

FIRST ARMY CARVES NEW GAINS

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Weather News	
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Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
Stream year to date	4.27
Normal	4.72
Last year	2.77
Forecast: Slightly warmer.	

THREE MILES WON IN BLOW AT NAZI LINES

Advance Nears Third Army Sector Near Bastogne

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AP)—American first army infantry and tanks fought three miles forward in the north flank of the Belgian bulge by 8 a. m., and continued the advance today through a blinding snowstorm, it was disclosed at supreme headquarters.

The advance reached to within 13 1/2 miles of third army vanguards in the south in the Bastogne sector.

The village of Baffe, four miles southeast of Hottendorf, seven southwest of Grandmenil, was captured. Fighting was in progress for Malempre, three miles east of Grandmenil. Other forces of the first army captured two towns southeast of Rochefort at the westernmost tip of the bulge, beating German tank divisions.

6 Mile Front

The gains were along a six-mile front on both sides of Grandmenil, 20 miles north of Bastogne. Three to five miles north and northeast of that bastion town on the southern flank of the German penetration, the U. S. third army was halted by violent counterattacks against the heroic 101st airborne division.

Half the gains below Grandmenil were made in the first eight hours after Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' resilient army went over the top. Weather worsened. Snowstorms turned into blizzards. Field Marshal Von Rundstedt reacted swiftly with tank-supported counterattacks.

British Tanks

(The Germans said British tanks were participating in the new offensive and that U. S. 9th army had been rolled up from Aachen.)

A battle dispatch said the U. S. 7th army had blunted the German drive south of Bitché below the German Palatinat. The enemy, however, had advanced up to four miles in a day and struck within two and a half miles of the open Alsace plain. There he could threaten allied positions in the Wissembourg gap into the Palatinat and to Strasbourg on the Rhine.

Chaplin Case Said Mistrial

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (AP)—The jury in Charlie Chaplin's paternity trial was dismissed today when it reported it was hopelessly deadlocked. Superior Judge Henry M. Willis declared a mistrial in the case.

Police informally, it was found that six women and one man were in favor of declaring Chaplin was not the father of Carol Ann Berry, while four men and one woman held out in favor of declaring he was the father.

Subzero Weather Crosses Nation

By The Associated Press

Sub-zero weather moving across the nation in a sort of daily cycle chilled the Midwest again today.

The mercury dropped as low as 25 below zero at Lone Rock, Wis., and was below zero in the eastern Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, upper Michigan and northern Illinois.

Minima ranged upward to the 20's and 30's in the Ohio valley, Oklahoma and Arkansas and to the 60's in southern Florida and the lower Texas coast.

Ice on Pond in Good Condition

Ice on the Great Northern pond off Altamont drive, near the airport, in excellent condition, it was reported today.

City Recreation Officer E. E. Hambrick said that a fire will be built there tonight for the benefit of skaters, and that a crowd is expected.

CREDIBILITY OF WITNESS COURT ISSUE

Girl Makes Charge Against Heuvel At Hearing

An attack on the credibility of the testimony of the 16-year-old complaining witness was a major feature of Thursday morning's session of the preliminary hearing for former Police Chief Earl Heuvel, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The witness, Willie Mae Collins, told her story before a packed courtroom in Justice of the Peace Joseph Mahoney's court. The case was to be continued in an afternoon session, and on the basis of the hearing Mahoney will determine whether the former police chief will be bound over to the county grand jury.

Imble Examines

Miss Collins took the stand at the opening of the session and was examined by District Attorney Clarence Humble. She told how she and her sister, Margaret, were arrested in October while occupying a Main street hotel room.

She said they were booked at the police station and that she gave her age as 22. Later they were taken to the office of Dr. Peter Rozendal, health officer, for a routine examination. She testified that when they left Dr. Rozendal's office they sat in the back seat of the then Chief Heuvel's car. She claimed that Heuvel asked her if she was "willing to do anything to get out of this" and that she replied affirmatively.

Charges Advances

They returned to the police station and Heuvel told the girls to go into his private office, she testified, and she went on to charge that Heuvel at that time made improper advances to her. She said she left the office when Margaret Collins, the older sister, was asked to come in.

She said the girls were advised by Heuvel that they would have to stay at the police station until a report came in from the doctor's office. They were there until "about 3 p. m." They faced a vagrancy charge, and were to be taken up to the office of Police Judge Harold Francy.

