

# STALIN THROWS IN SIXTH ARMY

## MEDFORD TRIBUNE



**Weather**  
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight. Thursday cloudy with occasional rain. Slightly warmer tonight. Temp. 52. Highest yesterday 52. Lowest this morning 21.3. Precip. past 24 hours none.

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### Yanks Plunge Toward Siegfried Positions As Germans Shift Strength To East Front

#### HURRIED SWITCH NOTED IN EFFORT TO MEET CRISIS

#### Extent of Movement From West Not Yet Certain—Airmen Blast at Convoys.

Paris, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—American forces plunged forward toward the German Siegfried positions east of the almost vanished Ardennes bulge today amid gathering signs that the Germans were hastily drawing strength from the western front to meet the crisis in the east.

The American advance was rolling steadily and ahead of the ground forces U. S. tactical air forces struck at fresh targets—nazi convoys moving east.

Reports came from several sectors of the front indicating that the fighting in the west was being affected by the German efforts to bolster the lines shattered by the red army in the east.

Two Divisions Leave  
Along the British-held Dutch front, correspondents reported two German divisions definitely had been pulled out of the line and sent east. British and American tactical air forces reported heavy movement of German military traffic on the lines leading away from the Ruhr.

The American tactical air force reported it had destroyed 70 more German vehicles in strikes against the Nazi rear line thus far today. The British reported they had hit more than 160 German trains in 48 hours, many of them loaded with troops and war materials.

However there was little change in the grim character of ground fighting.

The American 7th armored division, with the assistance of the 508th infantry of the 82nd airborne division, shoved east of recaptured St. Vith in a push to drive the Nazis back into their Siegfried positions from which they launched the Ardennes drive December 16.

Third army forces moved up in gains of one and two miles and along about half the Ardennes sector the lines were virtually where they had been before Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt attacked.

Massed American artillery and swarms of fighter-bombers continued to pour explosives on enemy columns streaming eastward from the bulge toward railway embarkation points behind the Siegfried line for possible transfer to Silesia and Poland.

Six thousand vehicles, tanks, horse-drawn transport, railway cars, and locomotives were destroyed or damaged Monday and Tuesday in the first two days alone of the bombardment.

#### Film Comedian Is Sued For Divorce

Hollywood, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Jack Oakie, rotund film comedian, was sued for divorce today by actress Venita Varden, who charged him with "gross mental cruelty."

Miss Varden, who attributed their third parting to "Hollywood gossip," demanded no alimony or division of property.

The couple got as far as an interlocutory divorce decree in 1939, but reconciled by long-distance telephone and took a second honeymoon to Europe.

#### NEGRO FOR WALLACE

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., D., new negro congressman from New York, today termed confirmation of Henry A. Wallace as secretary of commerce "a must."

#### BERLE IN RIO

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Adolf A. Berle, Jr., new U. S. ambassador to Brazil, arrived today and was received at the airport by Foreign Minister Leao Veloso and other Brazilian officials.

#### Symbol of Short-Lived Victory



His face reflecting grim satisfaction, General Douglas MacArthur walks away from Japanese memorial monument in Damortis, Luzon, dedicated to "valor and courage" of Jap forces that captured the town in December, 1941.

### Japanese Fall Back Before Luzon and Burma Offensives

The Japanese fell back before rapidly mounting allied offensives on Luzon and in Burma today as American B-29 Superfortresses continued their relentless campaign with another heavy assault on Iwo, stepping-stone island midway between American-held Saipan and Tokyo.

### DRY V-DAY IS AIM OF WCTU LEADER

New York, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Dr. Ella Alexander Boole, world president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, has opened a nationwide campaign for a dry V-Day so that the country will be in condition to build the glorious postwar world.

She warned 150 New York members of the union that "there are persons who intend to celebrate the advent of peace by drinking."

This, she said, meant increased intoxication, which in turn meant the inability to hold "jobs provided by the government."

### BAN ON CONVENTIONS WILL REDUCE TRAVEL

Chicago, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' convention ban will cut travel by about 4,500,000 miles next month through cancellation of Chicago meetings alone, William J. Hennessey, head of the Chicago convention bureau, estimated today.

It also will cost Chicago, convention center of the nation, about \$3,000,000, Hennessey said.

He said 57 February conventions which were to be held here with a total attendance of some 25,000 delegates will be cancelled under the order, effective Feb. 1.

### BOMBER FALLS

New York, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—A twin-engine navy patrol bomber on an operational flight from Floyd Bennett field with nine men aboard, crashed into Jamaica Bay today. One crew member was killed, another seriously injured, and three were reported missing.

