

# Four Red Spearheads Plunge Into Berlin Home Province

## MEDFORD TRIBUNE



**Weather**  
Forecast: Cloudy with showers tonight and Tuesday. Warmer tonight.  
Highest yesterday 51  
Lowest this morning 33  
Precipitation past 24 hrs., none.

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### YANKEES REACH REICH FRONTIER IN ST. VITH AREA

Many Villages Seized In Steady Gains Through Deep Snow on Battlefield

Paris, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—American First Army forces storming the last few German positions in a tiny pocket of easternmost Belgium today captured the Bullange road hub 10 miles east of Malmédy and reached the German frontier northeast of St. Vith.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' headquarters announced the seizure of Bullange and several other villages in steady gains through knee-deep snow in through the last German-held territory west of the Siegfried line in that sector.

Brig. Gen. Cliff Andrus' first division pounded Bullange all night, and drove out or killed the last German defenders at 9:30 a. m. today.

Other units seized Herresbach, six miles south of Bullange and the same distance northeast of St. Vith, and struck on beyond, overrunning the villages of Mendendorf on the border and Holzheim, a little less than two miles east and north-east of Herresbach.

At Bullange the doughboys captured 100 Germans and counted 100 dead in the streets. More than 200 were captured at Herresbach.

**Lull Grips Front**  
An uneasy lull gripped the rest of the snow-bound western front. British Second Army forces to the north cleared out scattered nests of resistance in the Sittard corner on the Dutch-German frontier and deployed along the west bank of the Roer river in considerable strength. To the south in Alsace, the U. S. Seventh Army lines remained virtually unchanged, while the French First Army's limited offensive against the Colmar pocket carved out further small gains in spite of bad weather and stiffening enemy opposition.

### TRAINS ROLL AS WINTER RELENTS

By United Press  
Milder temperatures and an increased number of freight trains rolling out of snow clogged rail yards today promised a slackening of the coal and food shortage resulting from an embargo on all but military shipments for a three-day period which ends at one minute past midnight tonight.

The New York Central's Buffalo, N. Y., trainmaster reported that 20 long strings of freight cleared the yards there yesterday, compared to 12 last Saturday, and said that some 3,000 cars in the area were ready to move. Soldiers worked beside rail employees digging out snow-bound freight cars.

### 5,000 Strikes In 1944 Says Bureau

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—There were approximately 5,000 strikes and lockouts in 1944, involving 2,100,000 workers and 8,500,000 man-days of idleness, according to preliminary figures released today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It said the idleness was two-thirds as great as in 1943.

Lockouts accounted for only a small part of the time lost, but the bureau said it was unable to divide the strikes and lockouts exactly.

### SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
Ex-Navy Recruits Herb Crain appearing in his old haunts with a big smile and a brand new outfit of civilian clothes.

Veterans Walter Looker and Carl Tengwald discussing how another comrade of World War I has aged.

Pvt. Arthur Lansing wondering how to locate a set of architect's drawing tools.

### Upholds Ward's



(Acme Telephoto)  
Federal District Judge Phillip L. Sullivan (above) who declared, in far-reaching Chicago court decision, that President Roosevelt was without authority to take possession of the plants and facilities of Montgomery Ward & Co.

### SOLDIERS RETAKE GERMAN PRISONER AT CLIMAX FARM

A German prisoner of war who escaped from the Camp White station hospital early Saturday morning was back in custody today, 1st Lt. F. J. Johnston, post public relations officer, announced.

The prisoner, Gerhard Klave, 24, was apprehended at 9:40 p. m. Saturday after he went to the Lester Wertz farmhouse on Antelope Creek road near Climax and asked for food. He offered no resistance and was still garbed in the pajamas and robe which he was wearing at the time of his disappearance.

The prisoner apparently had no particular objective when he escaped, Lt. Johnston said. A patient at the hospital, Klave, disappeared between 2 and 4 a. m. Saturday. He was not seen again until evening when he appeared at the Wertz home.

At the farm house Klave, who can speak a little English, asked for something to eat. While he was eating, Mrs. Wertz telephoned the Camp White provost marshal and a short time later soldiers and state police closed in on the farm house.

