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Weather News

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Max. (Jan. 22)	38	Min.	14
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00		
Stream year to date	4.84		
Normal	6.03	Last year	3.14

Forecast: Clear and warmer.

GERMANS SAY REDS BURST INTO POZNAN

Konev's Army Reaches Oder River Barrier To Reich

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Jan. 23 — Three mammoth Russian invasion armies plunged to the Oder river in German Silesia on a 37½-mile-front and struck to within 22 miles of completely ringing off East Prussia, Marshal Stalin announced tonight in a series of orders of the day.

In the center, Rydzkoszcz was captured and a Berlin report via Stockholm said the red army had burst into Poznan, Polish fortress city, 137 miles from Berlin.

Reach Oder

Marshal Ivan Konev's army on the south reached the Oder — last big water barrier guarding the heart of Germany from the east — in a drive on Breslau, Stalin's fourth order of the day declared, Namslau and Bernstadt, 28 and 19 miles east of Breslau were taken, along with Karlsruhe, 30 miles southeast of Breslau.

In East Prussia, two Russian armies slugged within 22 miles of the Baltic coast at the western end of the province, and within less than 24 miles of the capital, Konigsberg, in a push striking in from the east, Stalin announced.

Trap Menace

Up to 30 Nazi divisions face peril of a gigantic trap. Wings of the two armies are less than 65 miles apart in the province. Reports from Berlin declared other Russians had fought into Poznan, in Poland, 137 miles from Berlin, and that the Soviets had scored a breakthrough toward Breslau in German Silesia in the south.

The second White Russian army striking halfway across the western end of East Prussia seized Saalfeld, just 22 miles below Elbing on the Baltic coast, the last land escape for Germans in East Prussia. Saalfeld is but 50 miles from Danzig, the city for which Hitler (Continued on Page Two)

First Army Takes St. Vith; Yank Planes Hit Foe

COURTS ADD SECOND LAND DEAL PROTEST

Klamath-Lake opposition to the current Shevlin-Hixon land exchange transaction was extended today to include a second, and bigger, land exchange deal now in prospect between the company and the forest service, as well as any other land acquisition by the federal government in these counties until the basic issues in the protests are ironed out.

The courts of the two counties agreed to this course today at a conference at which definite steps were taken toward a thorough analysis of the situation by the state forester's office, W. F. McCulloch, assistant state forester, conferred with the courts, and it was agreed the state would send a field man here to make a study and recommend the best course to follow with regard to the Shevlin-Hixon lands.

Continued Protest
Far from withdrawing their protests to the land swap, as had been suggested by a WPB official, the courts agreed unanimously on continued protest. At recent meetings here, the Shevlin-Hixon company of Bend, and the forest service, revealed that a second exchange, involving 23,000 acres (Continued on Page Two)

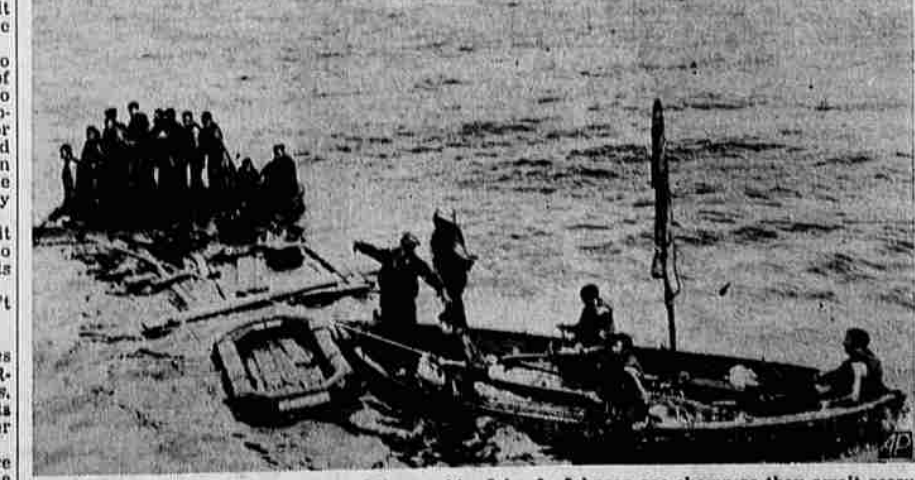
FIRST JAP COUPLE LEAVES WRA CENTER

TULELAKE—The first couple to leave the segregation center at Newell for relocation on the Pacific coast, left Klamath Falls Tuesday morning en route to Los Angeles where they have accepted household employment.

The pair, Tanero Mitoma, 56, and his wife, Setsu, 46, are parents of three sons. One, a 24-year-old, is teaching in the Newell high school, and another, 22, is employed on construction work at the center. The eldest, 25, is working as a hospital laboratory technician in Flint, Mich. He was also at the center for a period of two months immediately after the family was moved from Topaz, Ariz., to Newell.

