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ENEMY FORCES ON LUZON SEVERED

AMERICANS GAIN HIGHWAYS, REPEL ENEMY COUNTERS

Seven Mile Advance Below Baguio — Tokyo Hints New Landings Near

United Press War Correspondent Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Sunday, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—U. S. 6th army troops have "practically" split the Japanese defenders of Luzon by advancing as much as seven miles eastward below the mountain stronghold of Baguio after turning back strong counter-attacks which cost the enemy 23 tanks and heavy troop losses, it was announced today.

The Japanese on the northeastern end of the Lingayen gulf lines, thwarted in an attempt to drive back across highway No. 3 and restore direct communications between Manila and northern Luzon, are now breaking up into disorganized groups, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's daily bulletin announced.

The Americans now hold a solid 37-mile stretch of highway No. 3 from Sison, four miles southward of Paniqui junction. They also have smashed seven miles eastward from the highway to the town of Asingan, 22 miles in from Lingayen gulf.

"This practically cuts the enemy in two, severing his forces in northern Luzon from those in southern Luzon," the bulletin said.

The Japanese still have highway No. 5 over which to maintain circuitous liaison between their troops in the north and south and it was menaced by the Americans who were within 26 miles northwest at Asingan.

Far to the south, in the central Philippines, the American conquerors of Leyte were revealed to have jumped westward across the Camotes sea into the Camotes islands, between Leyte and Cebu, the latter the birthplace of Philippines President Sergio Osmena.

Ponson island, 15 miles west of Leyte and 32 miles from Cebu, was invaded January 15 and three days later the Americans jumped into Poro island, three miles southwest of Ponson. Poro is connected with Pacijan, third island in the Camotes group, by a causeway across a narrow strait.

The forces charging down Luzon's central plains toward Manila scored unspecified gains beyond Santa Ignacia, 13 miles north of Tarlac. A United Press front dispatch said that force had driven 40 airline miles or 50 road miles into Luzon to within 25 miles of Clark field and that it was within "easy striking distance" of Tarlac. The dispatch indicated the Americans had pushed to within seven miles of Tarlac and 71 of Manila.

(Tokyo, heard by the FCC, hinted at possible new landings in southern Luzon, saying American reconnaissance planes were scouting the area. Tokyo said that indicated the possibility "that the enemy is intending to avoid our powerful forces north of Manila and instead attempt to land troops at some other fresh point.")

WAR BULLETINS

London, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—Paris dispatches said today that Turkey reportedly had offered to declare war against Germany and contribute 25 fully equipped divisions to the allied cause, but London official circles disclaimed knowledge of the reports. Diplomatic quarters in Paris were said to consider the development as not unlikely since Turkey's failure to contribute to an allied victory by military action is believed certain to deny her a place at the peace table.

Lisbon, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—A communique said today that warplanes which Tuesday raided the Portuguese colony of Macau (Macao) were American. Newspapers said the United States had offered apologies.



WAR HAVOC IN DURWISS—American soldier looks lonely as he walks up cleared street through terrible wreckage of what had once been the thriving town of Durwiss, Germany, scene of bitter warfare. Although not a single building was whole, streets were rapidly cleared.

TORNADO MAKES CLEAN SWEEP OF KLAMATH SERIES

Southern Oregon Conference Medford 5 0 1,000 Ashland 3 2 600 Klamath Falls 1 3 250 Grants Pass 0 4 000 Medford high's Black Tornado whirled through an outclassed Klamath Falls team to sweep a week-end series played at Klamath Falls by trouncing the Pelicans, 44 to 28, Friday night and repeating, 42 to 26, Saturday night. The wins extended Medford's conference victories to five while dropping the Pelicans into third place.

Medford led all the way Friday night even though they suffered the loss of Capt. Bob Watson who was forced from the game in the first quarter. Saturday night Klamath Falls took an early first period lead, but was passed quickly by the fast-stepping Tornado who completely dominated the game from there on out. The Tornado led at half-time, 17 to 11.

