

Germans Throw Hoarded Planes Into "Mad Bull" Counteroffensive

Weather

Forecast: Cloudy tonight; partly cloudy Tuesday; little change in temperature.
Temp.
Highest yesterday 44
Lowest this morning 37
Precipitation .01

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Nagoya and Hankow Plastered By Huge Fleets of Superforts

MAJOR JAPANESE PLANE FACTORY BADLY DAMAGED

Mitsubishi Works Visited Second Time in Week—Tokyo Disclaims Losses

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Big fleets of B-29 Superfortresses hit two more punishing blows at Japan's war-making capacity, it was announced today, returning to the big air production center of Nagoya in 100-plane strength and striking hard at Hankow, major Japanese supply base in China.

The Superfortress attack on Nagoya, site of the big Mitsubishi aircraft industry was the second within a week on Japan's third industrial city to be carried out by Saipan-based Superforts.

100 Planes in Raid
The attack was begun at 12:30 p. m. Dec. 18 (Tokyo time) or 11:30 p. m. Dec. 17 EWT. It continued for two hours.

About 100 Superfortresses were believed to have carried out the assault, which Saipan said was carried out in numerical strength equal to that of last Wednesday's initial operation against Nagoya. The Hankow attack was in approximately equal strength.

An Imperial Japanese communiqué estimated the strength of the Nagoya raiders at "some 70" and said they caused "slight damage."

The B-29's took off from Saipan with a forecast of good weather over their target.

Photographic reconnaissance reports on the initial Nagoya attack revealed that the Hattori factory of the Mitsubishi works was heavily damaged. Two big aircraft assembly buildings were shown to be largely destroyed while two main assembly buildings received slightly less damage. Three of the four assembly buildings were believed knocked out and 22 smaller buildings were damaged.

A Tokyo broadcast recorded by United Press in San Francisco failed to claim any Superfortress were shot down, merely saying defense units "scored considerable war results."

20 ENUMERATORS NEEDED IN FARM CENSUS IN COUNTY

Paul N. Plank, well known dairy farmer in the Willamette valley is in Medford arranging for the taking of the regular 1945 farm census here, he being supervisor of the 4th congressional district.

Mr. Plank wants about 20 local residents to act as enumerators in this area, and anyone interested is requested to communicate with his office at 121 East Broadway, Eugene.

It is estimated enumerators may be able to earn from \$8 to \$12 per day depending upon their ability and the nature of their assignment, the pay being on a piece basis, so much per farm-acreage.

The enumeration will start about January 15, following a 3-day school of instruction conducted in this city. Applicants will be paid \$3 per day while attending this school.

This federal farm census is taken by the government every five years and is conducted by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

All information given by the farmer is held in confidence by this government department, the purpose being solely to secure accurate farm information chiefly for the benefit of the farmers themselves.



Wallace McCamant

NOTED POLITICIAN OF COOLIDGE ERA TAKEN BY DEATH

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Wallace McCamant, 77, who in 1920 was largely responsible for the nomination of Calvin Coolidge for the vice presidency, died yesterday in a Portland hospital after several weeks' illness.

As a jurist, attorney, historian and a political figure, he was prominent in the news for over a half-century.

McCamant was involved in stormy politics as an aftermath of the 1920 Republican national convention, during which McCamant and the Oregon delegation started Coolidge on his way to the white house by nominating him for the vice presidency.

McCamant was master in chancery of the U. S. district court here from 1894 to 1917 and associate justice of the Oregon state supreme court in 1917-18.

Survivors include his widow and a son, the Rev. Thomas McCamant of Lewiston, Ida.

FARM CENSUS TO START IN JANUARY

Preliminary plans for the taking of the federal farm census in this county are now being drawn and the count will be underway by mid-January, according to County Agent Robert G. Fowler. District Manager George F. Plant of Eugene was here today conferring on details.

The 1940 federal census showed approximately 2,700 farms in the county. Since then many new people have settled here. The new census will show how many have started new farms, and how many have purchased established places.

The census blanks include two full pages of data, running from the time the farm was first plowed, number of owners, kind of crops, people residing on the farm, amount of stock and equipment and other details.

