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Weather News

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Max. (Jan. 9)	45	Min.	35
Precipitation last 24 hours			.08
Stream year to date			4.35
Normal	5.18	Last year	2.90

Forecast: Cloudy.

Losses Light In Lingayen Gulf Landing

By The Associated Press
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS ON LUZON, PHILIPPINES—Tens of thousands of American troops, landing with Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday in Lingayen gulf on western Luzon island, drove tank-led spearheads south across flatlands toward Manila today in the climactic showdown fight for the Philippines.

Manila was less than 120 miles away through low, dry country excellently suited for the enormous quantities of mechanized equipment landed with the veteran fighting men from an 800-ship convoy which stretched out for 70 miles. (Jap reports said 60,000 men invaded the island).

Twenty-four hours after the initial landings, made against amazingly light opposition at 9:30 a. m., the sixth army Yanks still were pouring ashore and over the same crescent of sand dunes the Japanese invaders used three years ago.

LOSSES SAID LIGHT

Landing losses were officially reported as very light. General MacArthur, wearing ashore with an assault wave, established headquarters on the island where his outnumbered men fought valiantly in defeat at Batasan and Corregidor.

With the support of a blistering dawn naval and air barrage of shells, bombs and rockets, Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's sixth army veterans landed along 15 miles of Lingayen gulf, found the beaches virtually cleared of defenders and quickly pushed inland.

The beachhead extended from near Lingayen city on the southern shore eastward to San Fabian.

Refutes Jap Warnings

The low American casualties refuted enemy warnings that an invasion of Luzon would be a costly undertaking from the start. Japanese defenses ashore were woefully inadequate. Some trenches were only a foot deep.

Associated Press Correspondent C. Yates McDaniel, who accompanied MacArthur, ashore, reported that when the smoke of the bombardment lifted Filipino civilians were on hand to greet the Americans.

"We found no booby traps or land mines such as we encountered on Leyte," McDaniel said. "If the Japanese ever had any dugouts or pillboxes they were buried in sand by our bombardments. We didn't see any."

Frantic Japs

(Broadcasts from the scene said the Japanese were so frantic with rage some swam out and threw hand grenades at the American ships, "like throwing a snowball at a hot stove.")

Of momentous importance in tightening a military noose on Japan, the invasion was orderly. There was no bloody battle on the beaches. The Americans merely ploughed up the invasion ground with a fearsome preliminary barrage of hundreds of tons of metal and swarmed ashore calmly. At one point only 11 snipers could be found in an hour's search.

General MacArthur triumphantly announced the landing had severed Japan's lines of reinforcement and supply, forcing the enemy to fight with such resources as he has on the island.

"His back door is closed," MacArthur said in today's communique.

"The decisive battle for the liberation of the Philippines and control of the Southwest Pacific is at hand."

The general said the Japanese evidently did not expect the invasion at the Lingayen sector, and attributed the light American losses to their surprise.

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News

FRANK JENKINS
FRANCISCO—With nothing particularly significant in the news at the time this is in (January 8)—the Pacific is going well and Europe still in its mantle of conspiracy—one is tempted to little more moralizing on some front shortages and attendant rationing.

There are two kinds of shortages—those that are officially rationed and those that are not. A matter of more or less knowledge that the public attitude toward the unrationed scarce commodities—sugar, candy, chewing gum—is one of tolerance and humor. There can be little that the general attitude of official rationing is one of exasperation.

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'45 INDUCTION RATE DOUBLED, CONGRESS TOLD

900,000 Men Needed In First Six Months

By **WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST**
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson told congress today that inductions for the armed forces for the first six months of 1945 will total 900,000 men, as a minimum.

On this basis, the induction rate would be 150,000 men monthly—about twice the rate previously indicated for the early months of this year. The war department recently indicated that army and navy were taking about 60,000 a month in late 1944 and that this would be jumped to around 80,000 this month.

Enactment Urged

Urging quick enactment of national service legislation, Patterson advised the house military committee that only through some form of national service could the manpower needs for the war effort be met during the next six months.

