

# Yanks Seen Girding for Full Scale Drive Against Bulge

### Weather

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight. Fog or low clouds Thursday morning, clearing in afternoon. Little change in temperature.  
Highest yesterday 44  
Lowest this morning 23

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## JAP WAR PLANTS ARE CHURNED IN SUPERFORT RAID

**B-29's Drop Explosives On Nagoya, Osaka, Hamamatsu; Nips Admit Damage**

Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today carrier-based aircraft struck at enemy installations on Formosa and Okinawa Jima yesterday.

Washington, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—B-29 Superfortresses crashed hundreds of tons of bombs on the Japanese war production centers of Nagoya, Osaka and Hamamatsu today in the opening blow of the 1945 air offensive against the enemy homeland.

A Japanese communique indirectly admitted some fire damage to "vital facilities and factories" in the Nagoya and Hamamatsu areas.

A brief U. S. war department announcement said only that Saipan-based B-29s had attacked industrial targets on the capital island of Honshu, but the enemy communique identified the three war centers as the targets of "about 90" Superfortresses.

**Nagoya Hard Hit**  
The main force concentrated on the big aircraft center of Nagoya, the Japanese communique said, while other units raided the Osaka area, 85 miles to the southwest, and the Hamamatsu area, 50 miles to the southeast. The planes struck about 2 p. m. (Tokyo time).

"Although there was some damage inflicted in the Nagoya and Hamamatsu areas by the enemy incendiary bombs," the communique said, "there was almost no damage inflicted upon vital facilities and factories."

The communique claimed that 17 B-29s had been shot down and 25 damaged by Japanese fighters. Two Japanese planes "have not yet reported back," it added.

**Osaka Main Target**  
An earlier Tokyo transmission heard by the United Press in London had said Osaka, Japan's second largest city 250 miles southwest of Tokyo, was the main target.

A "small number" of fire bombs were dropped on the Osaka area during an hour and a half raid starting at 2 p. m. (Tokyo time), but ground installations were not damaged seriously, London quoted Tokyo as saying. The broadcast claimed "several" Superfortresses were shot down or damaged.

Osaka, Japan's biggest industrial center, produces tanks, planes, guns, explosives and ships for the Japanese war effort and had a 1940 population of 3,252,340. It lies 250 miles southwest of Tokyo.

**By United Press**  
In the southwest Pacific, navy Liberator bombers from bases in the Philippines struck into the Formosa area Sunday to set afire five coastal vessels and shoot down four planes east of the big Japanese stronghold. The attack, which carried the bombers some 700 miles north of the nearest American base on Mindoro, was the first land-based raid against the Formosa area since the Superfortress attacks from China last October.

Medium bombers again hit northern Luzon above Manila. Fires and explosions were started at the west coast port of Laoag, while a 2,000-ton merchant ship and a gunboat were sunk off the coast.

On the continent, British troops entered the Burmese road and rail town of Yeu to bring the allied lines within 65 miles north of historic Mandalay.

## Nimitz Chats With Halsey



Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz (left), photographed for the first time wearing his new five-star insignia, confers with Admiral William Halsey aboard Halsey's Third fleet flagship.

## 1,700 WARPLANES HAMMER AT REICH

London, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—More than 1,700 American heavy bombers and fighters from the Eighth air force hammered Germany for the 12th straight day today, lashing at rail and road centers at a dozen different fronts behind the western front.

The assault, which set a new winter aerial offensive record, was carried out by more than 1,100 Flying Fortresses and Liberators escorted by about 600 Mustangs and Thunderbolts.

More than 1,000 RAF planes had made a triple strike at rail and industrial targets in Berlin, Nurnberg and Ludwigshafen last night.

The American bombers dumped hundreds of tons of bombs on Germany's strained supply lines from the Karlsruhe area to near the Belgium-German border.

The attack was concentrated in the same general area which was pounded by 3,000 other American aircraft yesterday.

**Medford Kiwanis Club Installed Officers for Coming Year**  
at their noon meeting in Holland hall today. Taking over the gavel as new president was Joe Earley with Glen L. Fabrick as vice-president and Paul McDuffee as secretary-treasurer.

**Board of directors named for 1945** are Jimmie Bolton, J. Arthur Cunningham, E. B. DeVoe, Al Downs, Frank Humphrey, Paul Selby and Ernest E. Kofoid, retiring president. Dr. C. H. Paske conducted the installation.

