military police were ordered to detain and question every service man accompanying a girl of

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MURDER INDICTMENTS FACING BY CONVICTS

Oregon City, Ore., Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Walter Higgins and William Merten, two inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary serving life sentences on robbery convictions, today faced first degree murder indictments returned by the Clackamas county grand jury here late yesterday. The two men were sentenced to life terms in the state penitentiary for the robbery of a Milwaukee tavern in which Ralph Dahlan of Oak Grove was shot in the back.

SIDE GLANCES
By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Dick Meyers, USO official, been somewhat hindered in carrying on a telephone conversation by the helpful efforts of his two-year-old daughter.

Harry Hinman trying to make Audrey Davis believe that her beautiful new earrings were once part of a glass candlestick.

Adelle Hinck giving out information on the proper preparation of "Arizona strawberries" (chill beans to you).

Mighty Air Attack on French Army Believed Softener For Invasion

ALLIED PLANES SHUTTLE STRAITS WITH BOMB LOADS

Flying Fortresses Go Far Inland to Whack Paris Area—500 Bombers on Duty.

London, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—American Flying Fortresses spearheaded a mighty allied aerial assault on Germany's invasion defenses in France today, and axis radio reports indicated the giant USAAF raiders had loosed their bomb loads on the Paris area.

Swarming to the attack at daybreak, hundreds of allied bombers and fighters shuttled across the narrow Dover straits for hours in a shattering assault on the French channel coast that observers interpreted as the opening gun in an offensive to blast a path into western Europe for the Anglo-American invasion armies.

Batter Paris
Hours later, a big formation of American heavy bombers, supported by U. S. and RAF fighters, thundered out over the continent to batter a target officially identified only as in France.

The Paris radio, however, reported that allied planes raided objectives in the Paris area shortly before noon.

Allied military spokesmen maintained a tight silence about the objective of the terrific cross-channel bombing assault, which brought out one of the most impressive displays of allied aerial might ever paraded over the occupied continent.

Softener Seen.
There was every indication, however, that the long-expected bombardment to soften up Germany's Atlantic wall in preparation for the opening of a second front had begun.

Reports from the English southeast coast told of heavy cross-channel traffic under a clear sky during the first three hours of daylight. The raiders flew at all altitudes, some fighters barely clearing the waves, while other bombers were so high that only their vapor trails could be distinguished.

The weight of the bombardment of Germany's network of guns, pillboxes and other installations along the French channel coast already had surpassed that launched by the Luftwaffe against southeast England Aug. 8, 1940, in preparation for an invasion of Britain that never came off.

JAP LOSS HEAVY AT GLOUCESTER

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—U. S. marines in northwestern New Britain killed more than 500 Japanese in capturing the key Cape Gloucester airfield and 250 others in beating off counter-attacks on their flanks, it was announced today.

"Our losses were unbelievably light," Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, commanding American forces on New Britain, said in a special announcement.

The jungle veterans of Guadalcanal now the two bomb-battered air-strips with bayonet charges, tanks and artillery, Wednesday night and Thursday morning, just five days after they swarmed ashore 275 miles southwest of the Japanese bastion of Rabaul.

Boy Scout Board Names New Head

New York, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The national executive board of the Boy Scouts of America has elected Dr. George J. Fisher of Scarsdale, N. Y., national Scout commissioner to succeed the late Daniel Carter Beard, Walter W. Head of St. Louis, Scout president, announced today.

Fisher, a native of Cincinnati, O., and deputy chief Scout executive since 1919, will be installed at the annual meeting of the national Scout council in New York May 17, 1944.

Fast-Moving Reds Near Pre-War Line

London, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—A Moscow communique tonight announced the capture of Zhitomir, most vital rail junction of the northwest Ukraine, in sweeping new gains against demoralized German forces.

Moscow, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Russian mobile units which bypassed the beleaguered Ukrainian rail hub of Zhitomir to the north were reported advancing swiftly toward Novograd Volynski, only 20 miles from the prewar frontier of Poland.

Soviet field dispatches said Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's first Ukrainian army had broken the German defense front in all sectors and was sweeping triumphantly westward on an arc of nearly 200 miles.

Fierce Fighting
Fierce fighting was reported at the gates of semi-enclosed Zhitomir, where the Germans fought desperately to delay the greatest single red army advance of the war.

Field reports specifically mentioning Novograd Volynski as in the path of the Russian vanguard stampeding northwestward beyond Zhitomir said advanced elements were "within 4 miles" of the old Polish border.

