

# GERMAN OFFENSIVE SLOWS DOWN

## Today's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The German radio today says the Nazi high command has also adopted a policy of secrecy and calls the fighting in Belgium a "battle of silence."  
That pretty well tells the story. About all we can do is guess from a few hints that slip through the censorship.

WERE still justified in guessing that Von Rundstedt's HOPED-FOR objective was to break through our line south of Aachen, turn NORTH in our rear and cut our supply route to Antwerp.  
We seem to have stopped that.

The picture today suggests that he is like a bull-carrier who tries a long end run, HOPING for a knockdown, but keeps getting pointed off to one side until he is finally pushed out of bounds.

THERE are both DANGERS AND HOPES in the news today.

Two dangers appear:  
1. The Germans have driven TWO wedges—one into Belgium, two south of Aachen, the other further south, into Luxembourg.  
2. German tank units are MOVING AROUND on the loose, well within our lines.

In such a situation, the military purpose is always to JOIN THE TIPS OF THE WEDGES. Von Rundstedt doubtless hopes to join his wedges by means of his roving tank units, thus trapping large bodies of our troops.  
(Our job, of course, is to keep out of such traps.)

THERE is hope in the statement (seeping through the censorship) that "ALREADY one allied counter-offensive in the Monschau area (up toward Aachen), northern hinge of the German line, has CUT 9 MILES in the German salient, REDUCING ITS BASE to 46 miles."  
That, again, is technical military language. What it means is that we're already beginning to BITE INTO the German wedge from the side in an effort to cut it off at its base.

MEANWHILE Eisenhower, in the immortal manner of leaders in crises, EXHIBITS HIS TROOPS. In an order of the day, he says:  
"The (German) enemy is taking a last great gamble. He is rushing out from his fixed defenses. . . . He may thus give us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat. . . . So I call upon every man of all the allies to rise now to new heights of courage, of resolution and of effort."  
"Let everyone hold before him a single thought—to destroy the enemy wherever he is, in the air, EVERYWHERE."  
"DESTROY HIM!"

AT this anxious hour, thrilling news comes from Russia. A Washington dispatch by AP Henry Cassidy, dated this morning, says:

Soviet Russia has PROMISED to meet the rising allied demand for red army action by HURLING SOME THREE ARMY GROUPS AGAINST THE GERMANS on the eastern front.  
(An army group is two or more armies. An army is two or more army corps. An army corps is two or more divisions. A division is 10,000 to 15,000 men and their necessary weapons.)  
Now we know how the Russians felt when we landed in Normandy!

CASSIDY adds that according to Russian sources in Washington the red army high command has informed the United States and Britain of the offensive's STARTING date.  
Obviously the date cannot be disclosed. Cassidy, however, speculates that it will be in the great battle on the western front—whose crisis may pass within a matter of days.  
The Germans, however, are muttering today of the beginning of a big new Russian effort in the north, where the plains and the marshes and the lakes are hardening under the winter cold into FIRM ground.

OUR thoughts today are centered on TODAY'S battle.  
As to the longer pull, it is well to remember this ancient rule of the prize ring: "A good LITTLE man can't beat a good BIG man."  
Measured in terms of resources, Germany is a good little man. By the same measurement, our side is a good BIG man.

IN the Pacific, we're mopping up on Leyte—killing the last Japs—and on Mindoro we're still

# Gerald and News

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Weather News	
Max. (Dec. 21)	42 Min. 30
Precipitation last 24 hours	.01
Stream year to date	1.14
Normal	4.00 Last year 2.14
Forecast: Cloudy	
Oregon: Open	7:38 Close 8:13
Patrol: Open	7:38 Close 8:13

## 100 B-29's Bomb Main Isle

### COPCO FILES FOR RIGHTS AT KLAMATH SITE

Grant Location Sought For 40,000-Watt Plant

SALEM, Dec. 22 (AP)—The California-Oregon Power company has applied to the state hydroelectric commission for a permit to use 1300 second-feet of water from the Klamath river on the Grant site below Keno to develop 40,000 kilowatts of power, Charles E. Stricklin, commission secretary, said today.