These needs, he declared, include 900,000 men for the armed services and 700,000 others for war production and war-supporting activities.

Would Shorten War

"The only complete and adequate legislation," he said, would be national war service legislation "of the most comprehensive nature." Such legislation, he stated, would shorten the war and minimize the loss of life.

Pending enactment of an overall statute, Patterson said, the war department favored "work or fight" legislation for all men between the ages of 18 and 45.

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Pre-war Road Scene On Lingayen



This is a pre-war view of the road leading south from Lingayen gulf and Lingayen town to Manila in the Philippines. Gen. Douglas MacArthur yesterday announced landings on Luzon. (AP wirephoto)

TANK BATTLE WON BY 1ST; SAMREE TAKEN

Third Wins Ground On 20-Mile Front

By **JAMES M. LONG**
PARIS, Jan. 10 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army won the biggest tank battle of the Belgian bulge campaign today, capturing the secondary road center of Samree after 30 hours of violent fighting in deep snow which included an all night artillery barrage.

On the south of the salient, now less than nine miles wide at its neck, the seasoned American third army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., gained up to a mile and a half in an advance along a 20-mile front above Bastogne.

Near Center

His 101st screaming eagle airborne division moved to within four and a half miles of Houffalize, key road center near the center of the bulge.

The Germans were withdrawing from the western tip of the salient, and their peril was increased appreciably by the loss of stoutly defended Samree, whence a spiderweb of secondary roads lead into the salient.

Disengaging

"The Germans are disengaging most sectors along the northwest tip of the salient and falling back in what appears to be a general withdrawal," a British staff officer said. "There are few contacts and the enemy is (Continued on Page Two)

JURY INSTRUCTED IN DAMAGE SUIT

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg gave his instructions to the jury early Wednesday afternoon in the case of Dale Davis vs. M. P. Lavennik, as the defense and prosecution completed arguments in one of the largest damage suits ever brought in Klamath county courts.

Young Davis, 16-year-old Klamath Union high school student, brought suit through his father, Allen Davis, guardian ad litem, for \$50,000 against Lavennik, Klamath Falls business man, charging that as a result of an accident last April 19, Davis became permanently injured through the loss of his right leg.

Hear Details

Jurors heard details of the accident which took place at the intersection of Alameda and Monclair as young Davis was (Continued on Page Two)

Coup de Grace to Budapest Looms as Red Army Controls Major Part of City

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The red army virtually delivered the coup de grace to Budapest today, capturing more than 1000 square blocks, which gave them 8300 of the Hungarian capital's 4600 blocks.

The night soviet communique broadcast from Moscow, announcing these gains, indicated the stubborn but dwindling German-Hungarian garrison was at the point of exhaustion, stating that 3000 had been captured yesterday. Today's prisoner count remains to be tabulated.

Near Komárom

At the same time the soviet communique announced that a Russian tank and infantry column had smashed within a mile (Continued on Page Two)

21 SERVICE MEN KILLED IN CRASH

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Twenty-one passengers, all members of the armed services, and a crew of three died today in the crash of an American Airlines plane near Burbank, Calif., the company officers here announced.

The plane crashed about 4:10 a. m. (PWT) today about five miles from the Lockheed air terminal at Burbank, Charles A. Rheinstrom, vice president in charge of traffic, said.

Names withheld

Names of passengers are being withheld by the army and navy until next of kin are notified.

The crew consisted of Capt. James R. McCauley, First Officer Robert G. Eitner, and Stewardess Lila A. Docken, all of Burbank.

"The plane when it crashed (Continued on Page Two)

STREETCAR STRIKE ENTERS SECOND DAY

VANCOUVER, Jan. 10 (CP)—A strike of street railwaymen's union (AFL) members in Vancouver, Victoria and Westminster, B. C., today went into its second day and workers in the three coast cities repeated the scramble to get to their jobs on foot, in jammed car pools and in vehicles hailed along the silent streets.

There was no indication from union officials, British Columbia Electric company representatives, or from federal spokesmen in Ottawa studying the situation, that an early return to work of 2700 striking railwaymen could be expected.