Age 15

At that point, Officer Orville Hamilton came in with the girls' (Continued on Page Two)

Air Blows, New Island Landing Highlight Fight

By The Associated Press

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Jan. 4.—Coordinated air blows smashed southern Japan, the Ryukus and Formosa along a solid 2000-mile arc down through Luzon, prized island of the Philippines, as Gen. MacArthur disclosed today his troops have made two new landings on Mindoro, his closest approach to Manila.

Hellicats, Helldivers and Avengers from aircraft carriers opened a battering ram assault Wednesday (Philippines date) on Formosa, which funnels Japanese men and planes to the Philippines.

(Japanese broadcasts said that 900 U. S. carrier and land-based planes struck Formosa and Okinawa islands, Wednesday and Thursday. Five hundred planes struck yesterday for nearly seven hours and 400 returned to the attack today.)

(Japanese reports intercepted by the federal communications commission said the bulk of the planes, largely from carriers, concentrated on Formosa.

Imperial headquarters said 17 planes were shot down Wednesday and Formosa reported three were downed today. (The strategic nature of Formosa as a staging base would require its neutralization to cover any major Yank moves to its south.)

INVADE SULU

Domei, the Japanese news agency, today said "an enemy task force escorting a transport convoy has invaded the Sulu sea, seemingly to effect new landings."

The news broadcast, heard by the FCC, followed report of a Japanese imperial communique claim that Nipponese planes sank two U. S. transports and damaged a destroyer in a Wednesday morning attack on a convoy in the Mindanao sea.

Other carrier aircraft ranged into the Ryukus at a point a little over 300 miles from Japan.

The same day, the biggest force of Saipan-based B-29s yet to fly to Japan started huge fires at Nagoya, Nippon's airplane center on southern Honshu.

Meager Details

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the Formosa attack in a Pearl Harbor communique whose meager detail suggested such a continuing operation as the last previous carrier-based pounding of Formosa in October, the prelude to MacArthur's return to the Philippines.

Nimitz also tersely reported the attack on Okinawa in the Ryukus.

MacArthur has not yet reported the air activities over Luzon for Wednesday but today's communique told of bombers and fighters based in the central Philippines ripping that island from north to south, heavily pounding Clark field in the Manila area, and sinking or setting afire 25 ships off the west coast. These raids were on Monday.

Unit of Cold Storage Plant Near Completion

First unit of the plant of the Tulelake Cold Storage company was scheduled for completion Thursday evening, and the firm has already started taking in from five to eight cars a day of crated potatoes. They will be held there for later shipment.

First unit will hold 80,000 crates of potatoes. The second unit, of similar size, will be ready by February 15.

The latest conveyor system has been installed for rapid handling of the products going into cold storage at the Tulelake plant.

Highway Village Taken by Canucks

ROME, Jan. 4 (AP)—Canadian troops have captured the village of Conventello, two miles east of Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway after inflicting heavy casualties on picked German forces, allied headquarters announced today.

Approximately 100 prisoners were taken in the advance, a communique said.

Meanwhile patrolling by both sides was intensified all the way across the front, particularly in the area of highway 65 due south of Bologna.

Fog Curtails Flying Here

A heavy curtain of fog has curtailed flying at the Klamath naval air station and planes have not been sent up since January 1, according to officials.

Crews are busy despite the fact planes are grounded and members are continuing ground instruction training while the men that service planes are at work overhauling, repairing and maintaining the ships.

Yank Officer Translates 'Nuts' for German Soldier

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AP)—Any haziness the Germans may have had about the exact meaning of the word "nuts," Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe's one-word rejection of their request for the American surrender at Bastogne, was dispelled by an officer of McAuliffe's staff who delivered the reply.

When the officer handed McAuliffe's answer to the German waiting just outside the American perimeter of defense, the latter asked:

"Is your commander's reply favorable? If it is, I am empowered to continue negotiations of terms."

"My commander's reply is 'Nuts,'" the American responded.

"What does that mean?" asked the German.

"It means go to hell," replied the American.

That the German understood. He saluted and marched off.

NAZIS MOUNT COUNTERBLOW AGAINST REDS

Germans Attempt to Break Through To Capital

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Jan. 4 (AP)—Mobile warfare raged between Budapest and Vienna today as a huge German tank and infantry force, mounting the first German counteroffensive on the eastern front since October, sought to break through Russian lines to the relief of the surrounded garrison in the Hungarian capital.

