

# British Forces Join In Effort to Crush Greek Leftists

## COMMUNISTS LOSE CENTRAL OFFICES IN VIOLENT FIGHT

### Battle Rages In Many Sections of Athens; General Strike Holds Up Food.

Athens, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—British and Greek forces supporting the government of Premier George Papandreou opened a general assault today on rebellious EAM and leftists, and in the first onrush captured EAM headquarters and the central offices of the communist party.

The government forces seized the Yannaro building in Constitution Square, the last center of resistance by the ELAS, the military arm of the EAM, in this part of the city. The buildings fell after a violent struggle, in which an ELAS lieutenant colonel and a major were arrested.

An official announcement said the general assault aimed at suppressing the ELAS forces opened at 10:30 a. m., and by 11 a. m. the communist central offices had been occupied. Four hundred ELAS members, including some Bulgars, hoisted the white flag.

### Intense Fighting

Intense fighting raged in half a dozen sectors of Athens, with British and Greek government forces struggling to put down an uprising by the ELAS, military section of the EAM or national liberation front.

EAM headquarters surrendered after putting up only nominal resistance when the British tanks and supporting forces moved in. The offices of the EAM's youth organization, EPON, also were occupied, as were communist party headquarters. Few arms were found in the buildings.

Greek troops were deployed across Amalia avenue, apparently to meet any ELAS troops trying to move in from that direction.

Hurrying pedestrians were accustomed themselves to ducking around street corners as the adversaries exchanged shots. The general strike continued. Most families lacked meat or bread. A black market was flourishing.

## WHOLE BLOOD IS USED FOR SHOCK

### Admiral Kinkaid's Headquarters

Medical officers of the 7th fleet disclosed today that the use of large quantities of whole blood, prompted by wartime emergencies, in the treatment of severe shock cases had produced highly successful results among men wounded or injured in combat.

Peacetime methods for treating shock called for injection of a pint or quart of blood and the use of larger quantities was rare. But wounded men in the southwest Pacific are being given from two to six quarts in the initial treatment and sometimes an additional two to four quarts of plasma.

## BRITISH AND POLES ON FAENZA EDGE

Rome, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—British and Polish troops of the 8th army crossed the Lamone river on a wide front south of Faenza and established a firm bridgehead which extends almost to the outskirts of the town, headquarters announced today.

North of Faenza other British units drove west from recently captured Godo and were reported engaged in heavy fighting on a line with the Lamone.

Indian troops on the right flank of the 5th army made small gains in their drive toward the main highway between Faenza and Bologna.

### HONOR OLDEST FIREMAN

Woodland, Calif., Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Herman Kuhn, 83, described as "the oldest fireman in the world" today was honored by the Woodland fire department at the conclusion of 70 years of service as an active member.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are—  
"E" Bonds .....\$317,325  
Total Sales  
**\$1,287,800**

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### Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly colder.  
Highest yesterday 43  
Lowest this morning 28  
Past 24 hours Prec. .02

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## Patton's Men Advance on 50 Mile Front; Germans Back-Pedal for Siegfried Shelter

### SARREGUEMINES, BORDER BASTION TAKEN BY STORM

#### Four More Crossings of Saar Northwest of Saarlautern—Bloody Fighting Seen.

Paris, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army stormed through two-thirds of the French-German border bastion of Sarreguemines and forced four more crossings of the Saar northwest of Saarlautern today in advances of four to seven miles on a 50-mile front.

Doughboy shocktroops stamped out all organized resistance in the section of Sarreguemines west of the Saar river despite a heavy shelling from German artillery in the heights east of the river.

#### Seven-Mile Dash

Maj. Gen. Paul W. Baade's 35th infantry division stormed Sarreguemines after a seven-mile dash over the last lap of the drive to the city. The speed of the advance indicated that the Nazis were back-pedaling for the cover of the Siegfried line along a broad Third army front.

Berlin acknowledged "bloody hand-to-hand fighting" amidst the outposts of the west wall across the Saar river on either side of Saarlautern, where front dispatches revealed the Yanks had established bridgeheads in the Saar basin proper.

#### Counters Repulsed

To the north, the American First army threw back three strong German counter attacks in the area of Bergstein, less than a mile from the Roer on the southern wing of the Cologne plain battlefield. The Germans scored initial gains of 1,000 yards, but were pushed back to their starting line by U. S. countermeasures.

Thunderbolts dropped 11,000 pounds of bombs on the Sportsplatz at Julich, the last Nazi stronghold west of the Roer river in that area. A Ninth army front dispatch said observers saw "bodies, arms, and legs blown high into the air."

The only other activity on the Ninth army front was at its north flank, where United States artillery broke up German infantry and armor concentrations near Randerath, four miles northwest of Linlich.

