

GREEK LIBERALS RESUME ATTACK

Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS
GAIN today, the SHOOTING war news is quickly told. On the western front, we're all measuring our gains in miles and hundreds of yards and, most of all, in German casualties.

There is an interesting hint here by crossing its HEAD- LINES we may be getting into action to OUTFANK the line of the flooded Roer.

THE Russians are still battering at the fortress of Budapest, which guards the Danube gully gate into Germany. Vienna, Russian official newspaper, says: "AFTER Budapest, the fate of VIENNA will be decided. The war is on Austria's threshold."

On the Pacific, our B-29s dominate the news. They hit Bangkok, Japan's NO. 1 RAIL CENTER in south Asia. They seem to have done real damage to Nagoya. There is a hint to you that they may be about to STRIKE FROM THE LEUTIAN ISLANDS.

THE post-war POLITICAL war news is getting hotter by the day. It has reached the point where the LIE IS BEING ASSESSED.

DRIVEN into a corner and compelled to defend the government of which he is a part against charges that Britain is fighting in Greece at cross purposes with her allies, Ernest Bevin, British minister of labor yesterday asserted that "long before this we had an AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA whereby Russia undertook the main problem of Romania and we (the British) undertook the main problem of Greece."

WASHINGTON dispatch this morning says: "AUTHORITATIVE American officials declared today that the United States maintains a firm stand OPPOSED to the development of spheres of influence in Europe." The dispatch adds: "They DENIED UNQUALIFIEDLY that President Roosevelt okayed any British-Russian agreement dividing up political interests in the Balkans."

MEANWHILE there has been a great to-do. American congressmen are blowing off about EFIFIDIOUS ALBION. Hard words about us have been spoken in parliament. Doubt and suspicion of each other have been aroused in the minds of Britons and Americans. (What the PEOPLE think in Russia isn't our business.)

LET'S keep our heads about this "spheres-of-influence" business. We have a sphere of influence OF OUR OWN. It is the WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

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Weather News

Max. (Dec. 13)	December 14, 1944	Min.	24
Precipitation last 24 hours			.00
Stream year to date			1.60
Normal	3.62	Last year	3.30
Forecast: Partly Cloudy			
Oregon: Open	7:55	Close	5:10
Tulelake: Open	7:57	Close	5:30

24-HOUR LULL IN FIGHTING ENDED BY ELAS

Forces Send Shells Crashing Into Athens

By STEPHEN BARBER
ATHENS, Dec. 14 (AP)—Elas forces of the national liberal front resumed their attack on British-held central Athens today after a 24-hour period comparative quiet. They sent shells crashing into the inner perimeter around Maj. Gen. R. M. Scofield's headquarters.

Snipers infiltrated to new positions on the house tops and sent a warm fire down sidewalks off University street, which forms the main axis between two of the chief Elases objectives, Omnia square on the west and Constitution square on the east.

Until afternoon the Elases appeared to have been halted and British leaders had said the dangerous phase of the 12-day turmoil appeared over.

Heavy firing which shook the city earlier this week gave way to sporadic machinegun bursts and the last 24 hours were the quietest of any like period since the fighting broke out between the leftists on the one hand and Greek forces and British troops on the other.

Military authorities, however, banned civilians from the streets except between noon and 2 P. M.

British and Greek mountain brigade forces held an area approximately three miles square in the center of Athens, and extended their holdings in Piraeus to about five square miles despite local Elases attacks.

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 14 (AP)—Great numbers of Japanese were being killed in the mountains east of captured Ormoc as the Americans on Leyte put the pressure on the south end of a trap in the bloody Ormoc corridor, headquarters reported today.

Other enemy troops drowned Tuesday night in a strange attempt to send three small freighters, loaded with soldiers into Ormoc. The Japanese evidently were unaware the west Leyte port was in American hands but promptly sent all three to the bottom.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said enemy losses on the ground were "extraordinarily heavy" as seventh division Yanks, who helped take the important port on Sunday, pursued scattered Nipponese "fighting desperately to free themselves over the mountain trails."

American of the 77th division regrouped at Ormoc and sent patrols north to probe enemy strength to the rear of the Yamashita line, while 32nd division forces, which have been battling the weather as well as stubborn Japanese for weeks, maintained frontal pressure from the north.

CIO Threatens All-Over Strike In Ward Stores

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Union President Sam Wolchak today voiced the threat of a nationwide strike in Montgomery Ward stores of his CIO retail, wholesale and department store employes.

He said it would be called if the war labor board or President Roosevelt fails to enforce WLB directives aimed at Montgomery Ward stores and plants in seven cities.

"We are ready for an economic showdown," Wolchak told a news conference preceding a WLB hearing called to hear from Ward officials why board orders at Detroit have not been complied with.

