

BATTLE LOOMS ALONG ODER RIVER

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ZHUKOV'S MEN SMASH TO 39 MILES OF CITY

Berliners Rushed to Dig Trench System for Troops

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP)— Marshal Gregory Zhukov's powerful smashes have driven to a point on the Oder 39 miles or less from the German capital, the German high command announced today, and one of the great battles of the war apparently was building up along that river.

Berlin broadcasts told of men, women and children being rushed eastward to dig a vast trench system.

More and more Berliners were being thrown into "forefield of the city's defenses," said one German account.

Reinforcements
Marshal Zhukov rolled up fresh numbers of infantry and tanks to bolster the impetus of his drive.

One Berlin commentator said Zhukov had penetrated into Kustrin, one of the chief strongpoints in Berlin's defense at the junction of the Oder and Warthe, but later declared the red army men had been thrown out. Kustrin is 41 miles east of Berlin.

The drive to the Oder was told in these terse words of the German communiqué:

"North of the Warthe, enemy forces advanced as far as the Oder northwest of Kustrin (Continued on Page Two)

Record Carries Double Talk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)— Straight double talk appeared in the Congressional Record today—12 inches of type to record a six-inch speech.

It happened like this: Rep. Dingell (D., Mich.) claimed the house floor yesterday afternoon with a brief, sharp criticism of the type of discharge buttons issued ex-servicemen.

Two hours later, Rep. Kelly (D., Ill.), who was out of the chamber when Dingell spoke, arose and repeated the speech, word for word.

The members apparently didn't mind. At least none seemed to notice it.

Later Kelly gave this somewhat flustered explanation: "It was handed to me (He wouldn't say by whom)—But it won't happen again. From here on I'm using my own stuff."

He added, however, that he liked the speech and agreed with its thought.

Chamber Members to Talk Over Community Matters

A roundup discussion of major community problems and plans will be the principal feature of a membership meeting of the Klamath county chamber of commerce Monday evening at the Willard, to which all chamber members were urgently invited today.

The program will take the form of reports from the chamber's standing committee chairmen, with opportunity for discussion by members.

Such matters as industrial development, timber supply, water diversion, housing shortage, military hospitality, aviation prospects, and many other subjects of community-wide interest will be covered.

Dinner Planned
The meeting will start with dinner, and chamber members were asked to call the chamber office, 5193, to make reservations. Members may bring their wives or husbands.

The meeting will inaugurate a series of such sessions, designed to bring the chamber membership as a whole into a closer relationship with chamber activities. Under the chamber set-up, most of its activities are handled through a board of directors and committees and only infrequently have meetings of the entire membership been held.

Asks Reports
President Malcolm Epley called for a report of all committees in early December to review chamber work for the first half year for the directors. The meeting proved so successful it was decided to hold a similar affair for the entire membership. Chairman John Ashley's forum committee is in charge of the Monday night dinner.

The chamber has a membership of approximately 400 and all were urged to make reservations immediately.

Minesweepers, LST Sunk by Japs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)— Loss of two minesweepers and a tank landing ship from enemy action in the Philippines was announced today by the navy.

The minesweepers were the Hovey and the Palmer, converted World War I destroyers, and the landing ship the LST 759.

There was no indication of extent of casualties, but the navy said all next of kin had been notified.

Normal complement of that type of minesweepers is about 120, and of an LST, 64.

Subic Bay, Olongapo Taken By Doughboys After Jap Desertion



Pretty Madeline Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mahoney, signed a six months' contract with Ted Fio Rito's band Wednesday night after the name band leader heard the Klamath girl sing.

MADLINE MAHONEY SIGNED BY FIO RITO

"Local girl makes good" was the exciting news that went the rounds today when it became known that Madeline Mahoney, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Mahoney, 737 N. 9th, had been signed to sing with Ted Fio Rito, name band which played here last night at the army.

Fio Rito was asked to let Madeline take the mike for a song and immediately after the world famous band leader heard the Klamath girl sing, "It Could Happen to You," "Is You Is, Or Is You Ain't My Baby," and a third popular number, "Embraceable You," he offered her a six months' contract.

Today Madeline was on her way to Portland and Seattle where Fio Rito fills engagements during the coming three weeks.

Madeline has been singing here with Baldy Evans' band and since her return from Portland has worked for her father, Justice of the Peace Mahoney, in his office at the court house. With her sisters, she has been heard frequently and the many friends of the family sent her north with good wishes and hopes for success.

SHOCK TROOPS ERASE BULGE; HIT SIEGFRIED

Ninth Division Gains Two Miles Along West Wall

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Feb. 1 (AP)— Shock troops of the first and ninth divisions penetrated deeply into the central Siegfried line today and erased the last vestige of the bulge driven into the American first army front before Christmas.

Patrols of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' first army stormed the Siegfried line ramparts in three sectors, encountering opposition hanging from scant to heavy.

