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Forecast: Sunday, Clear with
visibility reduced by smoke.
Highest yesterday..... 49
Lowest this morning..... 28
Precip. past 24 hours..... none

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YANK INVASION GAINS SAKAI JOSE

M'ARTHUR'S MEN IN SWIFT DRIVE, TAKE CITY, BASE

Jap Opposition Weak, Air
Losses Heavy From Car-
rier Attack.

Allied Headquarters, Leyte,
Philippines, Sunday, Dec. 17.—
(U.P.)—American invasion troops,
sweeping seven to nine miles in-
land on Mindoro island, captured
the town of San Jose and its air-
field Saturday and engineers al-
ready are at work constructing
air bases at excellent sites, Gen.
Douglas MacArthur announced
today.

The veteran American in-
fantrymen smashed five miles in-
land from three beachheads
against negligible Japanese op-
position to take the town, largest
in southwestern Mindoro, on the
Bugsanga river.

"Construction of bases on ex-
cellent sites with favorable ter-
rain is already under way," Mac-
Arthur's war bulletin reported.
San Jose is also situated at a
railroad junction along the Mag-
bando river north of Mangarin
bay.

San Jose fell within 24 hours
after the first troops went
ashore to move MacArthur's
lines within 150 miles of Ma-
nila. Troops continued to
pour men and supplies into the
Mindoro beachheads under en-
emy air attack.

Twenty-four enemy planes,
over the beachhead area and al-
lied shipping, were shot down
during the fighting while naval
units destroyed a crippled enemy
destroyer seeking refuge in Pan-
daran bay to the south.

(Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, com-
mander in chief of the U. S. Pa-
cific fleet, announced in Pearl
Harbor that American carrier
planes destroyed or damaged a
total of 373 Japanese planes in
three days of night and day at-
tacks over Luzon in support of
the Mindoro invasion. The at-
tacks, carried out Wednesday
through Friday, blasted air-
dromes and installations and
raked shipping caught in adja-
cent waters.)

Meanwhile, on Leyte island,
the 7th division pushed north
from Ormoc in close in- from
the rear against Japanese troops
holding the shattered "Yama-
shita" defense line and seized the
town of Cogon and its road junction.

The Seventh division in the
mountainous area to the north-
west of Mahanag is completing
the destruction of isolated re-
mnants of the trapped 26th Ja-
panese division.

Suicidal resistance is being
put up by Jap forces who are
unable to withdraw from the
Ormoc corridor. The 32nd and
First cavalry divisions closing in
on the enemy from the north
made substantial gains in dif-
ficult terrain against heavy resis-
tance.

Hand-to-hand fighting was re-
ported as the Americans stormed
enemy strongpoints.

NAZI IDEAS GET EISENHOWER BAN

London, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—All
educational institutions except
boarding schools and orphanages
will be closed in conquered Ger-
many until Nazi ideology and
militaristic teaching have been
removed, the German people
were told today in the thirteenth
and last Allied proclamation
broadcast to the Reich.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
proclamation explained that vir-
tually all educational institutions
will be closed until this extirpa-
tion of Nazi militarism. German
schools will remain under the
supervision of the Allied mili-
tary government during the pe-
riod of occupation.

Jackson County sales to date
in the Sixth War Loan are —
"E" Bonds \$496,721
"E" Quota \$600,000
Total Sales
\$2,876,695

Keeping the Home Fires Burning—in Japan



Winging its way into the air, this B-29 Superfortress takes off from Saipan airstrip, heads for Tokyo to keep Japan's home fires burning. If any of the fires kindled by the B-29's bomb loads will help rekindle the blazes in heart of world's fourth largest city.

RUSSIANS SHIFT OFFENSIVE UPON CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

London, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—The
Red army, shifting the weight
of its offensive in southeastern
Europe to Czechoslovakia, yes-
terday converged on the big
Hungarian-annexed rail center of
Kassa (Kosice) from three direc-
tions, driving to within 20 and
22 miles of the city on the south-
east and southwest.

While Moscow reported gains
of up to five miles through for-
est and mountain country below
the strategic 10-way road and
rail junction, Berlin reported
that other forces of Gen. Ivan I.
Petrov's 4th Ukrainian army
were smashing toward the city
from the east, where they were
last reported 15 miles away.