Wolchak's union has been on strike at four Detroit Montgomery Ward stores since last Saturday in an effort to force the company to comply with a board order directing, among other things, maintenance of union membership and check-off of union dues.

Wolchak told reporters his group is seeking an early audience with President Roosevelt to explain the issues, adding: "I am positive that if the president can learn from first hand information he will not neglect the citizens of the United States."

Wolchak, who earlier presided over a meeting of his union aides, said they "laid plans to protect the membership of our union."

They discussed presentation of their case before the WLB hearing today and at another hearing scheduled for tomorrow involving Ward compliance in six other cities: Chicago, St. Paul, Portland, Ore.; San Rafael, Calif.; Denver and Jamaica, N. Y.

Wolchak said his union has a "large majority" among the 60,000 to 65,000 Ward employes scattered throughout 500 stores and mail order houses across the nation.

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Stettinius Defends Aides Before Senate



Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. (seated left) asks senate foreign relations committee for prompt Senate confirmation of six top state department nominees to speed departmental reorganization and the formation of postwar peace machinery. The men, seated behind him, are (left to right) Joseph C. Grew, undersecretary; Will L. Clayton, Archibald MacLeish, James C. Dunn, Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes and Nelson Rockefeller.

ADVERSE REPORT EYED ON M'LEISH

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The nomination of Archibald MacLeish as assistant secretary of state will go to the senate with an adverse report unless the vote is broken in the foreign relations committee.

In a hurried meeting called today after Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) had announced Senator Guffey (D-Pa.) changed his ballot to give MacLeish an 11 to 9 favorable report, the committee ordered a previous 10 to 10 roll call reinstated.

Connally said the tie vote would be reported on MacLeish when his and five other state department nominations are sent to the senate.

The other nominees, all approved, were Joseph C. Grew, to be under-secretary, and W. L. Clayton, James C. Dunn, Nelson Rockefeller and Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes, to be assistant secretaries.

Connally said Guffey had withdrawn his request to change his original vote against MacLeish.

Guffey reported as he walked out of the meeting: "They wouldn't let me change my vote. I don't know how I'll (Continued on Page Eight)

U. S. MAINTAINS FIRM STAND ON INTERVENTION

Officials Deny FDR's Okay of Anglo-Red Agreements

By FLORA LEWIS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Authoritative American officials declared today that the United States maintains a firm stand opposed to the development of spheres of influence in Europe.

They denied unqualifiedly that President Roosevelt okayed any British-Russian agreement dividing up political interests in the Balkans.

Spokesmen for the labor minister in the coalition British government had said that Russia and Mr. Roosevelt had agreed that Britain undertake the "main problem of Greece."

This government has cautioned both Britain and Russia several times against allowing military agreements on zones of operations to draw boundaries of political influence, the U. S. officials asserted.

The danger that military arrangements would turn into spheres of influence is well recognized, they said.

Prime Minister Churchill, according to these highly-placed officials, has assured the United States that he has no intention of allowing the United States to have a say in the Balkans.

Guy Moore, who lives across the road in the Doug Puckett home, first noticed flames on the roof around the chimney at about 7:50, he said. He broke into the house and found the attic in flames. Neighbors assisted in carrying possessions outside the burning building, but the structure was soon leveled. The house was built about 18 years ago and remodeled this fall.

Cause of the fire was not determined.

Lupe Velez Takes Own Life; Leaves Two Suicide Notes

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 14 (AP)—Lupe Velez, Mexican movie actress, was found dead in her bed today, apparently police said, from a deliberate overdose of sleeping tablets.

Two notes which indicated the actress planned to take her life were found in her bedroom.

Capt. W. W. White, of Beverly Hills police, who was summoned to the Velez home by Mrs. Beulah Kinder, the actress' secretary, reported to the coroner that Miss Velez apparently had taken her own life.

A note, addressed to Mrs. Kinder, which White released, said: "My faithful friend, you and only you know the facts for the reason I am taking my life. May God forgive me and don't think bad of me. I love you many. Take care of your mother so good-bye and try to forgive me. Say good-bye to all my friends and the American press that were always so nice to me. Lupe."

Another note which White said was found near Miss Velez' body was addressed to a man. It said: "May God forgive you and forgive me, too. But I prefer to take my life away and our baby's before I bring him such shame or killing him. How could you fake such great love for me and our baby when all the time you didn't want us? I see no other way out for me, so good-bye and good luck to you. Love, Lupe."

Dr. Edward Gourson, who was called to Miss Velez' home by Capt. White, said death probably occurred last night.

13 Days of Low Temperatures Reported Here

The U. S. weatherman has reported 13 consecutive days of below freezing minimum temperatures and ice skating enthusiasts were anticipating a fling at the sport this weekend.

Last Sunday there were skaters on the Great Northern pond about three miles southwest of Klamath Falls, and after school finds youngsters trying to get the ice which covers the water left in the government canals.

