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Weather News

December 4, 1944	
Max. (Dec. 3)	47
Min. (Dec. 3)	42
Normal year to date	47
Normal	45.96
Forecast	Cloudy
Oregon: Open	7:45
Tulelake: Open	7:18
Tuesday Shooting Hours	Close 5:10
Close	5:35

Greeks Clash; EAM Ordered From Athens

JAP CAPITAL LEFT FLAMING BY SUPERFORTS

Engine Factory Prime Objective In Fourth Raid On Tokyo

By The Associated Press SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS, Dec. 4.—Industrial Tokyo lay in fresh ruins and flames today in the wake of the fourth thunderous bombing raid—and the most successful—by American Superfortresses based on Saipan.

A sizable force of B-29s, striking in mid-afternoon yesterday, found the Tokyo area clearly outlined in sunlight and for an hour and a half unloaded their bombs with pin-point accuracy, despite intense ack-ack and swarms of interceptors.

Results were good, said the 20th air force commander. One squadron reported 75 per cent of its bombs fell within the target area.

The main target was the Musshima engine factory of the extensive Nakajima aircraft plant, one of the empire's top producers of military planes. The plant, built compactly of one-story concrete structures, was the target of the initial B-29 raid there November 24 when considerable damage was inflicted.

Returning pilots from this fourth raid on Tokyo in 10 days described it as the toughest but the most successful. Anti-aircraft fire was more severe and fighter interception stronger and more persistent than previously.

Fires Rage
The last squadrons to reach the target found large fires.

By STEPHEN BARBER ATHENS, Dec. 4 (AP)—Gen. Catsotas, acting military governor of Athens, gave armed formations of the leftist EAM 72 hours notice today to quit the area as a consequence of Sunday's violent clashes.

Twenty-one persons were killed and 140 injured in the clashes with police yesterday. A general strike ordered by the EAM had the Greek capital in a tense grip today.

Numerous incidents developed into night-long shooting last night. The EAM, the armed formations of the EAM, seized two government police barracks at Piraeus, the port of Athens. The streets of Piraeus were filled with striking dock workers armed with staves, knives, sticks and a few firearms. They were parading and shouting slogans.

Apparently unorganized formations had taken up positions in air raid trenches with machineguns and had posted themselves in other points of vantage.

A semi-private war between the EAM and royalist bands raged in the Thessalon district of the capital.

Fire Into Thessalon
EAM besiegers worked their way over the top of the Phloppos hill back of the Thessalon, which is near the Acropolis, this morning. From this position they were firing down into the Thessalon quarter, which faced attack from three sides. The sound of rifle and machine-gun fire could be heard almost continuously.

British troops surrounded and disarmed a column of 800 EAMs marching on Athens from the Thebes district last night without a shot being fired, headquarters of Maj. Gen. R. M. Scoobie, British commander in Greece, announced.

Disarm Band
Another band of 1200 was disarmed by a British patrol north of Athens and the "officers and men put in confinement," the official Greek news service reported.

The first courtmartial were put into operation today under newly proclaimed martial law. Catsotas ordered the EAMs to withdraw from the buildings or take the consequences.

British troops in trucks were stationed at several strategic points in Piraeus. The first British casualty was a royal navy enlisted man who was shot in the hip while riding.

Drive Northward
These forces also drove north.

Fall to Malinovsky
LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Russian troops smashed ahead in southwestern Hungary today within 72 miles of the Austrian frontier and cracked strong Nazi defenses along the Slovakian border with the capture of Miskolc and Satoraljayhazy.

(A German broadcast early today said a major Russian force had reached the area of Lake Balaton, which is 60 miles southwest of Budapest and at some points on the far shore only 45 miles from the Austrian border.)

Miskolc, a vital military supply center for German and Hungarian armies, fell yesterday to Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army, elements of which joined with Gen. Ivan Petrov's fourth Ukrainian army in taking by storm the communications junction of Satoraljayhazy, 45 miles to the northeast. Miskolc is 85 miles from Budapest and was bitterly defended by the Germans for several weeks.

In the drive west of the Danube toward the Austrian frontier, Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army captured Tamasi, only 21 miles below Lake Balaton, in an 11-mile advance and seized Kaposmero, in the closest approach to Austria.

British Press Raps American Air Attitude
LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP)—The British press today sharply criticized the American attitude at the international air conference in Chicago. The general view was that so far the conference has been a failure.

