

# Churchill Calls on Germany, Japan to Abandon War

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### Victory May Be Distant But No Longer In Doubt Prime Minister Asserts

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# REDS INVADE GERMANY

London, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today that the Ardennes battle had been turned into "an ever-famous American victory" which he believed "is more likely to shorten this war than lengthen it."

#### OVERWHELMING FORCES WITH ALLIES

"Both in the west and in the east," he said, "overwhelming forces are ranged at our side. Military victory may yet be distant. It certainly is costly but it is no longer in doubt."

#### BULGE BATTLE MAY SHORTEN WAR

"I do not hesitate today to give my own opinion," Churchill said, "that the decisive breaking of the German offensive in the west is more likely to shorten this war than to lengthen it."

#### Tribute To Reds

He paid tribute to the red army attack in Poland and East Prussia, saying: "Marshal Stalin is very punctual. He would rather be before time than late in combinations of the allies."

#### He Said King Peter Must "Quit Stalling"

He said King Peter must "quit stalling" on the regency agreement drawn up by Prime Minister Ivan Subasic and Marshal Tito or the monarch would be "left in the lurch."

#### Red Greeks Lashed

Churchill lashed out violently at Greek communists, charging them with plotting to establish a totalitarian state. He remained totally intransigent toward Greek leftists and proclaimed his complete faith in the policy followed by his government in Greece.

#### Thousands of Other Hostages

Thousands of other hostages were dragged along the roads and many were left to die, he said.

#### "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

"Tell me the old, old story," interrupted Communist William Gallagher. "We have heard all these lies before."

#### Commies Fear Truth

"I am reading you facts," replied Churchill. "You don't like them. I am telling you the truth and you fear truth."

#### In Greece, He Said, Britain's Policy

In Greece, he said, Britain's policy has been to support or establish the most coherent and substantial government machine that could be found to deliver available food, maintain tolerable conditions of law and order and hold elections at the earliest possible moment.

#### "I Have Never Been Connected"

"I have never been connected with any large enterprise of policy on which I was more sure in mind and conscience of the rectitude of our motives, the clarity of our principles and the vigor and precision of our success of our action than what we have done in Greece," he said.

#### Of course, it is not against the Germans that they were trying to fight to any extent.

They were simply taking our arms, lying low and awaiting the moment when they could seize power and make Greece a communist state with totalitarian liquidation of all opponents."

#### Paris, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Five American soldiers who stole "huge quantities" of gasoline from the army, sold it on the Paris black market for as much as \$60 a gallon and lived in luxury on the profits have been sentenced to death, the army announced today.

#### Col. Clarence Brand, staff judge advocate of the Seine section, said the death sentences—first meted out in the army black market scandal—were handed down by a general court-martial on specific charges of desertion in time of war and conspiracy to steal army gasoline.

#### Brand refused to reveal names and addresses of the condemned men. Other members of the gang will be tried this week, he said, while army undercover agents intensify their drive to round up the remainder of the offenders.

#### One of the condemned men, Brand said, had "two apartments and several mistresses."

#### DISTILLERY BUY PROBER ENDORSED

Salem, Ore., Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Purchase of the Waterfall and Frazier and Shawhan distilleries by the Oregon and Washington liquor commissions in 1943 will be investigated by a five-man Oregon legislative committee it became evident today after the Oregon house of representatives alcohol committee endorsed a resolution providing for the committee.

The resolution, already passed the senate. It is expected to pass the house.

Meanwhile the education was reading bills which will ask for some \$5,000,000 in additional funds for Oregon schools. Increased state aid would help relieve the shortage of teachers, proponents of the bills believe.

A series of bills were submitted to the house judiciary committee. Three of them, brought in by the secretary of state's office, concerned motor vehicle laws and were largely administrative, giving the department larger authority in license regulation violation cases.

### First Pictures Of Luzon Invasion



American tanks, mobile guns and infantry sweep through Luzon town of San Jacinto as they bound forward unchecked and apparently unchallenged across the great central Luzon plains, gateway to Manila. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.



Cautiously advancing on this camouflaged Jap pillbox, these American infantrymen make sure no living resistance is left inside after they knocked out the machine-gun that faced road to Luzon village of Manno. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme Photographer for War Picture Pool.

### DEFENSE PIERCED 250 MILES FROM HITLER'S CAPITAL

2nd White Army Overruns Fortress City of Modlin, Other Towns, Villages.

London, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Marshal Stalin's fast-breaking winter offensive was reported today to have crashed into Germany some 250 miles southeast of Berlin and to have blasted open the way for a flanking drive to the Baltic aimed at cutting off east Prussia.

Moscow advices said the red army was believed to have broken across the Polish frontier into German Silesia and to be advancing "swiftly within less than 50 miles of Breslau, Silesian capital 225 miles from Berlin.