A cold wind has whipped the basin for the past several days and as low as 8 above has been reported in the southern section of the county.

Thailand last was hit by the big bombers on November 27. The rail center of Bangkok—heart of the enemy rail system radiating to Singapore, Burma and Indo-China was struck with heavy loads of demolition bombs. All planes returned.

Superfortresses attacking Nagoya yesterday made many additional details were released.

Indians to Marry Under State Law
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Marriages among three Oregon Indian tribes must hereafter be solemnized under state laws.

President Roosevelt has signed a bill to that effect. Involved are the Klamath and Modoc tribes and the Yahooskin band of Snake Indians.

OPA OFFICIALS DENY ORDERS TO CUT RATES

The Klamath Falls office of the OPA denied Thursday that any orders were issued directly to potato sorters in the Klamath basin regarding the reduced rate for spud sorting from the current rate charged of 18 cents per sack to the 1942 rates of 10 or 12 cents per sack.

Controversy is still raging at present over the situation and, according to authoritative reports received from Tulelake, work was at a standstill Wednesday and Thursday.

Klamath OPA officials stated Thursday that letters were sent out, however, to all commercial potato sorters in the basin asking them to file their prices for potato sorting per one hundred-weight for 1944 and also for 1942.

Officials further stated that it is possible to get a rate adjustment by applying to the adjustment and analysis section of the OPA at Portland, but that this had not been done.

Potato graders assert that the OPA demanded that they charge their 1942 rates of 10 or 12 cents per 100-pound sack, instead of the current rate of 18 cents per sack. They also claim the 18-cent rate was charged in order to meet the wage increase of \$1.25 per hour for crews.

This hourly wage was sent in by growers as a ceiling price at a meeting held early in the fall and was approved by the war labor board.

Wilmont Worley, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Worley of Ashland, is now a prisoner of war in Germany. Young Worley, who enlisted from Klamath Falls four years ago, was with the 401st glider division when he was captured.

FIRST ARMY HITS ROER HEADWATERS

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press War Editor
Two U. S. first army divisions pushed prongs of a new attack on both sides of the Roer river headwaters today on the right flank of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' forces, and on his left the long-stalled U. S. ninth army leaped into action again, capturing Viechhofen, below fortress Julich.

On the central sector of the western front Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army, fighting bitter resistance, drove 500 yards ahead at Saarlautern, widening its wedge in the Siegfried line, and measured advances in yards in other areas of the German (Continued on Page Eight)

Hope for Making Quota Revived In Oregon

Hope that Oregon might reach its "E" bond quota in the 8th War Loan drive was revived today when sales climbed to \$20,787,470, more than 61 per cent of the loan.

Wednesday, December 13, brought in \$1,690,463, which is almost the largest amount purchased in one day since the drive began.

According to war loan officials, individual bond buying will count in this drive until the end of December.

Although Oregon has topped its quota of \$107,000,000 in the 8th War Loan drive, "E" bond sales are still lagging over the state as a whole. The purchase of tax and corporation bonds has contributed the largest amount in reaching and exceeding the quota.

Germany's Sixth Wartime Christmas to Be Gloomiest

By EDWIN SHANKE
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14 (AP)—Germany's sixth successive wartime Christmas promises to be the dreariest of them all.

"The Christmas spirit can't be found in Germany," says the German-controlled Scandinavian Telegram bureau in a dispatch from Berlin. "One doesn't see any Christmas trees as in former years, nor Christmas decorations in the stores. All Germans know that 1944 will be the gloomiest Christmas."

Senate Passes Crop Insurance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The senate passed today legislation reviving federal crop insurance.

Prior to final action, the senate rejected 45 to 24, an amendment to permit member banks of the federal reserve system to absorb exchange and collection items as overhead expense. It was proposed by Senator Maybank (D-S. C.)

The senate previously had amended the measure to authorize spending \$20,000,000 next year to expand flax production.

The bill goes back to the house for action on senate changes.

Drastic Reduction in Lumber Cut Here In Postwar Era Predicted at Confabs

A drastic reduction in lumber cut immediately after the war was forecast for the Klamath area and for most other lumber production areas of the north-west by national forest officials here Wednesday for conferences on timber questions arranged by the chamber of commerce.

Charles Tebbe, assistant regional forester, and Larry Mays, supervisor of the Fremont national forest, after giving estimates predicting the timber cut reductions, urged secondary manufacture, application of new processes, and chemical utilization of waste material to maintain employment and community support.

Wisecracking KF Man Gets Results

A Klamath Falls resident waited impatiently while a Portland OPA price clerk flipped through regulations for a ceiling price on cider.

"Why don't you look up the ceiling price on vinegar?" he demanded finally. "By the time you find the right regulation, it'll be vinegar anyway."

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BUY Christmas SEALS