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SEVENTH ARMY RAYS INTO REICH

PATCH VETERANS INVASION THIRD UPON 'HOLY SOIL'

Gives Allies 3 Spring Boards in Germany; Threaten to Turn Siegfried Line.

With U. S. Seventh Army, France, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Three divisions of the seventh army were fighting on German soil tonight—two west of Wissembourg and one near the Rhine above Lauterbourg.

Paris, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army slashed across the German border from Alsace into the Rhenish Palatinate west of Karlsruhe today in the war's third invasion of the Reich by United States forces.

Patch's veterans of the drive across France from the Mediterranean plunged their first spearhead into Germany and drew up in the border region on a 19-mile front in a push that threatened to turn the Siegfried line at its Karlsruhe elbow.

The first frontier crossing was made in the area of Wissembourg, 19 miles west of Karlsruhe and some 10 miles west of the extreme northeastern tip of France.

The new invasion of Germany gave Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's American armies three springboards on the Nazi-styled "holy soil" of the reich—the great bridgehead carved out west of Cologne by the first and ninth armies, the foothold in the Saarland won by the third army, and now the seventh's seizure of the Palatinate territory.

Only on the seventh army front were the Americans engaged in a war of movement against the Nazis. The first army was massing on the west bank of the Roer and hammering down Nazi resistance in the outskirts of Cologne, while stiff German resistance had virtually stalled the third army push into the Saar basin.

Four months to the day after splashing ashore in southern France, the seventh army units smashed through the dumpy Vosges foothills into Germany.

A German frontier sign marked the border where the first troops of the seventh stepped onto German soil at 1:30 p. m. The Siegfried itself lies about a mile from the border in that section.

Front dispatches said that another crossing into Germany by the seventh appeared imminent or perhaps already had been achieved.

The 77th division was camped last night at the border town of Scheibenhart, two miles from the Rhine in the corner of France.

Twin columns spearing up the Rhine valley north of Seltz reached Scheibenhart during the night and were attacking near Lauterbourg at daybreak.

Strung out to the west were various seventh army spearheads or bulges comprising a virtually solid front near the border, their forward elements ready to dash north and exploit any weakness in the Siegfried defenses which the exploratory move-up might reveal.

Wooster, O., Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Mrs. Otella Compton, 85, the American mother of 1939, was found dead in bed at her home here today.

SIDE GLANCES

By
 TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Diamond Flynn backing into a bunch of lighted candles while poised atop of an Outpost counter to carry on emergency repairs.

Amelia Hiles finding herself a little confused.
 Enid Ranken joyful at meeting someone from her old home town.

Dick Baize admiring the bright new license plates received for his traffic cop motorcycle.

Navy Airmen Blast Clark Field



Burning, bomb-blasted hangars on Clark Field, former U. S. Philippine base, prove success of Navy airmen in their raid on the Jap-held field. The raid was made by carrier-based planes of the Third Fleet. In addition to this damage, more than 400 Jap planes were destroyed. U. S. Navy photo.

HOOD RIVER POST MUM ON PROTESTS OF ANTI-JAP ACT

Hood River, Ore., Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Officials of the Hood River American Legion post were silent today on protests made against post removal of 16 Japanese-American names from the post honor roll but the controversy will enliven the next meeting Monday night.

Commander Jess Edington had no comment as Secretary of War Henry Stimson, Robert D. Cozens, assistant director of the War Relocation Authority, and church, labor and other Legion groups voiced protest at the anti-Japanese action. Cozens, a San Francisco Legionnaire, demanded the names be returned to the honor roll.

The post removed the names with the stated purpose "to show them they are not wanted back here." It was understood that the post also was backing a plan to prevent return of the Japanese-Americans who formerly farmed in this fertile valley by refusing to sell or lease property to them. The Japanese formerly owned many farms here.

Latest group to protest any action "proposing to cancel or deny to loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry the rights and duties of their citizenship" was the San Francisco Council of Churches. Other protests were made by the Portland Church Council, Oregon Labor Press, Capt. Belvidere Brooks Legion post of New York City and the Cheney, Wash., post.

HOUSE GETS BILL TO CURB PETRILLO

Washington, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—The senate has passed and sent to the house a bill by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., which would prevent interference with broadcasts of programs by educational institutions.

