

Bombing Of Manchuria Marks Pearl Harbor Anniversary

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Forecast: Cloudy with drizzle and fog tonight and Friday; little change in temperature.
Temp. 46
Highest yesterday 46
Lowest this morning 34
Precip. yesterday .02

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YANKEES PIERCE SIEGFRIED LINE FOR MILE GAIN

Advanced Units Now Eight Miles Inside Germany—Close In on Saarbrücken.

Paris, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—American troops penetrated the Siegfried line from a Saar river bridgehead above Saarlautern today in a forward plunge of a mile which carried advanced units eight miles inside Germany, the deepest invasion so far by the 3rd army.

Brig. Gen. James A. Van Fleet's 90th infantry division drove the 3rd army's first wedge into the vaulted Nazi Westwall in an expansion of its bridgehead across the Saar two and a half miles from Saarlautern.

Close On Saarbrücken
Other units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's army were closing on Saarbrücken, industrial capital of the Saar basin. Maj. Gen. Stafford L. Irwin's 5th "Red Diamond" division, facing the converging move against Saarbrücken, drove into Furstenhausen, three and a half miles to the west, after an advance of two miles.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. 1st army seized its first foothold on the Roer river, along which the German defense line blocked the way to Cologne. The doughboys pushed eastward several hundred yards from Bergstein, below Duren, to the west bank of the Roer.

The 8th army to the north was massed on the Roer along a broad front, and 1st army units were near it along the entire stretch between Bergstein and the 8th army sector.

United Press Correspondent Colie Small, in a dispatch from the 3rd army front, said the first penetration of the Siegfried fortifications was made by the 90th division elements after a push into the Pachtener Buchwald forest northwest of Saarlautern.

Break Acknowledged
The German radio acknowledged earlier that 3rd army forces had broken into the Westwall. Troops who had established their bridgehead across the Saar in the Saarlautern area all were in contact with the outer defense works of the fortified belt, but today's dispatch described the 90th's push as making "the first direct contact with the Siegfried line."

Elsewhere in the 3rd army area, Fort Plappeville, two miles northwest of Metz, was captured along with 14 German officers and more than 200 men. Forts Driant and Jean D'Arc were the only two in the Metz fortress system still in German hands.

JUDGE DISMISSES TRIAL OF DORSEY

Hollywood, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Superior Judge Arthur Crum today ordered dismissal of assault charges against Tommy Dorsey, the bandleader whose birthday party started it all, his glamorous wife, Pat Dane, and Gambler Allen Smiley.

Actor Jon Hall, the alleged assaulted, was not in court when Judge Crum announced his decision.

The judge's action ended nine days of one of the most weird trials in Hollywood history, with witnesses who could not remember, with the central figure, Hall, not anxious for the prosecution to proceed, and the district attorney unwilling to continue the prosecution.

SIDE GLANCES
By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Royal Bebb declaring that eating is a bad habit since it not only takes up much time but is expensive as well.

Joe Earley admitting there is something rotten not as far distant as Denmark.

New California plantings for fruits and nuts were about 3,500 acres less in 1943 than in 1942.

Refugee in a Barn



This refugee French mother and child, who fled from village of Corcieux with other families when Nazis razed town during retreat, find refuge in this barn somewhere in France. The cow seems to be taking a curious look at the child. Signal Corps photo.

LITTLE "NUBBINS" DOING FINE AFTER CRITICAL SURGERY

Denver, Colo., Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Forrest "Nubbins" Hoffman today apparently had won his hard-fought battle for life.

The tousle-haired 3-year-old Cheyenne, Wyo., boy for whom a special Christmas was held 19 days ago after death had been termed only a matter of time, underwent an operation at Mercy hospital here early this morning, and his physician reported that the child was "getting along fine."

"The only thing he is complaining about is that he didn't get any breakfast," the specialist said, as he reported that Nubbins was back in his bed within 15 minutes after surgery.

The doctor said that the diagnosis of an obstruction at the neck of the bladder had proved correct, and that the operation of removing the growth was a simple one.