The Soviet high command
meanwhile was silent on the
progress of battles around two-
thirds encircled Budapest. There
also was no news of Red army
forces 36 miles northwest of the
Hungarian capital who Friday
uncorked a two-mile mountain
gap marking the entrance to the
Bratislava plains leading west-
ward 116 miles to Vienna.

Southeast of Kassa, key
stronghold of enemy defenses
protecting the eastern areas of
the puppet state of Slovakia, the
combined forces of Petrov's 4th
Ukrainians and Marshal Rodion
Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian
army drove to within 20 miles
of the transit city by capturing
Vilany, Moscow announced.

While a full set in over fight-
ing at Budapest, German broad-
casts reported a series of jabs
and probes elsewhere on the
eastern front, and London ob-
servers believed that there were
increasing indications from the
Baltic states to southern Poland
that the Red army was on the
threshold of its winter offen-
sive.

The Soviet high command re-
ported that a heavy raid on the
Baltic port of Liepaja (Libau)
was made by planes of the Red
Banner Baltic fleet Thursday.
Six German transports totaling
24,000 tons were sunk and an-
other 5,000-ton transport was
damaged, Moscow said.

AIR RAIDS KEEP TOKYO ON ALERT

Superfortress Base, Saipan,
Dec. 17.—(ELT) via Navy Radio
—(U.P.)—Central Honshu island
of the Japanese homeland, par-
ticularly the Tokyo bay area, is
fast becoming a land of constant
air-raid alerts with American
Superfortresses overhead day
and night.

Usually traveling singly, the
21st bomber command's Saipan-
based B-29's combine harassing
and nuisance raid tactics with re-
connaissance and photo-recon-
naissance, besides securing weath-
er information.

More than 10 million acres of
forest land burned in Florida
last year.

SHIP NAMED FOR JACKSONVILLE IS TORPEDO VICTIM

Washington, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—
The War Shipping Administra-
tion revealed tonight that a big
modern tanker, the S. S. Jack-
sonville, was sunk in the Atlantic
"several weeks ago"—presum-
ably the victim of a Nazi tor-
pedo—with all but two of the
approximately 75 persons aboard
being lost.

Details of the disaster were
withheld, the WSA saying mere-
ly that the ship went down fol-
lowing "a terrific explosion, be-
lieved to have been caused by
torpedoing."

The Jacksonville, a 16,785-ton
vessel commissioned 23 months
ago, was carrying war supplies
to the European theater at the
time it was lost. The WSA did
not reveal its complement, but
it was believed to have been
carrying a crew of about 50 and
a navy gun crew of 26 to 28 of-
ficers and men.

The Jacksonville was de-
livered at Henry Kaiser's Swan
Island shipyard, Portland, Ore.,
January 13, 1943, and was op-
erated for WSA by the Deconhill
Shipping Co., San Francisco.

EUGENE WOMEN IN SHOOTING AFFAIR REFUSE COMMENT

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 16—(U.P.)
—Police tonight investigated
the shooting of Miss Pauline
Conradt by her closest friend
and companion, Miss Gladys
Turley, Eugene newspaperwoman.

The shooting took place in a
Eugene home where Miss Con-
radt had gone as an overnight
guest. Her friend came to the
house and asked to see Miss
Conradt, who took her upstairs.

Below, the family heard sev-
eral shots and rushed upstairs
to find Miss Conradt on the
floor. She was given a good
chance to recover at the hos-
pital where she was taken.

The two women, both gradu-
ates of the University of Ore-
gon, lived together in a small
farmhouse, about 15 miles south
of Eugene.

Neither woman would com-
ment on the shooting, police
reported. Miss Turley has been
turned over to the district at-
torney's office for questioning
and the possible filing of
charges.

London, Sunday, Dec. 17.—
(U.P.)—The Sunday Times said to-
day that the Whitechapel bell
foundry, which cast the Ameri-
can Liberty Bell in 1752, had of-
fered to recast the cracked sym-
bol of American independence
free of charge as a gesture of
Anglo-American friendship.

The bell, which hung in Inde-
pendence hall in Philadelphia,
cracked in 1835 while tolling a
knell for Chief Justice John
Marshall.

TORNADO TRIMS COOS BAY TEAM BY 44-27 COUNT

Faced by Darrell Riggs, who
collected 10 points, the fast-
breaking Medford high Black
Tornado won their opening bas-
ketball game of the season last
night when they downed Coos
Bay 44 to 27 on the local court.