To the northeast, Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's second White Russian army broke through the German defenses north and northwest of captured Warsaw, overrunning the fortress city of Modlin at the confluence of the Vistula and Narew rivers, the transport center of Przasnysz, 53 miles north of Warsaw and 17 below east Prussia, and more than 1,000 other towns and villages.

Rokossovsky's five-day offensive had smashed the German defenses across the corridor between the Vistula and east Prussia, opening the way for a push up to the Danzig area which would isolate all east Prussia and neutralize the bitter German defense of the homeland province.

Both Modlin, 19 miles northwest of Warsaw, and Przasnysz were described by Stalin in an order of the day announcing Rokossovsky's new successes as "important centers of communications and strongholds in the German defenses."

A United Press report from Moscow said Konev's advance on the Silesian frontier had cut the lateral communications between the German armies in the Krakow area and those fleeing Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's first White Russian army to the north.

Berlin acknowledged the loss of Czestochowa and said the Russian captors were advancing due west, but a Nazi military spokesman claimed the Russians "will find that their offensive will become entirely different at the German border."

### Forest Products Laboratory Asked

Salem, Ore., Jan. 18—(U.P.)—A forest products laboratory in connection with Oregon State college will be established at Corvallis under provisions of a bill submitted to the senate today by the forestry committee.

### Lost Sterling Boy Returns To Home

It has been reported that Bobby Davis, 8-year-old boy who was lost from his parents in Medford Tuesday, has returned to his home on Sterling Creek in the Little Applegate.

### CUB MEET POSTPONED

Cub Pack 6 has postponed its regular meeting, scheduled for tonight, until next Thursday night when it will be held at the Washington school gym. This move was taken because of the paper drive in which the members are participating.

### SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Wilton White relating the peculiarly onery habits of a cow acquaintance.

Vic Milnes startling Ken Grant by passing out the information that Grant planned on treating everyone at the junior chamber banquet to cigarettes.

### THIRD ARMY HITS BULGE SHOULDER IN NEW ASSAULT

Luxembourg Attack Beats Forward in Teeth of Nazi Mortars, Machine Guns.

Paris, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—American Third army forces crashed into the southeastern shoulder on the deflated Ardennes bulge today in a new attack across the Sure river in the area of Diekirch, 15 miles north of Luxembourg City.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's attack in northeastern Luxembourg some five miles from the German border brought virtually all of the thin Nazi crescent in the Ardennes under the fire of the American First and Third armies.

Second Army Gains To the northwest, the British Second army broke into Germany at a new point. Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's troops, stepping up the pressure on the German pocket west of the Roer, gained up to two and a half miles and seized Susteren and Eicht above Sittard. They stabbed across the border directly east of Susteren.

Elements of Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton's Fourth division and Maj. Gen. Stafford L. Irwin's "Red Diamond" Fifth division jumped off at 4 a. m. today in the new Luxembourg attack.

They forced the Sure river defense line from the south somewhere near Diekirch and beat forward in the teeth of a storm of German mortar, machine gun and small arms fire.

On the opposite shoulder of the salient, other American troops put a squeeze on St. Vith in the concerted effort by the First and Third armies to jolt the Germans back to the starting line of their winter offensive.

### Nazis Stubborn

Closing in on the town which is the anchor point of the German penetration into Belgium, American columns had St. Vith two-thirds encircled from the north, west and southwest at distances ranging from five to eight miles.

Robert W. Richards, United Press war correspondent, reported in a dispatch written on a hilltop overlooking the Sure river and Diekirch that Third army units again today "witnessed what once was a familiar sight—German forces falling back toward the Reich border, which here was only three and a half miles to the northeast."

Sherman tanks dotted the snow-blanketed hills, and their 75's threw shell after shell into Diekirch and 30-caliber machine guns kept up a continuous chatter.

### Air Priority for Roosevelt Dog; All a Mistake Officials Declare

Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Everybody seemed to agree today that the transcontinental Air-priority airplane ride taken last week by Blaze, 115-pound bull mastiff destined for Col. Elliott Roosevelt's actress-wife, Faye Emerson, was a mistake. But if

Chicago, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Actress Faye Emerson, wife of Col. Elliott Roosevelt, said today she was positive that her husband had not requested a priority for a dog shipped to her in Hollywood from Washington by army transport. "It must have been a mistake," she said and declined further comment. Miss Emerson stopped here between trains.

### BURMA ROAD OPENING WON'T BE CURE-ALL

Chungking, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Opening of the Ledo-Burma road, expected soon, will not mean that an unlimited quantity of supplies will pour into China from India, Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, chief of staff of U. S. forces in China, warned today.

anybody knew how Blaze got his priority, they weren't talking.