At Nubbins' bedside was his mother, Mrs. Marshall H. Hoffman, who had nervously paced the corridor outside the operating room.

"This is the happiest day of my life," said Mrs. Hoffman after she was informed of her son's condition.

LOAD MORE FREIGHT
Washington, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended December 2 totaled 808,260 cars, a gain of 3,530 cars over the previous week when they reached a new low since July 8, the Association of American Railroads disclosed today.

By Joseph L. Myler
—United Press Correspondent—
Washington, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—The United States began its fourth year of war today.

It was confident that gigantic offensives now in progress or preparation will produce victory but still did not know when that victory will come in either major theater or how much more it will cost in blood and treasure.

125,000 Killed
The blood cost thus far has been nearly 125,000 Americans killed and a total of approximately 550,000 U. S. combat casualties. The cost of treasure has been \$229,388,000,000, the sum of defense and war spending from July 1, 1940, through Nov. 30, 1944.

U. S. war leaders are agreed that 1945 should see Germany crushed. But they do not know when in 1945 the triumph will come; all they are certain of is that the United Nations face a still deadly and fanatically determined foe in Europe.

Across the Pacific, on battle lines 13,000 miles from the western front, is an even more fanatical enemy. The consensus among military men is that Japan cannot be conquered

sooner than one and a half to two years after defeat of Germany—and it may be longer than that.

Vast Outlay Remains
However long it takes to beat Japan after Germany falls, it will cost this country alone \$71,000,000,000 a year to do the job, according to an estimate by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of the army supply services.

"Ultimate victory is inevitable," President Roosevelt said in marking this day, "but in the meantime the American people must not relax for a moment their inflexible determination . . . everybody on a war job must stick to that job."

Three years after the Japanese knocked out the backbone of the U. S. Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor, the strategic outlook for the United Nations is generally good. In the west, more than 1,000,000 Allied combat troops are pressing slowly into Germany in one of the great offensives of all time while Red army hordes are driving upon the Reich from the east.

Japanese Learning
In the Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur is back in the Phil-

British War on Greek Leftists Flares Higher; 'Hands Off' Declaration by Stettinius Rankles

REBELS STRAFED BY GUNS, PLANES IN ARDITOS AREA

Athens, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—British artillery, tanks, planes, and troops smashed anew today at an estimated 10,000 ELAS leftists as the battle of Athens raged with mounting intensity.

British Beaufighters swooped low over the ELAS forces holding out on Arditos hill, raking them with cannon and machine gun fire in the second aerial strafing of the anti-government rebels today.

A pitched battle was raging at dusk in the stadium area adjacent to the Arditos hill.

Other British forces pushing 800 yards southwest of the Parthenon were trying at nightfall to clear the 450-foot Lofee Filopappou hill, where dug-in forces were firing mortars at the advancing British units.

British paratroopers fighting as infantrymen were assaulting the hill position.

British headquarters reported that Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie's forces and the Greeks supporting Premier George Papandreou had cleaned up two more square miles of Athens.

The Greek navy went into action for the first time during the crisis. A destroyer in the harbor at nearby Piraeus fired on a police station captured by the ELAS forces, killing 25 of the leftists in the station.

Athens, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Premier George Papandreou said today that as soon as the current disorders are ended, Greece will have a plebiscite on the type of government the people want.

"Roosevelt has promised the four freedoms to all the world, and that includes our people," Papandreou said at a press conference.

London, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Nine American fighter planes, instead of the 22 previously announced, are missing as a result of the Tuesday attack on Berlin and Munster, a communique said today.

VERONICA'S DIVORCE CLEARS WEDDING PATH
Hollywood, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Veronica Lake today received her final decree of divorce from Maj. John Dettie, expected to clear the way for a marriage soon to Andre De Toth, writer and director.

Her attorney, Morton Garbus, said she was anxious to get the final papers as soon as possible. She previously had announced the date of her marriage as December 31.

Youth Confesses Killing Child By Walking On Body
Davenport, Ia., Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Police Chief Reed Phillips said today that Robert Schlimmer, 20, had confessed killing two-year-old Jean Joyce Lastrietter by putting her on the floor and walking on her "because she wouldn't stop crying."

