

NAZIS THREATEN ILLEGAL WAR

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THROUGHOUT the world—in Europe and in Asia alike—Amageddon grinds on. If at the moment the Battle of Europe grips our interest more completely, it is only because there is the HOUR OF DECISION in the air.

It is useless today to try to describe the fighting along Germany's western border in terms of maneuver and terrain. These are now relatively unimportant—mere matters of tactical detail. Ground gained or lost amounts merely to moves on the checkerboard.

The fighting there has reached the grim KNOCKOUT stage. ALONG the Rhine the nazis, today's dispatches tell us, are losing 3000 men a day in prisoner counts alone. In dead and disabled, they are sacrificing more than that.

Our side's losses in this mighty offensive that is now in its 24th day have not been disclosed, and won't be for weeks to come, but the censors pass this somber statement: "It is a general rule of war that assault costs more in blood than defense."

That rule holds good now (and there is no reason to believe it doesn't) our losses are heavier than the Germans'.

This is the point. We can AFFORD to lose more because we HAVE MORE—as Grant in his final bloody campaign before Richmond could afford to lose more men than Lee.

We're trying to END THE GERMAN WAR QUICKER, because in that way more lives will be saved in the long run. FOR 36 hours our planes have been CONTINUOUSLY hammering German oil and rail facilities. In those 36 hours, ELEVEN THOUSAND of them have dropped 25,000 tons of bombs on the enemy. Their average has been about 10 tons per minute.

This air attack, dwarfing anything hitherto known, hasn't been easy or cheap. COMBINED British and American losses have been 70 heavy bombers and 12 fighters. Fifty-six of the bombers and 30 of the fighters were American.

Each heavy bomber carries a crew of about ten.

In this hour of supreme trial, we have this solemn satisfaction: EVERYWHERE our men are advancing. NOWHERE are they being driven back. They are what it takes to meet the hour of decision.

EVERYWHERE our men have what it takes. In the Pacific since Pearl Harbor the war department in Washington announces today, 1,000 Americans have been killed while WIPING OUT 77,000 Japs—a ratio of about 10 to one.

The Jap, the war department adds, is a "good fighting man"—which no one who has gone against him in action will deny. Our men are BETTER.

AGAIN the Jap tries to reinforce Leyte. Again he is met by our dive bombers who destroy his latest convoy, sinking four more transports and crowding 5000 more men. The dispatches are beginning to describe the Philippines as the shooting gallery of the Pacific.

On the other side of the story, the Japs, driving deeper and deeper into China (reaching for our air bases there) take the towns, 121 tanks and armored vehicles and much rail.

WASHINGTON Eyed As Confab Site
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Two highly placed congressional sources today suggested Washington as the site for the forthcoming United Nations conference on world security.

Chairman Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the house affairs committee said he had information that formal announcement of plans for the conference probably would be made next week, perhaps on Wednesday.

He said he did not know what the plans were but added: "The city of Washington is the logical place to hold the conference for security reasons alone. Any place else you stand the risk of being bombed out."

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Max. (Nov. 30)	December 1, 1944	Min.	53
Precipitation last 24 hours	3.0		0.0
Stream year to date	2.80	Last year	2.43
Normal	2.80		2.00
Forecast: Clearing			
Saturday Shooting Hours			
Oregon: Open	7:10	Close	8:11
Tulelake: Open	7:10	Close	8:11

Japs Lose 5000-Man Reinforcement



Sgt. Clifford Smith is handing a \$1000 bond to 13-month-old James Luis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Malatchi, 735 Mitchell. The bond was purchased for the young boy by his godfather, James Luis, who was also the first man in Klamath county to buy a \$5000 war bond in this drive.

Receives Baby Bond

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—A member of the senate war investigating committee today disputed President Roosevelt's contention that Norman Littell was guilty of inexcusable insubordination to Attorney General Biddle.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), said the committee itself was responsible for publication of a memorandum which Mr. Roosevelt criticized in firing Littell yesterday as assistant attorney general.

Ferguson told reporters he interpreted the president's dismissal letter as indicating Mr. Roosevelt believed Littell guilty of insubordination because the letter—critical of Biddle's official acts—became public.

