

# Yankees in New Drive Find German Resistance Feeble

**Weather**  
 Forecast: Occasional light rain tonight and Wednesday. Snow over mountains. Warmer tonight.  
 Temp. Highest yesterday 51  
 Lowest this morning 41  
 Precipitation past 24 hrs. none

**MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE**  
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**78TH ROLLS UP 3-MILE ADVANCE THROUGH STORM**

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## Marshall Zhukov in Daring Bid To Overwhelm Berlin Defenses

### ARMOR AND MEN DRIVE WESTWARD OVER OBRA RIVER

Russian Leader Throws Blue Chips Into Game for High Stake, Reports Indicate

London, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov exploded a redoubled offensive on a broad front 90 to 100 miles from Berlin today in a daring bid to overwhelm the defenses of the threatened German capital with one great onslaught.

Moscow dispatches said Zhukov's massed tanks and troops had crashed through the Odra river line, last natural barrier before the Oder, and were sweeping westward toward Frankfurt and Stettin.

On 42-mile front Nazi broadcasts reported that powerful Russian forces had struck out on a 42-mile front between Driesen and Neu Bentzen in the border area of Germany east of Berlin in a plunge pointed at Kustrin, on the Oder 41 miles northeast of the capital.

Soviet and Nazi reports made it evident that Zhukov was throwing his blue chips into the game of war for the highest stake—Berlin. Obviously he had the situation well enough in hand after his sweep across the Polish plains from the Vistula to gamble for the enemy's capital before the groggy Nazis had a chance to rally for its defense.

German descriptions indicated the massive weight Zhukov was throwing into his plunge.

Kustrin Objective The Nazi designation of the immediate Soviet objective as Kustrin, at the confluence of the Oder and Warthe 17 miles northeast of Frankfurt, suggested that Zhukov's assault forces might have broken through the outlying perimeter of Berlin's defenses for a quick grab at the river city which is the last of any size before Berlin on the trunk railway from Danzig.

Driesen and Neu Bentzen, the outer limits of Zhukov's intensified push as reported by Berlin, are 42 miles apart and a few miles inside Germany from the northwestern and southwestern arcs of Poland's westernmost bulge.

**FEHL LOSES FIGHT TO ESCAPE TAXES**  
 Salem, Ore., Jan. 30—(U.P.)—The Oregon Supreme Court today affirmed the Jackson county circuit court in a case over foreclosure on property for delinquent taxes.

**SIDE GLANCES**  
 By TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
 Pvt. Marshall Bessonette, Jr., appearing in his draft board office with "greetings and salutations" from the army after 10 months in uniform.

### Train Held for James Roosevelt



Col. and Mrs. James Roosevelt hurry through Chicago railroad station to catch a Los Angeles-bound streamliner, held for them an hour and seven minutes because their train from Washington was delayed because of bad weather. Roosevelt denied that he asked that the train be held.

### Elliott Roosevelt Promotion Has Unanimous Approval of Committee

Washington, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—The senate military affairs committee unanimously approved today the nomination of 34-year-old Col. Elliott Roosevelt, second son of the president, to the rank of brigadier general.

The nomination of the young air force officer was approved along with the promotions of 57 other colonels to the same rank.

No opposition was voiced to Roosevelt's nomination, Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, said, although the record of the president's son was thoroughly reviewed at the request of Sen. Styles Bridges, R., N. H.

The nominations now go to the senate for approval.

Thomas said that although "there was some discussion" of the Roosevelt nomination among committee members in the closed meeting, the committee had received only two communications on the subject—one an unsigned telegram and the other a letter from a man and wife who protested that the nomination was "a terrific affront to the American people and thousands of young men in the army."

Thomas gave this review of Roosevelt's record: Appointed captain, specialist reserve, September, 1940; transferred in grade to the air reserve on active duty, February, 1941; promoted to major, army of the United States, March, 1942; promoted to lieutenant colonel, A. U. S. air corps, August 6, 1942; promoted to colonel, A. U. S. air corps, March 22, 1943.