Stricklin advised the company, however, that a 1930 attorney general's opinion held that waters of the river cannot be used for reclamation purposes without permission from the U. S. secretary of the interior. Stricklin said he believed the same permission would have to be obtained for power rights.

The 1930 opinion, Stricklin said, is based on a 1905 state law regulating use of waters in the Klamath river. The law at that time was intended to apply to irrigation projects, but it is broad enough to apply to power projects, Stricklin said.

Copeco's proposal for a post-war dam development at the Grant site, in Oregon about 10 miles below Keno on Klamath river, was seen here today as a bid by the private company for power development rights which may be also by the federal government. A. M. Thomas, local public power proponent, last week publicized a letter from Abe Fortas, head of the interior department power division, stating that Klamath river development would be considered along with the extension of a federal power program in this area.

The Copeco plan, it is understood, (Continued on Page Three)

### Kaiser Gets Light Metal Pontons Order

PORTLAND, Dec. 22 (AP)—Four-thousand aluminum pontons to be used by the army in building floating bridges overseas will be produced by the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation under a \$12,000,000 contract.

### Stick on Job, Urges FDR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today the best way fighting men could be assisted on the home front is by people sticking to jobs which maintain the steady output of needed supplies.

### Roosevelt Says Atlantic Charter Aims Just as Valid as When Announced in '41

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today he thought "the objectives of the Atlantic charter are as valid as when they were announced in 1941."  
He permitted direct quotation on that point during a news conference discussion of the charter—which he said Tuesday never existed as a formal document.  
A reporter had remarked that some people thought the charter was slipping away and that he would like to hear what the president thinks.

### Snell Considers Urgent Pleas for Folkes' Clemency

SALEM, Dec. 22 (AP)—A delegation of seven persons appealed to Governor Earl Snell at a half-hour hearing this afternoon to death to life imprisonment for the death sentence of Robert E. Lee Folkes, 23, negro dining car cook who was convicted of the slaying two years ago of Mrs. Martha Virginia James as she slept in her berth on a south-bound Southern Pacific train.

The governor, who asked no questions and had no comments during the hearing, said when it was over that "Decisions like these are most trying to make, but I promise I will give it the most serious and careful consideration."

Death Decreed Jan. 5  
Folkes is scheduled to die in the state prison gas chamber January 5, and he already has carried his case to the United States supreme court, which refused to review it.

William Palmer, Portland, said that Judge L. G. Lewelling, presiding judge of the trial at Albany, was guilty of misconduct, warranting reversal, when he left the bench while the alleged confessions of Folkes were introduced. He said it also was a reversible error for the oral statements to have been introduced as signed confessions.  
Nels Peterson, Portland attorney, chairman of the civil rights committee of the state bar, said "I have grave doubts as to Folkes' guilt. He should have a fair trial, which was denied him. Folkes' mother told me he did not take the witness stand in his own defense because of the advice of his attorney, Roy Lomax of Portland. She said Folkes never read these confessions, but the fact that Folkes did not take the stand to deny them was prejudicial."

### CEILINGS ON LIVE ANIMALS REJECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) said today 16 western senators who discussed the meat situation with federal officials agreed unanimously that price ceilings on live animals would be "completely impractical."

After a two-hour closed session with price and war food administration executives, O'Mahoney said there are two reasons the suggested device wouldn't work:  
"First, it would be impossible of successful enforcement—there isn't manpower enough."  
"The second place, it would undoubtedly result in premature selling of animals and reduction in the supply of meat. The cattle grower, uncertain as to how the rules would operate, and with a feeling that preferences would be granted one grade as opposed to another, would sell his cattle before they reached the proper weight."

"It would do the consumers in New York no good to have 40,000,000 head sold at an average weight of 800 pounds each, instead of 35,000,000 head at 1000 to 1100 pounds."

### GOEBBELS TO SPEAK

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—A Berlin broadcast said today that Joseph Goebbels, reich plenipotentiary for mobilization, would speak by radio to the German people at 9 p. m., Christmas eve, (4 p. m., eastern war time).

