

MAC'S MEN GAIN ON LUZON ISLE

By FRANK JENKINS
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—For days the Jap radio has been uttering about great American convoys converging on Luzon, and it has been reasonably certain that the Jap talk isn't all nonsense.

All that has happened in the Philippines so far has been merely preparatory to our attack on the big island that not only commands Manila, with its harbor and adjacent airfields, but is nearest the China coast.

Cutting the Jap sea lanes to the conquered empire is undoubtedly one of our first major objectives.

On the surface, the Jap reports have appeared contradictory at the point of absurdity. They seemed to tell of great American naval forces here, here and everywhere. Our confidence has been that the yellow men have been seeing things in the dark.

Not necessarily so. The extent to which we are able to hit the Japs where they aren't looking for it will determine the cost of our landing attempt. So it has been perfectly reasonable that we should threaten in many places at once.

Surprise is important in any of our operations. It is especially important in the case of a landing on a hostile shore—which is the most ticklish of all military enterprises.

The capture of Luzon won't be easy. The Japs have had a long time to get ready. They know from the first that we are coming. No one knows the importance better than they.

They can't hold Luzon, but they know it. This is the battle we've been getting ready for in the Pacific.

The war in Europe is looking better—if we can believe the news we get.

Not only have the Germans been stopped in Belgium. They are being pushed back. They are spreading their base out wide enough to provide the space needed to pour through the gaps and the guns to DRIVE DEEPER. They took in two main highways going the way they wanted to go—and in winter fighting highways are all-important in moving large bodies of troops and vast quantities of equipment quickly.

But they couldn't hold what they had seized. So they couldn't finish what they had started. (At least, that's the way it looks on the basis of the news of recent days.)

The Germans have undoubtedly inflicted heavy losses on us. But that doesn't serve their purpose in this emergency. They, too, have suffered losses, and the stern logic of the war in its present stage is that we can afford the losses and they can't.

What they needed to do was break through into our rear, on our behind us, cut our lines of supply and reinforcement and demoralize several of our armies. That hasn't happened.

It is unfortunate that doubt has been cast upon the news we are permitted to hear. But the doubt is there. When news of the change in our European on-the-ground command was with-

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Bullet-Wounded Transient Found

The bullet-riddled form of a man was found shortly after noon on the east side of the hill approaching the Kalpine bridge on the Weed highway and state police and sheriff's officers were investigating.

The man, whose name was being sought by John Rathel, was about 50, a transient, and was moved by Ward's ambulance to Klamath Valley hospital. Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner, called to investigate at first thought the man a victim of a bullet wound.

Later bullet wounds were found on the man's body. Dr. Adler stated late Friday that the man's death was expected momentarily.

Hart May Head Dies Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The new house committee on American activities, successively headed by Rep. George H. Butler, New Jersey democrat, in that event the "Dies committee" will become the "Hart committee."

Bulletin

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg announced late Friday afternoon that he had ordered the grand jury to convene January 25.

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Normal	5.31	Last year 2.90
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ROADS, RAILS CAPTURED BY 6TH ARMY MEN

7 to 9-Mile Advances Toward Manila Reported

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Rapidly advancing sixth army invaders at Lingayen gulf have seized more than 10 miles of the San Fabian-Manila railroad, overrun 50 miles of road networks commanding the north ends of four main highways to Manila and turned what could have been the flank of a good Japanese defense line behind the Agno river.

These are developments for the first 48 hours since Tuesday's invasion. Much more remains to be disclosed.

Toward Manila
Today's communique, covering action up to Thursday morning, reported advances in strength during the previous 24 hours of seven to nine miles—generally in the direction of Manila a little over 100 miles south. Those advances, which added five towns to the more than two score communities captured, were limited more by caution and supply lines than by the Japanese.

Widen Beachhead
The width of the beachhead along the gulf, originally 15 miles, now is 25, with the first real combat contact with the enemy reported on the left flank nine miles southeast of San Fabian.

From Lingayen to Manila
American planes ranged over the central Luzon plains where great tank battles soon may be fought. They cratered airfields in and around Manila, blew up bridges over which enemy reinforcements are trying to move, (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Resumes Relations With Finns Informally

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The United States is resuming relations with Finland, on an informal basis.