Flying bomb activity on the Ninth Army front slackened perceptibly.

### Jack Lowe Twins Second Pair To Be Born Here In Week

The second set of twins born in Medford in the last two days were born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lowe at the Community hospital. The twins are a boy and a girl, the boy weighing five pounds, six ounces and the girl weighing five pounds, seven ounces. The boy has been named Gerry Allen and the girl Carol Ann.

Lowe, who is employed at United Airlines in Medford, said that there is a record of twin births in his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Everham, 519 Mayette street, are the parents of the twins born Monday at the Sacred Heart hospital.

### SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Employees presenting Glenn Utz with a beautiful tin star as a reward for his successful efforts in apprehending a bad check artist.

Ken Hamner carefully caching his precious supply of cigarettes in the office safe.

George Davis cheerfully helping his competitor, Bob Rucker, hand out company calendars.

### Speaks Tonight



Geraldine Townsend Fitch will appear at the senior high school auditorium tonight at 8 p. m. in the fourth and last of a series of lectures sponsored by the Medford Rotary club. Mrs. Fitch, who lived in China for 20 years, speaks on "The New China in the New Pacific." The lecture is open to the public without charge.

### INSANE VICTIMS HOLDING 4 GUARDS

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Twenty-five desperate felons, armed with razors, knives, and clubs and barricaded with four Atlanta federal penitentiary guards held as hostages, were revealed today to be prison mental patients.

Prison officials revealed that the men, who revolted yesterday against confinement with saboteurs and spies, sent out a penciled note threatening bodily harm to the guards if an attempt were made to storm the building.

One of the fugitives was identified by Prison Director J. V. Bennett as Jack Winn, who made headlines four years ago in a two-day vigil atop the prison water tower. He is serving a five-year term for attempting to escape federal custody.

### BRITAIN ADAMANT AGAINST SFORZA

London, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Britain refused to withdraw its veto of Count Carlo Sforza as a member of the Italian government today despite the United States' call for Allied non-intervention in the Italian and, by inference, the Greek political crises.

The House of Commons will hold a full-dress debate Friday on the situation in riot-torn Greece where British troops were under orders to help the Papandreou government put down a leftist insurrection.

### Children Witness Triple Tragedy

Centralia, Ill., Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Two of the four Creps children witnessed a double slaying and a suicide last night when their father, Cecil, 35, a defense worker from Long Beach, Calif., shot his wife, Lula, 34, and her brother William S. Marshall, 53, of Centralia, and killed himself.

Chief of Police Orville T. Bounds said Billy Creps, 10, told him the shooting occurred before him and his sister, Lucille, 15, during a quarrel between his parents over a letter Mrs. Creps had received from a soldier.

### Junking Grieves Oregon's Buglar

Portland, Ore., Dec. 6—(U.P.)—The bugler who sounded the last colors on the battleship Oregon—A. L. Chitwood of Cedar-town, Ga.—arrived in Portland today and is grieved to find that his old ship has been junked.

Chitwood served six months on the Oregon during the last war, when the old battleship was on recruiting duty in 1918.

### CHIANG AND REDS EXCHANGE OFFERS FOR COOPERATION

#### Agreement May Be Within Sight Is Chungking Report—Atmosphere Is Calm.

Chungking, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's central government and the communist Chinese party centered at Yenan have exchanged proposals for settlement of their long-standing differences, Minister of Information Dr. Wang Shih Chieh disclosed today.

Dr. Wang said details of the new negotiations could not be revealed while discussions were under way. But the tone of his statement implied the situation was approaching a stage where an agreement may be within sight.

Chow En Lai, communist representative in the negotiations, presently is awaiting favorable flying weather to return to Yenan with a report to communist headquarters.

#### Optimism Reigns

It was one of the most optimistic statements on the communist situation here in months.

"One of the most encouraging signs," said Dr. Wang, "is that the atmosphere now is more calm, and that there has been a marked diminution of recriminations on either side."

The communist newspaper New China Daily reported yesterday that guerrillas in central China has extended their sphere of operations to the Tunking lake regions of northern Hunan province, starting point of the big Japanese drive that now has engulfed large and important areas of south central China.

#### Investia Skeptical

(Last Saturday the official soviet government newspaper Izvestia denounced "reactionaries and capitulationists" in the Chinese government and high command, and charged that Chungking's refusal to cooperate with the Chinese communists was directly responsible for the recent Japanese successes in China.)

(Izvestia termed Generalissimo Chiang's recent cabinet "shake-up" a "meaningless gesture.")