(The British radio, reporting the flanking of Zhitomir, said that "if the town has not fallen yet, it can not hold out much longer." A Stockholm dispatch to London said the Germans were abandoning Zhitomir.)

EXTORTIONISTS GIVEN MAXIMUM PRISON TERMS

New York, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Federal Judge John Bright imposed maximum prison sentences on six Chicago gangsters convicted of extorting millions from the motion picture industry.

John Roselli, an army private and former husband of Movie Actress June Lang, Paul De Lucia, Louis Compagna, Charles Gloe, Frank Maritote and Phil D'Andrea, were sentenced to serve 10 years in federal prison and fined \$10,000 each.

Easier On One
Louis Kaufman, Newark, N. J., labor leader with no previous record, was sentenced to seven years imprisonment and fined \$10,000.

Judge Bright followed the recommendations of the prosecution in imposing the maximum penalty on the members of the Chicago syndicate, successor to the Al Capone mob in the rule of the Chicago underworld. The prosecution recommended eight years for Kaufman. Reducing it by one year, Bright released him on \$25,000 bail pending appeal, but remanded the others to jail.

All seven were convicted Dec. 22 by a federal court jury after an 11-week trial.

Frank Nitti, who was indicted with the racketeers last March, committed suicide in Chicago the day the indictment was returned. Ralph Pierce, also indicted, was exonerated by a directed verdict of acquittal during the trial.

Star government witness was William Bloff, who, with George E. Browne, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, was convicted in 1941 of extorting \$1,200,000 from the motion picture industry.

Bloff's testimony was that the defendants had muscled in on the movie shakedown soon after it started in Chicago and eventually had received 60 per cent of the profits.

NEW YORK PLANS EXPENSIVE BINGE

New York, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—New York will throw a \$30,000,000 binge tonight in what is expected to be its wettest, noisiest New Year's eve.

With a crowd of well over a million expected to throng the Times square-Broadway district and another million milling through the night club and restaurant areas, experts said the average cost of 6,000,000 celebrants, including those who celebrate at home, would run at least to \$5 with thousands spending 10 times that much. Most New Yorkers were expected to do their celebrating at hearthside parties.

Special police and military police were ready to handle huge crowds. Most night spots, hotels, restaurants and theaters reported standing room only.

Bullet Taken From Puppet President

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The Tokyo radio said today a bullet was extracted from the spine of Wang Ching Wei, puppet president of the Nanjing government of occupied China.

The broadcast did not disclose under what circumstances Wang was shot, but it was recalled that attempts have been made to assassinate him. Free China regards Wang as a traitor.

ARBITRATION BY F. R. IS REFUSED BY RAIL UNIONS

15 Non-Operating Brotherhoods Turn Down Chief's Proposal on Overtime.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The 15 non-operating railroad brotherhoods today turned down President Roosevelt's proposal that he be allowed to arbitrate their overtime wage demands jointly with proposed straight wage increases for four to 10 cents an hour on a sliding scale.

Union leaders last week requested that Mr. Roosevelt arbitrate the overtime pay issue but made clear that they consider the straight time question settled by the sliding scale award.

No New Strike Call

In a letter replying to an "ultimatum" from the president that they act on his arbitration proposal today, they said that to arbitrate the overtime issue together with the straight time question would be a "gross injustice and do violence to prevailing wage determination policies." They made no move toward reinstating their strike call.

The railway chiefs suggested that they were entitled to a decision on their wage demands "independent of any other considerations."

In responding to President Roosevelt's letter, which was dated Dec. 30, the union chiefs said "we do not agree to the arbitration of our request for overtime after 40 hours per week on the basis you propose."

New Criteria
"We regard your suggestions as introducing a new criteria in wage rate determinations under the act of Oct. 2, 1942," (the stabilization act), said the letter sent over the signature of B. M. Jewell, chairman of the non-operating brotherhood group.

"The sliding scale of wage adjustments provided by Director (Fred M.) Vinson's order of Nov. 8, 1943, were based upon substandard and inter-related job classifications criteria, and were 'consonant with the stabilization program.'"

\$15 FINE LEVIED ON DOG'S OWNER

G. R. Kirkpatrick, charged with disorderly conduct, entered a plea of guilty and was assessed \$15 and costs by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman yesterday.

Kirkpatrick owns a German police dog which bit Delmar Meyers, a mail carrier, as he was riding a bicycle by the Kirkpatrick home at 10 Newtown. The mail carrier kicked the dog and Kirkpatrick used violent language against Meyers.