The state department announced today that President Roosevelt has approved the assignment of a foreign service officer with the personal rank of Minister of Helsinki. Pending his arrival an officer has been dispatched from Stockholm, Sweden, to handle American affairs at the Finnish capital.

Hood River to 'Receive' Japs

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—A group of Hood River valley residents are attempting to organize, it was learned yesterday, a "reception committee" which will meet Japanese-Americans returning by train and inform them they are not wanted here.

At the same time an American Legion committee asked the county court for permission to hold a special election testing public opinion on the return of the relocated citizens. The election was approved, if held at Legion expense.

Pvt. Tom Rink Hurt in Action

Pvt. Tom J. Rink, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junior T. Rink of route 1 box 1002, Klamath Falls, suffered wounds in the arm while in combat in France, according to word received by the infantryman's parents. The action took place December 16.

Young Rink was inducted in February 1944, and took his training in Mississippi. A letter written his parents shortly before Christmas advised them his wounds were not serious and he hoped to rejoin his outfit at the front within a few days. Rink is a former Klamath Union high school student.

Development of Basin Proposed

YREKA, Calif., Jan. 12 (AP)—United States army engineers indicated today that what started originally as a plan to divert Klamath river water from Tule lake to augment power development at Shasta dam had turned into a project to develop the upper Klamath basin itself.

Col. K. M. Moore, writing from the army engineers' office in San Francisco to Siskiyou County Farm Adviser V. V. Maxwell, said: "The Klamath survey report now is enlarged to include flood control, irrigation, reclamation, hydroelectric power, fish and wild life and recreation features."

Allies Chase Fleeing German Troops

Reds Open Polish Front; Collapse of Budapest Looms

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The German radio said today that the Russians had opened an offensive on a broad front in southern Poland, striking from the Vistula bridgehead west of Baranow toward Krakow.

The Russians established the Baranow bridgehead, 125 airline miles south of ruined Warsaw, during the summer. In drives across the rolling Polish plain, they struck within 35 miles of Krakow, ancient capital of the Polish kings and a city of 254,000. "The first attacking waves were completely wiped out by fire from our guns, mortars and infantry weapons," the Germans asserted. "Succeeding columns which reached the main battle lines were forced back in extremely violent fighting. Bitter fighting is going on for some penetration areas. "Russian losses in the first hours of the battle were extremely heavy."

GREEKS SIGN TRUCE TO END CIVIL WAR

By STEPHEN BARBER
ATHENS, Jan. 12 (AP)—Truce has been reached in this country's long and bloody civil war.

The agreement was signed at 10:30 p. m. last night by Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, and four Greek delegates after two days of conferences. "At the request of Elias representatives hostilities will cease at 1 a. m. on January 13 (4 p. m., PWT, January 14)," said an official statement.

By terms of the truce all German forces will withdraw from designated areas, the Elias will surrender all military prisoners they hold in exchange for an equal number to be released by the British, and all British civilians now detained will be turned loose.

The prisoner exchange provisions do not apply, however, to any Greek civilians held by the EAM (national liberation front), civil police, the official announcement said.

More Marines Arrive in City

Three officers and 116 enlisted men arrived in Klamath Falls Thursday morning to report to the Marine Barracks. All are veterans of overseas duty and three or four of the men saw duty in the Leyte campaign.

The group will be given 30-day furloughs to visit their homes and will report back to the Marine Barracks at the end of that time. The men first reported to the U. S. naval hospital, Oak Knoll, before coming to Klamath Falls.

Barracks officials reported 202 men had left the post last week, going by troop train as far as Chicago, from there they continuing to their individual destinations with a 10-day travel delay, before reporting for duty at points nearest their homes.

