

# BRITONS GAIN IN BELGIAN BULGE

## NAZI ATTACK IN SOUTH NOW FULL OFFENSE

### German Drive Breaks Through Maginot Line

PARIS, Jan. 5 (AP)—Veteran British infantry and armor thrown into the Belgian counter-attack by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commanding all allied forces on the north side of the salient, has gained up to 2000 yards all along its front.

This was disclosed at supreme headquarters today along with the fact that the U. S. first and ninth armies have been under Montgomery's command since December 20, when the Germans were threatening to break the allies' western front forces in half.

While the British gained on the north today, the German attack into northeastern France against the U. S. seventh army developed into a full offensive with a drive forward for two more miles southeast of Blicke—close to 15 miles inside France and within 12 miles of the Saarnberg gap, the key to Strasbourg.

Breaks Maginot

This latest southward surge of the Germans carried through part of the old Maginot line and within two miles of the Sarreguemines-Haguenau road.

German patrols crossed the Rhine north of Strasbourg in undetermined strength, possibly with the intention of clamping on a pincer that would squeeze out the allied salient pointing toward Karlsruhe.

In Action

British second army tanks and infantry went into action yesterday at the northwestern tip of the Von Rundstedt salient and reached Waha in a push of 1500 yards.

The drive is continuing, field dispatches said, and netted up to 2000 yards, all along its front from Marche to the right flank of the U. S. first army to the east.

This was a front of about seven miles.

Stirs Traffic

The concentrated assault stirred up Nazi traffic movements which correspondents at the front interpreted as a possible withdrawal from the tip of the German salient.

Reports said, however, that this might be only a regrouping around Houffalize, in the center of the salient, where they would fight to prevent Montgomery's and Bradley's forces from joining.

Other British units attacked the Germans on the outskirts of newly captured Bure and at Wavreille, south of Rochefort on the nose of the German penetration.

### Canucks Advance On Alfonsine Road

ROME, Jan. 5 (AP)—Canadian troops have advanced against strong enemy counterattacks along the road east of Alfonsine, to within a mile and one-half of San Roberto, eight miles north of Ravenna in the Adriatic coastal sector of the Italian front, allied headquarters announced today.

The Germans threw in veteran troops and brought up Tiger and Panther tanks in a series of fierce counterattacks all of which were repulsed as the Canadians drove forward. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Nazis, the communique said.

### Cordon Urges Caution in West

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Every possible safeguard of the forests of the Pacific coast was urged today by Sen. Cordon (R-Ore.).

Cordon told a reporter he had no information as to what had been determined with reference to the recent finding of paper balloons, described as possibly of Japanese origin, in the northwest.

"I am disturbed," he said, "at these reports and, in view of the danger during the dry season, particularly in the northwest, a thorough investigation into the circumstances of their finding and the possible purpose of their release is absolutely essential."

### Big 3 to Meet After Jan. 20

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today his next meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin will take place after his inauguration January 20.

He made this statement smilingly to a news conference and added in response to questions that the meeting will differ as to agenda and other plans from previous meetings at Casablanca, Teheran, Quebec and Washington.

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## British Take Burma Port

### Britons Seize Burmese Port



In their first amphibious operation on the road back to Singapore, British troops landed at the port of Akyab, the morning after the Japanese garrison pulled out. Other arrows indicate allied drives in the Burma-China theater. In the north, allied troops were meeting stiff resistance in the fight toward Namkham to open a land supply route to China.

## Regrouping of Western Front Puts Montgomery In Charge of Salient

By The Associated Press

Supreme headquarters announced today a regrouping of western front commands placing Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley in charge of operations against the Germans' deep salient in Belgium.

At the same time Prime Minister Churchill returned to London after conferring with Gen. Eisenhower and Marshal Montgomery.

These developments coincided with field reports which said the allies' attack on the Von Rundstedt salient was progressing resistance.

Includes Yanks

Montgomery was disclosed as commander of all allied forces on the north side of the salient facing south. These troops include not only his British second army but also major elements of the U. S. first and ninth armies.

Since Dec. 20

Montgomery has been in charge on the north side of the salient since December 20, or four days after Von Rundstedt's surprise offensive which crashed 50 miles deep into Belgium and across vital allied communication lines.

Division of 7th

Bradley's new command includes one division of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army, which presumably was brought up from Alsace or a nearby rest area.

PARIS, Jan. 5 (AP)—Supreme headquarters said today that stories published in the United States by Time magazine and the United Press in advance of the security-delayed announcement of the change in the allied western front command had been taken under immediate investigation.

## Roosevelt to Summarize Message on Air Saturday

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—President Roosevelt will take to the air tomorrow night to summarize to the nation his state of the union message to be delivered to congress earlier in the day.

The chief executive, telling his news conference today that the message will deal with foreign policy and manpower, among other things, said it will be about 8000 words long.

His foreign policy discussion, he indicated, may touch on the subject of more materials for the French.