"That letter was given to the committee at its request and a similar letter was obtained from the attorney general," Ferguson said. "The committee released the letter voluntarily. Certainly Littell violated no rule of secrecy."

He added that Senator Kilgore (D-W. Va.), also a committee member, concurred in the opinion. A similar position was taken yesterday by Rep. Voorhis (D-Calif.), who asked the house to approve a resolution calling for an investigation of the entire matter.

Littell has contended a demand from Attorney General Francis Biddle for his resignation on grounds of incompatibility was tantamount to his refusal to countenance what he termed Biddle's intervention in a condemnation suit on behalf of "his friend, Tommy Corcoran."

Thomas G. Corcoran, former new deal brain trustee and presidential intimate, was an attorney in the suit, involving properties of the Savannah Shipyards company.

Littell made known his views, including an accusation that Biddle's conduct had been "contrary to basic principles of good government," in a 12,000-word memorandum submitted to the senate war investigating committee at its request.

This development came as the senate military committee was inquiring about the two nominees, with particular reference to a \$2,000,000 loan made to the Narragansett Machine company. Hurley is a vice president and Heller handled some of the inquiries into the loan, which was guaranteed by the war department.

The department defended its (Continued on Page Three)

SEVEN KILLED IN CRACK-UP OF AIRLINER

Smash Injures 15 As Plane Crashes Near Burbank

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1 (AP)—Seven were killed, 15 were injured and one passenger was uninjured when a Transcontinental and Western Airlines passenger plane crashed early today in a dense fog.

The airliner was only a few hundred feet above the ground and six airline miles from Lockheed air terminal in Burbank.

One of those killed was City Manager Walter Cooper of San Diego, Calif.

Mayor Harley Knox of the same city was injured. Ten of those aboard were military personnel.

The crash was so loud it awakened many residents of the suburban neighborhood, 30 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Because of the fog and darkness, none could see the plane.

A war dog, recently discharged from the service, found the wreck. His owner released him and when he found the plane he began barking.

The plane shattered to a stop on the lawn of a cottage. The right motor, torn loose, landed almost at the front door.

One of the first to reach the (Continued on Page Three)

SENATE PASSES FLOOD CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—A billion dollar flood control authorization bill passed the senate today on a voice vote. It goes now to a conference committee for action on changes made since the measure passed the house.

One of the largest authorizations of the kind on record, the bill calls for flood control, navigation, reclamation, hydroelectric and related developments.

Appropriations to carry out the projects authorized in the bill will be voted later.

The measure was projected as part of a postwar program to create jobs—a policy approved in principle by President Roosevelt.

Meanwhile the house committee on irrigation and reclamation approved a bill authorizing the reclamation bureau to proceed with a \$200,000,000 initial program for development of water resources of the Missouri river basin.

William B. Warne, assistant commissioner of reclamation, told the committee that the measure is similar to an amendment to the flood control bill approved by the senate.

Yank Airmen Sink Troop, Supply Ships

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines. Dec. 1 (AP)—Japan's disastrous attempts to replenish her Leyte garrisons have cost her 26,000 troops lost at sea in the destruction of seven convoys, the latest one on Thursday with 5000 men and uncounted supplies aboard.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that low-flying American pilots sank a 9000-ton transport and three small freighters headed toward the west coast port of Ormoc on Leyte. In addition, a 5000-ton freighter and a destroyer were hit and left ablaze.

"The transports were heavily loaded with men," General MacArthur said in his communique, "and the enemy's loss of life is estimated at 5000 men."

It was the second convoy destroyed in two days. On Wednesday, 13 ships were wiped out, two at the dock after unloading but the rest sank at sea with all hands aboard.

MacArthur said 29 transports totaling 103,750 tons and 18 escort ships have been sunk in the seven convoys knocked out.

Fighters, hitting at masthead level, bagged the bulk of the carefully dispersed convoy off Masbate and Cebu but one small freighter, falling prey to a night patrol plane, was sunk as far west of Leyte as Mindoro island.

Another freighter was sunk off Borneo during continued widespread bomber raids on the central Philippines and islands to the south, and a bomber scored a hit on what was described only as a "large enemy vessel."