January 15 Important Date For Payers of Income Tax

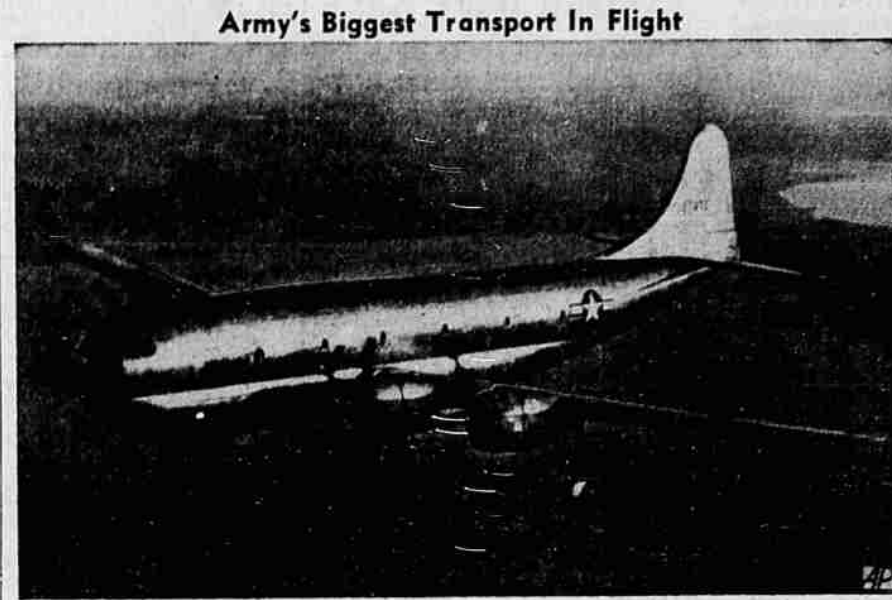
By MAX HALL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—There's a date on the calendar that is rushing down on millions of taxpayers with the speed of a buzz bomb.

The date is January 15—this coming Monday January 15 is an income tax date. It has never been an income tax date before, and therefore some of the taxpayers are still asleep.

On the other hand a lot of them are waking up with startled eyes. The bureau of internal revenue says the lines of lengthening all over the country.

Most taxpayers—35,000,000 of them—don't need to give January 15 a thought. They are the ones who in 1944 were paid almost altogether in wages subject to the withholding tax (payroll deductions) and whose wages were not more than \$2700 if single or \$3500 if married.

The other 15,000,000 taxpayers should think twice about January 15, and decide whether



The new army transport C-97, the air force's biggest wings through the sky on a trial flight. One of the C-97s flew from Seattle to Washington, D. C., in a little more than six hours, which the war department says is a new transcontinental flying record. The plane is 110 feet 4 inches long and has a wingspread of 141 feet 3 inches. (AP wirephoto).

Investigation of State Liquor Commission Slated

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Jan. 12 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell's request for a committee to investigate the state liquor commission was passed 21 to 6 by the senate and sent to the house today, over democratic charges that the purpose of the investigation is to "whitewash" the commission.

The resolution, providing for a committee of two senators and three representatives, specifically asks the committee to investigate the purchase of two distilleries to enable the state to obtain additional liquor, and that anything else on the liquor subject may be investigated.

Motion Defeated
The senate defeated 20 to 7 a motion by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland democrat, to make the committee bipartisan, and to boost its membership to four senators and five representatives.

After passage of the resolution, Senate President Howard C. Belton announced that two republicans—Sens. Angus Gibson of Junction City, and Paul Patterson of Hillsboro—would be the senate members of the committee.

Charging that the senate has been a "rubber stamp body" during republican years, Mahoney said: "We shouldn't pass this just because the governor wants it. The governor says the liquor commission has his confidence. He tells us there is nothing wrong, but he wants us to spend public funds to see if anything is wrong."

Whitewash
"The people will say it's a whitewash given by an overwhelming republican legislature (Continued on Page Two)

CASES OF LIQUOR STOLEN IN MERRILL

Five cases of liquor were spirited out of the Merrill liquor store sometime between midnight and 9 a. m. Thursday and officers were checking the second such theft in that town today.

Entrance to the Merrill branch of the Oregon State Liquor control, was gained through a window, the lower section of which is barred. Prowlers evidently took their time and picked from the shelves at random. Some Scotch, a case of Four Roses, one case of Lansdowne, and an assortment of other liquor was removed, according to Cecil Ellsworth, manager, who discovered the loss when he opened his office Thursday morning.