Inside Story Of Hitler Shelving Revealed By Topsy SA Chieftain

By Hubert Ukkull
United Press Staff Correspondent

Stockholm, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The free German press bureau claimed today that the first authentic report of the "Hitler crisis" which forced the fuhrer from military leadership had been obtained through the indiscreet talk of his former adjutant, SA Chief Group Leader Fritz Brueckner, who drank too much at a Berlin dinner party.

The report said Heinrich Himmler, minister of interior and gastero chief, propaganda minister Dr. Josef Goebbels and Field Marshal Gen. Karl von Rundstedt had forced Hitler to abdicate as supreme war lord and "leave the war to generals."

It claimed the abdication dated back to the end of August or the beginning of September when the battle of France obviously was lost and Allied

armies were threatening Germany.

U. S. AGREEABLE TO SETTLEMENT POLISH DISPUTE

Postwar Agreement Between Russia and Poland Okeh If Mutuality Is Obtained

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The United States in a statement of policy on Poland today said it would have no objection to settlement of the Polish-Russian boundary dispute before the end of the war "if a mutual agreement is reached by the United Nations directly concerned."

The statement was released by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., at his regular press conference. It reiterated

London, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—British official quarters today hailed the Washington statement on Poland by Secretary of State Edward Stettinius as showing "a substantial measure of agreement between Britain and the United States."

The United States' previous stand for "a strong, free and independent Polish state with the untrammelled right of the Polish people to order their internal existence as they see fit."

Answer to Churchill
Referring to the United States' general policy that settlement of boundary questions should await the end of the war, the statement said this did not mean that certain questions could not be settled by friendly conference and agreement.

"In the case of the future frontiers of Poland, if a mutual agreement is reached by the United Nations directly concerned," the statement said, "this government would have no objection to such an agreement which could make an essential contribution to the prosecution of the war against the common enemy."

The statement was the United States' answer to Prime Minister Winston Churchill's challenge that it state "with precision" its policy toward the Soviet-Polish dispute.

Churchill revealed last week that Great Britain believed that the Polish government in exile should reach agreement with the Soviet Union on a boundary which would transfer most of eastern Poland to the Soviet Union.

Huge Jewelry Loot Taken By Burglars

Palo Alto, Calif., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Chief of Police Edward Zink reported today approximately \$20,000 in jewelry, including a \$3,000 diamond bracelet owned by Mrs. Bernard Rand, Cleveland, O., was stolen last night from the home of Prof. Merrill Spaulding.

Burglars entered the house from the roof, and ransacked the bedrooms.

Ann Wood, about 38, was found dead in the Rogue river, behind the Lakeview Auto court near Rogue River at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Death appeared to be suicide, according to Carlos Morris, deputy coroner. A suicide note was found in the house, located across the highway from the auto court.

The body was found in about two feet of water lying face down and dressed in a nightgown and bathrobe, Morris said.

According to facts gathered by Morris, her husband, Harvey Wood, left for Grants Pass about 9 o'clock Saturday night. Time of the woman's death was placed at between 9 and 11 p. m. Wood, Morris said, returned to his home about 1 o'clock Sunday morning and noticed his wife was not at home. While Wood was working with a shotgun during that time it accidentally discharged and fired into the ceiling, Morris said he was told.

No Violence Marks
Wood reported his wife as missing to state police at 2 a. m. Sunday. Outgoing buses were checked, Morris said, and the body was found by state police and the deputy coroner during a routine check of the river. There were no marks of violence on the body, according to the deputy coroner.

Wood is being held in the county jail on a drunk charge, and both state police and the sheriff's office are investigating the circumstances surrounding the case, it was revealed.

NEVADA OVER TOP
Reno, Nev., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Nevada is over the top in its sixth war loan drive, but the campaign to meet the E bond quota still continues, it was announced at state headquarters today.

BRITISH CAPTURE STRONGHOLDS OF GREEK RESISTERS

Road Cleared to Piraeus—ELAS in Northeast Athens Storm RAF Headquarters

Athens, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—British troops captured four rebel strong points in central and southern Athens and cleared the road to Piraeus against slight resistance today, but ELAS forces in northeast Athens stormed RAF headquarters and a political prison.