**TO BERLIN**  
By United Press  
The distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:  
Eastern front—100 miles (from Brandenburg province, by Moscow report).  
Western front—296 miles (from southeast of Nijmegen).  
Italy—530 miles (from point north of Ravenna).

### Manila, Stripped of Food By Japanese, Starves While Waiting Rescue By Yanks

(A former reporter for the Manila Daily Bulletin has escaped into the American lines with the following eyewitness account of conditions inside Japanese-occupied Manila. 33 miles away from Gen. MacArthur's forces.)

By Alfonso Denoga  
Written for the United Press  
Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Manila is a dying city today, stripped of its food by the Japanese and packed with almost 1,000,000 starving people whose only hope of life lies literally in early rescue by the American army.

This is the state to which Japan's "greater east Asia co-prosperity sphere" has brought my people in three years of occupation.

The children of Manila poke through the garbage cans for their food; scores die each day; the dead are buried naked, and their clothing sold to buy a meal for the living.

No Rice Imports  
Since Nov. 20 the Japanese

### WALLACE ACTION PUT OFF UNTIL LATER IN WEEK

Skirmishing Continues In Battle Over Nomination—Republicans in Huddle

Washington, Jan. 27.—(U.P.)—Skirmishing continued today in the battle over President Roosevelt's designation of former Vice President Henry A. Wallace to be secretary of commerce, but formal senate consideration was put off until at least mid-week.

Chairman Josiah Bailey, D., N. C., of the senate commerce committee postponed filing of an unfavorable report on Wallace's nomination and a favorable report on a bill to make the job less attractive by divorcing from the department the vast lending powers of the reconstruction finance corporation and its subsidiary agencies.

**Writing Report**  
Bailey said he was still writing the reports, and that they would not be completed in time for submission inasmuch as the senate session was cut short. It adjourned out of respect to Col. Edwin A. Halsey, its secretary, who died this morning.

If Bailey filed the reports tomorrow it would be possible to consider the bill—or the nomination—on Wednesday but there might be further delays. Senate republicans, meeting in a party conference this morning, discussed the Wallace nomination and the "divorce" bill but took no formal action.

Hanford, Calif., Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The Hanford Daily Sentinel today proposed editorially that Eric A. Johnston, president of the U. S. chamber of Commerce, be appointed secretary of commerce to preserve "unity between the people and the government."

The paper said its recommendation was only a "grass roots" suggestion from a small community but wasgered "millions of other Americans would approve appointment of Johnston wholeheartedly."

### First Spars And Lady Marines In Hawaii For Duty

Honolulu, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The first contingents of women marines and coast guard Spars today began their overseas service in the Hawaiian Islands, joining the Waes and Waves already stationed here.

Wearing forest green uniforms, 165 marine corps women reserves marched ashore yesterday to report for duty with the Hawaii garrison forces. The same liner brought 42 Spars—the first to set foot on shores other than continental United States. The Spars were dressed in their summer seersuckers.

A second group of navy Waves also arrived on the boat, a supplement to the unit which arrived several weeks ago.

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have forbidden importation of rice and the people have been dependent entirely on a trickle of smuggled rice. The soldiers slap and maltreat smugglers.

I left Manila late in December after bringing in a little rice to help some of my friends. The children then were roaming the streets for their food, living on scraps gleaned from garbage cans.

Cats and dogs already had been eaten. The only restriction the government put on their sale was that restaurants which sold these dishes had to mark them plainly for what they were.

Many of the men, women and children hopelessly searching for food had festering sores on their bodies, but there were no medicines of any kind to be had. Before the inflation reached its height and before the American landings made the Japanese pesos utterly worthless, a single tablet of sulfathiazole sold for 120 pesos—\$80 at present rates. A drop of iodine cost 30 pesos.

Sell All for Food  
Even before the Japanese

### BRIDGES GRANTED REVIEW OF SUIT AGAINST OUSTING

High Court, However, Denies Petition of Communist Group to Interfere in Case

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The supreme court today granted Harry Bridges, west coast CIO labor leader, a review of his suit to escape deportation to Australia.

The court denied, however, a petition of the Communist Political Association for permission to intervene in the case. The association (formerly the Communist party) wished to present material in objection to a finding by Attorney General Francis Biddle that the Communist party adhered to "violent overthrow of the U. S. government."