Jerry Ross led all scorers when he collected 15 points, closely followed by Dick Fawcett with 13. Palmer was high for Klamath Falls with ten. Seventeen personal fouls were called on Medford, 16 on the Pelicans.

Saturday lineups: Medford. Pos. Klamath. Hayes (2) f (10) Palmer Ross (15) f (4) Mason Whillock (2) c (1) Busman Fawcett (13) g (2) Perkins Watson (6) g (4) Noren Stelle (2) s (2) Alexander Reich (1) s (1) Zarosinski Cave (1) s (2) Redkey

FIRST ACQUITTAL IN MASS TRIALS

Paris, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The mass court martial of American soldiers accused of black market operations resulted today in the sentencing of five more soldiers to long terms at hard labor, but also the first acquittal since the trial began.

Sgt. Norman Andrews of Chicago was acquitted when it was established he took rations for personal use and not for sale.

For conspiracy to steal, and sell 4,200 packages of cigarettes, 20 pounds of coffee and three hams, the court imposed sentences of 10 years on Sgt. Donald C. Studley of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 20 years on Sgt. Frederick Rugel, Chicago, and 35 years on Cpl. Rollie Barnhouse, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. All received dishonorable discharges.

BRITISH SUBS BUSY London, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—British submarines operating with the East Indies fleet, sank 84 Japanese supply ships during recent patrols.

FIVE SERVICEMEN 'BUMPED' BY COL. ROOSEVELT'S DOG

Two More Report Rides Cancelled At Dallas—Falla Said Sick

San Francisco, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The list of servicemen who said they were bumped from an army cargo plane by Col. Elliott Roosevelt's Mastiff dog "Blaze" grew longer today while official spokesmen grew silent.

Seaman 1/c Perry Buhler, 30, Houston, Texas, now stationed at San Bruno, Cal., said he and a flight surgeon with captain's rank were kept off the westbound army cargo plane at Dallas, Texas, on the night of January 10 while the Roosevelt dog with his unexplained "urgent" priority, remained aboard in his crate.

Buhler and the surgeon were the fourth and fifth service "bumpers" whose plight was blamed on Blaze's A priority.

Buhler told reporters that he and the captain were supposed to board the plane at Dallas on the night of January 10. "We lined up with our tickets and they told us there wasn't enough room, that the dog had an A rating.

"Everybody around the airport seemed to know it was Roosevelt's dog. They were pretty mad about it and the ladies in the Red Cross canteen said they were going to do something about it."

Washington, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—They say Falla is sick. Spectators at President Roosevelt's back porch inauguration today noted that his Scottie's doghouse was empty.

A White House guard told a curious soldier that the dog was ill. A later report, that Falla was under treatment in the veterinary school at Walter Reed hospital, could not be confirmed. The public relations office was closed for the night and no one was on duty at the school. A call to the White House was similarly unavailing.

1000 CLUB HEARS ELEANOR, TRUMAN

Washington, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt called tonight in an address to the One Thousand Club for a sincere attempt by American much we owe" to the men now fighting for them on distant battle fronts.

CHINESE RETAKE WANTING, KEY TO ROUTE TO INDIA

Chungking, Sunday, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—A Central Chinese news agency dispatch from Lungling said today that Chinese forces on the Sino-Burma border had recaptured the Burma road town of Wanting, last Japanese stronghold on the land route to India. The defeated enemy garrison of Wanting is retreating in the direction of Lashio, to the south, with the Chinese in hot pursuit, the dispatch said.

Capture of Wanting, taken and lost again by the Chinese several weeks ago, eliminated the last pocket of Japanese resistance along the land route to India through north Burma and reopened the first supply route to China since the Japanese invasion of Burma in 1942.