### Roosevelt Says Atlantic Charter Aims Just as Valid as When Announced in '41

The president would have preferred to think it over for a while, Mr. Roosevelt replied, but he said that through the years certain documents had seemed to maintain a good deal of importance, some affecting public thinking on objectives of a better world.  
The objectives of the Atlantic charter still stand, the president said, just as do objectives of documents which go back many centuries.  
The objectives in some instances have never been obtained, Mr. Roosevelt continued,

### U. S. FIGHTER PLANES FLYING FROM MINDORO

Yank Ground Troops Close Nutcracker On Leyte Japs

21ST BOMBER COMMAND, Saipan, Dec. 22 (AP)—A good-sized force of B-29s bombed Nagoya, Japan's aircraft center, again today through a thick overcast and ran into heavy anti-aircraft fire and a horde of defending fighter planes.

Precision instruments helped to overcome the handicap of the overcast and the bombardiers expressed confidence their loads of explosives found a mark. Gunners caught sight of parts of the city through holes in the clouds.

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor  
A hundred Saipan-based B-29s bombed aircraft plants in Nagoya on Japan's main island today while U. S. fighter planes in the Philippines began operating from newly-built air fields on Mindoro, only half an hour from Manila.

American ground troops closed their nutcracker on Leyte island's shattered Yamashita line. The 77th infantry division and the 1st (dismounted) cavalry division joined forces in Ormoc valley—once studded with Japanese fortifications. They counted 2032 more enemy dead. That makes 11,327 Nipponese soldiers slain in a seven-day climactic drive.

"Enemy remnants," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said, "are desperately but futilely trying to cut their way out to the northwestern corner of Leyte."  
Tokyo claimed 10 Superforts were shot down in today's daylight raid on Nagoya—the fourth B-29 strike this week against Japanese aircraft factories.  
Dispatches from Saipan re- (Continued on Page Three)

### CALIFORNIA GETS EVANS ATTACK CASE

Following intensive investigation into an alleged attack on Ferman Clinton Evans, USMC, Sheriff Lloyd L. Low announced Friday that the case was out of the hands of Klamath county officials as the incident is believed to have taken place one mile south of the Oregon-California line in California.

Evans remained in a critical condition at the Barracks dispensary Friday. No charge had been placed against Lewis Summerville, held in connection with the alleged beating. It is understood that the provost marshal of the Marine Barracks will file the complaint in Siskiyou county in the light of new developments.

### Malin Woman Found Dead

Mrs. Alfred W. (Ima) Schultz, 35, well known Malin matron, was found dead in the kitchen of her home three miles west and one mile south of Malin at 11 o'clock Friday morning. Her husband made the discovery when he returned to the house. By Mrs. Schultz's side was a .22 rifle in which Deputy Sheriff Dale Matton said were four empty shells.  
County Coroner George H. Adler termed the death a suicide. The woman did not leave a message, investigating officers said, but it is understood that she had been in ill health for quite some time. The body is at Ward's. Mrs. Schultz is a former school teacher and during her long residence in the Malin area was active in civic and social affairs.

### Marine Patient Has Early Christmas



Tech. Sgt. O. O. DuBois, of New Bedford, Mass., who will be confined to his bed at the Marine Barracks dispensary this Christmas, is already receiving presents from the more than 150 packages sent the hospitalized patients by groups and individuals of Klamath Falls. Shown with him is Lt. (jg) Genevieve Albers, of Eastling, Pa., chief nurse. Lieutenant Albers is playing Santa Claus this year, distributing presents to the hospitalized marines.

### Russians Pledge Thrust to Relieve Pressure In West

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Soviet Russia has promised to meet the rising allied demand for Red army action by hurling some three army groups against the Germans on the eastern front.  
The forthcoming offensive as it expands probably will involve up to six army groups and its route may well be across the broad Polish plain directly into Germany.

The Red army high command has informed the United States and Britain of the offensive's starting date, Soviet sources in Washington said. This could not be confirmed in American military quarters but there is evidence that the allies are counting on the upcoming winter drive.  
Informed sources said the projected drive will disclose newly aligned Red army forces. Since last summer, when the Lenin grad front, three Baltic, three White Russian and four Ukrainian fronts were in action, the lineup of Russian armies has been a mystery.  
Russian military activity in the Balkans has been confined to single fronts or army groups. Farther north, Soviet armies already far advanced from the White Russian, Baltic and Lenin grad regions have been reforming.