A submarine was sunk off western Leyte Monday by two destroyers of a force sent into those mined and dangerous waters to bombard Japanese installations.

REDs WIN 50 COMMUNITIES IN NEW DRIVE

MOSCOW, Dec. 1 (AP)—Enveloping 50 more communities in their new drive west of the Danube in southwestern Hungary, Russian troops today moved north to within 78 miles of outflanked Budapest and less than 100 miles of the Austrian border.

Moscow announced a nine-mile advance north along the west bank of the great river yesterday. Northeast of the besieged Hungarian capital other red army troops seized the axis strongholds of Eger and Szikszó which guard invasion routes into central Slovakia.

Russian troops also cut the railway between Miskolc, Hungary's fifth city, and Kassa (Kosice), eastern Slovakian communication hub now threatened by Gen. Ivan Petrov's forces fanning out from captured Ungvar. The line was severed at Arnot, less than three miles northeast of Miskolc.

Petrov's troops, attacking on a 30-mile front, captured 30 villages, including Domasa, 20 miles east of Presov, Moravany, 23 miles east of Kassa, and Zemplin, seven miles northeast of the big north Hungarian rail center of Satoraljauhely.

In addition to capturing Eger and Szikszó, Marshal Rodion Y. (Continued on Page Three)

War Activities Filmed Here

Picture-taking was making steady progress today in the production of a local film showing Klamath Falls and its wartime activity.

Robert Allen Productions of Hollywood is making the film, which will have its world premiere at the Pelican theatre on December 7. Informal shots are being made in all parts of town to illustrate activity in this busy city, center for three military installations.

YANKS THROW GERMANS BACK ACROSS ROER

Defenses In Eastern France Broken By Armies

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Dec. 1 (AP)—Four American armies threw the Germans back across the Roer and Saar rivers, chief northern and southern barriers to the Rhine defenses in the easternmost tip of France today.

U. S. first army troops struck for the chief remaining keys of Nazi strength along the Roer southwest of Duren in the Cologne plain as Gen. Eisenhower daily increased the pressure on thinning enemy forces.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops gained up to 400 yards in assaults directed at the Hurtgen forest hamlets of Gey and Brandenberg.

Battling in the easternmost point of France above Strasbourg, the 15th corps of the U. S. seventh army broke through the Germans' main defenses in the woods southwest of Hagenau and surged into the outskirts of that key communications and supply center 28 miles southwest of Karlsruhe, Baden.

The U. S. ninth army of Lt. Gen. William Simpson already had drawn up in solid assault installations. (Continued on Page Three)

Canada Quiets Down After Crisis Over Conscription

By HARRY T. MONTGOMERY
OTTAWA, Dec. 1 (AP)—Canada's conscription crisis cooled off today as discipline was declared restored among rebellious draftee troops on the west coast and an appeal for calm went out to the people of Quebec from one of their foremost anti-conscription leaders.

In Quebec, however, it was announced last night that the provincial government had adopted an order-in-control asking the federal government "to respect and fulfill its solemn engagements and sacred pledges against conscription for overseas service."

The order, forwarded to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, declared the Quebec government action reflected "the opinion of the immense majority" of the province's population.

Here in Ottawa parliament continued debate on King's motion for confidence on his new policy of partial conscription. It now appeared a vote would not be taken until early next week.

Maj. Gen. G. R. Pearkes, chief of the Pacific command, returned to Vancouver yesterday after visits to draftee army camps at Prince George and Terrace, British Columbia, and reported the situation quiet after nearly a week of disorders.

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Pearl Harbor evidence now available "does not warrant any general court martial proceedings against any person or persons in the naval service," the navy announced today.

Chiang Separation Rumors Brought Into Open, Denied

By The Associated Press
A Chungking source close to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek declared malicious and mendacious today a Calcutta dispatch to the London Daily Mail which said that China's leader and his wife had separated "after an open disagreement at a Chungking tea party."

Bringing into the open rumors of a domestic crisis in the generalissimo's household, this source said the report, published Wednesday, should be thoroughly discredited.