Kofoid thanked the club for their co-operation during the past year as he turned the gavel over to Earley.

Perfect attendance awards were given by Kofoid to Fabrick, McDuffee, Earley, Kofoid, Les Ternahan, Tony Mann and George Fry.

Guests were Stan Tonnison, Portland, and Art Cannon, who was wished God-speed on his venture into the navy.

Donald Campbell took his seat last night as councilman from ward 4 at the first meeting of the city council for the New Year. Campbell succeeds Elmer Childers.

## FOLKES DEFENSE IN LAST EFFORT

Salem, Ore., Jan. 3—(U.P.)—An appeal for a writ of habeas corpus for Robert E. Lee Folkes, 22, condemned to die Friday morning for the famous "lower 13" murder two years ago, was made to the state supreme court in a surprise move today.

The court took the appeal under advisement, while they determined whether it can accept jurisdiction.

L. Nicholas Granoff, attorney retained by Mrs. Clara Folkes, the condemned man's mother, presented the arguments.

Folkes was convicted of the January, 1943, knife slaying of young Mrs. Martha Virginia James as she, member of a prominent Virginia family, slept in her lower 13 berth aboard a Southern Pacific train.

**ARMY BUSY WITH WARD OPERATION**  
Chicago, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—The army took off its gloves today and settled down to operating Montgomery Ward properties in seven cities with characteristic thoroughness, demanding an oath of allegiance from executives of government-seized stores and ousting those who refused to take it.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, army officer in charge of the properties seized last Thursday to enforce War Labor Board directives regarding wages and maintenance of union membership, ordered the dismissal of non-cooperating employees yesterday and threatened the mail order firm with seizure of additional properties.

**JURY PONDERING PATERNITY CASE**  
Hollywood, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—A jury of seven women and five men today began deliberating Joan Barry's paternity suit against comedian Charlie Chaplin after 35 minutes of detailed instructions on what to consider and what to ignore from 11 days of testimony and argument.

The sole issue, Superior Judge Henry M. Willis said, is whether Chaplin is the father of Miss Barry's chubby little daughter.

"Your verdict must be," he said, "we the jury find the defendant, Charles Spencer Chaplin, is or is not the father of the plaintiff, Carol Ann Barry."

**BRITAIN SENDS FLEET TO BATTLE JAPANESE**  
**By United Press**  
The new British Pacific fleet, including aircraft carriers, a screening force of cruisers and destroyers, and other warships, has arrived at Australia under the command of Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, an NBC broadcast from the Philippines said today.

The Australian squadron which has been operating under Gen. Douglas MacArthur's supreme command will continue to fight with the Americans, the broadcast said.

## CONGRESS OPENS WARTIME UNITY RAYBURN'S PLEA

**Speaker Urges Joining With Other Democracies in Effort to Bring World Order.**

Washington, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Speaker Sam Rayburn voiced a plea for wartime unity as the 79th congress convened today. He called on this country to join with other peace-loving democracies in using "all the force necessary to bring about an ordered world."

The Texas Democrat addressed the house shortly after being elected to his third full term as speaker.

Calling for American participation in a peace backed by force, Rayburn asserted that civilization could not survive indefinitely the shock of war every 25 years.

**In Somber Mood**  
Rayburn's speech reflected the somber mood in which the new congress came into being. In the two years of its existence it will have to carry a tremendous burden of legislation dealing not only with war but with the future problems of peace.

Both houses met at noon, swore in new members, and prepared to receive President Roosevelt's state of the union address on Saturday.

Rayburn was elected speaker by a roll call vote of 224 to 168 over Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Mass., who told the house that Democrats and Republicans alike were working "for a better America and a better world."

The house listened solemnly and silently as Rayburn, introduced by Martin, spoke of the critical years ahead.

"Today we are being tested," he said, "as to whether free government will continue to live and civilization will continue."

Rayburn warned of "dangerous men and women in this country who preach disunity." He said that "disorder and disunity" preceded the collapse of other nations now being liberated by the allies.

Saying that there will be "a lot of hard fighting—in the east and in the west—before we come to victory," Rayburn put the question: "After the war, what then?"

"After the last war, he said, 'we walked out on the rest of the world and came home and stuck our head in the sands and said, 'Let the rest of the world go by.'"