Threats Reported

Veiled threats were heard from some of the strikers that company workers in the power plants in the area would join in a sympathy strike and plunge the three cities into darkness if the (Continued on Page Two)

ANNUAL KPCA MEET SET FOR JAN. 20

The 11th annual meeting of the Klamath Production Credit association is slated for Saturday, January 20, in the Willard hotel. William Kittredge, president, and Lee S. McMullen, secretary and treasurer, will preside.

This is "farmers' day" and McMullen announced that 4 per cent dividend checks will be distributed at this time. There (Continued on Page Two)

Donald Leslie Reported Missing

Word has been received recently that 1st Lt. Donald V. Leslie, 27, has been missing in action over France since December 15. Lt. Leslie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Leslie of Compton, Calif., and formerly of Klamath Falls. He was the pilot of a B-26 and the cousin of 2nd Lt. Robert T. Leslie, who was killed in action October 1, 1944, in Italy.

Lt. Leslie graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1937 and was employed at Shaw's stationery before enlisting in the service in October of 1941. He has been overseas eight months and completed 33 missions over the European theater. His brother, Pvt. Roy Leslie, is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif.



Universal Draft Action Deferred

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The house postwar military policy committee today deferred action on a universal military training law requested by President Roosevelt.

The postponement was decided on to enable the house to devote its full attention to war manpower legislation.

Hollywood Legion Admits Jap-Yank

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 10 (AP)—A spokesman asserted today that Hollywood Post No. 591 of the American Legion, composed entirely of World War II veterans, was the first Legion post in the nation to admit a Japanese-American to membership.

Harley M. Oka, 28, native of Santa Ana, Calif., who received a medical discharge last month from the army, joined the organization last night, Milton Luban, publicity chairman, announced.

Britons Drive Patrol From Reno

ROME, Jan. 10 (AP)—British troops have driven a Nazi combat patrol back from the south bank of the Reno river, along which the Germans have dug in for a stand at the extreme eastern end of the Italian battlefield, allied headquarters said today.

Severe winter weather kept activity on the entire front restricted to patrol sorties, a headquarters communique said.

Yanks Return to Luzon



Jap reports indicated that 60,000 Americans had made the initial landings on Luzon Island. Lingayen gulf, indicated by black arrow, was the scene of invasion. Lower black arrow shows Palawan, captured recently by American forces fighting on Mindoro, south of the main Philippine island.

Residential Power to Demilitarize Germany, Japan Urged by Senator

By **JACK BELL**
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) urged today that congress speed the president's power immediately to use force to keep many and Japan demilitarized after the war.

Urging on the major allies to date a treaty now for joint action to "achieve this dependence," Vandenberg told the Senate that this nation ought to and that any unilateral movements made on world peace questions be subjected to a proposed peace organization.

Urges Restatement

Chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, Vandenberg, took the floor to urge a restatement of the American international position after it became known that congressional leaders here carry no prior commitment on European political issues into a forthcoming conference.

Participating senate discussion of the whole international situation, Vandenberg (R-Mich.) proposed in a statement that the senate write its own resolution of foreign policy, rather than a resolution calling for American participation in a security organization to use force to preserve peace and reemphasizing the determination to act by the principles of the charter.

Participation Doubtful

Urging the trend of world peace, Vandenberg told his colleagues that the one point on

Seattle to Capital Trip Takes Little Over 6 Hours

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—A transcontinental flying record was claimed today with war department announcement that one of its big new transport planes had flown from Seattle to Washington in little over six hours.

Actual flying time for the 2233-mile non-stop trip, the department said, was six hours, three minutes, 50 seconds. Average speed of the plane, a double-decked transport version of the B-29 Superfortress, was listed as 383 miles an hour.

The big plane, known as the C-97, left Seattle yesterday at 11:39 a. m. Pacific war time (2:38 p. m. eastern time) and arrived here at 8:41 p. m. It was piloted by Elliott Merrill, a Boeing aircraft test pilot.

Present official records for coast-to-coast flights were made last spring by AAA pilots in P-51 Mustang fighters, Col. C. A. Peterson and Lt. Col. Jack Carter