#### MILITARY HEADS EMPHASIZE NEED ENFORCED LABOR

#### Report on War's Progress Raises Prospect for Law to Force Men Into Plants.

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—The house military affairs committee late today approved the May work-or-fight bill by a vote of 20 to 5 after knocking out the so-called anti-closed shop amendment.

Washington, Jan. 23—(U.P.)—The nation's war leaders today gave its lawmakers a progress report on the war which administration spokesmen said greatly enhanced the prospects for passing legislation to force deferred draft registrants to take or keep war jobs.

The report was given at a closed meeting, to which all members of congress were invited, by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of Navy James Forrestal, Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Adm. Ernest J. King, navy commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet.

Speaker Sam Rayburn told reporters afterward that if he had not already been in favor of pending "work-or-else" legislation, the military leaders' report "would have impressed me very much" with the need for it.

He said the conference was "important from every point of view." Rayburn added that the disclosures made to the congressmen were "tremendously helpful" and that "the psychological effect was very good."

Some congressmen thought the conference had helped the chances of the May bill to force deferred men 18 to 45 into essential industry. They said the speakers pointed out that the manpower situation is still very serious.

Sen. Tom Connally (D., Tex.) said the meeting convinced him "that we haven't won the war by a long sight."

### MARRETT TRIAL IN FINAL STAGE

Closing arguments were underway this morning in the circuit court trial of Fred Marrett and wife, charged with breaking and entering the office of Dr. R. W. Clancy in this city last August, for the purpose of stealing drugs. The state and defense closed their direct cases late yesterday.

The state, during the course of the trial, introduced the confessions of the defendants who were witnesses for the government in the trial of Dr. Clancy in federal court. The case is expected to be in the hands of the jury by mid-afternoon.

### CLEAN LIVING BROUGHT 104 YEARS OF LIFE

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Charles Clark Spencer, a native of Pleasant Mount, Pa., died here today a month before his 104th birthday.

Spencer who came to California in 1906 from a teaching position in Lancaster, Pa., had been a gardener until he retired at the age of 102. Friends said he attributed his longevity to the fact he had never tasted liquor or tobacco.

### FREIGHT RECORD

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—The nation's railroads handled a record 737,000,000 revenue ton-miles of freight last year, an increase of one and four-tenths per cent over the previous high set in 1943, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

#### JONES DISCOUNTS WALLACE ABILITY AS BUSINESS MAN

#### Ousted Commerce Secretary Says Office Needs Man of Sound, Proven Experience

Washington, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Retiring Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones, testifying in favor of legislation to curb the powers of his designated successor, Henry A. Wallace, said today that the government's loan administrator "should be a man of proven and sound business experience."

Jones made a public appearance in a jammed senate caucus room before the senate commerce committee to state his reason for believing the former vice president is not qualified to succeed him as head of the government's multi-billion-dollar lending agencies.

Wallace Tomorrow  
Wallace will be given a rebuttal opportunity tomorrow.

Jones gave his views on a bill by Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga., which would remove from the commerce department all control over the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its affiliated agencies.

Reminding the committee that the RFC conducts "the most gigantic business enterprise, or series of business enterprises, that the world has ever known," Jones said it affects the entire economy of the nation.

Without mentioning Wallace in the 340-word prepared statement with which he opened his testimony, Jones asserted: "Certainly the RFC should not be placed under the supervision of any man willing to jeopardize the country's future with untried ideas and idealistic schemes."

There was no question, however, that he would apply such a description to Wallace, the idol of the new deal Democratic left wing.

Jones asserted that it is well within the authority and responsibility of congress to determine whether the RFC and its affiliated agencies are to be separated from the department of commerce.

"It seems to me that the paramount issue before this committee in consideration of the resolution offered by Senator George," he said, "is not the location of the powers which the congress has, from time to time, delegated to the RFC, but in the proper character of their administration."

### Bogey Romancing With A Starlet

Cleveland, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Humphrey Bogart, bad man of the movies whose wife is suing him for divorce, today confirmed reports of a romance with Lauren Bacall, budding screen actress.

Bogart, resting at the Mansfield, O., farm of Author Louis Bromfield, told Columnist Norman Siegel of the Cleveland Press that the romance was "very definite."

### SCHOOL LAW VIOLATION CASE SLATED BY COURT

Trial of H. Choluer, bus driver, charged with violation of the compulsory school law, was postponed this morning by Justice of the Peace W. P. Tucker until late this afternoon to permit the appearance of several witnesses.

The defendant is accused of failure to send his 14-year-old daughter to school regularly, and defying school authorities.

The record shows the girl has been attending only about one-third of the time. The case has been under investigation by school and juvenile authorities for several months.