Some 600 ELAS fighters, supported by 75-millimeter guns and mortars, attacked buildings in the RAF compound, but an RAF regiment and British troops at last reports still were in control.

Prison Attacked
Other strong ELAS forces at 3 a. m. attacked Averoff prison, in which John Ralls, one of the prime ministers during the German occupation, and some of his cabinet members were held in protective custody.

The prison was defended by British troops and Greek soldiers and police, and the battle apparently still was going on at mid-morning.

Moderate optimism persisted that peace can be arranged soon in the civil war, which already has caused thousands of casualties in the past two weeks.

A new complication arose, however, with British and Greek government charges that hundreds of Bulgarians had crossed the Bulgarian frontier into Greek Macedonia at the invitation of ELAS to "free" Macedonia. They apparently were Bulgarian army deserters.

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Congress Views Air Armada Gunnery



From the deck of a fast carrier of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, members of Congress viewing the Pacific area observe the accuracy of Navy gunners firing at a towed sleeve target. In the center of the photo, looking through binoculars, is Admiral C. W. Nimitz, USN, commander of the Pacific Fleet; at his right is Congressman J. J. Heffernan of New York, chairman of the Congressional Subcommittee; at Admiral Nimitz left is Congresswoman Margaret C. Smith of Maine, first woman representative to visit the Central Pacific war area. U. S. Navy photo.

Loyal Japs Free To Return

SLOW, ORDERLY RESETTLEMENT IS ICKES PLAN

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes promised today that there will be no "hasty mass movement" of loyal Japanese-Americans back to their former homes on the west coast.

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Japanese Rights Upheld in Ruling By Highest Court

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The supreme court ruled today that the army's removal of Japanese-Americans from the west coast early in 1942 was constitutional at the time it was carried out, but that citizens must be permitted to return to their homes when their loyalty to this country is established.

The court thus in effect ordered what the war department announced yesterday would be done—that loyal citizens of Japanese ancestry would be permitted to return to their former homes after 33 months of enforced absence in relocation centers.

Two Cases Judged
The tribunal acted in two cases. It upheld constitutionality of the removal program by a 6 to 3 decision, and was unanimous in holding that loyal citizens should be released.

Both cases were brought by U. S. citizens of Japanese ancestry.

DEUEL RESIDENCE SUFFERS DAMAGE BY BLAZE, SMOKE

Fire and smoke caused an unestimated amount of damage at the H. S. Deuel residence, 1100 S. Oakdale Ave., yesterday evening, and last night a garage fire at the home of H. R. Bosworth, 23 N. Orange St., destroyed a 1930 model A Ford and two bicycles, it was reported today by city firemen who were called to extinguish the blazes.

Apparently caused by a short in the radio connection, the fire at the Deuel home occurred when the Deuel was out of town and a neighbor, Tom Bradley, first discovered the blaze at 6:25 p. m. The living room radio and an arm chair were burned and the floor joist underneath was considerably damaged by flames while additional damage to furniture and personal articles throughout the house was caused by smoke. Mrs. Deuel stated today that no estimate had been made on damage incurred.

The Bosworth garage fire at 11:05 started in a pile of hot ashes deposited against the back of the garage, and the rear wall of the building was completely consumed, firemen said.

No damage was caused by a third fire yesterday, a flue fire at the Karmel Korn shop, 121 East Main St., at 11:45 a. m.

OREGON OFFICIALS FEAR VIOLENCE ON JAPANESE RETURN

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—A wave of reaction, in which fear of violence alternated with hope of an orderly readjustment was evident in Oregon civic, church and American Legion circles today as the result of a western defense command edict that loyal Japanese could return to their west coast homes after midnight, January 2.

Some civil officials were frankly apprehensive.

Mayor Earl Riley of Portland observed: "It is unfortunate that the army is taking such early action. I don't think that the people are generally prepared to accept the Japanese. I think they should take more time to prepare for their return."