Medford scored the first bas-
ket in the opening seconds of
the game and from there on out
held the lead, running up a 16
to 4 edge at the end of the first
quarter and built it to 28 to 9
at halftime. End of the third
quarter showed Medford enjoy-
ing a 38 to 22 margin.

Coach Al Simpson used almost
three full teams in an effort to
give them experience for the
coming conference season.

There was never a doubt of
the outcome of the game after
the first few minutes as Med-
ford's fast break and tight de-
fense held the Pirates to but
seven field goals, six of them
in the second half. Medford col-
lected 21 field goals and made
two out of six free throws. Coos
Bay was given 17 gift tosses and
made 13 of them.

Medford second team beat
Coos Bay seconds 36-33 in an
overtime in the preliminary
game.

GENERAL M'NAIR'S WIDOW EMPLOYED ON FEDERAL JOB

Washington, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—
Last summer when the deaths
of her husband and only son
were announced less than two
weeks apart, Mrs. Lesley J. Mc-
Nair said, "I'll carry on."

Tonight it was learned from
her friends that Mrs. McNair,
left with a pension of only \$50
a month, has gone to work. She
is employed afterwards in the
research and publications office
of the state department.

Lt. Gen. McNair, who as com-
manding officer of the army
ground forces devised the train-
ing system which turned flabby
recruits into tough soldiers was
killed July 25 while observing
from an advanced infantry post
the aerial bombardment prelimi-
nary to the St. Lo offensive
in Normandy.

The smokeless used by the
American planes as a guide
drifted back over U. S. positions,
and McNair—whose eagerness
for duty at the front had won
him an undisclosed troop com-
mand post—was fatally wound-
ed.

BONOMI TO TALK
By United Press
Italian Premier Ivanoe Bonomi
will speak on the "program
of his new government" over all
stations in liberated Italy at 12
p. m. (PWT) Sunday, the Rome
radio announced Saturday in a
broadcast heard by the FCC.

BLACK MART RING IN CHINA-INDIA THEATER NIPPED

Army, Flying, Red Cross
Personnel Involved In
Huge Graft.

New Delhi, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—
An undisclosed number of U. S.
army men are serving stiff sen-
tences at Leavenworth, Kan.,
for having participated in a huge
"black market" smuggling ring
which at one time threatened to
hinder military operations in the
China-Burma-India theater, it
was learned today.

The gang was understood to
have amassed \$4,000,000 from il-
licit trade over the fabulous
"hump" between India and
China in the past two and one-
half years.

American military police, aided
by British, Indian and Chinese
operatives, now are concluding
investigations which began in
the middle of 1942 at the di-
rection of Gen. Joseph W. Stil-
well, then CBI commander.

Former members of the famed
"Flying Tiger" group, personnel
of the U. S. army, the China Na-
tional Aviation corporation, the
American Red Cross, technical
aircraft representatives, and
Chinese, British and Indian
civilians were reported involved
in the investigation of smuggling
into and selling on China's black
markets military equipment,
arms, ammunition, drugs, opium,
cosmetics, currency, gold bul-
lion, gems and cigars.

China's utter scarcity of num-
erous luxury items for civilians
created a fantastic market for
anyone who could deliver the
goods to Kunming and other
cities.

It was learned that in the sum-
mer of 1942 the ring, which in-
cluded some of the world's steal-
thiest crooks from all nations,
undertook operations on such a
scale that they threatened to
break down currency controls,
upset the Indian government's
rationing of scarce drugs and
commodities, and hinder mili-
tary operations in this theater.

PORTLAND HOTEL, NOTED LANDMARK OF 54 YEARS, SOLD

Portland, Ore., Dec. 16—(U.P.)
—A Portland landmark for six
decades, the historic Portland
Hotel, has been sold to the
Meier & Frank department
store at an unannounced price,
it was disclosed tonight.

The property will be op-
erated for the time being for hotel
and restaurant purposes, but
Aaron M. Frank, president of
the purchasing firm, said that
ultimately it would be used as
part of a postwar expansion
program of the store, which oc-
cupies an adjoining block.

The sprawling hotel features
a fireplace in every room, many
chimneys, massive furniture,
wide halls, large rooms and a
courtyard and carriage entrance
fronting on the pioneer post-
office park.

President Theodore Roosevelt
dedicated a second dining room
built in the hotel. Other presi-
dents who have stopped at the
historic hostelry included Wil-
liam Howard Taft, Woodrow
Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, Her-
bert Hoover and Franklin
Roosevelt.