The bruised and broken body of the child was found yesterday afternoon at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Henry Schlimmer, sister-in-law of the confessed killer.

Jean's mother died when she was born and Mrs. Schlimmer has cared for her since that time. Yesterday afternoon she left the child in Schlimmer's care while she went down town.

Commons Slates Debate On Poles
London, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—The entire Polish question, presumably including the Russo-Polish boundary dispute, will be debated in the house of commons on Friday, Dec. 15, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden announced today.

Soldier Killed In Portland Street
Portland, Ore., Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Pvt. Wayne K. Jones, 30, of the 29th engineers, an army unit stationed in Portland, was killed when struck yesterday by an automobile driven by John J. Freeman, 23, of McMinnville, Ore., on a Portland street.

Freeman told officers he had been momentarily blinded by lights of oncoming traffic and was unable to see Jones, who was standing by the highway. Jones lived in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are—
"E" Bonds \$337,406
Total Sales \$1,584,714

Official Count Completed On State Ballot Measures

Salem, Ore., Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—The official canvass of votes for and against measures on the November 7 ballot was completed by the secretary of state today.

The four constitutional amendments and two bills which were passed by the voters, including the controversial Burke wine bill which limits the sale of wine over 14 per cent alcohol to state liquor stores, will become effective probably late this afternoon, following the signing of proclamations to that effect by Gov. Snell and Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr.

The official vote follows:

Measures passed	Yes	No
Bank Stockholders Liability	228,744	115,504
County Manager Amendment	175,716	154,504
Veterans' Loan Fund	190,520	178,581
Voting Privilege Restoration	183,855	156,219
Veterans' Educational Aid	238,350	135,317
Burke Wine Bill	228,953	180,158
Measures defeated:		
Sales Tax	88,697	269,276
School Support	177,153	186,976
Townsend Bill	180,691	219,981

INSANE CONVICTS GIVE UP AFTER PLAINTS PRINTED

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Twenty-five desperate felons, who barricaded themselves in a prison building at Atlanta federal penitentiary Monday night, surrendered today, thus keeping faith with a newspaper columnist who acted as a go-between.

The convicts threw down their straight-edged razors, knives and clubs, with which they had threatened four prison guards held as hostages, and filed quietly out three hours after Morgan Blake, of the Atlanta Journal, entered the prison with copies of today's paper in which he had recited complaints of the felons, told to him yesterday.

Prison authorities said the group's ring leaders gave up first and were followed out of the barricaded building by the others and by the four guards, who were weary but apparently unharmed.

Special prison cars, with police escort, took the guards home to their anxious families.

BRITISH PURSUE NAZIS IN ITALY

Rome, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—British Eighth Army forces, pursuing German troops withdrawing from the Adriatic coastal sector, advanced seven miles northwest of Ravenna to occupy the town of Mezzano on the Rimini-Ferrara railway, headquarters announced today.

The Germans blew up the main bridge over the Lamone river at Mezzano but the British units continued in contact with the enemy holding the far bank.

Headquarters said capture of Mezzano virtually ended all enemy resistance east of the Lamone.

American troops of the Fifth army on the eastern sector of their front below Bologna hammered out small gains north of Casola Valensino, nine miles southeast of Imola while patrols made contact with enemy forward positions in the central and west sectors.

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The prisoners include 305,848 Germans, 51,156 Italians, and 2,443 Japanese. They are held at 130 base camps and 295 branch camps in all sections of the country.

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The United States has built 240,000 planes, 70,000 tanks, 2,800,000 big and medium guns, 1,800,000 trucks, 15,000,000 machine guns and rifles, 43,000,000 rounds of ammunition, 43,400,000 bombs, and 4,308 merchant ships totaling 44,082,000 tons. Its 1944 food production is expected to be 33 per cent above 1940's.

Despite the loss of nearly 230 ships since the war's start, the navy now has 23 battleships, at least 17 in the Pacific; about 100 aircraft carriers, making 2,000-plane assaults tactically feasible; and thousands of lesser craft.