Maj. Gen. Harold L. George,

### WORK-OR-DRAFT LAW IS FAVORED BY FOOD CHIEF

Marvin Jones Says Agriculture Facing Serious Manpower Problem of Own.

Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones today endorsed work-or-drafted legislation which would cover all men between 18 and 45 not now in the armed forces.

He said the measure, which the committee hopes to send to the house tomorrow or early next week, would not affect the Tydings amendment which provides for deferment of men essential to agriculture.

"But I wouldn't want the Tydings amendment used as a smoke screen," he said, "and neither would you. It is right to screen these men carefully to see that those deferred under the amendment are clearly engaged in farming."

### Problem Faced

Jones said agriculture faces serious manpower problems. The same type of young men needed by the armed forces are needed in many phases of agricultural work, he said.

The committee had planned to draft a bill today providing penalties for any of the estimated 18,800,000 selective service registrants 18 to 45 who refuse local board requests that they take, or stay in, essential war jobs. It decided during a two-hour morning session to delay action, however.

Agricultural organization spokesmen have opposed any form of national service, fearing it might result in further depletion of already-short farm labor pools. They have protested actions already taken to reduce the number of farm deferments.

### SUBS ADD 24 JAP VESSELS TO TOLL

Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—U. S. submarines have sunk 24 more Japanese ships, including four combat vessels, the navy announced today.

The four warships were a destroyer and three escort vessels. The others included three transports, five tanks and 12 cargo vessels.

These sinkings raised to 958 the total of Japanese ships sent to the bottom by American submarines.

The maintenance of the high rate of sinkings evidenced the advantages derived from American seizure of bases closer to the enemy's homeland and its lines of supply to its purloined empire.

### GROUND FORCES LOST 332,912 ON WESTERN FRONT

Washington, Jan. 18—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today that U. S. ground forces alone suffered 332,912 casualties on the western front from D-day on June 6 to January 1.

This total, which includes losses during the most severe period of fighting in the German Ardennes offensive, represents 54,562 killed, 232,672 wounded and 45,678 missing, Stimson told a news conference.

Stimson said the Germans have suffered great losses in the past week.

U. S. ground force losses for December on the western front, Stimson said, were 74,788. These included 10,419 killed, 43,554 wounded and 20,815 missing. He added that most of the missing probably had been captured.

The secretary said that the American 106th division, in its "gallant stand" during the battle of the bulge suffered 8,663 casualties—more than half a division's normal strength. Of these 416 were killed, 1,246 wounded and 7,001 missing.

### CLIFFORD ALVIN BEATTIE DIES EARLY WEDNESDAY

Clifford Alvin Beattie passed away early Wednesday morning in a local nursing home. He was born July 28, 1871, in Sullivan county, Ind., and was a member of Masonic lodge 19, Fort Collins, Colo.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Peri funeral home and will be announced later.

### Jap Officials Leave Manila As Loss of Capital Looms

By United Press The early fall of Manila to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's advancing forces was suggested today in field reports from Luzon that the Japanese have begun evacuating key personnel by air from the Philippines capital.

While Admiral William F. Halsey's third fleet maneuvered behind a curtain of radio silence, news of furtive northward flights from Manila by Japanese transport planes reached MacArthur's headquarters.

It was believed the Japanese were evacuating high military and possibly civil leaders to northern Luzon or even Formosa, although enemy broadcasts have insisted repeatedly that a desperate defense of Manila would be made.

Only 65 miles north of the Philippines capital, American armored and infantry forces were reported massing for a new southward lunge expected soon to carry all the way to the great Clark field air center 25 miles away.

The latest headquarters announcement disclosed a 17-mile spring by American forces on the northwest flank of the Lingayen beachhead, widening the foothold to 65 miles and sealing off the Pangasinan peninsula.

Tokyo reported new B-29 Superfortress "nuisance" raids on the Japanese capital, the Osaka-Kobe area and Korea, but said no bombs were dropped. The planes apparently were on reconnaissance.

Tokyo also reported formation of a new all-powerful Japanese political party and hinted it might be used as a club to force the resignation of Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso.

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Deaths in Jackson county during 1944 totaled 478, according to a partial vital statistics report under preparation by Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health officer. This figure was 27 less than in 1943 when the total was 505.

Five principal causes in 1944 were:

Heart and circulation, 256; cancer and tumors, 43; accidents, 62; respiratory, 23, and early infancy, 21.

In 1943 the same principal causes were:

Heart and circulation, 243; cancer and tumors, 67; accidents, 55; respiratory, 43, and early infancy, 23.

Dr. Merkel explained that tuberculosis, not long ago one of the leading death causes, dropped in 1944 to 14th on the list, making the Jackson county rate, 15 in 100,000 population. While in the state it was 30 in 100,000 and in the nation 40 per 100,000 people.