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ZHUKOV HITS 80 MILES FROM REICH CAPITAL

Drive Edges 12 Miles Into Brandenburg Province

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Jan. 30.—Marshal Gregory Zhukov in a sharp new surge toward the Oder has driven ahead 12 miles into Brandenburg province and about 80 miles from Berlin, the German radio reported tonight.

Moscow dispatches said Soviet armored spearheads were forging ahead in a huge three-pronged assault which threatened to cut off the Nazi capital if a frontal attack failed.

Lt. Col. Alfred von Olberg, a Berlin military commentator, said Zhukov had smashed across the Odra river to the Zullchau-Schweibitz-Meseritz line.

Bitterly Engaged
"German border troops bitterly engaged the enemy in heavy battles everywhere but have not been able to prevent his crossing frozen rivers," said Von Olberg.

A German broadcast declared the Russians had launched a heavy armored offensive on a 42-mile front inside the border of eastern Germany on a beeline for Berlin, and that "the first onslaught gained appreciable ground."

First Objective
The broadcast said the first objective was the communications center of Kustrin on the Oder and Warthe rivers, 42 miles from Berlin.

A direct Moscow dispatch said Russian columns had advanced five to eight miles inside Brandenburg province due east of Berlin, and 15 to 20 miles inside Pomerania in a push striking northeast of the German heart city.

South of these blows by Zhukov's first White Russian army group, tanks and infantry of the first Ukrainian army were striking westward from bridgeheads flung over the Oder river in Silesia.

The Pomeranian and Silesian offensives threatened a great pincer from north and south on Berlin, in addition to Zhukov's offensive beating in from the east in Brandenburg, said Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore in Moscow.

Americans Take Three Miles of Siegfried Line Inside Germany

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Jan. 30 (AP)—The 78th division captured three miles of the Siegfried line today in a surprise attack through waist deep snowdrifts in the Moschau forest, three miles inside Germany.

The first army outfit struck just north of the eliminated Belgian bulge while other troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' command and the third army moved up to the west wall defenses along 40 miles of the Ardennes front.

The third army expanded its Our river bridgehead nearly a mile into Germany on a two-mile front.

Advances ranged up to four miles. The ninth and another unidentified division participated.

The 78th division's achievement was scored in a nine hour battle against the lightest opposition seen along the rugged forest front since November. Scratch Nazi troops, such as have been left to hold many parts of the western front, crumbled and gave up on the long-quiet sector.

The division jumped off from Simmerath, drove west to Kesternich, three miles inside Germany, and then turned south for three miles to eliminate a long held German salient of several square miles. They overran two and a half miles of concrete pillboxes and dragon teeth tank barriers which formed the Siegfried line.

"The attack is going so well that we are going to accomplish in one day what we hoped to do in two," youthful Lt. Col. George B. Sloan, operations officer of the corps conducting the operation, said.

Prisoners flowed in steadily in groups of 50 to 60. Some American tanks participated, but snow-covered minefields slowed them.

Germans Surprised
The Germans were caught by surprise and there was almost no artillery fire during the first part of the attack. In the afternoon, however, shells started peppering the infantrymen wallowing through the snow.

On the right flank of the 78th division first army divisions advanced up to four miles, captured a string of villages and overran outposts formerly occupied in the Siegfried line.

The ninth division cleared Rohren, five miles inside Germany. (Continued on Page Two)



Bombs burst and smoke pours from Japanese installations in the Talkoo dockyard at Hong Kong, China, during a raid by U. S. carrier based planes of the third fleet. Bomb explosion at the left damaged and set fire to a 4500 ton freighter-transport. Smoke and fire to the right rises from a direct hit on machine shops. The yard is used primarily for repair work. (AP Wirephoto from U. S. Navy)

WALLACE NEEDED, SAYS PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace, his political future challenged by a senate threat to deny him confirmation as secretary of commerce, carried an endorsement by President Roosevelt today as a leader needed by the nation "now more than ever before."

This personal expression of confidence was contained in a message from the president which was read last night at a testimonial dinner to Wallace given by the Union for Democratic Action and the New Republic magazine.

A galaxy of business executives who had rallied to Wallace's support at the president's message, which declared that "America, its people and its government need Henry Wallace now more than ever before."

On Power Removal
Wallace, who spoke at the dinner, did not mention the message. In a prepared address which touched on the proposal that the reconstruction finance corporation and other lending agencies be removed from the control of the secretary of commerce, Wallace said he would prefer not to have the cabinet post "if there were serious danger of a 'too little' and 'too late' man being appointed" to head the RFC.