Sheriff Worried
Martin Pratt, sheriff of Multnomah county, declared: "I'm not so hot about the whole thing, but I'll do my duty to fulfill my oath of office. I'm afraid there will be violence when Japanese return to communities where relatives of citizens have died in Pacific fighting."

Penn C. Crum of Hood River, Oregon department commander of the American Legion, said: "There is a great deal of danger that violence will follow return of the Japanese to coastal areas. There is high feeling against them. I am afraid it is a bad idea to force them back on the Pacific coast at this time. The stand of the Oregon department of the legion was made clear when the state executive committee affirmed a national legion executive committee resolution protesting return of the Japanese to coastal areas."

Oregon's governor Earl Snell was noncommittal for the time being. He said: "I want to study the official notification further before I make any comment on the return of the Japanese."

Congress Pension Urged By Woman

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Rep. Mary T. Norton, D., N. J., dean of congresswomen, recommended today that house and senate members who have served at least 15 years and have reached 65 years of age be retired at half their \$10,000 a year salary.

Mrs. Norton, veteran of 20 years in the house, said in an interview that she believed a voluntary pension plan should be included in any congressional reorganization.

NAZI SPEARHEADS PIERCE U.S. LINES IN THREE PLACES

Doughboys in Effort to Seal Off Penetrations — Air Battles Swirl Over Scene

Paris, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges unleashed his American 1st army countermeasures today against the biggest German offensive of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's western campaign, the first impact of which carried the Germans several miles across the Belgian and Luxembourg frontiers.

Dispatches from the fluid, 70-mile battlefield said Hodges' doughboys had sprung to the task of sealing off the penetrations of the American positions by Marshal Karl Gerd Von Rundstedt's counter-offensive which plunged at least three spearheads into Belgium and Luxembourg.

Air Battles Swirl
For the second straight day great air battles swirled over the 1st army front. British Spitfires and Tempests streaked down from the 21st army group region to join in the fight against the long-hoarded Nazi fighters and bombers showing up by the hundreds in support of the offensive.

Field reports up to early afternoon said that the American and British airmen had destroyed 20 German planes, probably downed three more, and damaged 13. Three U. S. Thunderbolts were lost. The Nazis lost 103 planes yesterday against the Americans' 33.

Along with his planes, Rundstedt threw into his mad bull charge, regarded as an all-or-nothing bid to turn the 1st army's line and upset Eisenhower's winter offensive, a vicious array of V-bombs and paratroopers.

Supreme headquarters reported that about 10 more parachute troops were dropped on the 9th army front, flanking the 1st army to the left, last night. Six of them were captured.

A complete security blackout blanketed the 1st army front after the day's early reports were in. The move, a customary one in the first phase of new operations involving any appreciable change of positions, was taken to keep the Nazis from knowing the whereabouts of their forward elements whose communications might be cut off, and to obscure from the enemy standpoint the American countermeasures.

Quick to take advantage of the news blackout, Nazi propagandists sprang the word that the German command "expected that the attack in the first phase of the attack the resistance would be greater." To that statement the DNB news agency was appended the assertion that "the speedy collapse of organized defense considerably simplified the task of the German command, and it is not unlikely that the next few days will bring further surprises."

DNB said the "northern part of Luxembourg already has been crossed on a wide front."

A United Press dispatch from the front before the blackout was imposed said German pressure was strong along most of a 50-mile front, but the Americans were resisting fiercely and had succeeded in keeping a hold on German territory around Monchau, where the heaviest weight of the Nazi offensive appeared to have been concentrated.

SUBMARINES GET 33 MORE SHIPS

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—American submarines have sunk 35 more Japanese vessels, including 12 warships, in devastating further sweeps against the enemy's supply lines, the navy announced today.

The combatant ships sunk were one light cruiser, three destroyers, six escort vessels, one mine sweeper, and one mine layer.

Enemy non-combatant losses in the latest submarine attacks were two tankers, 17 cargo vessels, and two cargo transports.

With one exception, this was the largest total of American submarine victories ever announced in one communiqué.

Jackson County sales to date in the Sixth War Loan are —
Bonds\$520,387
"E" Quota\$600,000
Total Sales
\$2,913,061