**Ordered in 1942**  
Bridges was ordered deported by the attorney general in May, 1942, as an alien communist. He is seeking to block expulsion through habeas corpus proceedings. He appealed to the high court after the ninth circuit court of appeals affirmed denial of the writ by District Judge Martin J. Welch of California.

The communist group then entered its motion to intervene. Biddle signed the deportation order on a finding that Bridges, head of the powerful longshoremen's union, was affiliated with the communist party and that the party believed in overthrow of the U. S. government by "force and violence."

Bridges denied any membership in the communist party. He said the conclusion to deport him was reached through "flagrant abuses of due process of law" based upon testimony of witnesses who were "the dregs of the waterfront."

California's attorney general, Robert W. Kenny, recently urged the government to drop the proceedings against Bridges, on grounds that Bridges had shown his loyalty by performing great services in keeping labor on the job during the war.

The law in question applies only to immigrants, and not to citizens. An American citizen could legally belong to the communist party.

### BERRY GROWERS OPPOSE RETURN OF COAST NISEI

Forest Grove, Ore., Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The United Berry Growers Association of Washington county was on record today as opposed to the return of either foreign-born or American Japanese to the west coast and favored a boycott on any member packer doing business with them.

The Growers adopted a resolution at the annual meeting protesting the return of the Japanese, criticizing any white men who might rent land to them, and refusing to sell to any packer who does business with them.

It was emphasized there was no encouragement of violence against the Japanese but only a feeling that the threat of a boycott would discourage the evacuees from returning.

One opinion expressed was that the large packers were encouraging the Japanese to return, which members deplored, as one spokesman said, "because we don't need them from a standpoint of production and we don't want to do business with them."

### STROUD TWIN DIVORCED BY NIGHT CLUB SINGER

Hollywood, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Clarence Stroud, one-half of the radio and stage twin team, was divorced today by night club singer Ann McCormack who said she was sure it was Clarence and not his identical twin Claude who struck her three times in a backstage quarrel.

She has a hard time telling them apart. Miss McCormack added, but at the time someone hit her Claude was in the service.

### Hit Berlin Province



(Acme Telephoto)  
The German High Command acknowledged that the Red Army had smashed into Brandenburg province, of which Berlin is the capital, and that in another sector the Russians had hit the Odra River line which angles back within 78 miles of the capital. Moscow claimed the entire eastern front from the Carpathians to the Baltic had collapsed, laying open the Reich to the Red Army.

### SUPERFORTS HIT 119 JAP PLANES IN TOKYO FIGHT

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Superfortress gunners destroyed or damaged 119 Japanese fighter planes during an hour-long aerial battle over Tokyo during Saturday's raid, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the Army Air Forces, announced today.

American tanks and infantrymen smashed to within 33 miles of Manila today as B-29 Superfortresses hammered the Japanese from Iwo in the Volcanoes to Tokyo and allied carrier planes raided the Palembang oil refineries on Sumatra in the East Indies.

The two-pronged Sixth Army drive toward the Philippine capital virtually split the Japanese defenses on Luzon and carried to the outskirts of San Fernando, an important road junction which the Japanese are reported abandoning.

**Japs Retreat West**  
The Japanese reportedly were retreating to the west, apparently toward the base of Bataan peninsula, and observers at American headquarters believed the liberation of Manila was only a matter of a few weeks.

A strong force of Superfortresses carried out the attack on Iwo, stepping-stone island midway between the Marianas and Tokyo. Enemy broadcasts reported that single B-29s also made two more nuisance raids on Tokyo, starting at least one fire, and that a small number of undesignated planes attacked Hachijo in the Izu group, 200 miles south of the Japanese capital.

**Palembang Hit**  
The Japanese-controlled Singapore radio reported that 145 carrier based planes attacked Palembang's oil refinery today for the second time in less than a week.

Another enemy broadcast claimed that Japanese submarines have penetrated to the west coast of the United States and had sunk three transport ships and an oil tanker. The broadcast did not say when the attacks occurred.

### LABOR OBJECTS TO WAY WORD "INDUSTRY" USED

Salem, Ore., Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Organized labor today voiced objection to the manner in which the word "industry" has been used in the state's legislature.