President Roosevelt's message was his first mention of Wallace since the senate commerce committee rejected the former vice president's nomination as commerce secretary by a vote of 14-5. However, the message bore the date of January 17, which was five days before Wallace was named for the post.

Count on Aid
"I count on his aid, his wisdom and his courage in the difficult ways to the magnificent hopes we hold for a world worthy of his faith in the people and the struggles of free people everywhere, which have so splendidly justified that faith," said the message.

Unconfirmed Stories Add To Heuvel Case Mystery

An assortment of unconfirmed stories went the rounds today as puzzled Klamath authorities probed the mystery of the whereabouts of former Police Chief Earl Heuvel.

One story had it that the former chief, his black coat-tails flying, was seen riding on Fourth street on a motorcycle last Friday night—a few hours after the county grand jury returned an indictment charging him with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl.

This report was that Heuvel was riding behind another man on the motorcycle, which was moving in the direction of Main street.

Low Hears Story
Sheriff Lloyd Low, who said he had heard this story but didn't know whether it was a good clue or not, had his eyes on California in his search for the ex-chief. Sheriff Low planned to go this afternoon to Dorris to check rumors which had originated in that area concerning the Heuvel case.

Some opinion persisted that Heuvel was still in town at the home of friends. So far as police officers know, Heuvel has not been advised that a warrant had been issued for his arrest following the indictment by the grand jury at 8 p. m. Friday. The officers said they presumed Heuvel knew about it, but they had found no one who had told him. His attorney, J. C. O'Neill, said he had not seen Heuvel to advise him of the indictment.

Not at Home
Heuvel was not found at his home Saturday when sheriff's officers went there to serve him with the warrant. They said the place looked as if he had just stepped out.

It is understood that residents of the adjacent apartment heard some one in Heuvel's room early Saturday morning.

To stay out of jail, Heuvel would have to post a \$3500 bond upon arrest. He furnished \$1000 cash bond when arrested December 18, prior to the grand jury indictment.

Mortgage House
County records show that on December 27, 1944, Earl and Virginia Heuvel mortgaged their property at 425 Klamath avenue for \$2000 to First Federal Savings and Loan association, repayable in monthly installments of \$25.

No date for arraignment of Heuvel in circuit court has been set, but Judge David R. Vandenberg indicated today he will set the date as soon as he can confer with the district attorney. The \$1000 bond Heuvel gave in justice court will not be forfeited until the arraignment, if Heuvel is not in court at that time.

COUNTY MANAGER BILL INTRODUCED

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.
SALEM, Jan. 30 (AP)—The house received one of its most controversial issues of the 23-day-session today when Rep. Giles L. French, More republican, introduced a bill to let counties completely alter their form of government under the county manager constitutional amendment approved at the November election.

Voters in each county, after 10 percent of them asked for it, would decide at an election whether to have the system. Each county adopting the system would have a board of 3 to 7 members, and the board would name a manager for an indefinite period.

Offices Abolished
All county offices except school superintendent would be abolished, and departments of finance, public works and public welfare would be created. All judicial functions would rest with the circuit court.

The three-way industrial accident insurance bill was ready today for introduction. It would provide compulsory accident insurance, but would let employers carry it either through the (Continued on Page Two)

Company Plans Reduction In Rates for Power Users

Rate reductions which will mean savings of approximately \$325,000 to users of electricity in the southern Oregon and northern California area served by the California Oregon Power company, were announced today by A. S. Cummins, president of the company. The new rates, which will affect home owners, auto camp operators and consumers of general and agricultural power, are effective as of February 1.

Copco estimated that reductions applying to residential service will save home owners \$165,000 a year or an average of 11 per cent. Savings to commercial establishments will average 14 per cent, Cummins said.

Rates Studied
In commenting upon the lowering of rates, Cummins said this action follows many months of rate study on the part of the company and that many factors, including the re-funding of the company's bonds last fall, combined to make it possible. He emphasized that

FOR CELEBRATES 63RD BIRTHDAY

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—With dimes and dollars, America said "happy birthday" to President Roosevelt today.

In New York, Basil O'Connor, president of the national foundation for infantile paralysis, announced the March of Dimes has been extended until Feb. 15.

O'Connor said that although receipts so far showed that this year's March of Dimes would break previous records, many of the drive's events have been "snowed out, rained out and frozen out—postponed because of lack of fuel." The drive was to have ended tomorrow.

