

RUSSIANS CAPTURE WARSAW

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FRANCISCO, Jan. 14—The biggest European news of the week is the Russian offensive in southern Poland—news that has been made official by the order of the day. We know how the Russian fell when we landed in Poland.

us on the home front—getting only censored news of what is happening or HAS happened and painfully aware that we know little or nothing of the shadowy background of the news—it has seemed that we have been unconsciously getting the news under a winter offensive under the guise of the news. Doubtless it seemed to us that the news before Normandy that were laggards in carrying out part of the European battle.

we know by this time that we couldn't have got started any earlier than we did. It is probable that if this is the longest Russian winter push it didn't have been organized any earlier.

Even our home front civilians beginning to get a faint understanding of the immensity of the task of getting a big offensive ready to go.

we don't understand Russia. It is therefore easy for us to expect her when everything is going according to what we would be the obvious program. We will be wise for us to remember that the Russians know better than we know them that it is equally easy for us to suspect us. They doubtless did suspect us when we were in getting started in the war.

There was plenty of evidence here was plenty of evidence such suspicion, in fact. Russian references to our slowness in getting the "second front" ready became pointed and critical.

The war in Europe is a war of ALLIES against a SINGLE ENEMY. History is full of instances of the perfidy of allies. Machiavelli pointed out for some four centuries ago, nations are not bound by the codes of individuals, and are free to be as least honest to each other. Ordinary people recognize this fact by the peace with which they expect other peoples.

the Germans, who are somewhat shrewd psychologists, are aware of this historical fact and there can be little doubt that their chief hope of victory is in the turn in the war. Lides El Alamein and Stalingrad rested on the possibility of ultimate quarrel among us, the British and the Russians.

It is quite obvious already that we aren't sweetness and light in Poland and Greece. Italy leave no doubt of that. Our differences as to Poland, Greece and Italy (etc.) have almost entirely with what happens AFTER THE WAR. WINNING THE WAR is another matter.

There is no reason whatever to believe that we and the British and the Russians aren't fully in our determination to win the war. There is no reason to believe that we have differences may develop among us afterward, we are going to stick together until the Germans are beaten. There is nothing in the shooting war that indicates anything to the contrary.

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British Units Bayonet Way Into Dutch Town



Signing a truce in Athens, the left-wing Greek party EAM, and British forces in Athens are Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie (top, seated), British commander, and John Zevgros (bottom, seated), and EAM representative. This is an official British photo. (AP wirephoto via OWI radio).

Small Jap Counterattack Slows 6th Army's Flank

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 17 (AP)—A small-scale Japanese counterattack slowed the left flank of the broad sixth army sweep down the central Luzon valley but advance units rolling along a central highway already are one-third of the way to Manila, still finding only token resistance.

FDR MAY DEMAND LARGE DELEGATION

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt may counter any Russian demand for multiple representation in the proposed world security assembly with a proposal for an American delegation of 48, one for each state.

Leading Yank Ace Shot Down

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 17 (AP)—Major Thomas B. McGuire Jr., of San Antonio and Ridgewood, N. J., the nation's leading active ace with 38 Japanese planes to his credit, was shot down and killed in the Philippines January 7, Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, commanding allied air forces in the Pacific, informed Mrs. McGuire in a letter dated January 8.

Roosevelt Dog's Priority Holds Up Return, Says Gob

ANTIOCH, Calif., Jan. 17 (AP)—Seaman First Class Leon LeRoy, 18, was home on an emergency leave today with the story that his return was held up because he was "bumped off" an army plane at Memphis, Tenn., to make room for a dog consigned to Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, daughter-in-law of the president and known to the Hollywood screen as Faye Emerson, actress. LeRoy, a gunner on a Navy tanker, said the dog had an "A" priority rating while he had only a "C."

He said he was granted the emergency leave and the priority putting him aboard the army cargo plane at Newark, N. J., because, on his arrival at New York January 4, he learned his father, Al LeRoy, former Antioch police chief, had died December 6. LeRoy said instructions which went with the dog's crate, "which was so large it required

First Army Pushes To Within 5 Miles Of Last Road Post

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Jan. 17 (AP)—Bayonet-wielding Britons of the second army drove today into the Dutch village of Dieteren, between the Maas (Meuse) and Roer rivers 23 miles above Aachen, in advances up to 1000 yards in a resumption of Gen. Eisenhower's winter offensive. The rested troops crossed the little Roode river at two places and pushed steadily on over glassy roads and snow-drifted farmlands on the fringe of Germany. The attack was aimed at straightening the allied line to the upper Roer, whose west bank is held by the U. S. ninth army from Linnich to Schmidt. The U. S. first army, further reducing the Belgian bulge, drove to within five miles of St. Vith, last major road center which the Germans held in the salient.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops also captured Vielsalm, nine miles west of St. Vith, as Field Marshal Von Rundstedt attempted strenuously to halt his retreat from the bulge. Vielsalm, a town of 3900, had been entered a week ago by the 82nd infantry division. The week-long battle flared along the Salm river and the ruined castle of Salm nearby. Inside Germany to the south, an undisclosed number of enemy troops were trapped near captured Butzdorf by third army tanks. The British forces progressed in an icy ground haze. Their attack, started with a massive artillery barrage—Field Marshal Montgomery's military trademark—apparently caught the Germans napping.