HUNGARY REGIME SIGNS ARMISTICE

London, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—Representatives of the provisional national government of Hungary, formed less than a month ago at Debrecen, signed an armistice agreement with the United States, Russia and Great Britain at Moscow today after two days' negotiations, the Moscow radio said.

The three major powers acted in the name of all the United Nations which were at war with Hungary, Moscow said, and the Czechoslovak and Yugoslav ambassadors witnessed the signing. Text of the armistice will be published separately, the broadcast added. It gave no hint of the terms.

BULLETINS

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon Webfeet turned on the Washington State Cougars here tonight and handed them a 64-to-48 defeat, after dropping the opening game of the series to the Staters last night.

Except when W. S. C. led briefly at the beginning of the contest, Oregon was out in front all the way and played a careful, precise game. The Webfeet guarded closely and never permitted the Cougar's star, Vince Hansen, to get loose for the sensational scoring he accomplished the previous night.

Oregon led at the half time, 31 to 22. Outstanding players for Washington State were Vince Hansen and Waller. Hansen made 14 points. For Oregon, Dick Wilkins and Ken Hays turned in good games, with 21 and 13 points, respectively. The Cougars are now in fourth place in the northern division standings. Oregon retains second place.

University of Southern California 52, California 25.

FRENCH, BRITISH LAUNCH ATTACKS ON NAZI FLANKS

Colmar Pocket Offensive Aids Seventh — Tank Battles Raging

Paris, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The French first army hurled troops, tanks and dugouts into a powerful offensive against the Colmar pocket below Strasbourg today, striking to relieve the critical front north of the Alsatian capital where German armor reinforced by panzers from the Ardennes bulge had swept back the U. S. seventh army five miles.

Simultaneously, the British second army merged its two drives from the Dutch flank of the erupting front into a seven-mile broad advance on the Rhineland with white-camouflaged tanks, stabbing three miles into the Reich and capturing Breberen only 21 miles from industrial Munchen-Gladbach.

Behind its greatest barrage since the drive through Belfort gap, Gen. Jean De Lattre De Tassigny's Frenchmen struck on a 25-mile front against the southern side of the Colmar strip, which on its northern fringe reaches within 10 miles of Strasbourg.

American-equipped polus attacked in a blinding snowstorm at 7:30 a. m. and by noon had advanced up to three miles between St. Amerin in the Vosges and the Rhine river. Caught off-guard by the initial surge, German defenders of the perimeter rallied and hard fighting was reported in the afternoon.

North of Strasbourg, meanwhile, the Germans had succeeded in crashing westward to the outskirts of Weyersthal, nine miles above the capital and six miles south of Haguenau, in three attacks employing nearly 50 tanks.

Hard-fighting doughboys, bazooka men and anti-tank crews blasted 30 Panther and Tiger tanks but failed to dislodge the spearhead threatening communications from both Haguenau and Strasbourg to the west through the Saverne gap.

EDWARD'S LADY IN FASHION'S CELLAR

New York, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The Duchess of Windsor, a world renowned fashion leader for several years, turned up last today on the latest list of the world's best dressed women.

She was topped by eight socialites and a woman politician, the GOP's Clare Boothe Luce of Connecticut.

The duchess was not, however, bested by her sister-in-law, the Duchess of Kent, who once was her chief style rival. Nor was she bested by Mrs. Harrison Williams, whose trim suits and blue-white hair, has kept her on best dressed lists for two decades. Neither were mentioned this year by style leaders who, under sponsorship of the New York dress institute, picked the ten best dressed women.

LITTLE ACTIVITY ITALIAN SECTOR

Rome, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—Canadian infantry troops, supported by tanks and self-propelled guns, attacked the German bridgehead on the east bank of the Senio river in the Fusignano area and succeeded in capturing and holding a group of buildings against a stiff counterattack, allied headquarters announced today.

NAVY WANTS LUMBER Portland, Ore., Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The navy's bureau of yards and docks must procure 100,000,000 feet of lumber in the next three months through its Portland office.