Secondary Event
But the event was secondary on a calendar on which another Big Three meeting is booked "soon."

At parties and balls over the nation, thousands are observing the 63rd birthday of the man in the White House and chipping in millions to battle infantile paralysis.

While they frolicked much in the manner of less sombre years, wartime activities of surpassing importance precluded the chief executive's personal participation in any of the public festivities.

To Confer Soon
Mr. Roosevelt himself is authority for repeated statements that he expects to confer soon with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin on efforts to achieve a total victory and carve out an enduring peace.

A chain of developments including a tour of European capitals by Harry L. Hopkins, has underlined the urgency of the parley. London dispatches clocked Hopkins there, in Paris and in Rome, in preparation for the conference.

PLUG FOR WLB GAP EYED BY LAWMAKERS

By HAROLD W. WARD
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Legislators eyed a wily approach today to the task of plugging the legal gap in enforcement of war labor board orders, exposed by the Montgomery Ward decision.

Typical of the attitude in congress was the succinct statement of Senator Joseph H. Ball (R-Minn.):

"We're discussing it, but I want to wait to see what their lawyers are going to do."

Plan to Appeal
He referred to counsel for the war labor board and justice department, who plan to appeal the decision to the United States supreme court.

Judge Phillip Sullivan in federal district court in Chicago Saturday, held the seizure of the Ward properties in seven cities, including the Chicago headquarters, was illegal. As to its effect on wartime labor disputes, the jurist said congress would have to remedy the omission of enforcement teeth.

Failed to Comply
Ward Chairman Sewell L. Avery had failed to comply with WLB directives, mainly relating to maintenance of membership provisions granted unions.

In his first major comment on labor problems since becoming a senator, former War Labor Board Member Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore.), indicated in an interview that the supreme court should first decide on the president's constitutional powers during wartime. It was on this (Continued on Page Two)

Germans Face 'Horrid Fate' Reports Hitler

LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Adolf Hitler told the German people in a broadcast tonight that "a horrid fate is in progress in the east today."

The fuhrer promised, however, that this fate "will be mastered in the end—in spite of all reverses and stern tests."

The invaded and sorely beset German nation was given less than two hours notice that Hitler would mark the 12th anniversary of his assumption of power with the address.

The fuhrer began with a short review of the happenings since January 30, 1933, and said "we were given only six years of peace after January 30, 1933, but in those six years tremendous deeds were achieved and some tremendous deeds are planned."

Site for Housing Project In City Remains Uncertain

Location of the new civilian housing project for Klamath Falls remained uncertain today, although it was indicated it will be constructed on a site adjoining Alameda street (the old Evans road) near the main canal at the southeastern corner of the city.

City councilmen have voted in favor of this site, but Architect Howard R. Perrin today was studying the grades to determine if it will be possible to fit the housing into the terrain there. He said today that rock in a small hill there may prove an obstacle, but that he hopes to work it out.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf announced that the council, at a special meeting, had favored the Alameda site over a proposed location in the Washburn way area where other war housing has been built. He said that a question had been raised about zoning in the Alameda street site, which is on the route of the proposed through north-south highway along the canal, but that the city had agreed to waive the zoning if the government agrees to remove the housing after the war. The zoning would have forced the architect to locate the housing far back from the street.

The mayor said that sewer facilities in the Washburn way area are already being housed, and that additional housing for military personnel, if authorized, will probably rise in that neighborhood.

WPB to Expand Tire Production

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—The war production board today announced expansion of three additional tire plants as part of the government's \$70,000,000 program to boost military tire output by 24 percent.

A new factory will be set up at a cost of \$6,000,000, at the site of the Kelly-Springfield Tire company, Houston, Tex.

The other two expansions, which provide additions only, are at the Lee Tire and Rubber company, Conshohocken, Pa., to cost \$800,000; and the Lake Shore Tire and Rubber company, Des Moines, Iowa, to cost \$775,000.

Allies Shower Nazi Lines With Surrender Propaganda

PARIS, Jan. 30 (AP)—On the eve of the widely-heralded Big Three conference, the allies have begun showering German lines with leaflets explaining the "unconditional surrender" goal announced at Casablanca, it was disclosed today.

Unconditional surrender, the pamphlets declare, "would mean that Germans who surrender would be at the mercy of the victorious side." On the contrary, they would "be under the protection of the Geneva convention and would be treated with fairness."