The Mitoma family lived for many years in San Francisco and at the outbreak of the war was moved to Topaz, and admitted to Newell in September, 1943. Both parents are natives of Japan, born at Kyushu, near the great Yawata steel works. The father came to the United States in 1907, settling in San Francisco. In 1917, he returned to Japan and the next year brought his (Continued on Page Two)

Survivors of Torpedoed SS Johnson Await Rescue



A group of the survivors of the Liberty ship John A. Johnson are shown as they await rescue after drifting in the Pacific for several hours. The navy disclosed January 19 the loss of the merchant vessel and 10 of its crew members off the west coast in November, 1944 by enemy submarine action. (AP Wirephoto From Navy)

YANKS POWER WAY THROUGH LUZON CENTER

GI's Only 54 Airline Miles Away From Manila

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Only 54 airline miles from Manila and 11 miles from big Clark field by Monday, a veteran Yank war machine powered its way over central Luzon today with five divisions, a regimental combat team and a battalion of specialists in close quarter fighting.

Even if Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's 14th army corps only partially matched the speed of its advance covered in official reports for 24 hours extending into Monday, by now it could have penetrated Panganga province and posed an immediate menace to Clark field.

Sweeping Gains
Gains of 11 and 13 miles along parallel roads swept the 37th and 40th divisions, veterans of Bougainville and New Britain, through the towns of Capas and Santa Monica Monday on the shortest route to Manila. Spearheads rolled on south across the last miles of Tarlac province.

An all-night fight with two enemy tanks, an armored truck and artillery near La Paz preceded these advances below the Japanese-destroyed town of Tarlac. Griswold's corps thus has covered half the distance between Manila and the scene of the January 9 landings at Lingayen Gulf.

Travel Swiftly
Maj. Gen. Robert S. Bechler, 37th and Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th rolled toward the Philippines' capital city almost as fast as supply-laden trucks could travel.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur lifted the veil of secrecy today from his forces on Luzon, identifying them as units with battle experience gleaned all the way up the Solomons from Guadalcanal to Bougainville, on New Britain. (Continued on Page Two)

Exchange of Jap, Yank Prisoners Planned in 1945

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—The Japanese government has advised Washington that it expects to be able to carry out an exchange of interned citizens of the two countries some time this year.

The state department today made public a note sent from Tokyo late last year through Spanish diplomatic channels giving the enemy's official reaction to insistent American proposals that a third exchange be arranged as soon as possible.

The Japanese said that they are particularly interested in repatriating nationals held at the Tulelake, Calif., segregation center.

Group to Study New U. S. Bases

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—The house naval committee today created a seven-member subcommittee to study possible permanent United States possession of Japanese-mandated islands in the Pacific.

Undertaken with navy department approval, the study is intended to determine what present Japanese holdings are needed by this country for outer defense bases. The committee's conclusions will not be binding on any treaty negotiations.

Rep. Drewry (D-Va.) was named chairman of the subcommittee composed of these other members: Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), Bradley (D-Pa.), Isaac (D-Calif.), Mott (R-Ore.), Cole (R-N.Y.), and Bates (R-Mass.) (Continued on Page Two)

Organization of Political Parties Underway for '46

Republicans

By JACK BELL
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 23 (AP)—Herbert Brownell, Jr., had a free hand today to run the republican party for the next couple of years just about any way he chooses.

The GOP national chairman, who laid his chips on the line at a one-day midwinter session of the party's national committee here yesterday, emerged with almost unlimited authority over personnel, program and policy.

He had behind him a vote of confidence taken boldly only a little more than two months after the party's unsuccessful foray at the polls in November.

Despite a considerable amount of individual grumbling in the republican ranks about Brownell's close association with the defeated presidential candidate, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, only minor opposition voices were raised at this midlands meeting to his retention of the chairmanship.

Democrats

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—The democratic national committee and the CIO political action committee will probably carry on independent campaigns in the 1946 congressional elections. This was indicated today by Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan as he laid plans for an early swing across the country. On this trip he plans to discuss mutual assistance pacts with democratic state chairmen, looking to united action in the elections two years hence.

Hannegan announced plans for year-round educational and money-raising activity yesterday without waiting until just before the elections, as is usually the case. He will stay on as national chairman at \$20,000 a year and not go to the postmaster generalship as had been rumored.

He made known his plans to a meeting of the democratic national executive committee.

Wallace Nomination Approval Delayed By George Proposal

By FRANCIS J. KELLY
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Senate committee consideration of Henry A. Wallace's nomination as commerce secretary was delayed today by a 10-to-2 decision to take up first legislation that would strip him of lending authority.

Immediately, Chairman Bailey (D-N.C.) of the commerce committee announced that both Wallace and Jesse Jones, who was asked to leave office to make room for the former vice president, would be invited to a public hearing on the legislation tomorrow afternoon in the huge marble caucus room of the senate office building.

Another invitation went out to Senator George (D-Ga.), sponsor of the bill to reestablish the loan functions of the RFC and other important lending agencies under a separate head.

George appeared before the committee today to argue for his proposal.

Bailey told half a hundred reporters who crowded into the committee room after the closed session that "we don't intend to delay this matter."

