

RED ARMY CAPTURES WARSAW

MEDFORD MALL TRIBUTE

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Stalin Proclaims Greatest Triumph Of Six-Day Drive

London, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The red army today captured Warsaw, the fortress city of Czechochowa only 15 miles from the German border, and hundreds of other towns and villages in a three-day offensive pulverizing the Nazi defenses of all occupied Poland.

Marshal Stalin, in three resounding orders of the day, announced the liberation of Warsaw, a breakthrough on a broad front in a new offensive northeast of Warsaw, and the driving of a spearhead within 267 miles of Berlin.

London, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The red army captured Warsaw today in its greatest triumph of a six-day winter offensive sweeping across Poland and rapidly undermining the German positions along a 600-mile battlefield.

Marshal Stalin proclaimed the capture of Warsaw in a special order of the day which revealed that the first White Russian army had forced the Vistula north of the capital and clamped it in a pincer.

Cutting it off from the west, soviet assault forces stormed Warsaw from three directions and wrested it from the Germans.

NERVOUS NAZIS REPORT RED ADVANCE

The announcement of Warsaw's liberation came as a flood of nervous Nazi broadcasts reported that the Russians had plunged within 15 miles of the Silesian frontier at Czechochowa, had shattered the Narew river line of German defenses northeast of Warsaw, and were racing at top speed across central Poland.

The entire German defense in Poland appeared to have collapsed under the weight of probably the mightiest single land offensive of the entire war, and Stockholm relayed Berlin hints that the Nazis had written off all of Poland.

Stalin, announcing the capture of Warsaw on the sixth day of the winter campaign, ordered Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's victors saluted with 24 salvos of Moscow's 324 victory guns.

Zhukov, Stalin's deputy in the soviet supreme command, set up Warsaw for a three-way assault by a double flanking maneuver. Swinging up behind the capital from a great bridgehead south of it, the Russians captured Zyradov, 29 miles southwest of Warsaw, and cut the roads running west from the city.

PINCERS CLOSED ON POLISH CAPITAL

Then the White Russian army stormed across the Vistula north of Warsaw and wheeled down to close the pincers and isolate the city.

Storming in from three directions and avoiding a dangerous crossing of the broad Vistula from the long-held Praga suburb, the Russians by combined blows from the north, west and south captured the capital of our ally, Poland, the city of Warsaw, the most strategic center of the German defenses on the river Vistula," Stalin said.

He paid tribute to troops fighting under 13 generals, including the commander-in-chief of the Polish first army, thus revealing that the Poles had taken part in the strategy which liberated their capital. Also praised were four generals of artillery, six generals of armor, and seven generals of the red air force.

The capture of Warsaw first was announced by the Lublin radio.

First Photo! Luzon Town Liberated by Yanks



American troops are greeted jubilantly by Filipinos outside bomb and shell-scarred municipal hall at San Fabian, first Luzon town to be liberated by General MacArthur's forces as they swept on, apparently unchecked and unchallenged, across the great central Luzon plains after Lingayen Gulf landings. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from New Guinea.

Drive on Manila Unchecked



American troops on Luzon were 75 miles or less from Manila as advance toward capital was met by extremely light resistance. The Yanks were within 30 miles of Clark Field, big airbase. On the flank, however, there was stiff fighting along the Rosario-Pozorrubio line.

APPLEGATE BOY, 8, MISSING IN TOWN

Bobby Davis, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, who live on Sterling Creek near the Little Applegate, was still missing from home at noon today police said.

Bobby was lost from his parents about 4 p. m. Tuesday in downtown Medford while his parents were shopping according to a statement made by George Mead, a friend of route 2, who reported the matter to police. Mead said the child's parents came to town early Wednesday to see if the lad hadn't come to Mead's address.

Bobby was wearing overalls and a mackinaw but no hat, Mead said, when he was lost yesterday.

TOBIN CHOICE TO SUCCEED PERKINS

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Daniel J. Tobin, president of the A. F. of L. teamsters' union, appeared today to be organized labor's leading candidate to become secretary of labor if and when Frances Perkins resigns.

Tobin has the backing of A. F. of L. President William Green, who called on President Roosevelt yesterday and asked that he replace Miss Perkins. Neither the congress of industrial organizations nor any of the independent railway brotherhoods is backing one of its own members.