### CITY LOT SALES GIVEN APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

The following city lot sales were approved last night at the regular meeting of the City Council. Lot 4, Sutherland Terrace, was sold to H. M. North; lots 1, 2, 11, 12 in block 38, Original Town, were sold to M. H. Shook, and lots 7 and 8, block 9 and vacated East 2nd street between block 8 and 9 were sold to Deaver and McCurley.

### Mistletoe, Trees Plentiful But Girls Face Kissless Yule

By Nick Bourne  
United Press Correspondent  
Portland, Ore., Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Millions of young American girls face a kissless Christmas, a jingle bell, Christmas tree, and mistletoe market survey showed today.

There will be plenty of Christmas trees despite woodmen's sparing those trees after last year's market glut. Salvation Army lassies were approaching a seasonal peak of 18,000 jingles an hour from each set of street corner bells, but the mistletoe market was sluggish with most girls uninterested simply because there wasn't anybody left worth kissing.

J. Hofert, Seattle, Wash., "Christmas tree king" who wholesaled a third of U. S. Christmas trees last year, reported the crop normal, retail sales ready to start, and fancy prices generally ruled out after last year's debacle in which speculators, anticipating high prices, were caught with thousands of surplus trees and had to burn them.

Mistletoe, first stewed as a love potion by the Druids, was ready for the harvesting because the birds hadn't heard about the war. The birds mistletoe all year by planting seed on trees, scratching their beaks on bark, and starting the parasitical growth.

On most cities' street corners, bonneted Salvation Army lassies quickened the tempo of their "keep the pot boiling" bells, five bells to a fistful, one jingle a second, and said business was "a little better than last year."

### BUDGET REQUEST PRUNED SHARPLY BY COMMITTEE

#### Administration's Estimates Reduced 24 Per Cent by Appropriation Group.

Washington, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—The house appropriations committee, trimming administration estimates by 24 per cent, today recommended supplemental appropriations totaling \$415,324,712 for government expenditures during the current fiscal year.

A major proportion of the total was earmarked for the navy, which would receive new appropriations of \$339,126,583 in addition to contract authorizations of \$10,000,000 for its rocket production program and a re-appropriation of \$52,500,000 from surplus funds previously appropriated.

#### \$578,349,607 Sought

Budget bureau estimates had called for \$578,349,607 in new appropriations. The committee said approximately one-third of its proposed reduction resulted from diversions from expected surpluses in previous appropriations and the balance from reductions and elimination of proposed items.

Cutting a budget bureau estimate by 15 per cent, the committee recommended an appropriation of \$19,918,495 for government agencies to pay the cost of their own mail under a law passed last June 28.

#### Vet Aid Approved

It approved in full a request to spend \$17,559,000 in collecting statistics needed in connection with reconversion problems. It also recommended the appropriation of \$10,571,000 sought by the veterans' administration for the establishment of regional offices and other facilities.

The committee recommended refusal of a request for \$75,000,000 to be used by the federal security agency for loans to states and municipalities planning postwar public works projects.

### Soldiers' Payroll Stolen In England

London, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—A \$250,000 cash payroll for American troops on the western front was stolen while in transit in England, the Daily Herald said today.

The newspaper said a U. S. military police "high-up" was asked about the reported robbery yesterday and received the reply: "Yeah, you're right but we can't tell you anything about it."

Military police headquarters for the European theater said they had no comment.

### 7 Killed, 16 Injured in Airliner Crash



Seven persons were killed, 16 injured in this crash of a giant TWA airliner near Burbank, Calif., airport. The great silver ship crashed into a residential area as it approached the airport only moments after the pilot, who was killed, reported everything in order. The crash sheared off the wings and nose, grilling the wreckage under the tail. Note the two rear seats still in place after cabin was broken off at door.

### YANKEES TIGHTEN SQUEEZE ON JAPS IN LEYTE POCKET

By United Press  
American troops sogged forward over muddy, flooded trails to tighten their squeeze on the strong Japanese garrison pocketed on western Leyte island today as unconfirmed Tokyo reports said a big Allied convoy had been sighted off Mindanao in the southern Philippines.

At the same time, the Japanese, apparently stung by the increasingly heavy Superfortress raids on their capital, voiced another threat of death for captured American airmen.

#### Old Pretext

A Tokyo broadcast said Japan had notified the United States through Switzerland that she intended to punish, under international law, all enemy fliers guilty of "breaches of the established practices of warfare"—the same pretext on which a number of Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's original Tokyo raiders were executed.

There was no confirmation of the enemy report on the new Allied convoy, which Tokyo said comprised 60 to 70 transports and supply ships and 20 escorting warships.

Tokyo said the fleet was sighted east of Mindanao yesterday and that Japanese planes still were attacking today.