Citing various authorities the legislative newsletter prepared by the Oregon Federation of Labor said that "industry" should be taken to mean both management and labor and not management as distinct from labor.

**BARRYMORE FOR DE MILLE**  
New York, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Lionel Barrymore will replace Cecil B. De Mille on the Lux radio theater tonight, but no permanent replacement for De Mille, barred from the air for refusal to pay a union assessment, has been made, the J. Walter Thompson Advertising agency said today.

### FRANKFURT SEEN FIRST OBJECTIVE OF RUSSIAN WAVE

'March Toward Berlin' Now More Than Just Patriotic Slogan, Moscow Declares

London, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight that the red army had broken across the German border in Pomerania and captured the rail town of Riesen, 94 miles northeast of Berlin on the trunk railway from Danzig.

London, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov plunged four armored spearheads into the German province of Brandenburg on a 100-mile invasion front today and Moscow said the nazis had shown no signs of being able to stem his onrush short of the Oder river 40 miles east of Berlin.

Russian columns slashed into Germany from Poland on a broad arc, the center of which was aimed squarely at Berlin, and Zhukov's flanks were firmly in the hands of two other supporting red armies hammering at the gates of Breslau and Danzig.

**First of Two Stages**  
"As a result of Zhukov's phenomenal advance across the Brandenburg frontier, the 'march toward Berlin' has become more than a patriotic slogan," a United Press dispatch from Moscow said. "Military observers believe this is the first of two stages in the final, decisive battle of Germany."

Zhukov's right wing had encircled Schneidemuhl, 50 miles north of surrounded Poznan and four miles inside Germany, the nazis admitted, while other forces thrusting out of the western-most bulge of Poland were cracking into the Odra river defenses in the frontier area.

For the first time Berlin commentators recognized Frankfurt on the Oder, 40 miles from the capital, as an immediate objective of the soviet invasion forces. They said that Zhukov's tanks had been checked in the push toward Frankfurt.

**Smash at Breslau**  
Moscow dispatches said that in Silesia the Russians were smashing at the gates of Breslau, the provincial capital, and expanding bridgeheads across the Oder on either side of it.

The German high command said that along the Oder south-east of Breslau, repeated Russian attacks were contained, and several soviet bridgeheads were "eliminated or narrowed down."

Both Moscow and Berlin reported violent street fighting in encircled Poznan. The last German resistance in the arm of the lower Vistula where it swings northward toward the Bay of Danzig appeared to be collapsing. Berlin reported the "evacuation" of a bridgehead on the east bank of the river at Chelmno, 22 miles northeast of Bydgoszcz, and said Russian attacks on the Grudziadz bridgehead another 17 miles to the northeast were repulsed.

**Stream Toward Reich**  
A German communique said a German attack from the western part of isolated East Prussia against the flank of the soviet barricade to the Baltic reached to the area of Preussisch Holland, 18 miles southeast of Elbing.

"Roads from encircled Poznan west to Brandenburg are now filled with endless columns of soviet tanks, self-propelled guns and infantry streaming toward Germany, meeting only thousands of Poles liberated from concentration camps and returning home," one dispatch said.

"The hour is near when the hurricane from the east will reach Berlin," radio Moscow said.

Stockholm dispatches quoted the Colonne newspaper, Kolnische Zeitung, as warning the German people that the "next eight days will decide the war."

**ROOSEVELT SON-IN-LAW WINS LEGION OF MERIT**  
Washington, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Lt. Col. John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law, was presented with the Legion of Merit today for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" in Italy from Sept. 9, 1943, to Jan. 17, 1944, where he served as executive officer with the allied military government.

**HENSEL CONFIRMED**  
Washington Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The senate today confirmed the nomination of H. Struve Hensel of this city to be assistant secretary of navy.

**Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 29.—**Irving J. Schwartz, 48, was in jail today awaiting arrival of police officers from Los Angeles, Cal., where he is wanted in connection with an alleged \$13,000 liquor swindle.

### Avenged Brother



(Acme Telephoto)  
Mark Pappas, 60, sits in Los Angeles jail cell after he voluntarily surrendered to police and confessed West Virginia vendetta slaying of Glenna Fitzgerald in 1919. He said he followed Fitzgerald to America from Island of Crete to avenge death of his brother.