The bill, directed at President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians, was an outgrowth of an incident several years ago when Petrillo's union stopped a broadcast by the children's orchestra at Interlochen, Mich.

The bill makes it unlawful to "conspire" to stop such a broadcast or to interfere with preparations for it, providing the broadcast is carried free of charge as an educational service.

War Bulletins

London, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—More than 650 American Flying Fortresses attacked industrial and rail targets in the Hannover and Kassel areas of western Germany today in a resumption of the aerial offensive against the Nazi communication and supply lines to the western front.

By United Press
 The allied military government in Germany will dissolve the Nazi-controlled labor front but German workers will be permitted to form democratic trade unions, a proclamation issued in the name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told the German people today.

The proclamation, 12th in a series explaining AMG plans in Germany, was broadcast to Germany and reported by the FCC.

Rome, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Canadian troops of the 8th army expanded their bridgehead over the Lamone river to 10 miles in width and two and a half miles in depth today after beating off repeated tank-supported German counterattacks.

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Allied troops have recaptured the former base of Buthidaung, 45 miles northwest of the Burmese port of Akyab, and cleared a village two miles to the south.

EX-NAZI CHIEFS HELD IN RUSSIA BEG FOR REVOLT

Moscow, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Marshal Friedrich von Paulus, former German commander at Stalingrad, and 49 other captured German generals addressed an impassioned appeal to the German army today to overthrow Adolf Hitler and Heinrich Himmler and make peace before the army is entirely destroyed.

The appeal, published in the Soviet press and broadcast over the Moscow radio by von Paulus, was relayed over loud-speakers in the Russian front lines. Millions of copies also were dropped over the German lines by Soviet planes.

Von Paulus said Germany already has lost the war and called on the German people and army "to rise for the act of salvation against Hitler, Himmler, and the baleful system."

WARD ORDERED TO OBEY DIRECTIVES BY NEXT MONDAY

Washington, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—The War Labor Board today ordered Montgomery Ward & Co. to comply with WLB directives on wages, union security and other issues in six cities by Monday. Otherwise, the non-compliance case will be referred to the Office of Economic Stabilization for sanctions or seizure, the board said.

The WLB action was identical with that taken yesterday in regard to four company stores in Detroit, where a strike has been in progress.

WLB public member Frank P. Graham, who presided at the hearings today for the six other disputes, said that the board had offered the company the opportunity of an adjourned hearing on the question of its compliance on or before Monday but that in any event there would be "no further delay" in enforcing the WLB directives.

The units affected by today's action are located in San Rafael, Calif., St. Paul, Minn., Chicago, Denver, Colo., Portland, Ore., and Jamaica, N. Y.

OPPOSES SINGLE OVERSEAS ROUTE

San Francisco, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Alexander B. Royce, chairman of the airline committee on U. S. air policy representing 17 major American air carriers, today declared postwar operation of a single overseas U. S. airline would "inevitably mean creation of an international cartel."

Royce, opposing the "chosen instrument" policy advocated by Pan-American Airways and United Airlines, said at a press conference that there were "unlimited possibilities for both domestic and over-ocean air traffic if regulated competition were permitted in both spheres of business."

WAR PRODUCTION IN UPWARD TURN

San Francisco, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Production of critical war materials for both the European and Pacific fronts, lagging during the fall, has taken an upward turn this month coincident with new work-or-flight orders and a share decrease of civilian complacency, War Production Board Chairman Julius Krug said today.

Pre-Invasion Air Blows Fall On Luzon

PROBES IN WAKE OF LUPE'S DEATH; OFFICIAL ANGRY

Fatal Potion May Have Been Smuggled Into Land; Eye Status of Actor Lover.

Hollywood, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—The love-lorn death Lupe Velez chose rather than shame her unborn baby, today precipitated a flurry of investigations as such as would have delighted the puckish nature of the Mexican spitfire.

Chief C. H. Anderson of the Beverly Hills police said he would see if the second sleeping pills she took yesterday were smuggled into this country.

Coroner Frank W. Nance called for a full investigation of the circumstances of Miss Velez' death, and was particularly incensed at Chief Anderson for "obstructing" the coroner.