### Russians Roll on Berlin!



Soviet forces storm into the Poznan area, only 138 miles from Berlin, and thrust forward almost unchecked across all western Poland. In Poland, they are closing on Breslau and in East Prussia were slicing swiftly toward the Baltic to cut off an estimated 200,000 German troops.

### RUSSIAN ADVANCE ENVELOPES THREE IMPORTANT TOWNS

#### Rawicz, Oppeln, Trauchenberg Latest Additions to List of Captured Bases.

London, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—The Berlin radio said tonight that the Russians had broken through the German front in East Prussia and reached the Vistula estuary area southeast of Elbing in an effort to cut the last rail line out of the province.

London, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Marshal Stalin announced today that he had hurled a Sixth Russian army into his unprecedented offensive faced by assault forces now storming Poznan, Konigsberg, and Germany's Oder river defense line.

London, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Red army forces ripping through the defenses of Silesia today captured Rawicz, big border transport hub 145 miles southeast of Berlin, the stronghold of Oppeln on the east bank of the Oder, and a fortress town due north of Breslau.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army scored the triple victory at Oppeln, big transport and industrial center on the Oder 48 miles southeast of Breslau, at Rawicz, on the lower rim of the westernmost Polish bulge, and at Trauchenberg, 24 miles north of Breslau across the Barich tributary of the Oder.

Ready To Cross Oder  
Marshal Stalin, in the third of a series of running announcements on the progress of the great Russian offensive, reported the new conquests flanking Breslau, clearing the left bank of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's army pushing due west toward Berlin, and setting the stage for a crossing of the upper Oder.

Troops at the center of Zhukov's line already were storming Poznan, and his south wing swept westward through Kalisz, vital communications hub a little over 60 miles to the southwest and about the same distance northeast of Breslau.

In the first of his official orders of the day—the second announced the capture of Kalisz—Stalin revealed that he had thrown a Sixth army into the big winter offensive. It broke through the German defenses in the Hungarian-Slovak border area, bringing positions there abreast of the Soviet forces to the north.

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army extended the offensive front another 100 miles southward into Hungary with an attack along the Hungarian-Slovak frontier which broke through on a 25-mile front and carried westward 12 miles.

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### Oregon Labor Leaders Hotly Oppose Work-or-Fight Plans

Salem, Ore., Jan. 24—(U.P.)—Organized labor struck out hard at a proposed national service act as three Oregon labor leaders hotly opposed an Oregon legislative memorial to congress in favor of such a law.

It would be tantamount to "slave labor" and unconstitutional, they said. The three labor leaders were J. T. Marr, secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, Stanley Earle, Oregon CIO secretary, and John Brost, national CIO representative.

In a public hearing on the memorial, which has been submitted to the Oregon house of representatives by Rep. Warren Irwin, Portland Democrat, the labor representatives said that the American military record itself was proof of the efficiency of labor in war production.

Charging that it would threaten the very foundations of democracy, the labor leaders said that they had no apology to make for the labor record, in production or in employer-employee relationships.

Earle said that there are 4,000,000 union men in service, and that labor is "keenly aware of its responsibility to the fighters."

Rep. Erwin, speaking vigorously in favor of the memorial, declared that President Roosevelt, Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. chief of staff, and other war leaders had repeatedly asked for such legislation and that the need today is greater than ever.

He said that neither labor nor any other organization should stand in the way of a measure which would hasten the end of the war and save the lives of thousands of American boys, and that the Oregon legislature should "be proud to go on record in favor of this act."

The so-called "big-truck" bills, which would extend the life of the weight regulations governing the operation of trucks on Oregon highways, will be gone over in detail late today. The present weight limits are expanded wartime measures permitting heavier loads than previously and are favored by trucking interests and the state Grange.

Both bills, one of which would extend the present rules indefinitely, the other only until six months after the war, are opposed by railroad groups.

The "freeway" or limited access bill will be conned at a hearing on Thursday afternoon. The bill, opposed last session by farmers groups, proposes to give the State Highway department authority to limit sideroads and other means of access to certain specified places on state highways. As explained by highway department officials, the bill is in conformity with those being passed by other states, and would help form the Oregon links of a nationwide system of through highways.

### YUGOSLAV SHIPS TOLD TO FLY FLAG OF TITO

New York, Jan. 24—(U.P.)—A spokesman at the Yugoslavian consulate said today that instructions had been received from the Yugoslavian government-in-exile in London that all Yugoslavian ships were to take down the national emblem immediately and substitute the red-starred partisan flag of Marshal Josip Tito.

### Respite From War



This probably isn't the way to win a war, but this American doughboy couldn't resist the temptation to stop and teeter-totter with these three delighted Filipino youngsters in Luzon town of Dagupan. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.