

TANKS STRIKE BACK AT GERMANS

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The news today is mixed. On the western front, where the Germans are mounting a big counter-offensive, it doesn't sound good. Little definite information is trickling through the rigid censorship—and, as always when we're in the dark, we worry.

The news from Mindoro, in the Philippines, is so GOOD IT BUBBLES OVER. Our troops are well inland from the landing beaches and are still going ahead without ground resistance from the Japs.

THESE are the unsettling developments in Belgium:
1. Complete blackout of official news. This is the second time since the invasion that news unfavorable to our side has been suppressed. The first was at ARNHEM, where we tried boldly and failed.
2. The Germans have gained from 15 to 20 miles against our American 1st army. They seem to be trying to get around into our rear at Aachen.

ON the good side, the Nazi counter-offensive HASN'T relieved our STEADY PRESSURE on the line of the Roer where our patrols are reported to have CROSSED OVER into bitterly defended Duren, on the EAST bank.
If we were gravely threatened, it is to be assumed that we would be PULLING BACK on the Roer instead of pushing ahead.

A SWEDISH newspaper enters the picture today with a story from INSIDE Germany. The story relates that Von Rundstedt at first refused to order the offensive on the grounds that it would mean committing all German forces in the west, including reserves, to the battle, and so would be too risky.

YOU'D better keep your fingers STRICTLY crossed, but if the story has any foundation at all it is the point:
If the offensive was ordered by Himmler against the advice of his general in the field, it is a desperate venture—akin to the Jap "banzai" charge.
IF IT FAILS—
Well, if it fails, utterly and bloodily, it will be the end of Nazi Germany.

THE Russians are pinching off the long, thin German finger that thrusts eastward into Slovakia, bringing their lines up even north and south of Budapest.

THE news from the Philippines today is GOOD.
AF Correspondent Waite, on Mindoro, says: "The Japs have (Continued on Page Two)

Retired Farmer Kidnapped in Grants Pass
GRANTS PASS, Dec. 19 (AP)—A. J. Hays, 60, retired farmer of Yakima, Washington, here, telephoned the state police last night he had been kidnapped in his own auto and robbed of \$150 at the point of a gun by two hitchhikers he had picked up on his way from Crescent City, Calif., to Grants Pass.

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Weather News

Max. (Dec. 18)	42	Min.	31
Precipitation last 24 hours			.03
Stream year to date		Last year	3.00
Normal	3.00	Last year	2.59
Forecast: Light showers.			
Oregon: Open	7:00	Closing	5:15
Tulelake: Open	7:00	Closing	5:35

Heuvel Arrested on Morals Charge

B-29S POUND JAP PLANTS; GI'S ADVANCE

Ground Troops Meet No Resistance On Mindoro

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Superforts smashed again today at Japanese factories in a double-edged bombing campaign to eliminate the source of Japanese planes that have been pouring in an unending stream into the Philippines, where 742 were knocked out last week.

Dozens of Superforts sweeping out of western China bombed Kyushu island industries in southern Japan today. Official Tokyo reported they struck at Omura, whose aircraft factory has been the objective of three previous raids.

An imperial communique said between 30 and 40 B-29s made the attack on the heels of a double blow yesterday by nearly 200 Superforts against Hankow and the Mitsubishi Aircraft company's big Kokuki aircraft plant at Nagoya on Honshu island.

The U. S. war department described today's attacking waves (Continued on Page Two)

COMMONS TO HOLD DEBATE ON GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The house of commons will hold a special debate on Greece tomorrow, with Prime Minister Churchill expected to speak.

This was announced tonight several hours after Churchill had sidetracked a new effort in commons to get his comments of the Greek situation. Churchill refused also to give a full scale review of the war.

26 Sentenced In Court Martial
SEATTLE, Dec. 19 (AP)—Twenty-six negro soldiers today faced federal prison sentences ranging from one to 25 years, dishonorable discharge and forfeiture of all pay and allowances as a result of a court martial's finding that they participated in a riot against former Italian prisoners of war at Fort Lawton last August.

The military court passed the sentences yesterday after finding three of the defendants innocent of charges that they murdered Pvt. Guglielmo Olivetto, whose body was found hanging in a nearby gully the morning after the riot.



Smoke pours from more than 40 direct bomb hits on the Mitsubishi aircraft plant at Nagoya, Japan, during the December 13 (Tokyo time) raid by Saipan-based Superforts (B-29s). This first Nagoya bombing raid picture was received by RCA radiophoto from Honolulu. (AP wirephoto from 20th air force via RCA radiophoto).

ACCIDENT FATAL TO EWAUNA WORKER

James Fitzgerald, 57-year-old Ewauna employe, suffered fatal injuries early Tuesday morning as he reportedly stepped in the path of a car operated by Ensign G. B. Law, Klamath naval air station, 203 Cascade apartments.

The accident occurred at 7:53 a. m. at 6th and Market, and Mr. Fitzgerald expired at Hillside hospital at 11:35 a. m. Dr. George H. Adler, Klamath county coroner, said Mr. Fitzgerald suffered a probable skull fracture, compound fracture of the lower left leg, broken ribs, and internal hurts. The body is at White.

According to investigating city police, Mr. Fitzgerald stepped from behind a parked car as he was on his way to work at Ewauna where he has been employed for the past two years as a glue mixer. The Fitzgerald family resides at 511 S. 8th.

No charge had been filed against Ensign Law at a late hour Tuesday.

Land Exchange Protested By Klamath County Court

Klamath county court today filed a protest with the district land office against a proposed land exchange transaction between the national forest service and the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company of Bend.