The Bureau of Immigration began an investigation into the citizenship status of French actor Harold Ramond, a French citizen born in Austria of French and Yugoslav parents and the man Lupe said had left her to bear her child alone. He said he had applied for U. S. citizenship, but Immigration Bureau Chief Albert Del Guercio said he had no record of it, nor any of Ramond's being an enemy alien.

Nance complained to the district attorney that Anderson had withheld the suicide notes from the coroner's office for several hours.

"According to the law," Nance said, "all information should be turned over to the coroner's office immediately."

Meanwhile, the body of Lupe lay in solitude at Forest Lawn Memorial park, where it was taken within a few hours after she chose death rather than become an unwed mother or "murder" the infant.

SENATE QUARTET OPPOSED TO ALL SIX NOMINATIONS

Washington, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Four senators who feel that the six pending state department nominations "considered together" fail to reflect the senate's attitude on foreign policy, decided today to carry to the senate floor their fight to force withdrawal of the entire list.

The four—Sens. Joseph F. Guffey, D., Fla., Claude Pepper, D., Fla., James E. Murray, D., Mont., and Robert M. LaFollette, Prog., Wis.—said they would offer a resolution requesting that President Roosevelt withdraw the six nominations whenever they are called up for senate consideration.

They made a similar motion yesterday in the senate foreign relations committee but it was defeated on a vote of 12 to 4. The six nominations were on the senate's calendar today, but their consideration was delayed by other legislative matters. The senate acted on a conference report on the \$500,000,000 post-war rivers and harbors improvement program and a \$564,794, 385 deficiency appropriation measure.

In addition, Sen. Albert B. Chandler, D., Ky., said he was determined that the senate should consider the nominations of Lt. Col. Edward H. Heller and former Gov. Robert Hurley of Connecticut as members of the surplus war property disposal board ahead of the state department nominations.

Actress Suicide



(Acme Telephoto)
 Lupe Velez, fiery Mexican actress found dead in her Hollywood apartment of an overdose of sleeping powder. She left a note saying that she was taking her life rather than become an unwed mother.

FANATICAL NAZIS STALL RED ARMY BEFORE BUDAPEST

Moscow Silent, Berlin: Frets Over Battle to Austrian Invasion Road.

London, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Soviet troops, swinging far to the north of embattled Budapest in a direct thrust toward Vienna, captured the Czechoslovakian river town of Ipolyseg (Sahy), 118 miles east of the Austrian capital, a Moscow communique said tonight.

London, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Fanatical German resistance appeared to have stalled the Red army momentarily at the gates of Budapest today but jittery axis spokesmen admitted that soviet pressure was increasing hourly and called on the Hungarian people to make their capital "another Stalingrad."

Moscow, as usual in the climatic stages of a great offensive, remained silent on the progress of the assault on Budapest. The early morning communique centered on the fighting to the north and northeast where converging soviet columns struck in force along the Slovak-Hungarian border in a bid to trap thousands of Germans in the mountains of eastern Slovakia.

Berlin commentators, however, reported ferocious tank and infantry battles all along the 50-mile siege arc extending two-thirds of the way around Budapest from the northeast to the southwest.

The Germans said upwards of 1,500,000 Russian and Romanian troops had been hurled into the spreading battle for Hungary in a gigantic effort to engulf Budapest, roll up the Nazi flanks above and below the capital, and lay open the invasion road to Austria.

Both sides were reported suffering heavy casualties along the east bank of the Danube where German counterattacks and a formidable screen of fortifications temporarily blocked Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army drive through the outskirts of Pest.

FIVE DIE IN CRASH
 Greenville, S. C., Dec. 15—(U.P.)—The army announced today that five men were killed in the crash of a medium bomber Wednesday night. Two others were injured in the accident.

BRITAIN FAVORS REDS' CLAIM IN POLISH DISPUTE

Cede East Prussia to Poland in Exchange for Buffer State, Is Plan.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill today endorsed the Soviet Union's claim to a post-war "buffer state" carved out of eastern Poland and tacitly invited the United States to make public its stand on the explosive Russo-Polish dispute.

In a far-reaching definition of the British policy on post-war European settlements, Churchill told the house of commons that Great Britain will support Russia at the peace conference in demanding territorial concessions from Poland in the east.

In return, the greater part of East Prussia would be ceded to Poland, he said, suggesting also that there would be no objection from Britain or Russia if the Poles also pushed out their western borders into Germany proper.