**POLES IN WARNING ON EXILE REGIME**  
Lublin, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—The provisional government of Poland served notice to the governments and business firms of the world today that it would not honor any financial undertaking, commitment, or loan negotiated by the rival exile regime in London.

The decree was in a decree that proclaimed the provisional government the sole legal authority expressing the will of the Polish people and carrying out the task of liberating the remainder of Poland from the Germans.

## NAZIS IN COSTLY EFFORT TO FREE BUDAPEST FORCE

**Armored, Infantry Divisions Lash at Red Lines; Russian Threat Spurs Action**

London, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Counter-attacking German armored and infantry divisions lashed out against the Red army lines northwest of Budapest today in a new and costly attempt to rescue an estimated 80,000 nazis cornered in the shell-torn city.

Goaded by a Red army proclamation that the nazis SS guerrillas in Budapest would be slain to a man and their commanders hanged for the murder of two soviet emissaries, the Germans flung two tank divisions and thousands of riflemen into the attack, striking down from Komarno on the Danube, 45 miles above the capital.

**Reds Hold Firm**  
Heavy fighting was still under way early today, with the Russians holding firm all along the line and piling up heavy losses in enemy men and material.

Inside Budapest, meanwhile, the trapped German and Hungarian garrison carried its suicidal defense into the eighth straight day with no sign that it was ready to capitulate.

Nazi resistance appeared to have stiffened following the "no quarter" proclamation, and Moscow admitted the fighting had become "deadlier and costlier" than ever.

**REPORT ON HANNA MORE OPTIMISTIC**  
Improvement was noted the past 24 hours in the condition of Judge Herbert K. Hanna, according to a report received from Portland this afternoon. The daily bulletin from the judge's condition stated that the "periods of normal consciousness are longer."

Yesterday the United Press report on the judge was to the effect that he was in a semi-comatose condition with periods of normal consciousness between.

The judge, presiding head of circuit court for this district, has been in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland for the past week and has been seriously ill for nearly two weeks.

**NEW COLD WAVE FOR NORTH PLAIN STATES**  
**By United Press**  
A new cold wave, originating in Canada and sweeping eastward across the nation on the heels of yesterday's icy blasts, was forecast today for the northern plain states, the upper Mississippi valley and the Great Lakes region, with the mercury dipping to 15 and 20 degrees below zero tonight.

**Drafting of Young Farmers Planned to Furnish Army and Navy Requirements**  
Washington, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—The government today sought to cancel as many as possible of the 364,000 agricultural deferments held by men 18 through 25.

The action followed pleas from heads of the armed forces for induction of more youths in that age bracket. Army request for more young replacements was believed to reflect, in part, losses suffered in the German offensive in Belgium and Luxembourg.

In a letter to Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes made it clear that it was a question of taking men who now hold agricultural deferments or men in the next age group—26 through 29—who hold occupational deferments.

**Plant Men Needed**  
The War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug had advised him, Byrnes added, that the alternative would make it "extremely difficult" to meet critical war demands.

Byrnes noted that President Roosevelt had authorized him to call on Hershey for cancellation

## FBI Nabs German Spies



Erich Gimpel, 35, a German citizen, and William C. Colepaugh, 28, a discharged U. S. Navy man, held by the FBI in New York as German spies. They are accused of landing in this country from a German submarine.

## Allied Headquarters Refuses To Divulge Casualty Totals

Paris, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—Supreme Allied Headquarters remained adamant today in its refusal to tell the American public one of the bitterest results of the German breakthrough on the western front—the extent of American casualties.

Under the same news policy, Shaeff has so far refused to clear up the question of changes in the Allied High Command—if any American newspapers have been printing statements from neutral capitals that Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery has been named deputy supreme commander.

**Buck Passed**  
Supreme Headquarters is now passing the buck on releasing any confirmation or denial of reports on American divisional casualties to 12th army group, saying it is up to the group to issue any statement. Twelfth army group, is subordinate to Shaeff and subject to Shaeff orders.

The Germans already have claimed that four American divisions, including the 106th, were destroyed and six others cut-up in their smash through Belgium and Luxembourg. Some 30,000 prisoners were taken alone and the number of dead and wounded ranged even higher, German accounts said.