The Tommies advanced at least one bridge over the Roode intact as they captured, ghostly in white caps, through a relatively soft spot in German defenses. British divisions in the attack had not been engaged in the battle of the Belgian bulge, now reduced to about a fourth its original size. The little Dutch town of Dieteren is two miles from the German frontier and six north of Sittard. The fog which shrouded the attack of infantry and tanks also slowed the progress of the British, who could hardly see their buddies along the assault line. Roads were glazed with ice and sleet this morning and kept them slippery. Underneath all were massive German mine fields, planted during three months of lull. Backed By Raids The attack was backed up overnight by intensive air raids on German bullet areas in the towns of Wassemburg and Wegberg just east of the Roer. To the south, the German salient in the Ardennes was flattened back until nowhere was it more than 15 miles deep. The U. S. first army was battering relentlessly down from the north toward St. Vith, last main road gate back to the Siegfried line. A few German snipers were being hunted down in the ruins of fallen Houffalize. In the Maginot line battle north of the Haguenau forest, the U. S. 7th army had withstood three days of an increasingly powerful German attack against the village of Hatten and was slowly beating the nazis back from the town. Three-fourths of it was in allied hands; some 2200 Germans with flame-throwing tanks were in the other fourth. The cross-Rhine German stand north of Strasbourg was under two-way attack by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's troops for the first time. The seventh army gained a mile at both ends of the pocket despite German reinforcements which built nazi strength to 2500 men and a dozen tanks.

ODT Asks Halt on Passenger Service on Rails If Needed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—The office of defense transportation today directed railroads to discontinue passenger service immediately "wherever required" to assure the movement of war freight. ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson said the railroads were currently suffering from severe weather conditions, but that he hoped the situation would be cleared up shortly.

14 Hurt in Fire In Norfolk Yard

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 17 (AP)—Fourteen persons were burned or overcome by smoke, two others were damaged and at least four ships caught fire when a two-alarm blaze swept through the Norfolk navy yard annex at St. Helena this afternoon, according to unofficial reports. The blaze, unofficially reported to have started from sparks from a welder's torch, swept so quickly from a small pier to the main pier that ships tied up at the latter pier could not be moved before the flames reached them.

Salary Increase Bill Introduced

SALEM, Jan. 17 (AP)—The Klamath county legislative delegation introduced a bill in the house today to give \$300 annual salary increases for 1945 and 1946 to the Klamath county sheriff, judge, assessor, clerk, treasurer and commissioners, and to the Linkville justice of the peace. The increases are a continuance of increases put into effect in 1943.

Worker Missing

ASTORIA, Jan. 17 (AP)—Jeong Lum, whom friends reported despondent over news that his wife and children had been captured by the Japanese in China, was missing today. The 65-year-old cannery worker was last seen Saturday. Coast guardsmen are dragging the river.

Weather News

January 17, 1945
Max. (Jan. 16) 40 Min. 26
Precipitation last 24 hours .01
Stream year to date 4.67
Normal 5.64 Last year 2.90
Forecast: Clearing.

Nazi Retreat Under Attacks



Further flattening the Belgian bulge, Yanks of the first army drove to within five miles of St. Vith, after capturing the important road center of Houffalize. The map indicates allied progress before Houffalize was captured, and fails to show latest gains in the Ardennes, where the Germans have been driven back, now holding only 15 miles at the deepest point.

Three-Day Blows on China, Formosa Costly to Enemy

By LEIF ERICKSON
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 17 (AP)—Third fleet planes brushed aside weak Japanese air cover along 350 miles of the south China coast, sank or damaged at least 30 enemy ships and spread bomb destruction through the big Takao naval base on Formosa, spacious docks at Hongkong and the harbor at Canton Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Upwards of 100 Superfortresses dealt fresh blows to Formosa today. The strike apparently was coordinated with carrier plane attacks against that island and the southeast coast of China. The targets of the China-based B-29s were military air installations in the vicinity of Shenchiku on the northwest coast of Formosa, which is about 225 miles north of Luzon in the Philippines. Not a Japanese plane appeared over Hongkong, a city of more than 1,000,000 people, as Hellicats, Helldivers and Avengers tore into the royal naval and Takoo docks Monday. Not a Japanese plane defended Canton. At least 104,000 tons of enemy shipping was sunk or damaged. Among these, a destroyer and destroyer-escort were sunk and a 17,000-ton tanker left listing. That only begins to tell the story. The navy has yet to report any of the results for Saturday when the air arm of Adm. William F. Halsey's third fleet struck Formosa and the south China ports of Amoy, Swatow and Hongkong. That raid was disclosed Monday.