Some papers saw the race for air supremacy after the war as already underway following the announcement of the United States air agreement with Spain.

Com. D. Payne Heads Medico
Commander D. Payne, U. S. naval reserve, has arrived to assume duties as senior medical officer at the Klamath naval air station. He replaces Commander B. G. Bailey, who was detached for overseas service.

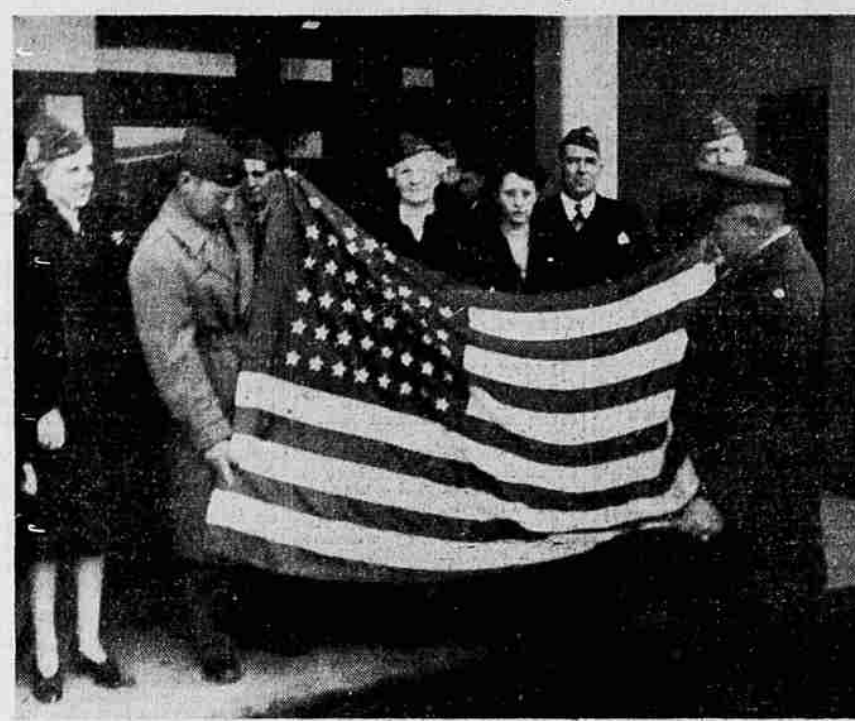
Commander Payne is a native Oregonian. From 1925 to 1933 he was resident physician in charge of the tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles. In 1933, he went to Vienna for special study in eye, ear, nose and throat work. From 1933 to 1940, he was in private practice at The Dalles. He also is a former Douglas county public health officer.

In 1940, Dr. Payne went into the service and was assigned to the combat carrier, USS Corregidor.

Postwar Bonuses Urged for Labor
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Brenton Somervell today recommended payment of postwar bonuses to warworkers to keep vital production going. The chief of the army's service forces, asserting that bonuses would be preferable to wage increases, cited a shortage of 10,167 workers as the most critical immediate need.

Testifying before the senate war investigating committee, Somervell said these 10,167 men must be obtained this month with the aid of AFL and CIO recruiting.

VFW Women Present Flag



A large American flag was presented the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks by members of Peilcan post 1383. Veterans of Foreign Wars, women's auxiliary, Sunday morning in a ceremony at the Barracks. The flag was presented by Mrs. A. A. Myers, banner-bearer to the department of Oregon auxiliary, following church services at the post theatre. The services were attended by VFW and auxiliary members, and approximately 200 marines. Left to right, Mrs. Myers, Maj. Clyde C. Roberts and Lt. Col. George Van Orden, holding the flag. Mrs. Martha Barron is standing behind the group. (Official Marine Corps Photo).

Grew Nominated as Under Secretary of State by FDR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Joseph C. Grew, for 40 years a career diplomat, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be under secretary of state. In a general reorganization of the state department top strata, following appointment of Edward R. Stettinius Jr., as secretary, the chief executive announced the resignations of three assistant secretaries and the appointments of three successors.

The new men are Will L. Clayton, Texas cotton factor, who has been an assistant secretary of commerce and surplus property administrator; Archibald MacLachlan, librarian of congress, and Nelson A. Rockefeller, coordinator of inter-American affairs.

Accepts Resignations
With "great regret," President Roosevelt said in a statement he had accepted the resignations of Assistant Secretaries Adolf A. Berle Jr., Breckinridge Long and G. Howland Shaw.