**Whether these figures were pure propaganda or not, the German command obviously knows how many prisoners it has captured, how many dead it has recovered, and probably could make a shrewd guess as to how many were dead and wounded were taken away by the retreating Americans.**

But Supreme Headquarters still bans any detailed disclosure of casualties despite the fact that Americans at home have been told that production and draft calls will have to be increased to replace losses suffered in the counter-offensive.

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He said War Food Administrator Marvin Jones had advised him "that although we still need all of the food we can raise, the loss of production through the induction into the armed services of the physically qualified men in this 18 through 25 year age group who do not fall clearly within the scope of the Tydings amendment should not result in a critical condition."

**Major Need Cited**  
"I have reported these facts to the president," Byrnes wrote. "He has found that the further deferment of all men now deferred in the 18 through 25 age group because of agricultural occupation is not as essential to the best interests of our war effort as is the urgent and more essential need of the army and navy for young men."

By way of contrast with the 364,000 agricultural deferments for young men, a White House spokesman said that only 35,000 to 40,000 men in the 18-25 age bracket are deferred in industry and medicine. An undetermined number of other deferments cover men in the merchant marine.

## SINK SPEARHEAD FIVE MILES IN MICHAMPS AREA

**Ardenne Sallent Swept by Heavy American Artillery Fire — Fighting Violent.**

Paris, Jan. 3—(U.P.)—American forces have lost all of their bridgeheads in Germany along a 55-mile stretch between the Sarre-Guemes area and the Rhine in a withdrawal to northeastern France dictated by developments elsewhere, front dispatches revealed tonight.

The "developments elsewhere" which sucked the American 7th army out of its German footholds appeared to be the Ardennes breakthrough, against which the American 3d army swung formidable forces from positions on the left flank of the 7th.)

The American 3rd army drove a spearhead to the Michamps area five miles northeast of Bastogne today and swept the Ardennes salient with heavy artillery fire as front dispatches hinted at an imminent, full scale offensive against the German bulge.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces threw the Germans out of four more towns in the general area of Bastogne where the south flank of Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's salient was gashed deeply.

**Fighting Violent**  
Violent fighting raged in the zone east of Bastogne, and west of the transportation center the German high command reported that about eight American divisions, half armored and half infantry, were massed for action.

Supreme headquarters revealed belatedly that the Germans had driven American forces out of Germany in the Sarreguines area of the Saarland, advancing up to three miles and eliminating a doughboy bridgehead five miles wide and three miles deep in the reach.

Up to 48 hours ago, SHAEF disclosed, the Germans had smashed at the Billes river line in the Sarreguines area six times, and had forced a crossing at Bliesbruck, three miles west of Sarreguines.

**35 Miles Active**  
German attacks were flaring with unspecified intensity and effect along a 35-mile front from Sarreguines to the Rhine, but the latest reports said nothing of any recurring Nazi thrusts in the Saarbrucken area of the Saar.

The tenacious reported prevalent in the Belgium-Luxembourg theater recalled recent assertions by supreme headquarters sources that the time was at hand for Rundstedt to decide whether to get out of his salient or renew his attack.

Latest indications were that the nazis were prepared to contest any American thrusts from the north but were content to pull back slowly before the trip hammer blows raining on the south flank.

Already Patton's advanced spearhead northeast of Bastogne was gouging past the village of Michamps to the area of Bourcy and Bois Du Maister about a mile beyond. Armored outriders were a minimum of five and a half miles beyond Bastogne and strong units were not far behind.

**Fight For Hill**  
Along a line two to 11 miles west of Bastogne, the 3rd army captured Senochamps, Mande, Gerimont, and Bonnerie. Patrols speared into St. Hubert but withdrew. The heaviest fighting west of Bastogne was around a hill between Bonnerie and Tillet. The Germans held the hill, but the doughboys gained half a mile to its right, putting them a quarter of a mile from Tillet.

Armored elements in the vicinity of Harzy, four miles east of Bastogne, were reported fighting off heavy armored and infantry counterblows.

Bad weather grounded the tactical air forces this morning. More than 1,700 American bombers and fighters from Britain swarmed to the support of the ground armies, hitting transportation centers scattered behind the battle lines from Belgium to the Karlsruhe area of the upper Rhine.

**SIDE GLANCES**  
**By TRIBUNE REPORTERS**  
Maud Brault buying hamburgers without any hamburger in them.  
Dr. Bert Elliott fearlessly terming a reporter "bird brain."  
Roland Beach admitting he is addicted to eating three times daily.