In the last two days the Russians had given ground and it was probable that more would have to be yielded, although the Russians appeared to be getting the situation in hand.

Assault Area

The German counterassault was sprung from the area of Komarom, a Danube river town 45 miles northwest of Budapest.

The German-Hungarian garrison in Budapest, where the Russians have overrun 1062 city blocks, was reported making savage attacks in an effort to break out toward the relieving force.

Nearly a third of the eastern section of the capital was in soviet hands, an additional 200 blocks having been captured in the last 24 hours.

Time Unknown

The exact time the Germans launched their counterattack in the Komarom area has not been disclosed, but from available reports it appears to have been Tuesday morning in the snowy dawn.

A heavy German thrust was thrown at Russian artillery positions. A Red Star dispatch said the artillery line had been forced back by German tanks southeast of the city but it did not state the extent of the withdrawal. The official account said merely that the Russians had given up several populated points along the southern bank of the Danube.

MEETING ON HEAT PROBLEM SLATED

A meeting of customers of the Klamath Heating company has been called for the city council chambers at 2 p. m. Friday, for a discussion of the fuel problem confronting the local central heating plant. Paul Landry, chairman of the city council utilities committee, will preside.

D. O. Hood, president of the company, and John Kirby, the manager, stated today that the fuel supply is critical. Hogged fuel, which has been used for years by the company, is down to approximately 15 days supply, and insufficient hogged fuel is in sight for the winter and spring months ahead.

The company officials said they are investigating the possibility of converting to fuel oil or coal for firing at least one of the boilers at the plant. If this is done, they said, a substantial upward rate adjustment may be involved, and a representative of the public utilities commissioner has been asked to the local meeting.

The Klamath Heating men said they had hoped to find more hogged fuel in this area, or to get it through an OPA arrangement such as has been made for cordwood brought here from distant points, but so far these plans have not worked out. The matter of oil conversion has been placed before the fuel administrator in Los Angeles and has been referred to Washington, D. C.

A quick conversion is possible at the local plant, it was stated, and the company men said they are sure that arrangements of some nature will be made so that heat in the system can be maintained.

Ban on National Meets Proposed

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—A ban on national conventions for the rest of the year 1945 is being contemplated by the office of war mobilization, the American Transit association reported today.

The plan was related in a telegram to War Mobilization Director Byrnes from Col. Roane Waring, president of the ATA, offering cooperation in such a move.

FBI Nabs Nazi Spies



Erich Gimpel, 35, a German citizen, and William C. Colpaugh, 26, a discharged U. S. navy man, held by the FBI in New York as German spies. They are accused of landing in this country from a German submarine. (Telephoto)

Dies Committee Given New Life by Coalition Group

By FRANCIS M. LEMAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Storm signals were hoisted today over the newly-launched 79th congress.

A huge question mark arose over the ability of the administration to command constant majority in the house, as a republican-democratic coalition overrode democratic leaders on the opening day of the congress to put the old, so-called Dies committee on a permanent basis.

Unprecedented

Democratic Leader McCormack, of Massachusetts, arguing against a disregard for precedent, told the house that never before in history "has congress created a permanent investigatory committee."

The new committee to inquire into un-American activities will be the only permanent body of congress with continuing power of subpoena.

Noisy Session

In a tumultuous, noisy opening for the new congress, the house republican-democratic combine sailed to a 207 to 186 victory—a surprising development in view of the large democratic gains of house seats in the November election.

The democrats had a house majority of only two seats when they went into the election, and administration leaders hoped for easier voyaging when the party gained a majority of 243 seats to 190 republicans.

But yesterday's vote was reminiscent of the repeated reversals the administrationists suffered in the last congress. It came just after Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) made a harmony appeal to the new congress.

Jap-Yank Asks To Leave Center

Only one Japanese-American located at the WRA segregation center in Tulelake has requested permission to leave the center, according to Allen Markley, WRA reports officer.

The man, a former west coast resident, will go to Minneapolis, where he has been promised a job, rather than return to his former home, Markley said. His name was not released by officials, and his former home also remained undisclosed.

This request was made two days after the army lifted its exclusion order, and Markley reported that there was no evidence of excitement over the lifting of the ban. It is expected that more requests for permission to leave will be made before January 20, when larger numbers of the Japanese-Americans will be allowed to go.

The number eligible for release from the Tulelake center has not yet been disclosed by the army.