Advance Two Miles
His ninth division advanced more than two miles through Hitler's west wall and ran into heavy machinegun and rifle fire in an attack on the main enemy southeast of Monschau. Fighting was in a dank fir forest.

The fighting first division penetrated the Siegfried line at a point 16 miles east of Malmédy, meeting only negligible opposition.

The second division likewise drove ahead. The 82nd airborne division entered the outskirts of Losheim, which is inside the lightly manned Siegfried line—drained by exigencies of the Russian front.

Capture Guns
The airborne troops captured 12 88-millimeter guns intact with complete firing data, sights and ample supplies of ammunition.

The scarcity of opposition from some of the outer works of the Siegfried line indicated the Germans had withdrawn their main forces to Eifel mountain positions.

For the most part, there was only small arms fire and little (Continued on Page Two)

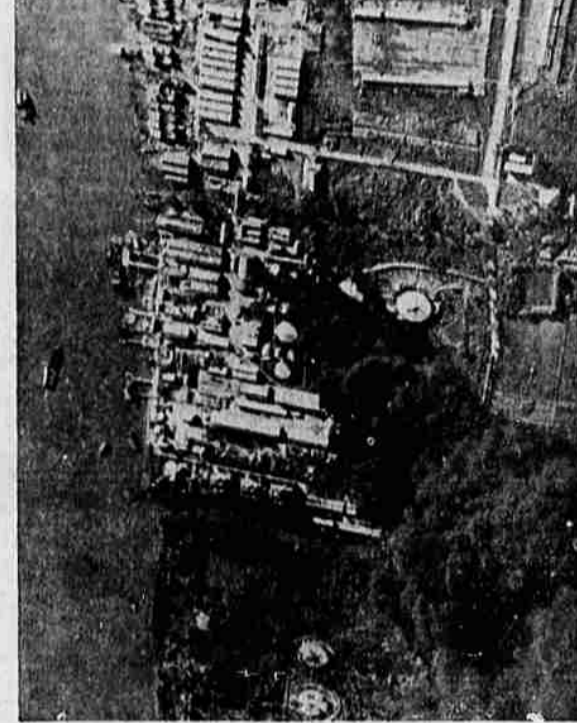
SUPERFORTS BLAST SINGAPORE HARBOR

By JOHN GROVER
20TH BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, INDIA, Feb. 1 (AP)— Superfortresses sank the gigantic floating drydock and naval base installations in Singapore harbor today in one of the greatest air attacks in strength ever flown by B-29 aircraft.

Numerous returning crews reported seeing bomb explosions solidly aboard the 855-foot drydock which is capable of servicing the largest war craft afloat. Its 172-foot width gives it capacity to handle 50,000-ton vessels.

Installations bordering Georgetown harbor on Penang island (Continued on Page Two)

Navy Planes Bomb Indo China



Black plumes of smoke rise from this Japanese oil storage tank at Saigon, French Indo China, bombed by navy carrier-based planes during fleet's first intrusion into China sea in three years.—U. S. navy photo.

Senate Halts Wallace Post Action Until March; Strips Control of Lending Agencies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)— The senate sealed off action until March on Henry Wallace's cabinet post, today after voting to strip the commerce secretary of control over government lending agencies.

The action came on a voice vote after the chamber had heard Senator Barkley (D-Ky.) read a message from President Roosevelt saying that he would approve the divorce legislation, which was passed by a vote of 74 to 12.

Will Approve
If congress should return the loan functions to a separate agency as they were before an executive order three years ago, "I will approve the measure," the president said in his message.

The measure, designed to compromise the battle over Wallace's nomination, now goes to the house.

Barkley's motion to delay action on the nomination until March 1 will allow time for house action.

Only Solution
Friends of Wallace have conceded that this course offers the only way in which the former vice president could be confirmed because an apparent senate majority is opposed to his wielding the lending authority.

The White House communication which Barkley read to the senate was signed by Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, a presidential advisor, and said: "The following is a paraphrase of a message which I have received from the president for transmission to you: "In 1942 when I transferred certain functions of the federal loan agency to the department of commerce by executive order, I provided that they should be returned to that agency six months after the conclusion of the war or sooner, if the president or congress should decide upon an earlier date. Therefore, should the congress return these functions to the federal loan agency at this time by the George resolution, I would approve the measure."

513 Prisoners Rescued From Jap Camp In Daring Commando Raid

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 31 (Delayed) (AP)— Men of Bataan, Corregidor and Singapore—513 of them—were snatched from under the flaming muzzles of Japanese guns last night in an exploit of unmatched daring.

Some 400 picked men of the sixth ranger battalion and Filipino guerrillas made a commando raid 25 miles behind Japanese lines to empty a prison camp and partially fulfill one of the Philippine's objectives closest to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's heart.

They took Japanese guards by surprise and rescued 486 Americans, 23 British, three Dutchmen and one Norwegian—all that were left in the prison camp in Nueva Ecija province of eastern Luzon.

Many more hundreds of more able-bodied war prisoners had been sent to work camps in Japan. Hundreds of others had died.