**B-29S IN FIRST PHILIPPINES RAID HIT NORTH LUZON**  
 By United Press  
 American 6th army troops drove into the swamp-lined Calumpit bottleneck of Luzon today to hit the last Japanese defense line 23 miles north of Manila and Tokyo revealed that B-29 Superfortresses made their first attack of the war on the Philippines.

An enemy broadcast said 30 of the huge Superfortresses raided targets in northern Luzon, above the Manila-bound American invasion forces, but other details including the time of the attack were not audible.

**Hanshu Also Hit**  
 Tokyo also reported that single B-29s made several missions over Osaka, Kyoto and Wakayama on the home island of Honshu last night and today with bombs being dropped on Osaka and Kyoto.

### COPCO ANNOUNCES RATE REDUCTION EFFECTIVE FEB. 1

Saving of Approximately \$325,000 Looms for Electricity Users of Territory

Rate reductions which will mean savings of approximately \$325,000 to users of electricity in the southern Oregon and northern California area served by the California Oregon Power company, were announced today by A. S. Cummins, president of the company. The new rates, which will affect home owners, auto camp operators and consumers of general and agricultural power, are effective as of February 1.

It is estimated that reductions applying to residential service will save home owners \$165,000 a year or an average of 11 per cent. Savings to commercial establishments will average 14 per cent, Cummins said.

Following Long Study In commenting upon the lowering of Copco rates Mr. Cummins pointed out that this action follows many months of rate study on the part of the company and that many factors, including the refunding of the company's bonds last fall, combined to make it possible. It was emphasized that this reduction is only the start of a comprehensive program to make electricity power cheaper throughout the territory served by the California Oregon Power company.

Although Cummins expressed his complete agreement with the principal of low cost power and wide distribution he warned that care should be taken in choosing the method of achieving this goal.

"Copco is an investor-owned, tax paying, self-supporting and regulated company whose tax bill for 1945 will total \$1,800,000, or equivalent to 30 cents out of each dollar of operating revenue," he said. "It is apparent that no form of private business can possibly compete with tax-exempt subsidized government agencies if no consideration is given to tax inequalities."

**Confidence Needed** President Cummins voiced the hope that the time might come soon when companies such as Copco might sit down with government officials and work out broad and sound plans for greater production and distribution of electric power based upon mutual understanding and cooperation. The realization of such a constructive program would remove uncertainty, restore confidence, permit long-range planning by private business and contribute materially to future expansion in the north west and lower rates for consumers.

Copco enjoys an enviable position among the electric utilities of the nation in service to city and rural consumers, according to Cummins. The average residential sales of 3040 kilowatt hours in 1944 in the territory served by the company were nearly three times the average for the entire country, and Copco's cost to consumers under the new rate structure will be about one-half that of the nation as a whole.

**Systems Added** Copco acquired the distributing systems at Alturas, Calif., and Lakeview, Ore., the first of this year, from the California Public Service company. The distributing system and a diesel generating plant at Crescent City, Calif., have been purchased from the Public Utilities California corporation, subject to approval of the California and Oregon utilities commissions. If the transaction is approved Copco will build a supply line from Grants Pass along the Redwood highway to Crescent City, President Cummins said.

Because practically the entire power supply of Copco is generated in hydraulic plants, the company's patrons will not be affected by the brown-out decreed in territories served by coal-burning generating plants.

### BOYS SACRIFICED ON POLITICS ALTAR CONGRESS IS TOLD

Foe of Compulsory Work Bill Declares Fourth Term Promoters Misled People

Washington, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—Rep. Charles A. Halleck (D., Ind.) asserted in an attack on proposed compulsory work legislation today that American boys on the battlefronts "were sacrificed upon the altar of political expediency" by promoters of President Roosevelt's fourth term campaign.

Opposing work-or-else legislation to bolster lagging war production as unnecessary, Halleck asserted in a speech prepared for house delivery that: "People lulled during the election and during the campaign, the promoters of the fourth term stated time and again that our production was all that anyone could ask... our people were told that every bullet and shell was going to just the right place, at the right time and in necessary quantities."