The liquor was carted out the front door. Investigating Thursday were Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon and state police. An auditor from the liquor commission, Salem, was at the scene Friday.

Officers reported the arrest this week of Walter Henry Bull, Merrill, lodged in the county jail (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Report Air Raids on Saigon

By The Associated Press
The Japanese Domei news agency said today that "approximately 90" carrier-based planes raided the "Cochin China sector centering around Saigon" for nine and a half hours today.

(Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in a terse communique last night said that carrier planes "are now attacking the enemy off the coast of Indo-China between Saigon and Camranh bay").

TIP OF BULGE SHEARED OFF BY PURSUERS

3rd Penetrates Into Nazis' South Flank

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Jan. 12 (AP)—Allied armies apparently sheared off the western seven miles of the Belgian bulge today and gouged tentatively into the north and south flanks of the eastern half of the salient.

The U. S. third army penetrated twice into the German south flank between Bastogne and Vainden, in Luxembourg. The first army stabbed across the Salm river to within ten miles of St. Vith. This action, with those of the third army, threatened to undercut any attempt to hold the course of the Ourthe river and yield only the western half of his salient.

Leave Rearguards
The Germans appeared to have pulled all but the last delaying rearguards from the western end of the Ardennes bulge, where the first and third armies had netted more than 30,000 prisoners, killed uncounted thousands of Germans and destroyed at least the equivalent of six or seven divisions of tanks. The sixth army group in Alsace-Lorraine, where the Germans threatened Strasbourg in diversionary attacks, had bagged another 5294 captives in the current campaign.

At points the Belgian salient now is only seven miles wide. As the Germans withdrew in their near zero weather from the west, supreme headquarters announced that firm contact had been established between British forces and the American third army near St. Hubert. That anchor town was entered.

Formerly Fluid
The southwest end of the bulge heretofore had been fluid, covered only by patrols. Pres- (Continued on Page Two)

Turks Permit Allied Shipping

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Authoritative British quarters said today that Turkey had granted permission to the allies to ship supplies to Russia via the Dardanelles.

No details were given, but the informants said they were under the impression negotiations had been handled mainly through military channels.

Turkey recently broke diplomatic relations with Japan, sending the last official axis listening post out of the country and depriving the enemy of bases for Japanese agents who might report on the movement of allied supplies through the straits between the Mediterranean and Black sea.

Raiders Stab Into Italy

ROME, Jan. 12 (AP)—American fifth army raiding parties stabbed deep into enemy territory today as patrol activity was stepped up with the advent of better weather along the entire Italian front.

Canadian units of the eighth army, facing desperately resisting Nazi units along the Reno river, increased the tempo of battle in that sector at the southern end of the narrow spit of land separating the Comacchio lagoon from the Adriatic sea.

Michigan Senator, Witness In Graft Inquiry, Murdered

By JACK I. GREEN
LANSING, Mich., Jan. 12 (AP)—The shots that killed State Senator Warren G. Hooper, key witness in a legislative grand jury graft inquiry, on a Jackson county road last night set off one of the most intense man-hunts of recent years in Michigan today.

County and state police, and Special Prosecutor Kim Sigler of the grand jury, coordinated their search for the killer of the 40-year-old republican legislator and for clues to the motives behind the slaying.

In Burning Auto
Shot from such close range that powder burns ringed the bullet wounds in the left side of his head, Hooper was found slumped in the burning front seat of his automobile, which had skidded off the pavement of highway M-99 three miles north of Springport.

Jackson county authorities sought a possible witness of the killing this morning after receiving a telephone call that two boys in the neighborhood reported they had "seen the car stop."

Clues Discovered

One was a bullet, removed from Hooper's head, which was discharged from a .38 caliber pistol. The other was a set of footprints leading from the car through the snow to the pavement. Capt. William Hanson of the state police said the prints were small and might have been made by a woman.

Capt. Hanson said the shots were fired from inside the automobile. There were powder burns on Hooper's face and hat. One bullet struck Hooper beneath the left eye and lodged in the right side of his throat. The other entered the top of his head and stopped under his right shoulder blade.

Open Investigation

Sigler, who said Hooper had been granted immunity by the