The hotel has 280 rooms and
cost \$750,000 when opened in
1890 after an interrupted build-
ing period since 1884. It occu-
pies a full block in what is now
the center of the downtown dis-
trict.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—(U.P.)—A
half interest in the \$2,000,000 es-
tate of William Hale "Big Bill"
Thompson, three-time mayor of
Chicago, was asked today by
Ethel Green, who said she
served 13 years as "secretary,
companion, nurse and as a
daughter" to Thompson.

CHURCHILL REPLY TO CRITICS DUE OVER AIR TONITE

Premier Will Urge Early
Meet With FR and Stalin
On Problems.

London, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Prime
Minister Winston Churchill, un-
der the fire of his career as
Britain's war time leader, to-
night was reported contemplating
a world broadcast, probably
Sunday night, in defense of his
policies which influential critics
charged threatened the whole
fabric of postwar security.

A definite decision on the
Churchill broadcast had not yet
been made but No. 10 Downing
street indicated Churchill was
favorably inclined to the pro-
ject.

A mass demonstration against
Churchill's policy in Greece will
be held Sunday afternoon in
Trafalgar Square.

If he speaks the prime minis-
ter is expected to issue a strong
appeal for a Greek armistice and
for the quickest possible meet-
ing of the "Big Three"—Presi-
dent Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin
and himself—in order that the
widening rifts between the prin-
cipal Allies may be healed
without delay.

Criticism of the prime minis-
ter was led by a portentous edi-
torial in the liberal Manchester
Guardian which declared Brit-
ain faced a terrible dilemma
which may force her to choose
between Russia and the United
States, thus smashing the tri-
partite concept and laying the
possible foundations of a third
world war.

The Yorkshire Observer sug-
gested that Stalin has refused
to meet with Churchill and
Roosevelt again until the Polish
question is settled in Russia's
favor.

COUNTY \$100,000 SHY BOND QUOTA

Jackson county is still about
\$100,000 short of the \$800,000
quota on "E" bonds set for the
current war loan drive, commit-
tee workers stated yesterday.
With but a few days remaining
in which "E" purchases may be
made to count on the drive,
everyone was urged to buy addi-
tional "E" bonds this week if
possible.

War Bulletins

Rome, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Ger-
man troops, battling to retain
their eastern Po valley posi-
tions, savagely counter-
attacked Eighth army troops
holding a bridgehead over the
Canale Naviglio, west of Ra-
venna, while to the south-
west other Eighth army units
"made appreciable gains" be-
low Faenza, allied headquar-
ters announced today.

Paris, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Gen.
Charles De Gaulle arrived
today by airplane and said
that the text of the Franco-
Soviet government, which he
signed in Moscow and which
is expected to be discussed at
a cabinet meeting tomorrow
morning, would be published
at 7 p. m., Paris time tomor-
row evening.

A Superfortress Base, Saipan,
Dec. 17.—(Via navy radio)
—(U.P.)—A single B-29 Super-
fortress, unable to reach Nagoya
with its formation during the
December 13 raid on the
Mitsubishi plane works, sought
out a target of opportunity
and bombed and probably de-
stroyed an important enemy
war plant in Hamamatsu,
about 55 miles southeast of
Nagoya and located in Hiki-
sahosho bay on Honshu island.
It was revealed today.

A baseball field abandoned 20
years ago is now densely forested
although no seeds were
planted, so liberally do trees
spread seeds.

New Rhine Push



U. S. Seventh Army (lower arrow) smashes into Germany's Rhenish Palatinate after taking Wissembourg in war's third invasion of Reich by U. S. forces. To north, fierce bat-
tles rage in Saar Basin and Duren areas, with only small progress re-
ported.

SOCIAL SECURITY FREEZE APPROVED IN FACE OF VETO

Washington, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—
President Roosevelt today "re-
luctantly" approved legislation
freezing the social security pay-
roll tax at one per cent for an-
other year, and announced he
would submit to congress soon
a plan "for broadening and im-
proving the social security sys-
tem."

Had Mr. Roosevelt refused to
sign the measure, congress al-
most certainly would have over-
ridden his veto. It is the fourth
time congress has enacted legis-
lation to maintain the one per
cent rate.

The president said in a state-
ment that postponement of the
automatic doubling of the pay-
roll tax on January 1, as pro-
vided in the social security law,
"merely defers until next year
the necessary fiscal receipts to
pay the benefits."