TERM FOUR OATH GIVEN ROOSEVELT IN BRIEF RITES

Five Minute Inaugural Talk Urges Role In World Affairs—Truman Sworn In

Washington, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt began his fourth term today in a semi-private, 13-minute inauguration marked by his warning that this nation cannot expect a lasting peace if suspicion, mistrust and fear color our approach to post-war international commitments.

The inaugural ceremony—usually an occasion for colorful splendor—was so brief and simple and was witnessed by so comparatively few people, that it seemed almost an incident in the life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt rather than the unprecedented beginning of his fourth term in the White House.

The president had decreed that it be short and simple so as to be in keeping with the times. Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone administered the oath to Mr. Roosevelt on the south portico of the White House at 12:03 p. m. A minute earlier, retiring Vice-President Henry A. Wallace had sworn in his successor, Harry S. Truman.

The president followed his oath with a simple, prayerful five-minute speech. Two minutes later—time for the benediction and the "Star Spangled Banner" by the marine band—one of the nation's most historic occasions was over.

Obviously mindful of his meeting soon with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin, and mindful, too, of isolationist feeling in this country, Mr. Roosevelt made a forceful point of this nation's role in a world community in his 540-word inaugural speech.

"The war, he said, has taught us the lesson that we must 'live as men, not as ostriches, nor dogs in the manger.' 'We have learned,' he said, 'that we cannot live alone, at peace; that our own well being is dependent on the well being of other nations, far away. 'We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community.'"

As he spoke amid his generals and admirals, his congressional leaders and his political aides, there stretched before him four years more promising of trouble and burdens than any other phase of Mr. Roosevelt's career.

In those four years his ultimate role in history probably will be determined—by when and how the war ends and the justice and durability of the peace that follows. And mindful of this, the 62-year-old, graying chief executive started what no other man has ever started—a fourth term in the White House.

White House officials counted 7,806 persons admitted to the mansion's grounds. They stood in two inches of snow on the south lawn. Several hundred yards away from the portico, an estimated 6,000 spectators stood outside the fence. They heard the president's address over a loudspeaker system.

ASK PROCEDURE FOR WAR TRIALS

London, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—A member of the United Nations war crimes commission warned today that the allies must agree on procedure for the arrest, investigation and trial of war criminals before the fighting ends so that upward of 700 Nazi military and civilian officials will not escape punishment.

"We must establish procedure before the war ends in order to guard against the farce which followed world war I when only 12 of 3,000 alleged criminals were ever sentenced," he said.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The Iowa Pre-Flight basketball team, rallying from a one-point deficit at the half-time, defeated Drake University tonight, 46-38.



ARTHUR CANNON JAYCEE CHOICE AS JR. CITIZEN

Arthur M. Cannon, former manager of Fluhrer Bakeries, was named Saturday night as Medford's No. 1 junior citizen at the Founders' Day banquet of Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, held at the Riverside USO and attended by over 300 people. Presentation of a scroll was made by Mark Goldy, representing President Herb Grey of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce who was unable to be present.

The scroll was received by Mrs. Cannon on behalf of her husband who left Medford a few days ago for service as a lieutenant in the navy.

In presenting the scroll, Mr. Goldy enumerated the long list of civic and patriotic activities in which Mr. Cannon had engaged during the past year and which brought about his selection as outstanding junior citizen. Mr. Cannon was president of the Community Chest, treasurer of the Civic Music Association, director of the War Finance drive, active in the Red Cross drives, was a director of the Chamber of Commerce, director of the USO, and an active member of Rotary, Elks and University clubs.

Introduction of guests occupied a substantial portion of the meeting following the banquet, large Junior Chamber delegations being present from Grants Pass and Klamath Falls, as well as several state Jaycee officers. A complete story of the meeting will be published Monday.