Asserting that "we were led to believe that the war was next to over," Halleck added that "the inevitable result was to lull the people of our country into a feeling of false accomplishment."

Halleck said these impressions did much to re-elect President Roosevelt.

**Cooperation Needed** Urging adoption of a program for cooperation among those responsible for production, Halleck said management, labor, civilian government agencies, and the army and navy should be called together and told to "get down to business and work this out."

Meanwhile, the house labor committee, in a move which might dilute some of the controversy over the bill, voted to rush consideration of permanent fair employment practices committee legislation.

As the house began its second day of debate on the work-or-else-drafted bill, the committee decided to refer 10 pending bills, all of which would create a permanent FEPC, to a subcommittee for action Thursday. Members of the subcommittee were asked to report back to the full committee Friday, if possible, leaving the way clear for committee approval of the bill on that day.

**LUMBERMAN DIES** Minneapolis, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be held at Westminster Presbyterian church at 3 p. m., Thursday for Elbert Lawrence Carpenter, 82, pioneer lumberman, who died at his home late yesterday.

**NAZI WARSHIPS FLEE BEFORE RED ADVANCE**  
 Stockholm, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—Reports from Malmo said today that the Germans were withdrawing their warships from the eastern Baltic to Copenhagen to save them from the advancing Russians.

The 6,000-ton cruiser Nürnberg and a number of smaller units already have arrived at Copenhagen and are anchored in the inner harbor there, it was said, and further units were expected today from Königsberg, Danzig and Gdynia.

### Russia's Unchecked Juggernaut



(Acme Telephoto) Russia's steamroller advance moves toward Berlin at such a pace that Moscow predicted the Germans would not be able to make a stand east of the Oder, only 40 miles from the capital. Spearheads thrust far past encircled Poznan into Brandenburg province and other Soviet sources mopped up in Silesia and East Prussia. Moved toward big German port of Stettin.

### KUM BUM LAMA STROKES GOATEE AS FRAUDS TOLD

Chicago, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—Dr. Hugh Greer Carruthers, who is known to some as the "Lama of Kum Bum," stroked his neatly-trimmed goatee in federal court today while Anna N. Dierdorf, of Pittsburgh, told a jury she gave him \$2,100 nearly ten years ago and still would like to know what became of the money.

Miss Dierdorf said she had been curator at the Carnegie museum in charge of reprocessing plants for the last 33 years.

She was called as a prosecution witness at the mail fraud trial of Carruthers, self-styled "Kum Bum from the shores of the mystical blue lake of Tibet," who was described by an earlier witness as plain Henry Boerum, a former Brooklyn postal clerk.

**Sold Hair Tonic** Along with two women associates the "Kum Bum" is accused of fraud in promoting his neological foundation and the sale of a hair tonic and a medicine known as "happy hearts."

The witness said she met Carruthers when he was lecturing on neology at Pittsburgh in 1935. Within the next few months, she said, she gave him \$2,100, without getting a receipt. She said she had received no interest or dividends and had not had any of her money returned.

Questioned about her conception of neology, she said it was intended to "help one live a better life and enjoy finer things."

Mrs. Cora Striebel, Rhinelander, Wis., was another witness who told of sending money to the "Kum Bum" without any returns. She said that after reading some of his literature in 1938 she sent him \$1,000.

Both witnesses glowered at the fidgeting defendant, but the third woman to appear on the stand reported that she had given Carruthers \$500 as an investment in his hair tonic and because she was persistent she got \$800 in return. She was Mrs. Caroline Unbriet, Chicago, a blonde beautician wearing a silver fox cape, who testified that her understanding of neology was that it was "self-evidence of self-knowledge."

**TO BERLIN**  
 By United Press  
 The distance to Berlin from advanced allied lines: Eastern front—90 miles, (from point near Woldenburg). Western front—296 miles (from point southeast of Nijmegen). Italy—530 miles (from point north of Ravenna).

**Radio Highlights**  
 President's birthday broadcast from New York and Hollywood tonight at 8:15 o'clock with galaxy of screen and radio stars.