American and Allied planes, meanwhile, sank a Japanese destroyer and five merchant ships in Philippines and southern waters, and an American destroyer flotilla added two more enemy freighters to the toll during a night bombardment of Ormoc.

### SENATE TO PROBE APPOINTEE VIEWS

Washington, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—The senate today sent President Roosevelt's latest state department nominations back to the foreign relations committee for an exploration into the world economic views of four major appointees.

The action was taken by a vote of 37 to 27 over objections of Committee Chairman Tom Connally, D. Tex., who protested that the views of the men as individuals were unimportant because the foreign policy of the United States will be dominated, anyhow, by President Roosevelt.

### Prisoner At Bar In Long Undies

Seattle, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Generally it's a situation that occurs only in dreams—but Jeremiah Sullivan, 63, yesterday found himself standing before a crowded court—clad only in his long winter underwear.

Charged with drunkenness, Sullivan told the court the clerk at his hotel "for some reason woke me up and threw me out on the street as is."

### Crazed Pilot Buzzes Town For Hours, Dives To Death

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 6—(U.P.)—An airforce pilot crashed and killed himself today after running amok in a Mitchell bomber and spreading a terror through the skies and on the ground for four and a half hours.

The western air command said the airman, whose name was not disclosed, evaded, through "seemingly impossible maneuvers," the attempts of other planes to force him down, but finally crashed on Tilbury island.

The command said that the pilot, under training at Boundary Bay, ran amok at 5 a. m., while the city was still shrouded in darkness. For 4½ hours he "beat up" aerodromes and civilian areas in the vicinity of Vancouver, seriously jeopardizing the lives of persons on the ground, both civilian and service.

Time after time, he put the aircraft into what appeared to be impossible maneuvers, below hangar height, missing people, buildings and parked aircraft by inches.

Finally, at a height of about 1,000 feet, he appeared to half roll and dove straight into the ground on Tilbury island. He was instantly killed and the aircraft was completely wrecked.

### A. P. Appeal Mulled By Supreme Court

Washington, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—The supreme court today took under advisement appeals of the Associated Press and the Justice Department from a New York federal district court decision which held that AP's exclusive membership by-laws are illegal.

Many of the famous PT boats are plywood. Those initials could stand for "plywood terror."

### Critical Need of Munitions Told Manufacturer Meeting

New York, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—The nation's top leaders in the war effort, spearheaded by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, threw the urgent challenge to American industry today that it must mobilize more manpower immediately to provide more and more weapons for quicker victory.

Somervell, commanding general of the army service forces, in what he termed "the most important speech I have ever made," told 4,000 manufacturers attending the war and reconversion congress of American industry that 300,000 more workers are needed now to bring the lagging munitions and weapons program up to schedule. Victory against Germany and Japan, he said is in the balance.

The urgency of his words was echoed in an address by J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board who pointed to a 40 per cent lag in war production, and a joint statement by

### RUSSIANS SURGE TOWARD AUSTRIA

London, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Russian armored columns rolled unchecked through the crumpled German defenses at Lake Balaton less than 50 miles from Austrian soil today and Moscow dispatches said Nazi reinforcements were streaming up from Italy and the Balkans to join in a last-ditch fight for the southern ramparts of the reich.

In a great surge of power that drove tens of thousands of German and Hungarian troops reeling back in panicky retreat, Soviet tanks and mechanized infantry fanned out along the eastern shores of the lake on a front of more than 20 miles and hooked around the opposite corners of the 48-mile water barrier.

The German Transoceanic News agency said a massive Russian enveloping attack on Budapest from the west, south and east was in progress and asserted that "German counter-measures are in progress."

### DORSEY TRIAL FARCE AWAITS FORMAL END

Hollywood, Dec. 6—(U.P.)—District Attorney Fred N. Howser today instructed his trial deputy not to oppose a defense motion for a directed verdict of not guilty or dismissal of assault charges against Tommy Dorsey—the slip-horn man, his wife, Pat Dane, and gambler Allen Smiley, washing up the trial effort for the formality of Superior Judge Arthur Crum's granting the motion.

### Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal.

"We need more guns, more planes, more tanks and more of many types of ammunition," the secretaries' statement said.

In his address laying it on the line for the men who converted their peace time factories to forge the weapons of war, Somervell said that munitions are being used up faster in Europe and in the Pacific theater than they are being made, that 27 per cent of the war production program is today in the critical category, and that the war against Japan—after victory in Europe—will be the biggest and most expensive war ever waged. It will cost \$71,000,000,000 a year, he added.

"If I fall today to get this situation across to you and to these workers," the general said, "I will have 'ailed all America—the 12,000,000 in the armed forces and the 10 times that number on the home front."