CANADIAN TROOPS FAIL TO REPORT

Ottawa, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—More than 6,000 Canadian home defense troops ordered to overseas duty were absent without leave tonight from ports of embarkation.

Defense Minister A. G. L. McNaughton revealed the mass defection after the lifting of a censorship ban on reports of "disorders and heavy absenteeism" resulting from the government's new policy of conscripting troops for overseas duty. Heretofore, Canadian troops have served overseas only on a voluntary basis.

Cowgill Speaker At S.S. Sunset Launching

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The SS Sunset, namesake of the famed 41st division, comprised of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana soldiers, was launched today at Swan Island shipyard. Brig. Gen. Ralph P. Cowgill, a former member of the Sunset division and commander of the Oregon state guard, was the principal speaker. Sponsor of the tanker was Mrs. George A. White, widow of General White, former commander of the division.

WOOLMEN ELECT Prineville, Ore., Jan. 20—(U.P.)—The Oregon Wool Growers association has concluded its 49th annual convention at Prineville with the election of Wayne Stewart of Dayville as President.

TILSIT FALLS TO REDS; SPEARHEAD PIERCES SILESIA

East Prussia Towns Taken — Stalin Reveals Advances, Objectives Told

London, Sunday, Jan. 21—(U.P.)—The red army yesterday captured the East Prussian industrial city of Tilsit and the German high command announced that soviet tank spearheads had driven five to 32 miles inside German Silesia by breaking into Namslau, 27 miles east of Breslau and 196 miles from Berlin.

Powerful Russian assault forces drove 48 miles inside the Junker province of East Prussia from the east in advances of up to 24 miles in which more than 250 East Prussia towns and villages were captured, Marshal Josef Stalin revealed in one of three orders of the day for Saturday.

Berlin said another soviet army was hammering into the southern border areas of East Prussia along a 30-mile front within 85 miles of Danzig.

There was no confirmation from Moscow of these German reports of Russian invasions of Silesia and southern East Prussia, although the soviet high command revealed that red army tanks and infantry had reached the frontier town of Janowo, 32 miles south-south-east of the Prussian city of Allenstein.

But Marshal Stalin revealed that red army troops 100 miles west of Warsaw, who have covered more than one-third of the way to Berlin in a week, were 209 miles east of the German capital after seizing the Polish city of Kolo on the Warsaw-Berlin railroad.

Along an 800-mile front from East Prussia to Czechoslovakia five crack soviet armies were mauling a routed German army that included four tank and infantry divisions rushed from the western front, Moscow said.

More than 2,500 German, Polish and Czechoslovak towns and villages were seized yesterday, two-thirds of Poland already was liberated and Moscow announced that 65,000 enemy troops had been killed and 25,000 taken prisoner by three of its armies in the past eight days.

The red army overran almost 10,000 towns and villages in the first week of the winter offensive and advanced up to 140 miles, radio Moscow said.

The Russians were driving for three major objectives, Moscow dispatches said, first was Konigsberg, the capital of East Prussia, and the encirclement of that province by the seizure of Danzig; the second was Poznan in western Poland, and the third Breslau, the capital of Silesia.

KLAMATH HEATING SHORTAGE EASED

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 20—(U.P.)—Shipments of fuel wood from Eugene and Redmond, arriving daily, have lessened the fuel shortage here considerably. The shortage had threatened to become acute, along with the growing demands for all types of wood, especially for military use.

The Klamath Heating company, which operates the city's central heating plant, had been short of hog fuel until arrangements were made to get additional amounts from nearby Modoc Point.

PHILS FRAME SKED Philadelphia, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—Traveling Secretary Jim Hagen of the Philadelphia Phils announced tonight that the club would play a 13-game spring training schedule.

FARM BLOC WINS Washington, Jan. 20—(U.P.)—Farm bloc pressure tonight forced a modification of proposed work-or-go-to-jail legislation to protect essential farm labor.