### FALL IN MANHOLE INJURES C. DUVAL

Charles Duval, 55, of Jacksonville was taken to Sacred Heart hospital last night where he was placed under observation for injuries said to have resulted from a six-foot fall into an uncovered manhole outside the city limits on Chestnut street, according to police.

Duval, who had driven into town to see his daughter, had parked his car in an alleyway and was stepping out when he fell into the manhole injuring his back. The Conger-Morris ambulance was called to remove him to the hospital. Police said the manhole is located in what appears to be a vacant lot of about 150-feet from Chestnut street.

Hospital authorities reported today that the patient was "quite uncomfortable," but results of X-rays taken earlier today were not yet available.

### FOOD, FUEL CRISIS FACING NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 30—(U.P.) Gov. Thomas E. Dewey proclaimed a state-wide emergency today to deal with a food and fuel crisis resulting from a prolonged cold wave.

All state departments were put on the alert and the state guard was ordered to stand by for the first time since it was organized after Pearl Harbor, to help clear snow-blocked roads and move fuel and grain.

The governor acted after officials of several cities had declared local emergencies. Albany had voted to close all stores except drug and food stores, beginning tomorrow.

**ROOSEVELT 63 TODAY; WHEREABOUTS VEILED**  
 Washington, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt was 63 years old today and his own observance of the anniversary was far overshadowed by his meeting soon with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin.

His whereabouts were not disclosed and it was not possible to report further how the president was spending his birthday.

### Casualties Virtually Non-Existent As Nazi Heavy Guns Strangely Silent

Paris, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—American tanks and troops drove one to three miles deeper into Germany today in a new attack northeast of Monschau and to the south Third army forces plunged into the Reich from the Belgian-Luxembourg frontier and won a bridgehead two miles wide.

United States armies were hitting the outposts of the Siegfried line on a broad front in attacks which a front dispatch said obviously reflected repeated statements by high allied spokesmen that an effort would be made to storm through the westwall when the Ardennes bulge had been wiped out.

**Drive Through Snow** A dispatch from the Mönchshau sector said the 78th infantry division and supporting armor took off in waist deep snow during the night and by this afternoon had rolled up maximum gains of three miles northeast of the German city.

Advancing through a snowstorm, the GI's seized the village of Conzen and entered Huppenbroich and Kesternich. Conzen is two and a half miles northeast of Mönchshau, Huppenbroich two east of Conzen, and Kesternich a mile north of Huppenbroich.

The dispatch said the only point where the Germans showed any real fight was at Kesternich, indicating that the general German fallback into the Siegfried line had extended to that sector.

"Casualties were virtually non-existent, primarily because German artillery was strangely silent," the dispatch reported without explanation.

It was the 78th division which took Kesternich in the short-lived attack northeast of Mönchshau in December, just before the German counteroffensive opened.

The first victory in Germany reported by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army forces was the capture of Welchenhausen, eight miles southeast of St. Vith, Belgium.

Front reports said the attack across the Our had penetrated within a little over two miles of the first main pillboxes of the Siegfried line, and probably already was in contact with the first defenses of the westwall.

The attack marked the beginning of the reconquest of the strip of Germany once held by the First Army. Troops of the First had advanced six miles beyond the border within two and a half miles of Prum when the Nazi offensive began.

**HOPKINS CLAIMS POW - WOW TIME TO BE LIMITED**  
 Rome, Jan. 30—(U.P.)—Harry Hopkins told newspapermen today that the big three conference must be conducted quickly because Marshal Stalin cannot absent himself long from the Russian front.

Hopkins conferred today with Pope Pius in his series of European consultations which have already taken him to London and Paris as advance man for President Roosevelt.

Hopkins said that since Stalin himself actively directed the red army's operations and strategy the soviet leader could not remain away from front operations for any lengthy period, particularly at the present time.

**Red Strength Unknown** Hopkins said frankly that neither the Americans nor the British knew how powerful the soviet offensive would prove to be or whether the nazis would be able to halt the red army.

Hopkins was received by the pope this morning. Vatican officials gave no hint of the nature of the conference but said it could be considered part of Hopkins' spadework in preparation for the big three meeting.