Tobin did have C. I. O. support during the last political campaign, but was believed to have alienated it by a bitter post-election attack on the C. I. O. political action committee.

Miss Perkins is known to be anxious to be relieved of her official duties, but Mr. Roosevelt has given no hint on whether a change is in the making.

Light Snow Falls In Higher Levels

Light snow fell over the Siskiyou, and the Prospect and Butte Falls areas this morning, according to weather reports received at the California-Oregon Power company office here. Some snow also fell in the foothills bordering the valley. Indications were for a continued fall in the higher elevations. No report was received today from Fish Lake, by the Medford irrigation district. This was regarded as a good sign, and that a heavy fall had put the telephone line out of commission. Late reports yesterday said there was three and one-half inches of snow on the ground there.

FOUR CAMP WHITE OFFICERS ADVANCE

Promotion of four Camp White army officers was announced today by Col. John R. Young, post commander.

The new elevations in rank promoted First Lt. John V. Richert, to captain; First Lt. Leopold E. Fritze to captain; Second Lt. Patrick L. Savageau to first lieutenant and Second Lt. Arnold M. Withers to first lieutenant.

Capt. Richert is post chaplain, Capt. Fritze is provost marshal officer for the camp and Lt. Savageau and Lt. Withers are with the salvage segregation division.

130 SHIPS SUNK, 260 DAMAGED BY PACIFIC FORCES

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Rear Adm. M. F. Schoeffle, assistant chief-of-staff, operations, said today that U. S. naval forces have sunk 130 Japanese vessels totaling 250,000 tons, damaged 260 others and in recent strikes against enemy bases from Formosa to French Indo-China.

Summarizing results of naval activities from Jan. 2 to Jan. 16 in support of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's operations in the Philippines, Schoeffle said:

"This has given us all here a great lift. Less than a year ago, we must remember, our forces were progressing toward the Marshalls. Now they have moved 3,600 miles to the westward in less than a year."

Schoeffle said that in addition to the 400 enemy planes destroyed, another 400 were put out of action by damage.

He disclosed these figures at Secretary of Navy James Forrestal's news conference. The major aim of the navy's recent operations, he said, was to keep the Japanese from interfering with MacArthur's landings on Luzon.

By United Press

B-29 Superfortresses blasted Formosa today in the wake of a three-day carrier plane assault on the island bastion and the China coast while merged columns of 6th army troops on Luzon rolled almost unopposed toward Tarlac, 65 miles north of Manila.

The war department in Washington revealed that the big bombers from bases in China had hit Formosa, but details were not available.

There was a possibility that Adm. William F. Halsey's 3d fleet planes had extended their raids on the Formosa-China coast area into a fourth day in conjunction with the Superfortress strike. Both carrier planes and Superfortresses hit Formosa last Sunday and on Jan. 9.

Fugitives From Training School Are Found Here

Two runaways from the Oregon State Training school at Woodburn were picked up by Medford police Tuesday afternoon in a downtown building.

The boys were Lyle Dewayne Grove, 15, and Otto Foster, 17. Local police located the lads within an hour after receiving a phone call from Charles Mannus, assistant supervisor of the institution who said he believed the boys were in Medford at the address of a grandparent of one of the escapees.

The youths are being held here until authorities arrive to return them to the school police said.

Roosevelt Calls on Congress for Law To Put 4-F's Into Essential Work and Renews Request for National Service

LETTER STRESSES NEED FOR ALL TO BACK UP FIGHTERS

Urgency Increased Since First Request F.D.R. Tells Committee Chairman.

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today determinedly called on congress for enactment "without delay" of legislation to force 4-Fs into essential jobs, and also renewed his request for a national service law.

He made the requests in a letter to Chairman Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) of the house military affairs committee which is currently holding hearings on a bill by May to force 4-Fs into war jobs on threat of induction into special labor battalions.

Chiefs Quoted

To back up his demands, he sent to May a joint letter from Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet, asserting that the increasing intensity of the war requires "every conceivable effort" to build up and supply the armed forces.

Mr. Roosevelt recalled that in his annual message to congress on January 6 he had requested both national service and 4-F legislation.

"The urgent need of this legislation has not lessened but has increased since the sending of my message," he said.

He said that while the May bill is not a "complete national service law, it will go far to secure the effective employment in the war effort of all registrants under the selective service law between the ages of 18 and 45."