Two Die on Way
All but two of the men were brought out alive by the 121 men of the sixth ranger battalion who stormed into the prison stockade under command of Lt. Col. Henry Mucci of Bridgeport, Conn. Their enfeebled hearts flickered out when they were in sight of American lines.

The rangers attacked with such merciless precision that not one of the Japanese stockade guards was left alive or able to resist. And they attacked with such care that not one of the prisoners was scratched.

Within a matter of minutes all had been released and were on their 25-mile journey to freedom, walking, carried on backs of husky rangers or riding in carabao carts.

Nearly 100 were so weak from malnutrition, disease and three-year-old wounds that they could not walk when they were cut loose from Japanese bondage.

27 Rangers Die
The rescue cost the lives of 27 rangers and Filipinos in a guerrilla unit led by Maj. Robert Lapham of Davenport, Ia., who fought off a savage tank-led Japanese attack along the escape corridor.

The raiders killed 523 Japanese—more than one for every prisoner released—and knocked out 12 enemy tanks.

DENTON REES RESCUED

Captain Denton J. Rees, Klamath Falls dentist who has been a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan, was one of those rescued from the Japanese prison camp at Luxon.

"It doesn't seem real to me," said Kay Rees, "Denny's" wife, when she talked to the Herald and News Thursday afternoon from her home at Milwaukie, Oregon. Kay and young Jon have made their home at Milwaukie where she has been employed as a school nurse. Mrs. Rees said her "plans were indefinite" but that she hoped it would not be too long until she had direct word from her husband.

Mrs. Rees said she had not known of MacArthur's commando raid as she had not listened to the radio today, but the Oregonian had called early in the afternoon and her spirits were up, hoping that her husband might have been one of the prisoners. At 2 o'clock, word reached her that Dr. Rees was safe.

Dr. Rees, graduate of North Pacific college of dentistry in 1935, practiced here until called into army service in August, 1941. The family home is on Lakeshore drive. Mrs. Rees received a message from her husband early in January, the first in over one year. Her address in Milwaukie is 486 "D" street.

A list of rescued men from the Pacific northwest is available to those who wish to call the Herald and News, 3124.

Frank Jenkins

FRANK JENKINS
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29— writer listened the other Carveth Wells, noted traveler, an Englishman came an American. His was America and peace— to get it.

idea of how to get peace, it is to be ready and to fight for it at the drop EFFECTIVELY.

poke of the nearly half a century when Britannia ruled the waves, and ruled with firm hand that for almost there was no war in the world in the sense that we link of war. There were ruckuses, of course, but in comparison with the first and World wars they amounted to a dog fight.

and told of Kitchener and the of the Azadir in- of the Lord Beresford in- in Lisbon harbor. There om to go into those affairs The point is that in each of acting swiftly and de- and possessing the power to up her action, Britain impending wars before d time to get started.

pointed out that America ing into the position that held then.

made a striking point. it sufficient, he said, to a great armament. Rus- that in the more than when she was preparing r if she had to fight. In all that, she would have been by Germany if a and Britain hadn't come aid WITH SUPPLIES.

it enough, he concluded, to provide guns and am- for a vast army. The year out and the ammuni- shot away.

at a nation has to do to win he said, is to be able to its fighting equipment than an enemy can destroy

merely suggested, without telling on it, that Russia yet such a power. She is capable of replacing her equipment faster than any can destroy it.

that is true, Russia isn't capable of dominating the in the way some people he may.

it may happen in the far he didn't go into. He aling only with the present immediate future.

RE are strategic materials such as the alloys without iron cannot be made into There is rubber. Alto- there are 14 of these materials which we do need in sufficient quantity, they ARE possessed in su- quantity by nations (such tain) with which we are to be always friendly, and retain the unquestioned of the sea we will have end of this war we will be able to get them.

RE remains then, he went the ALL-IMPORTANT of MACHINE TOOLS. hese tools are the ma- that make the machines. Without machine tools in ent quantity, no nation can be able to replace its equipment faster than any can destroy it.

It raises this significant on: What is a sufficient of machine tools? answered it flatly.

sufficient quantity of ma- tools, he said, is VASTLY than ANYBODY ELSE can get in any reason- ibly of time.

Other words, what amounts monopoly?

nation, he said, that pos- sesses what amounts to a of machine tools can ace the world, and so can CE peace.

urged, with all the elo- at his command, that ca retain her present treas- ure in machine tool tion—even, perhaps going as to REFUSE TO SELL

left it there. His time was nited, and he couldn't go definitely.

only clear implication was only America possesses unselfish enough to justify tion in holding the power FORCE peace.

as a challenging talk. NY nation fit to dominate

there ever be peace unless nation with high enough unselfish enough ideals dominate the world?

Three Meet erway, Report
The Associated Press Cairo radio said "the big conference anticipated by world started today." broadcast was in Arabic ve no authority or indic- the site of the reported- the federal communi- commission said.