Yank Patrols In Italy Retreat

ROME, Jan. 17 (AP)—American patrols attempting to reach San Ansona just west of the Florence-Bologna highway were turned back yesterday by bitter enemy small arms fire, allied headquarters announced today. Sharp skirmishes occurred at several other sectors of the Italian front as patrols probed enemy positions in poor visibility caused by snow and rain, but there were no changes in any fifth or eighth army forward positions.

'Petty Politics' Charged By Demos as Bill Passes

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Jan. 17 (AP)—The house, over bitter democratic charges of "petty politics," passed and sent to the senate today by 54 to 5 margins two bills which would allow more time for soldier voting, and prevent the use of mobile trailer units for obtaining voters' registrations. The soldier vote bill, which extends from 45 to 70 days the period allowed for getting ballots to and from servicemen, also limits pictures in the voters' pamphlets to portraits, and it was this latter provision that roused the democratic ire. "False, Misleading" Rep. John Steelhammer, Salem republican, said uniform portraits in the pamphlet are needed to "prevent false and misleading advertising, and to stop candidates from riding on the coattails of a popular candidate." Steelhammer cited the picture in the 1944 election pamphlet of Willis Mahoney, Klamath Falls democratic candidate for the U. S. senate. The picture

NAZI POLISH FRONT FOLDS UNDER ATTACK

Offensive Carries Reds Within 15 Miles Of Germany

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Jan. 17—Russian troops captured and battered Warsaw today as the Germans' whole Polish front collapsed under three mammoth offensives one of which carried to within 15 miles of Germany itself. Warsaw fell with amazing swiftness in a pincers push, and a third Russian offensive to the north toward East Prussia broke through nazi defenses for 25 miles on a 63-mile front, Premier-Marshall Stalin announced. Czesochowa Taken In a third order of the day he announced capture of Czesochowa, only 15 miles from German Silesia, by red armies which have slashed 110 miles westward in six days from the Vistula river bridgehead below Warsaw. The provisional Polish government at Lublin—which first disclosed the liberation of Warsaw—said the bastion city of Krakow, ancient seat of Polish kings, also had fallen. Berlin—260 Miles At Czesochowa, one of the first Polish cities announced as captured by the German high command in 1939, the Russians were 260 miles from Berlin. Red army men piercing west of Warsaw now stood 290 miles from the reich capital. Fourth Offensive Berlin reports still a fourth great offensive is beating into East Prussia farther north. The newly-disclosed push above Warsaw is the third distinct phase of Stalin's gigantic winter offensive in Poland which rapidly was liberating all Poland, Warsaw, the first European capital taken by the Germans in this war, was topped by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's powerful offensive beating up from the south, and then swirling behind the city, slicing escape roads to the west. His troops closed in from both directions, in concert with forces which forced the Vistula north of Warsaw. The city's fall was announced by Marshal Joseph Stalin in an order of the day. Jumping off Sunday from two (Continued on Page Two)

Blohm Resigns Bank Position

Godfrey C. Blohm, manager of the Klamath Falls branch of the United States National bank of Portland, and since 1906 active in Oregon banking circles, announced Wednesday that he had resigned his position and at the end of this month planned to devote his time to ranching in the Malin area. Elton H. Thompson, assistant manager of Liberty Bank, Salem, will arrive here this week to assume the position left vacant by Blohm's resignation. Blohm came to Klamath Falls December 16, 1936, when the United States National took over the American National bank. Some six years ago he acquired two ranches in the Malin area where he plans to reside by late spring. Blohm is serving at the present time as a member of the school board of district No. 1, draft board, No. 1, president of Klamath Falls Rotary club, and is a member of the board of directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce and the city budget committee.

First Casualty

First member of the Klamath Indian tribes in action is reported missing in action is Pvt. Richard Biss.

Klamath Indian Reported Missing

Mrs. Della C. Biss, Beatty, Ore., has just received word from the war department that her son, Pvt. Richard Biss, 22, 310th infantry, has been missing in action in Germany since December 16. This is the first member of the Klamath tribe of Indians to be reported missing, and there have been so far no casualties of any kind reported. A total of 136 Klamath Indians are now in the armed forces at this time, and a few more are expected to be called during January. Richard Biss is a graduate of Saint Mary's academy of Albany.

Heavy Hammer

LONDON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Seven dread U. S. heavy bombers fired oil plants and submarine pens in the greater Hamburg today a few hours after RAF night bombers had struck three oil refineries and industrial center of Magdeburg. Some 350 fighters escorted U. S. eighth air force Flying Fortress and Liberators bombed the Rhensia oil refinery at Burg, just south of Hamburg, and installations and U-construction facilities in other Hamburg itself.

Patience of Smokers Taxed

PORTLAND, Jan. 17 (AP)—dozen persons waited what seemed an abnormally long time in a cigarette queue. "But this," they complained, "is a cigarette line—we're waiting for the income tax of-