Berle is to remain head of the American delegation to the current civil aviation conference, but Clayton is to report to the president on civil aviation on completion of the conference in Chicago.

To Direct Office
Rockefeller, while resigning as inter-American coordinator, will direct policies of the office (Continued on Page Five)

Red Column Hit By Yank Pilots

ROME, Dec. 4 (AP)—Fighter planes of the U. S. 15th air force attacked a Russian column in Yugoslavia early last month through an error in target identification, the Mediterranean allied air force disclosed yesterday.

An official statement said apologies had been sent to Moscow and to the commander of the Russian troops involved, but it did not reveal the results of the attack.

(A dispatch from Moscow said nothing was published or broadcast in Russia about the attack by the U. S. planes on the Russian column.)

5th Smashes New Counterblows

ROME, Dec. 4 (AP)—American fifth army troops smashed new enemy counterattacks south of Bologna today while the eighth army remained locked in heavy fighting between the Montone and Lamone rivers northeast of the Bologna-Rimini highway town of Faenza.

Simultaneously, allied headquarters announced that Italian fascist troops which the Germans began putting into the line a month ago have been deserting to allied lines at a rate of 30 to more than 100 daily.

Commission To Eye Shortage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—The federal trade commission advised Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) today that it would investigate the cigarette shortage. In a letter to Wheeler, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, the commission said it would seek to learn if there was any law violation involved in the current lack of smokes.

EXHIBIT BUILDING TO HOUSE WORKERS

The exhibit building at the county fairgrounds has been rented to Brennan and Cahoon, contractors, for housing employees working on the big Marine Barracks extension project, it was disclosed today by Ed Crawford, fair board chairman. The barracks job is now in preliminary stages, and actual construction of buildings get underway Monday morning.

Brennan and Cahoon are installing partitions and making other temporary changes at the exhibit building, which is expected to house at least 100 men. The company will transport the men from the fairgrounds to the Marine Barracks site daily.

Crawford disclosed that the (Continued on Page Five)

Todd Workers Vote to Strike

SEATTLE, Dec. 4 (AP)—Picket lines will be ignored by "other members of the Seattle metal trades council" if independent welders of the Todd Pacific shipyards carry out their announced intention to strike Saturday, A. F. O'Neill, business agent of the Boilermakers' local 104, AFL said today.

Henry A. Doty, national representative of the United Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters, and Helpers, (Ind.) said 600 burners and welders of local 9 voted Saturday to strike, seeking certification as bargaining agent for Todd welders in place of the boilermakers.

O'Neill said a strike "will slow production, but I don't think it will shut down the yard. If they're bound to strike they might as well strike and get it out of their systems. We can get along without this radical group."

Postwar Road, Flood Bills Head For White House Okeh

By FRANCIS J. KELLY WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Two big bills authorizing the spending of more than \$2,500,000,000 in postwar road and river projects are headed toward the White House this week.

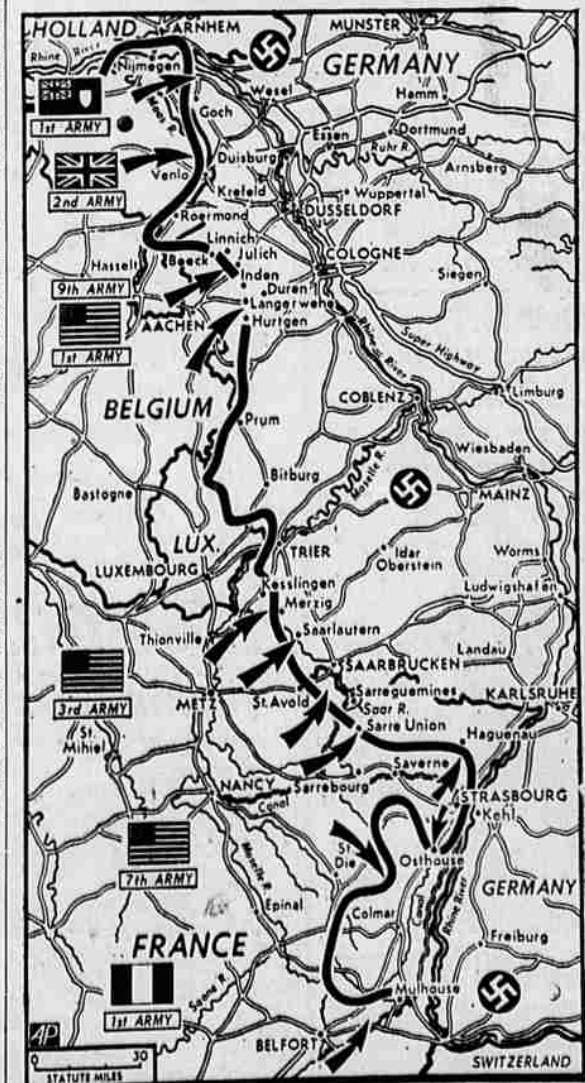
One sets up approximately a billion dollars for flood control, irrigation, power and navigation works on the nation's rivers. The other calls for spending \$1,673,000,000 over a three-year period to improve the highways in anticipation of a postwar motoring boom.