Action Paramount

"While there may be some differences of opinion on the details of the bill, prompt action now is much more important in the war effort than the perfecting of details," he said.

The Marshall-King letter said it was their duty to report an "urgent necessity for immediate action" to relieve "the acute need for young and vigorous replacements for the army and navy" and to provide manpower to increase production of critical items of munitions, ships and to repair damaged vessels.

They said army and navy manpower needs for overseas action would require a total of 900,000 inductions by next June 30, and that an estimated 700,000 industrial workers must be added to the nation's work force if urgent war needs are to be met.

GRANTS PASS LAD STRONG FOR JAZZ

Hollywood, Cal., Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Dean Kirkpatrick, 16-year-old high school hot live fan, hitchhiked into Hollywood today and announced he had bummed his way 1025 miles from Portland to hear Esquire Magazine's jazz concert tonight.

To his dismay, Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirkpatrick, Grants Pass, Ore., learned the concert was all sold out. Flabbergasted concert officials assured him they would fix up a seat in the wings if they had to.

A jam-session drummer himself for eight years, the boy was due also for some lessons from Big Sid Catlett, elected to play the drums in the concert.

Walker's Pass in Kern County was named for Captain Joseph Rufford Walker.

Arab Women For Polygamy Only If Husband Is Rich

Cairo, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The Arab Women's congress has no argument with polygamy as such—but it intends to insist that plural marriage be limited only to men who can afford it financially.

Demanding equal rights for their sex, 100 delegates to the newly-formed congress' first session have announced to the world in general—and the Arab males in particular—that woman's place no longer is in the harem.

Women speakers charged that "great misery" resulted from the practice of poor men marrying up to as many as four wives.

STETTINIUS HAS KIND WORD FOR SEN. VANDENBERG

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., today described as most useful and courageous the recent address in which Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., proposed, among other things, immediate treaties to keep the Axis powers disarmed.

He referred to the speech as a whole, refusing to discuss any specific points.

Stettinius made the comment at a press conference after spending the morning with the Senate Foreign Relations committee. He said he gave the committee a general review of foreign affairs and added that it was the first of a series of such meetings that he and Committee Chairman Tom Connally, D., Tex., had arranged.

WOMEN VOTERS LEAGUE CANCELS CONVENTION

Washington, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The National League of Women Voters said today it had cancelled its convention scheduled for May 1-4 in St. Louis.

Anna Lord Strauss, president of the league, said the convention was cancelled because "we are anxious to lift some of the burden on our over-taxed transportation facilities."

Col. Roosevelt's Dog Has Priority Over Navy Man Hurrying Home By Army Plane To See Sick Mother

Antioch, Calif., Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Seaman Leon LeRoy, 18, USNR, said today he, a Seabee and an army sergeant with "C" priorities were bumped off an army cargo plane at Memphis, Tenn., to make room for a "big, shaggy dog" with an "A" priority.

In an interview with his hometown newspaper, the Antioch Ledger, young LeRoy said the dog was consigned to Faye Emerson Roosevelt from her husband, Col. Elliott Roosevelt.

LeRoy, an armed guard crewman assigned to duty on a tanker in the Atlantic, is the son of the late Chief of Police Al LeRoy, who died December 6.

He said that he arrived in New York from overseas January 9 and was notified that his father was dead and his mother ill in Antioch. Obtaining an emergency leave and a "C" priority, young LeRoy boarded an army cargo plane en route west.

The dog, he said, was put aboard the plane in a crate at Dayton, O., and occupied three seats. Young LeRoy asserted that instructions for the care and feeding of the animal were attached to the crate, and that the flight engineer took charge of the cargo, including the care and feeding.

At Memphis, additional high priority cargo was put aboard the plane, LeRoy said, and it was at this point, according to his story, that an army lieutenant at the field told the three passengers they would have to get off the plane.

LeRoy said he and the Seabee and the sergeant "beefed" and asked:

"Why can't you take off the big dog?"

"You have 'C' priorities," the lieutenant answered, according to LeRoy.

LeRoy said the lieutenant showed them specifications on the dog's crate listing the dog as "A" priority cargo.

Because of a mixup over his liberty pass, LeRoy was detained for two days at Memphis, he reported, and finally resumed his trip west as a hitch-hiker.

He arrived in Antioch yesterday and said that unless he gets an extension of time, he will have to leave for New York again in three days.