The pamphlets, one of the first direct attempts by allied propagandists in recent months to drive a wedge between the German people and their rulers, also said:

"It is the wish of the allies to give the German people the possibility for normal peaceful development as members of the European family of nations."

The announcement said "individual Germans who had nothing to do with the crimes committed by war criminals will not be taken to account for those crimes."

Prepares for Meet
That allied airmen have been scattering the leaflets in Germany was announced shortly after the disclosure that Harry L. Hopkins had visited London and Paris and gone on to Rome on a fact-finding mission for President Roosevelt preparatory to the Big Three conference.

Use of the leaflets bolstered a belief in some quarters that the president, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Marshal Stalin might produce a joint immediate surrender call to Germany at their meeting.

There was no indication in Paris where the Big Three conference might meet but there was frequent speculation that the president might visit Paris.

Cold Wind Sweeps Nation

By The Associated Press
Cold winds of moderate intensity swept over a wide expanse of the nation today bringing sub-zero temperatures to the great plains states and snowfall to the Great Lakes, Ohio river valley, and northeastern areas.

The Chicago weather bureau reported minimum temperatures ranged from 17 below zero in northern Montana, 10 below in North Dakota, to 2 to 5 below in Nebraska, Minnesota, and western Wisconsin. Denver's reading of 3 below was the winter's low in that city.

Temperatures along the Pacific coast, in the southern plains states, and on the Atlantic seaboard southward into Florida were reported somewhat below normal. Lows of 30 above at Seattle, Wash., 43 at San Diego, Calif., 20 at Boston, Mass., and 53 at Miami, Fla., were recorded.

YANKS FORGE HEAD SWIFTLY TOWARD MANILA

Fernando Taken; Jap Casualties Now 25,000

RICHARD C. BERHOLZ
N. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 30.—Armored sixth army units, of past captured San Fernando along the narrow, swampy home stretch to Manila, unheeded Monday toward Manila, only 25 air miles from the commonwealth capital.

Douglas MacArthur, acting in his communique to the world, said his advance forces "operating well in advance of the main body" of "that city of Luzon and 'gate to Manila'."

Make Progress
In the north, meanwhile, made progress toward the summer capital of the Philippines and likely Jap staff headquarters. They had two enemy counterattacks less than 15 miles from the front.

MacArthur announced Japanese casualties on Luzon had exceeded 25,000 against American forces of 4254, including killed.

Fernando, provincial capital, 24 air miles from Manila, by road, fell virtually into the liberating Yanks Sunday. The mechanized 37th reconnaissance troops took an enemy roadblock several miles north of the city and entered to be greeted by Filipinos in one of the most colorful celebrations of Luzon campaign.

Japs Depart
Associated Press Correspondent Russell Brines at San Fernando reported that "several hundred Japanese had departed along the highway toward Batnan after failing to destroy the San Fernando bridge in the center of the city with small aerial bombs and gasoline."

About stopping, armored troops past the vital high-junction and speared to Calumpit on the Pampanga river 10 miles to the south.

Delaying Battle
From the Manila area, the American and Filipino forces fought a delaying battle with the Japanese forces of Luzon in early 1942, which crossed the winding Pampanga at Calumpit were defeated by American bombers after the Luzon invasion by 9 to hamper Japanese efforts to rush reinforcements from the Manila area.

San Fernando, the high-fortress westward into the Bataan peninsula and westward toward Manila seen two great swamp areas.

Canada to Review Draft Problems

TAWA, Jan. 30 (AP)—Canada will review its touchy policy of conscription for military service in a decision this spring.

The government of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, last fall adopted a policy of conscription for a contingent of home defense troops to Europe, will fall on the outcome of voting.

The prime minister served yesterday that he would dissolve the present parliament.

Permanent FEPC Action Speeded

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—The house today decided to head off a floor vote on legislation setting up a permanent Federal Energy Control Commission as a permanent body.

A 10-man sub-committee headed by Rep. Randolph (D-W. Va.) decided to meet Thursday to consider 10 separate FEPC bills. The full committee, Chairman (D-N.J.), announced, met Friday to consider sub-committee's recommendations.

Weatherman Sees Precipitous Skies

precipitous skies with a drizzle and possible snow before next 24 hours, was forecast by U. S. weather bureau as a spell broke in the Klamath and the minimum rose to 25 degrees Tuesday morning.

Stream year was far below normal with a total of 4.84 of precipitation chalked up to 1.49, usual in parts. Last year was below normal, and 3.35 inches recorded up to January 30.