Noting that the bills call for expending millions of dollars in very state, a senate leader prophesied they will not be held up long in the conference committee, where they were sent for adjustment of differences between the two houses.

"Too Much Plunder"
"Too much plunder," he explained privately, with a world-py smile.

With both, the senate and (Continued on Page Five)

Western Front Battle Lines



Approximate positions of allied armies are shown above. Yanks of the third army have penetrated Saarlautern, while ninth army men battled on the outskirts of Julich, and British second army forces advanced nearly a mile into Venlo.

G'S HOLD 16 MILES ON WEST BANK OF RIVER

German Scare At Saar Attack Sparks New Counterblows

By JAMES M. LONG PARIS, Dec. 4 (AP)—Third army troops and tanks cleared all of Saarlautern west of the Saar river today and poured across the captured bridge under screaming shellfire from Siegfried line guns to deepen their wedge into the section of the city east of the stream.

For 16 unbroken miles northwest to Merzig, the Americans stood on the west bank of the Barrier river. Progress continued, it was said officially, but details were withheld.

Counter Attack
The Germans reflected their rising alarm at the menace to the rich Saar arsenal with a succession of counterattacks. None was in great force and none won back an inch of the cratered battlefield. The reaction, however, underlined the likelihood that the Germans would lash out from their Siegfried line defenses with the fullest force possible in an attempt to plug the Saarlautern gap. Siegfried line artillery concentrated on the captured and intact bridge inside Saarlautern, second city of the Saarland.

The U. S. ninth army still battled for the spartan ground on the western outskirts of Julich, Roer river basin guarding Cologne and cities of the Ruhr. No crossing of the river into the main part of the town has been reported officially.

Push Into Mountains
The first army pushed into the northern spurs of the Eifel mountains southeast of captured Brantberg toward Bergsteren. Anti-aircraft gunners of the first were credited with destroying 38 and probably shooting down 16 more of the 120 (Continued on Page Five)

SUBMARINES BAG MORE JAP SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—American submarines have bagged 20 more Japanese ships, including a light cruiser and a destroyer.

Today's announcement by the navy brought the overall total of Japanese ships sunk by United States undersea hunters to 874. Of that number 82 are warships. In addition 37, including 11 combatant ships, are listed as probably sunk.

The last previous report of submarine action was on November 25 when 27 enemy vessels were listed as destroyed, including two combatant ships.

A light cruiser usually is classified as one on which the main battery is of less than 8-inch caliber. Most Japanese light cruisers mount 5.5 or 6.1 inch guns.

Calls Threaten Church Leader

PORTLAND, Dec. 4 (AP)—Dr. H. J. Maulbetsch, head of the Portland council of churches, was threatened with bodily harm Saturday in several of the 20 anonymous telephone calls he received after signing a council resolution calling for the constitutional treatment of Japanese-Americans, he told police.

The resolution asked that rights guaranteed in the constitution be given Japanese-Americans returning from inland relocation centers.

Dr. Maulbetsch declared: "The council of churches is not bringing the Japanese back. But they are coming back under plans of the army and the supreme court. If they are coming back, then let us not try to work against them by methods outside the constitution."

Col. Roosevelt Weds at Canyon

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 4 (AP)—Col. Elliott Roosevelt, the president's second son, and actress Faye Emerson were honeymooning in the Grand Canyon region today after their marriage yesterday on a snow-swept height overlooking the famed chasm.

The couple was married in an observation station on Yavapai point by the Rev. Roger Sawyer, pastor of a Williams, Ariz., Methodist church. Only a handful of friends watched the eight-minute, double-ring ceremony.

Several others were prevented from attending by a premature winter blizzard that hit the resort area.

SHOPPING DAYS Left IS IT THAT LATE! Christmas SEALS