BIG TRAFFIC HUB WEST OF ST. VITH TAKEN BY YANKS

Paris, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—The United States First army's 75th division today captured Vielsalm, big road hub nine miles west of St. Vith and seven miles south of Stavelot on the northwestern arc of the flattened Ardennes salient.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' forces kept the pressure on all day, and a First army headquarters dispatch said the Americans were in the final lap of reclaiming all of the estimated 1,200 square miles lost to the Germans.

Nazis Fall Back

Only about 300 square miles of the bulge remained, and the yielding of Vielsalm after a half-hearted stand indicated that the German fallback to the shelter of the Siegfried line still was going on.

Fighting was still in progress in the Houffalize area toward the center of what had been the bulge, but the main action was around St. Vith to the west.

The British second army was still on the attack against the German salient west of the Roer river 50 miles to the north. A front dispatch said an advance of about 1,000 yards had been made during the night, but operations were hampered by fog, sleet, and snow.

Youth Held Here As Draft Dodger

Alton Dale Manning, 18-year-old self-styled divinity student, from McMinnville, is wanted for draft dodging according to a statement made by Willis Wood, local FBI agent, in a long distance call to local police from Klamath Falls Tuesday.

Manning was picked up in Medford Sunday at 1039 South Riverside, and is being held in the county jail. A warrant for the young man's arrest was issued by Portland authorities police here said today.

DRIVER HURT AS TRUCK COLLIDES WITH FLAT CARS

Clarence Miller, about 42, of route 2, box 398, Ashland, was slightly injured early this morning when a logging truck he was driving crashed into a string of flat cars near Eagle Point.

Miller, driving an empty truck, was headed north on Crater Lake highway and was temporarily blinded by the lights of an oncoming car and apparently did not see the flat cars extending across the highway, according to Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris who brought the injured man to a hospital here in the Conger-Morris ambulance.

It was necessary to remove the steering wheel to extract Miller, Morris said. The injured man then walked across the street to the home of Ernest Dahack where he awaited the ambulance.

Hospital attendants said this morning that complete examination had not been completed but Miller appeared to be only slightly injured.

First Spring Lambs In Central Pt. Area

First spring lambs of the season came the past week to Central Point and Applegate district flocks, County Agent R. G. Fowler reports. The new lambs are early. Weather conditions as of today are not favorable for the lambs.

Not much farm and orchard work is now underway in the valley, due to the wet ground. Pruning is still underway, and spring-toothing has started on some farms.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ralph Woodford enjoying the prospect of seeing wife Lillian break into the news.

Moore Hamilton leaving his best hat in the office and wearing his second best one out in the rain.

Weatherman Robert Church puzzled at his figures adding up to 366 days in a year, he having forgotten the phenomenon of Leap Year.

JAP PLANE PLANT 50 PER CENT OUT

Twenty-first Bomber Command Headquarters, Guam, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Production at the giant, sprawling Kokuki aircraft factory—a Mitsubishi subsidiary at Nagoya was cut 50 per cent as a result of damage sustained during the U. S. Superfortress raid of Dec. 18, it was officially reported today.

Hit by a "sizeable" task force of B-29s, the factory, which acts as a "feeder plant" for other Japanese aircraft centers, was bombed 40 per cent out of commission.

This makes the second important enemy aircraft plant which has been damaged to such a large extent by Superfort raiders. The first was the Hatsudoki factory, also an integral part of the Mitsubishi works.

Announcement of the Kokuki plant's partial destruction was made only after photographs clearly showed the results of the bombing.

JUDGE RECOVERED, RETURNING HOME

Today's United Press bulletin from Portland stated that Judge Herbert K. Hanna had left St. Vincent's hospital where he had been a patient for three weeks. Judge Hanna, circuit court judge for this district, was taken to Portland by ambulance December 27 after having been in a local hospital for a few days.

Relatives here stated that the judge was expected at his home in Jacksonville tomorrow. The exact nature of the serious illness which the judge suffered has not been stated.

BRITISH NEAR MANDALAY IN LOWER BURMA DRIVE

Calcutta, Jan. 17.—(U.P.)—Armored patrols of the British 14th army, driving into lower Burma against slight opposition, were reported today within 20 airline miles of Mandalay.

British and Indian troops of the 15th corps, tightening a coastal plane of western Burma, were reported shelling the Taungga escape road near the village of Kantha.