The broadcast will be carried by all networks from 7 to 7:30 p. m. (PWT).

In connection with his foreign policy discussions today, the president said in reply to ques-

**WEATHER**  
January 5, 1944  
Max. (Jan. 4) 34 Min. ... 32  
Precipitation last 24 hours... Tr.  
Stream year to date ... 4.20  
Normal 4.85 Last year... 2.90  
Forecast: Snow.

## FOLKES DIES IN GAS ROOM; DENIES GUILT

### Negro Executed at 9 o'Clock Friday Morning

SALEM, Jan. 5 (AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes died in the state's lethal gas chamber at 9:13 a. m. today for the "lower 13" slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, still protesting his innocence of the crime for which he was executed.

"I have nothing to say except that I am innocent," the 23-year-old negro told reporters in the death cell. He charged that he had been convicted because "it's easier to convict a negro than a white person."

The dining car cook convicted of Oregon's most famous murder was silent about the early morning of January 23, 1943, when occupants of a Pullman car rolling through Linn county heard a woman scream, and peered through green curtains to see Mrs. James roll from berth lower 13, her throat cut.

Nervous and sleepless, Folkes did not elaborate his denial that he crept into the girl's berth and slashed her throat when she resisted him. Mrs. James, a bride from Norfolk, Va., was traveling south with her husband when she was slain. Her husband, Navy Lt. Richard F. James, killed in a plane crash last September 26, was traveling on another section.

Folkes walked into the lethal gas chamber without a blindfold—the first condemned man to see the chamber. The blindfold was placed upon his eyes before the poison pellets were dropped.

"So long, everybody," he said as the door to the gas chamber closed.

## PHYSICIAN HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Dr. J. G. Patterson, pioneer Klamath Falls physician, is in Klamath Valley hospital with a badly lacerated chin and suffering from shock as the result of an automobile accident on S. 6th street early Friday morning.

Dr. Patterson was en route to Klamath Union high school where his two children, David, 15, and Ruth Ann, 13, are students. State police, called to the scene, said that the physician attempted to pass a truck about one-quarter of a mile east of the Tower theatre.

The pavement was covered with ice and Dr. Patterson lost control of the machine and ran into the ditch on the right hand side of the road. The front end of the car was demolished.

David and Ruth Ann were treated at the hospital and although suffering from minor cuts and bruises, continued to school.

## New Archbishop Named by King

LONDON, Jan. 5 (AP)—King George today nominated the Right Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, lord bishop of London, as Archbishop of Canterbury succeeding the late Dr. William Temple. Fisher, 57, has been a bishop of London since 1939.

## Busy Session Looms for Klamath's Legislators

Senator Marshall Cornett left Friday for Salem, and Representative Henry Semon and Roscoe Poole will go this weekend to the capital, for the opening Monday of the 1945 legislative session.

Senator Cornett was accompanied by Mrs. Cornett, who will remain with him for a while at Salem. They will have quarters in the Marion hotel.

Representative Semon, returning for his seventh term as legislator, has employed Bernice Hector Cond, former Klamath girl, again as his secretary. She

## ALL 6TH WAR LOAN QUOTAS NOW FILLED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—A blizzard of bond money has buried every quota in the Yuletide 6th War Loan.

As a result, the 7th War Loan probably won't open until around May or June.

That's the word from Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, who announced the final sales figures in the November-December drive:

(1) Series E bonds — \$2,868,000,000. These are the only bonds the average citizen knows anything about. Sales were behind schedule at first but steadily improved and finally forged 15 per cent over the \$2,500,000,000 quota.

(2) Grand total—\$21,621,000,000. This is 54 per cent above the \$14,000,000,000 quota. It is a new world record for a financing operation. The previous mark was \$20,639,000,000 rung up in the 5th War Loan.

Morgenthau said he thought the final figures in the 6th War Loan were "swell." He praised the "amazing performance" of the volunteer organizations that sold the bonds. He also commended Ted R. Gamble, director of the treasury's war finance division, and Gamble's staff in Washington.

## Myer Says Fight On Jap Return 'Mostly Talk'

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—Dillon S. Myer, national director of the war relocation authority, today described opposition to the return of Japanese to the Pacific coast as "mostly talk."

Predicting no actual trouble, Myer told a businessmen's club that many groups opposing the Japanese return are "peddling anti-American racism in a package labeled 'old fashioned Americanism.'"

## Two Klamath Men Hurt in Action

Two Klamath men were listed as wounded overseas in recent combat, according to word from the war department. Next of kin have been informed as to any change of status.

Wounded in the Central Pacific area was PFC James H. Howe, son of Mrs. Cora M. Howe, Malin, and reported wounded in action in the Mediterranean area as Pvt. Octave D. Seaney, husband of Mrs. Jeanne R. Seaney, care of Ritter's Coffee shop, Klamath Falls.

## House to Speed Manpower Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The house military committee announced today it will expedite consideration of either national service legislation or some other manpower controls over the year.