### WEDGE DRIVEN

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (AP)—Russian shock troops wedged deeper into southern Slovakia today while new operations by two

### Bioff, Browne Win Release

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Federal Judge John C. Knox today ordered the release of William Bioff and George Browns, serving 10 and eight-year sentences, respectively, on convictions for extortion in connection with a million-dollar shakedown of the motion picture industry.  
In granting the application for release, which was not opposed by the government, Judge Knox said that the two men "had really aided the government with their testimony," in the trial of six men alleged to have participated in labor racketeering, and added that "there might not have been convictions without that testimony."

### Harry Langdon of Films Succumbs

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22 (AP)—Harry Langdon, veteran comedian of the stage and screen, died today after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. Langdon, who was 60, had been ill for several weeks.  
American fighting men know the German secret weapons are not toys and cannot be dismissed with a shrug. Arguments that the weapons are indiscriminate do not impress the man in a foxhole, who may stop any-

## DRIVE PUSHES 40 MILES INTO ALLIED LINES

Eisenhower Declares Nazis Launched On Final Gamble

BULLETIN  
LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—A German military spokesman said tonight that a "fierce" southern flank attack by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army had "succeeded in slowing down" the Nazi offensive.  
The news agency DNB dramatically interrupted its transmission of an operational message from the eastern front to flash this report of the opposition to Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's advance.  
Earlier the German high command said, "Our spearhead advanced farther to the west and established several bridgeheads across the Ourthe river."

By WILLIAM L. RYAN Associated Press War Editor  
Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's seven-day-old counter-offensive has penetrated the American lines to a depth of 40 miles at one point, but in the past 48 hours has lost a great deal of its momentum, a 21st army group headquarters spokesman said today.  
At the Americans appeared to have blunted the westward drive into Belgium and Luxembourg, Gen. Eisenhower, classifying the Nazi push as a last great gamble, called upon his troops in an order of the day to destroy the enemy.

New Fight Flares  
The main force of the enemy drive, field dispatches said, has been turned aside or slowed down, but fighting flared in another area 20 miles south of the city of Luxembourg last night.

A field report said American armored units were fighting to hold the Belgian town of St. Vith against a frontal assault by a full division of Nazi SS (elite guard) troops. A German broadcast claimed the capture of St. Vith. Fifty-five enemy tanks were destroyed also, the northern flank of the attack yesterday and doughboys fighting through fog, snow and mud, took a heavy toll of Germans.

Chance of Victory  
Gen. Eisenhower addressed his orders of the day to all members of the AEF. He told them the enemy was rushing from his fixed winter defenses on the western front and "may give up a chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat."

The supreme commander said the German attempt would fail completely, and that "we will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory."

Thrust Repulsed  
The Germans said spearheads of the counter-offensive advanced to the flooded Ourthe river, which at one point flows seven miles west of Werbomont, where the Nazis had cut the Liege-Bastogne highway. It was at this point that the allies have been expected to make a stand. Werbomont was the deepest penetration.

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### P. O. Will Be Closed Monday

The Klamath post office will be closed to the public on Christmas Day, according to Burt E. Hawkins, postmaster. A skeleton crew will be retained, however, and any packages left over or arriving late will be delivered by a volunteer crew of temporary carriers. These parcels will only be delivered providing the addresses is present to receive them. Hawkins stated.

There will be no delivery on rural routes Christmas Day and no foot carrier delivery except in these special instances. The lobby will remain open for the convenience of persons having lock boxes, Hawkins said.

### Nazi V-Weapon No Joke to Yankees, Who Await Ours

By WES GALLAGHER WITH THE AMERICAN NINTH ARMY, Dec. 21 (Delayed) (AP)—American troops being pounded by Adolf Hitler's V-weapons want to know when we are going to start tossing a few flying bombs back at the Germans.  
"If we build better flying bombs than the Nazis they're using them?" is the way one soldier put it after reading a story in the Yank newspaper "Stars and Stripes" to the effect that the American "Doodle" is better than the Germans' V-bomb.  
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SHOPPING DAY Left  
LAST CALL!  
BUY CHRISTMAS STALS