Nazi Fighting Power Believed Strong Enough for Several Months of Battle

By Thomas F. Hawkins

BERN, Jan. 4 (AP)—Information from inside Germany, disclosing Nazi propaganda, indicates that German armies equipped with a series of new weapons must be reckoned in fighting force capable of continued effective resistance — perhaps for many months.

Moreover, the Nazis apparently believe they can still win the war by taking advantage of allied mistakes and difficulties.

Reports dealing with the German military situation and use of secret weapons coming from a half-dozen independent sources in the reich stress these factors:

Weapons, Gas and Troops

While a fluke might end the war tomorrow, or a new allied offensive might quickly smash remaining Nazi forces, it appears that the Germans have sufficient gasoline to carry out their present battle plan; (2) new secret weapons are being turned out steadily in underground factories, and (3) troop reinforcements are still available in large quantity.

It is difficult to determine the degree these informants have unconsciously absorbed Nazi propaganda, but they are in a position to be well informed and have proven reliable in the past.

Observers in Berlin are convinced the Nazis had far greater underground stores of gasoline than the allies believed. Synthetic gasoline is still being manufactured, and the Germans need far less fuel for their operations than in the days when the Luftwaffe went out steadily.

When "worthwhile"

One German said of the Luftwaffe, "we now go into action only after good scouting and intelligence reports indicate it will be worthwhile."

These informants believe firmly that "V-weapons," being turned out in underground factories in Czechoslovakia as well as in the reich, now number up to ten. They say a new airplane, ready for use, is shot from the ground like a rocket.

Carrying a crew, it switches to gasoline until approaching the target. Then the plane can use compressed air to permit a silent swoop. After leaving the target and launching its one torpedo, it can switch back to gasoline and land normally. The plane is said to mount two cannons and has a cruising range of about 1000 miles.

Berlin declares a new portable rocket machine, strapped to one man and firing effectively over a 400-yard range, was used in the Von Rundstedt offensive.

WARRANT REFUSED FOR FOLKES BY JUDGE FEE

Negro Slayer to Die Tomorrow at 9 A. M.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—Federal Judge James A. Fee refused today to halt the execution of Robert E. Lee Folkes, 23, negro "lower 13" slayer, scheduled for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Judge Fee denied a request for a writ of habeas corpus, requested by Nicholas Granoff, attorney, who argued there were errors in the lower court trial of Folkes.

Request Unanswered

Folkes was convicted of killing Mrs. Martha Virginia James, 21, of Norfolk, Va., as she lay in her lower berth on a south-bound Southern Pacific train two years ago. Previously the United States supreme court and the Oregon state supreme court had refused to rehear the case, and a request for clemency from Gov. Earl Sniell had not been answered.

Four Klamath officials, active in the Robert E. Lee Folkes case, were to leave Thursday for Salem to attend the execution of the negro dining-car cook.

To Attend

They were Sgt. E. W. Tichenor and State Police Officer Larry Bergmann, Sheriff Lloyd L. Low and Constable Gary Cozad. L. Orth Sisemore, former district attorney, said today he would be unable to attend due to pressure of business.

Local officers came into the picture when the car in which Mrs. James was murdered was recovered at Klamath Falls and members of the train crew interrogated at this point.

It was also at Klamath Falls that young Ensign James of the United States navy, learned of the murder of his wife. Since that time, Ensign James lost his life in a plane crash in southern Washington.

Hambrick Named Recreation Head

E. E. Hambrick, who has been educational director at the First Baptist church the past year, was named Klamath Falls recreational officer Wednesday at the first meeting of the city recreation board appointed by Mayor Ed Ostendorf.

The appointment was made on a 30-day basis and, at the end of that period, the committee will determine upon a permanent appointment to the post.

Hambrick came here from Florida about a year ago. He told the board he had had about 15 years of experience in recreational and other young people's work.

The post of city recreational officer was left vacant by the resignation of David Bridge, who has taken a job at Tulelake.

Nazi Air Force Said Stronger

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AP)—The German air force now is numerically stronger than on D-day as the result of its policy of conservation and continued production, and shows signs of superior leadership, a senior allied air force officer said today.

The general effectiveness of the German air force is no greater and allied offensive air power is now greater than ever.

These statements were made at a general review of the air situation given correspondents by nine American air generals, including Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the U. S. strategic air forces, and Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the 8th air force.

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First Army Gains in Battle

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