Kirkpatrick explained his action by stating he would permit no one to "kick his dog around." The district attorney replied he would not be permitted to have a vicious dog biting bicyclists.

War Wounds Bring Bonus From Chiang

By United Press
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek announced today in a New Year's Day message to his troops the award of cash bonus ranging from \$50 to \$300 each for men and officers wounded in action.

The message, broadcast to the outside world by the Chungking radio and heard by government monitors in this country, commended the soldiers of the Chinese army for their seven-year struggle against an invading Japanese army.

Radio Highlights

The latter portions of the Rose Bowl game between Washington and U. S. C. will be broadcast by KMED Saturday starting at 2:45 p. m.

Elmer Davis, director of War Information will speak on "The War in the New Year," over NBC tonight at 7:45. The address, Davis' first over the air in several months, will deal with conduct of the war with emphasis on the future.

Air and Naval Invasion Chiefs



Here are General Dwight D. Eisenhower's deputies for the naval and air phases of the coming European invasion—two British veterans of renowned and long experience. Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, 51, left, has just been appointed air commander-in-chief of invasion forces, and Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, 61 next month, has been named naval commander-in-chief.

'43 Brought Heavy Setbacks Hitler Proclamation Admits

GERMAN CAPITAL BADLY DAMAGED MAYOR REVEALS

Stockholm, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Mayor Ludwig Steed of Berlin told foreign correspondents that British bombs have left the German capital "almost unrecognizable," the Nazi-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau said today while Berlin still burned from its second heaviest raid of the war.

Steed said the huge number of persons bombed out of their homes had created a serious housing shortage, but promised all "feasible measures" would be taken to cope with the situation.

The Berlin Schwarzkopfs, in an editorial quoted by the Stockholm Dagens Nyheter, reported "millions of Germans" in a now were soldiers "in the sense they possess no more than they carry in knapsacks."

London, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The virtual destruction of nine of Germany's 21 major industrial cities, the increasing role of the British Navy in the Pacific, and allied ship-building were listed today as three of the major war developments of the year end by British naval and air authorities.

The nine German cities, each with a population of more than 250,000, were devastated so seriously "that for the time being they probably will consume more than they produce," the review said.

Five other smaller cities with a total population of more than 200,000 were reported equally damaged.

CHRISTMAS VISITOR HELD ON BAD CHECKS

State police this morning arrested Boris F. Morris, 28, on a felony warrant issued in Los Angeles charging him with obtaining money under false pretense in connection with a number of alleged fictitious checks he wrote. Morris is being held in the county jail for Los Angeles police authorities, having waived extradition.

Police said that Morris was arrested at the home of his parents on a small farm near Gold Hill, with whom he was spending the Christmas-New Year holiday.

SERVICEMEN GET GAS WHILE CONVALESCING

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—Servicemen recuperating from illness or wounds received during active duty will be issued special gasoline ration stamps in traveling to or from their homes or other places of convalescence, the Office of Price Administration ruled today.

The action was taken at the request of the war and navy departments which said use of automobiles would greatly aid recovery in some cases.

ROOSEVELT COLD DEVELOPS GRIPPE

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt's head cold had developed into a case of gripple and that because of his condition, Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, had ordered him to stay in bed.

The president has been suffering from a head cold for two days, but this morning McIntire found he had a half-degree of fever. The president was ordered to remain in bed today and probably will stay there tomorrow.

His regular Friday morning press conference and afternoon cabinet meeting were cancelled.

1943 FREAK YEAR IN WEATHER BOOK

Washington, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—This has been one of the coldest, hottest, driest, wettest, and freakiest years the country ever lived through, the weather bureau reported today.

February was the driest February of recorded weather history. April in the northeast was the coldest in 30 years. May produced the worst floods in 100 years from Oklahoma to Michigan. Washington, D. C., had the driest and hottest summer of record.

Texas had an 84-mile-an-hour hurricane, accompanied by 13 inches of rain in 24 hours.

KANSAS CITY BECOMES LARGEST CATTLE MART

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—The Kansas City livestock market became the world's largest cattle and calf market in 1943, stockyards officials announced today in releasing figures which showed that receipts were more than 50,000 above the receipts at Chicago.

Kansas City cattle and calf receipts during 1943 totaled 2,401,006 head, a stockyards spokesman said. Chicago receipts were 2,350,110.

NO PAPER JAN. 2

In order to permit employees to enjoy the usual New Year holiday, and to conserve newspaper under the government's rationing program, the Mail-Tribune will not publish Sunday morning.