GERMANS EYE VIOLATIONS OF GENEVA PACT

Counter - Reprisals Against French Considered

LONDON, Dec. 1 (AP)—A German high command statement distributed by the official German news agency said tonight that Germany was considering dissociating itself from the rules of international warfare as contained in the Geneva and Hague conventions.

The statement was made in the course of a declaration threatening reprisals on French prisoners of war in Germany if Germans were executed in Alsace for Franc-tireur (guerrilla) acts.

The high command statement, as quoted by DNB and transcribed by the Associated Press, charged that Germany's enemies were "increasingly violating international law" and added:

Investigation Progresses
"Under these circumstances, investigation is in progress as to whether Germany should still consider herself bound to the Hague and Geneva and other conventions, which have been violated by our enemies."

The German statement condemned what it called the "reprisal order" of French Maj. Gen. Jacques LeClerc in Alsace and threatened that "strongest (Continued on Page Three)

MERCHANTS EYE RECORD SHOPPING

Klamath merchants, looking over shelves and counters, anticipated holiday buying this December to equal or exceed the 1943 all-time record as shoppers filled stores in search of Christmas gifts. Merchandise was reported snapped up as quickly as it was placed on sale and buyers were getting used to the idea of searching the town for what they wanted.

Buying started early this year as local gift givers prepared for the fourth war-time Christmas. This was attributed to the need to mail thousands of overseas parcels by October 15, the request of the government to mail Christmas parcels within the continental United States, by December 1, and the demand which almost seemed to exceed the supply.

Daily Arrivals
Merchants pointed out that in pre-war years merchandise for holiday trade arrived in early fall and was laid out at the beginning of the season. (Continued on Page Three)

Bond Sales Short Of Expectations

War bond sales in Klamath county were far below expectations with less than \$600,000 in overall purchases reported for the first 10 days of the campaign. The county faces a quota of \$3,300,000.

Sales thus far compare unfavorably with the first 10 days of the 5th War Loan, when more than two million dollars had been subscribed, committee members stated.

Workers in the 6th War Loan were frank in their disappointment of Klamath citizens to respond to the pressing needs in this campaign. At a meeting of the committee Wednesday, chairman said they were vying with "Santa Claus and the complacency of the American public."

They urged Mr. and Mrs. Citizen to read the war news carefully, and to "snap out of the attitude" that the war was won.

Hard at work, however, were the retail sales staffs and much credit for sales thus far have gone to the "Third Army."

SHOPPING-DAYS Left

REMEMBER NOT TO FORGET

City Officials To Attend Meet

Officials of nearby cities and leaders of the League of Oregon Cities were expected in town this afternoon for tonight's post-war planning conference at the Pelican cafe at 6:30. A busy program is ahead for the visitors, who will include municipal officers of Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Chiloquin, Bonanza, Merrill, Malin and Medford.

Round-the-Clock Raids on Jap Capital Loom as Result of Superfort Night Raid

By The Associated Press
The future possibility of round-the-clock air assaults on Tokyo was implied by pilots of Superfortresses who reported on their return to Saipan after the first experimental night raid that the big bombers ranged over Japan's sprawling metropolis for at least three hours.

Precision instruments enabled the raiders to hit war industries despite obscuring clouds. Anti-aircraft fire was light. Equals Success
The raid Thursday night (Tokyo time) was almost equal in success to either of the two previous daylight assaults although the raiding force was much smaller.

Allies Sustain Great Air Loss

LONDON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Great waves of RAF bombers raided Germany during the night, sustaining the record-breaking allied November air offensive that yesterday cost the U. S. air force its worst loss in heavy bombers since April—56 four-engine craft downed by ack-ack.

Thirty U. S. fighters also failed to return to their British bases after all-day pulverizing attacks by 3000 planes on synthetic oil plants in the Leipzig area and railyards in the Saarbrücken sector. The tactical air forces supporting ground troops lost three medium bombers and one fighter.

Not a Break-up

Actually the tea party to which the Calcutta dispatch apparently referred was not a breaking up party, but was a meeting deliberately arranged by the generalissimo and his wife to stop gossip about them which they feared endangered both China and Chiang's political security.