The land involved is a large acreage of timber land in the northern part of Klamath county, now held privately by Shevlin-Hixon company, which has been logging on the tract. Shevlin-Hixon has offered it to the forest service, in exchange for an equal value of timber from lands in the Fremont and Deschutes national forests in Klamath and Lake counties.

If the transaction is completed, the Shevlin-Hixon land will go into national forest ownership and will be removed from the tax rolls of Klamath county. County court members said that 48,000 acres of Klamath county land has already been transferred to national forest ownership in this manner.

In legal notices published in The Herald and News, Clarence W. Ogie, Lakeview, register of

the district land office, named December 23 as the deadline for protests. It is presumed a protest will hold up the exchange while the protestants' objections are considered.

British Report Captives Of Japs Treated Brutally
LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The British war office asserted today that the Japanese had worked more than 60,000 white captives under such brutal and inhuman conditions that 24,000 of them had died.

The Japanese themselves have erected a memorial to 25,000 men who died in building the Thailand-Burma railway and road, the war office said. Of the 25,000 men, the war office reported, fewer than 1000 were Japs. The remainder were English, Australians and Dutch.

CHIEF DENIES ACCUSATION; POSTS BOND

Complaint Signed by 16-Year-Old Girl

Police Chief Earl Heuvel of Klamath Falls was free on \$1000 cash bond today after his arrest on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl.

Heuvel submitted to the formalities of arrest at the office of Justice of the Peace Joseph Mahoney yesterday afternoon, after a complaint, signed by a 16-year-old girl, had been filed with Mahoney.

The complaint charges Heuvel with an illegal act on October 5, 1944, when the girl was 15 years of age.

Chief Denies
After his brief appearance at Justice Mahoney's office, Heuvel commented:
"The accusation is false."
He declined to make a further statement to the press then and on Tuesday. He appeared at council meeting Monday night in his customary routine duties as chief, and no mention of the criminal charges occurred at council session.

SENATE CONFIRMS GREW, ROCKEFELLER
By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The senate broke a two-week deadlock over six diplomatic appointments today by confirming President Roosevelt's nomination of Joseph C. Grew to be undersecretary of state.

Grew, former ambassador to Japan, won approval on a 68 to 7 vote. This action cleared the way for subsequent roll calls on (Continued on Page Five)

Huge Balloon Armed With Bomb Found in Montana

KALISPELL, Mont., Dec. 19 (AP)—A huge paper balloon, bearing Japanese ideographs and armed with an incendiary bomb capable of starting a major conflagration in this northwest timber empire, has been found 17 miles southwest of Kalispell, the federal bureau of investigation said last night.

Announcement of the strange device, camouflaged blue and cream color, was permitted a week after Owen Hill and his father, O. B. Hill, found it while on a wood-cutting trip.

ARMY PATROLS CROSS RIVER, ENTER DUREN

Counterblow Slices 20 Miles Into Belgium

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP)—American doughboys and tanks struck back today at the German armor-powered counteroffensive that had cut 20 miles into Belgium, while to the north first army patrols crossed the Roer river barrier into Duren.

American blows to stabilize the front were thrown in as the bold Nazi push probed into Belgium and Luxembourg on a 60-mile front.

The first army maintained pressure on the Cologne front despite the menacing counteroffensive. Just before noon yesterday, patrols of the 83rd division's 329th regiment crossed the formidable Roer river and pushed into Duren, stronghold city 20 miles from Cologne.

Security Silence
Supreme headquarters imposed security silence on the powerful German counteroffensive, but a first army dispatch said one German tank thrust bet low fianches "had some success in a frontal push" with the Germans being contained on some sectors.

The Germans were striking from above Manschau to near Echternach. The deep plunge into Belgium carried a broad flanking threat to Aachen. The German onslaught was powered by massed reserves and supported by a new vengeance weapon of an undisclosed type. Supreme headquarters was silent on details of the battle.

FATHERS PROTEST POLICE ACTIVITIES

Four fathers, vigorously protesting activities of members of the city police department, whom they said picked up a group of high school students, December 8, and took them to the city jail as the party was en route home from a high school dance, appeared before the city council Monday night to express their opinions on the interpretation of the curfew law.

Fred B. Robinson, 1160 Crescent, was spokesman for the group and read a letter to the editor which appeared in The Herald and News under the date of December 14 and signed by Mrs. Dolle Peery. The letter also protested action of the police, and Robinson said he investigated and found that Mrs. Peery had "not underestimated the situation."

Robinson then told the police that the youngsters, girls dressed in formal, had left the dance to take the train and were waiting at 8th and Main when officers loaded the group into the paddy wagon and took them to the police station. They were then turned over to juvenile authorities including Harold Hendrickson, county juvenile officer, and Eave Lucas, his deputy.

The children were later released and left to get home to the best of their ability, Robinson said. The girls finally contacted a sister of one of the group and reached home at 1:30 a. m. The boys pooled their resources and hired a cab to get home. All lived in the suburban areas three to four miles from town. Robinson said that when the children asked how they were to get home at that (Continued on Page Two)

Norden Company Indicted On Charges of Conspiracy

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—A special federal grand jury today indicted Carl L. Norden, Inc., bombsight manufacturers, and a war plant survey firm and four individuals on charges of conspiracy to slow down production of the war-vital Norden bombsights.

The indictments also charged a conspiracy aimed at forcing makers of war goods to employ the survey company, Corrigan, Osburne and Wells, Inc., specialists in the installations of production control systems for industrial concerns.

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