He added, however, that he
felt certain congress "does not
intend to jeopardize in any way
the benefit rights" of persons
covered by the law. The freeze,
he said, in no way modifies the
benefits provided by the present
law but makes it essential that
the next congress review thor-
oughly "the methods of financing
them."

"At an early date," he said, "I
plan to submit to the congress a
comprehensive plan for broad-
ening and improving the social
security system."

"At that time, I hope that a
clear understanding of the gov-
ernment's financial responsibil-
ities for social security will
emerge and that a long-term plan
for allocating the costs of social
security will be developed."

FORT RIOT CASE VERDICT VIEWED

Seattle, Dec. 16.—(U.P.)—The
court martial into the Fort Law-
ton Aug. 14 riot has gone into
closed sessions to ballot on the
guilt or innocence of 41 mem-
bers of a negro port company,
charged with rioting during
which 30 members of an Italian
service unit were injured, and
one hanged. Three of the negro
defendants also faced murder
charges.

BULLETIN

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 16—(U.P.)—
The University of Oregon made
it two in a row over the Klamath
Falls Marines, defeating the
visitors 70 to 57, in their bas-
ketball game here tonight. Ore-
gon won last night, 68 to 65.
Oregon led 34 to 27 at the
half in tonight's game, and was
never seriously threatened.

PATCH'S TROOPERS IN WISSEMBOURG, KEY TO BAVARIA

Germans Hurl Reserves In
Counters; Rhenish Battle
Shapes.

Paris, Sunday, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)
U. S. Seventh army troops cap-
tured the historic Bavarian city
of Wissembourg Saturday
and crossed the Reich frontier at
a third point, but the Germans,
launching a series of diversion-
ary counter-attacks to the north,
drove back into Belgium at a
point 50 miles below Aachen.

The German command also
hurled crack reserves, including
a panzer division from another
front, against Lt. Gen. Alexan-
der M. Patch's Seventh army
spearheads, which had invaded
Bavaria to a depth of two miles
in their crossing of the frontier
between Wissembourg and the
Rhine on a 12-mile front.

Breasting stiff fire from the
Siegfried line, the Seventh army
captured the French border
town of Lauterbourg, nine miles
east of Karlsruhe, denying the
hard-pressed enemy a potential
Rhine valley anchor at that
point.

The battle on the Rhenish
plain before the great industrial
centers of Mannheim and Lud-
wigshafen apparently had not
yet been fully joined because
Patch's spearheads were operat-
ing under security wraps on the
grounds they had not yet en-
gaged a major German defense
force.

In the northern Rhineland the
new American 78th division,
only two months out of the
United States, and the veteran
second division jointly blasted
another First army breach in the
Siegfried line 12 miles below the
original Aachen gap.

Based on both the upper and
lower Rhine and with the Third
army pounding relentlessly
against the Saar river section of
the Siegfried line, German tanks
and infantry lashed out in a rash
of small-scale attacks against the
long-dormant hinge between the
First and Third army fronts.

These thrusts extended along
a 75-mile front from Duren to
below Trier. Enemy forces crossed
back into Belgium at Peters-
kirche, 10 miles south of Belgian
St. Vith and 50 miles below
Aachen, where the American
line had extended just over the
German frontier near its con-
vergence with the Belgian and
Luxembourg borders.

This represented a First army
setback of about two miles from
the farthest advanced position of
last Autumn although modifica-
tions of the line may have been
made since then.

MUSSOLINI ASKS NEW FANATICISM FROM FOLLOWERS

(By United Press)
Benito Mussolini, father of
fascism and head of the puppet
government in north Italy, Sat-
urday urged his followers to re-
gain their fanaticism and ease
the "unbelievable and ever-in-
creasing difficulties" facing his
refugee.

The speech, broadcast by the
Nazi-controlled Fascist domestic
radio and reported by OWI, was
made at Milan on the anniver-
sary of the assassination of Aldo
Resega, Fascist commissioner of
Milan province.

Monitors said that Mussolini
appeared to be in "good voice."
Mussolini admitted that his
regime was endangered as a re-
sult of Allied military advances,
underground activities and a
"moral inertia which events
have produced in many classes
of peoples."

In a bid for greater recogni-
tion from his axis partners,
Mussolini declared that the sup-
port given by his regime to the
axis since Italy's capitulation in
September, 1943, was "far great-
er than is commonly believed."