The British-backed Russian plan, Churchill said, envisages the virtual extripation of the Prussian state, with the forced removal from their homeland of most of the Prussian junkers who traditionally have been the heart and soul of the German military machine.

The prime minister revealed that the United States is fully aware of the agreement reached between Russia and Britain on the Polish question and that to date it has not voiced any objection.

He implied, however, that the time has come for a definite American statement on the problem, and announced that he would "welcome" a conference with President Roosevelt and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin at the earliest possible date, and preferably in Britain.

It had been hoped that the leaders of the three major allied powers would meet before Christmas, he said, but this proved impossible.

As a result, urgent decisions "on a host of vital matters... stand at the bar and wait."

BLOOD TEST KEY IN CHAPLIN SUIT

Hollywood, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Four women jurors tentatively named to decide whether Joan Barry's baby girl is also Charlie Chaplin's agreed today that their decision would take into account results of a paternity blood test.

Attorney Pat Millikan, defending the silver-topped comedian against charges that he is the father of chubby, curly-haired Carol Ann, questioned prospective talesmen as it appeared the trial might end its third day without a jury.

He asked their opinions about mother love, the importance of blood tests and whether they thought the fact a man had relations with a woman in November meant he also would have had them in December.

SUPERFORT CREW SAVED FROM SEA

Salpan, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—V-1a Navy Radio—Eleven crewmen of a Superfortress forced down between Japan and Salpan on the return trip from the Nagoya bombing Dec. 13 were rescued by an American destroyer after spending 17 hours on bobbing life rafts attached to their partially submerged B-29.

2 ARSENAL CITIES OF JAPAN RATED DUE FOR BOMBING

Leyte Campaign Near End, Costs Foe 82,000 Casualties; Nimitz to Guam.

By United Press
 A devastating pre-invasion air strike on Luzon that may point the way to the next phase of the battle of the Philippines was announced today as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces on Leyte rushed into its final stage a campaign that in 55 days has cost the Japanese more than 82,000 casualties.

American Superfortresses from Salpan continued their almost-daily forays against central Japan this morning. The enemy radio described the attacks as "nuisance" fire raids on Tokyo and reconnaissance flights over the arsenal cities of Kobe and Osaka.

The Kobe-Osaka district is probably the most important industrial target in Japan, and the observation flights suggested that both cities are likely soon to be visited in force by the B-29s.

Carrier planes of the Pacific fleet spearheaded the new strike on Luzon yesterday, pounding Japanese-held harbor and airfield installations on the northern island and destroying at least 91 enemy planes.

Philippine-based bombers joined in the assault, hammering the Legaspi airfield, sinking three 1,000-ton Japanese freighters off the island's southwest coast and harassing shipping in Manila bay with unannounced results.

The double blow was regarded as another major step in the softening-up of Luzon for invasion as soon as MacArthur's troops have wound up the battle of Leyte—if not sooner.

MacArthur's headquarters announced that in the first 55 days of the Leyte invasion 33,801 Japanese bodies have been counted, 18,500 others remained unburied in the jungles or were collected by the enemy, 30,000 were believed to have been drowned in convoy sinkings and 253 have been captured.

Those losses were more than eight times the total American casualties on Leyte, 10,400 including 2,176 killed, 7,987 wounded and 257 missing.

Yesterday the American 77th division pushed a mile north of Ormoc, within 12 to 14 miles of a junction with the 32d division moving down toward Ormoc. Between the two forces an estimated 20,000 to 25,000 Japanese were pocketed, and the juncture of the two American forces would virtually end the Leyte campaign.

That other bad news was brewing for the Japanese was indicated strongly in the announcement that Adm. Chester W. Nimitz is moving his advanced Pacific headquarters "far west" of Pearl Harbor to direct the campaign against Japan at close range. Australian sources said Nimitz' new stand would be on the American naval station at Guam, 1800 miles south of Tokyo.

DENIES CORCORAN TALK
 Washington, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Former Undersecretary of Commerce Edward J. Noble denied today that he had called on Thomas G. Corcoran, former presidential adviser, to use his influence to sidetrack a congressional investigation of Noble's purchase of New York radio station WMCA.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are —
 Bonds\$472,227
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\$2,167,131