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In three years, the navy, by its own accounting, has "cleared the Japs from a Pacific area of 8,170,000 square miles," destroyed an aggregate of 61,000 enemy planes, 1,127,723 of them against the Japanese. They have shot down 27,000 enemy aircraft. Enemy casualties have been consistently higher than Allied. In western Europe alone, from D-Day through Nov. 30, the Allies captured 750,000 Germans, a figure indicating total German casualties in that time and theater of 1,250,000.

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FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS HALIFAX TO CONVEY PROTEST

London, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—The British government, it was reported today, has instructed Lord Halifax, British ambassador to Washington, to report to Secretary of State Edward Stettinius the "unfavorable British reaction" to Stettinius' "hands off" declaration on Italy and liberated Allied countries.

The foreign office would neither confirm nor deny that such instructions had been given Halifax, but the Yorkshire Post, published by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's family, said the directive had already gone forward.

Churchill Criticized
The barrage of criticism against Prime Minister Winston Churchill's policy in Italy, Greece and Belgium was joined by influential elements of the British press.

The Yorkshire Post, however, came to the defense of the government with a stinging attack on the Stettinius statement, particularly the manner in which it was made public instead of being conveyed to Britain through normal diplomatic channels.

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, stressing this country's hands off policy in the Greek political crisis, said today the situation in liberated Greece is one the British and Greeks should solve by working together.

Stettinius' statement following the state department's reaffirmation on Tuesday of its belief that the internal political affairs of liberated territories should be allowed to run their course without foreign interference, was taken as a notice that this country will adhere emphatically to this policy in the growing Greek crisis.

It came as signs indicated that the widely divergent views of the United States, Britain and Russia on political intervention in the liberated countries would be a top subject at the next Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill conference.

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MUKDEN, DARIEN WAR PLANTS HIT BY B-29 FORCE

Tokyo Also Reports "Few" Super-Forts Over Capital; Quake Reported in Pacific

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Superfortresses smashed at an aircraft plant and other strategic targets at Mukden, Manchuria, today and returning crews reported 28 Japanese fighters destroyed, 13 probably destroyed, and 24 damaged in air battles, the War Department announced.

One B-29 out of the large attacking force was lost to enemy action, the War Department disclosed.

By United Press
The third anniversary of Pearl Harbor was marked today for the Japanese by the crash of American bombs falling on occupied Manchuria.

At the same time, U. S. troops on Leyte island crowded in a trapped enemy garrison that Gen. Douglas MacArthur said has been cut off from all seaborne reinforcement or supply.

Quake Reported
In New York and London, seismologists reported that one of the most violent earthquakes of the century rocked the far Pacific early today—centering possibly in the Japanese home islands, the Kuriles, or in the Aleutians. Tokyo broadcasts made no mention of the shock.

Washington announced that a big task force of China-based Superfortresses pounded enemy war factories in Manchuria in daylight today. Enemy broadcasts identified the objectives as Mukden and Darien, and volunteered the further information that a "few" B-29s from Saipan also were over Tokyo, setting a number of fires. The Japanese intimated the latter force might be a reconnaissance mission to pave the way for a full-strength anniversary raid later in the day.

Washington did not immediately confirm the Tokyo report, and gave no details of the Manchurian attacks, which the enemy said were carried out by about 70 planes. The Japanese claimed that 11 B-29s were shot down over Manchuria and four more "probably" were destroyed.

Crack Jap Line
In the Philippines, American ground forces cracked through a strong Japanese defensive line along the Palanan river about 10 miles south of Ormoc, on the west coast of Leyte. Aided by a favorable break in the weather, the Americans were reported using their preponderant artillery and air strength on the pocketed enemy with increasingly good effect.

MacArthur's communique said U. S. naval and air forces now have established an air-tight blockade over the waters west of Ormoc, center of the remaining Japanese resistance on Leyte.

Tokyo reported without confirmation, however, that Japanese paratroopers dropped on four of MacArthur's main air strips on Leyte last night in a full-scale attempt to destroy the American air power on the island. Fighting still was in progress on the field, the enemy version said.

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