To Dispose of Bill
However, he emphasized that the committee intends to dispose of the George bill before it acts on the bitterly contested nomination.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) said the committee decided, over his vigorous protest, to start hearings on the measure introduced by Senator George at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon with Jesse Jones, whom Wallace would displace, as a witness.

"It obviously is a move to make passage of Senator George's bill a condition precedent to a vote on Mr. Wallace's confirmation," Pepper told a reporter, adding that the former vice president also would be a witness.

Opposition Echoes
Senate opposition to the proposed cabinet shift echoed, meanwhile, in the house with a brief but sharp exchange between democratic and republican leadership.

It started when Rep. Curtis (R-Nebr.) declared that Wallace's "economic theories are part and parcel of the system of state socialism."



Henry A. Wallace, above, was nominated yesterday by President Roosevelt to take over duties as secretary of commerce, a move that brought immediate opposition by senators.

CARRIERS SWEEP OKINAWA ISLAND

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 23 (AP)—Carrier aircraft of the American third fleet swept Okinawa in the Ryukyus "in strong force" Sunday, one day after bagging at least 140 Japanese planes on their fourth strike of the month at Formosa, pivotal enemy base south of Okinawa.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported the new strike today without giving details. He said reports on damage inflicted were not yet available.

Fourth Attack
It was the fourth attack of this month on Okinawa, which is only 350 miles south of the Japanese homeland.

Okinawa is the largest base in the Ryukyus chain, which links Formosa with Japan. It has several good harbors and is inhabited by more than half of the 820,000 population of the Ryukyus.

A major American warship was damaged in Saturday's strike at Formosa—but airmen pounded enemy shipping and ground targets at "relatively (Continued on Page Two)

Stanfield Tavern Hit by Practice Bomb From Plane

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP)—A dozen men in a Stanfield tavern escaped injury early last night when a 100-pound practice bomb plummeted through the building from an army bomber high overhead.

Deputy Sheriff F. F. Jacobs and Roy Johnson reported this morning following an investigation.

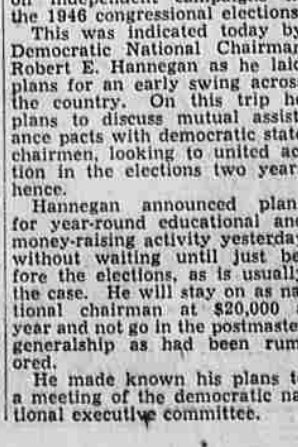
The two officers believe the bomb was released accidentally from a Walla Walla air base plane on a routine flight to a nearby bombing field. The missile, loaded with five pounds of powder and a quantity of sand, partly exploded on contact. The bulk of the bomb casing tore a four foot hole in the floor and buried itself six feet in the earth beneath.

Clothing Cost Cut Announced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—The government today announced a drastic textile and clothing program designed to cut consumer costs six to seven per cent and to increase supplies of low and medium-priced essential garments.

The plan, blanketing mills, clothing manufacturers and dealers—and admittedly "tough" on them—was announced at a joint news conference by Chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board and Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

Killed On Leyte



Pvt. Willie Thomas

B-29 FORCE HITS JAP INDUSTRIES

By VERN HAUGLAND
21ST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Jan. 23 (Via Navy Radio)—A sizable force of B-29s bombed industrial targets at Nagoya on Japan's homeland island of Honshu, this afternoon, in a tit-for-tat blow to previous attacks and met the strongest enemy air resistance since far encountered there.

One Superfort was hit by gunfire and was seen to crash in flames into the water probably about 20 miles off shore.

The foray was made by four formations of B-29s. Two kept the city under attack from 3:35 p. m. until 3:47 p. m. (Japan time). The remaining two formations hit the city almost an hour later.

The first formations met the fiercest fighter attacks, which started from the time the planes approached Honshu and continued until they were 50 to 100 miles at sea on their return trip an hour and 25 minutes later.

Willie Thomas Dies in Action

Word has been received by Pauline Thomas that her husband, Pvt. Willie Romaine Thomas, 22, son of Mrs. Rosa B. Thomas of Pelican City, was killed in action on Leyte on November 27.

He was attached to the army infantry and trained at Camp Beale, Calif., prior to receiving his overseas orders on October 7, 1943. He had seen action in New Guinea and in the Dutch East Indies before being sent to the Philippines and, before entering service, was employed by the Pelican Bay Lumber company.

Young Thomas is survived by his wife and daughter, Barbara Kay, who reside with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander, Manzanita, and his mother, Mrs. Rosa B. Thomas, of Pelican City. Also surviving are four brothers, Sgt. Charles C. Thomas, of the U. S. army in France, GM 1/o H. D. Thomas, with the Seabees in the South Pacific; Cpl. James M. Thomas, who is stationed in California, and PFC Clarence S. Thomas, USMC, somewhere in the South Pacific.

He is also survived by five sisters, Mrs. Tom Waller and Mrs. Arthur Cline of Oklahoma, Mrs. Dee Urqugalo of Arnoek, Ore., and Mrs. Woodrow Martin and Mrs. Billie Meadows of this city.