The decision, announced by Chairman May (D-Ky.), was made in an informal meeting at which selective service legislation fully utilized the service of between 200,000 and 4,000,000 men was holding physical deferments.

The exact measures to be considered, May said, will depend on the president's message to congress tomorrow.

## Attorney and Client Face the Camera



Defense Attorney Joseph C. O'Neill (left), accompanied by Former Chief of Police Earl Heuvel, pictured as they left justice court early Friday afternoon at the close of the preliminary hearing in the case of State of Oregon vs. Heuvel.

## Decision in Earl Heuvel Case Slated For Saturday; Preliminary Hearing Ends

Justice of the Peace Joseph A. Mahoney early today took under advisement a decision as to whether Former Police Chief Earl Heuvel shall be bound over to the county grand jury on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Mahoney promised a decision at 11 a. m. Saturday morning in justice court.

Joseph C. O'Neill, attorney for the defense, completed his questioning of witnesses at 12:30 p. m. as the lengthy preliminary hearing came to a close.

Conflicting Evidence

In his final plea to the court, following a motion that the case be dismissed on failure of the state to show probable cause, O'Neill presented what he termed conflicting testimony on the part of Willie Mae Collins, the juvenile involved, and her 20-year-old sister, Margaret.

"If you find a witness false in one portion of the testimony, then you find that witness false in others," O'Neill appealed to the court.

District Attorney Clarence Humble advised the court in his final statement that the "police knew this girl was under age and some kind of promise was made to these girls to change their plea," referring to the action in police court.

"I respectfully request that this man be bound over to the grand jury," the district attorney concluded.

A parade of witnesses, subpoenaed by the defense, ended their testimony shortly after noon. Mrs. Dorothy Post, matron of the county jail, testified that she read a letter "just before New Year's," in which Willie Mae Collins told a service man that "she was sorry she hadn't gone on to school because she and her sister were in trouble over the chief of police and they were going to send him to the penitentiary or the electric chair."

District Attorney Humble objected to the introduction of this testimony on the grounds that the letter was a privileged communication but the court overruled.

Hamilton Called

Other witnesses called were Orville Hamilton, now acting chief of police but assistant chief on October 5, date of the alleged act. Hamilton said that he took three girls from the Holly hotel to the police station, two of them being the Collins girls. There he booked them on a charge of vagrancy. He said he did not remember whether or not he went to the police station the next day, which was his day off.

"As near as I can remember, I didn't take the girls' ration books to the police station and show them to Heuvel," Hamilton told the court when questioned as to this fact. Willie Mae Collins had previously testified that Hamilton had shown her ration book to the chief. Her age was given as 15 on the book, Hamilton said.

Physician Testifies

Dr. Peter H. Rozendal, Klamath Falls city physician, was called to testify as to the ages of the girls when they were brought to him for routine examination. He stated that Willie Mae told him she had been 22 and that Margaret said she was 24 and "separated."

Both said they were waitresses by occupation, according to Dr. Rozendal's file to which he referred.

When asked whether or not he considered Willie Mae to be as old as she stated, Dr. Rozendal replied:

"From her appearance and recollection I felt she was approximately that age."

Evidence Admitted

This evidence was admitted by the court on the grounds that (Continued on Page Two)

## RUSSIANS GRIMLY HOLD OFF NAZI ATTACKS

MOSCOW, Jan. 6 (AP)—Russian forces were reported grimly holding off German armored attacks supported by hundreds of planes today in the soviet-held corridor, once 30 miles deep, northwest of beleaguered Budapest.

The German panzer thrust down from the Danube, west of the big Danube bend, entered a third day. It appeared dangerously designed to liberate remnants of nine Nazi divisions trapped in the Hungarian capital.

Gain Ground

Inside Budapest Russian armored forces for the eighth day lined more ground and now have occupied 1400 city blocks since the initial attack last Friday, a soviet communique said.

The German counter-offensive northwest of the city was fed by armor and air force reserves brought directly from the Reich. The Russians said, and they were recklessly into battle in a separate bid to break the soviet gas line clamped around the capital.

Knock Out Tanks

The Russians asserted they had knocked out more than 100 tanks in two days in the relative narrow corridor about 20 miles southwest of Komarom.

A Red Star frontline dispatch told waves of German tanks beat back Russian defenses in the forest hills and along the right bank of the Danube. Nazi formations of 15 to 20 fighters, bombers stabbed repeatedly at Red army ground positions.

## Russia Breaks With London Poles

LONDON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Russia today announced recognition of the Polish provisional government of Lublin, making a clean break with the Polish government-in-exile in London, which still is recognized by the United States and Britain.

Bringing to a head one of the bitterest questions facing the warring big three parley, the broadcast announcement came within four days of the joint announcement by the United States and Britain that they had by the London Polish government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The United States today reiterated its recognition of the Polish provisional government of Lublin, making a clean break with the Polish government-in-exile in London, which still is recognized by the United States and Britain.

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