

BATTLE FOR MANILA NEARS END

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Weather News

February 5, 1945	
Max. (Feb. 4)	43
Min.	33
Precipitation last 24 hours	12
Stream year to date	5.32
Normal	6.83
Last year	4.44
Forecast: Overcast.	

Number 10381

Santo Tomas, Northern Half of City Taken

By The Associated Press
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Feb. 5.—The Stars and Stripes flew over half of Manila today and thousands of American and British civilian prisoners were free as Yank columns, including a new paratroop regiment landed to the south, pressed against little more than sniper fire toward complete liberation of the Philippine capital.

First cavalry and 37th infantry division forces controlled the northern part of Manila a few hours after entering the city late Saturday night, and penetrated Sunday as far south as the wide and deep Pasig river, which divides the city.

The first cavalry Yanks, in an encircling move by night, approached immediately to the Santo Tomas internment camp from the east and liberated perhaps 3700 civilian prisoners, mainly American women and children, held there since May 1, 1942.

Associated Press Correspondent C. Yates McDaniel reported that for 34 hours the lives of 270 of the internees hung in the balance as the Japanese commander bargained for a truce of safety for his men.

A Blue network broadcast said the truce was finally arranged and 65 Japanese soldiers were escorted to a mile from Santo Tomas and were released.

Lucien L. Rock, former oil man, was quoted as saying the Japanese held the 270 internees, including two women and 35 children, in the Santo Tomas university education building until the exchange was agreed upon. Two of the children were under 10.

(The exchange was made Monday noon, the report said.)
513 Released Last Week

Only last Tuesday night 513 American and British prisoners of war were freed from a stockade at Cabanatuan, 60 miles to the north, in a daring raid by American rangers and Filipino guerrillas.

First cavalry units also seized Malacanang palace, former governmental headquarters of the Philippine commonwealth, finding no Japanese officials, while Yanks of the 37th division entered the capital from the north and pushed cautiously through the northern suburbs after capturing Grace park airfield.

(Tokyo radio acknowledged that U. S. forces had entered the capital, and said fierce fighting was in progress around Santo Tomas.)

The motorized first cavalry, fighting in memory of their former commander, Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who was captured by the invading Japanese in early 1942, reached Manila first in a miraculous dash of some 144 miles in a little more than 60 hours, racing down a highway which skirts the central Luzon plain on the east.

No Major Stand Offered

The Japanese offered no major stand in the northern half of Manila, just as they failed to oppose in force Gen. Douglas MacArthur's 120-mile push down the broad central Luzon plain from the Lingayen gulf beachhead established just 26 days before.

This advance was coordinated with invasions along the west coast northwest and southwest of Manila last week.

Nipponese troops also took just 26 days to enter the city from their beachheads to the southwest at the start of the war, but at that time Manila was declared an open city a week before the enemy stepped in.

MacArthur, returning triumphantly to Manila—prime goal of his three-year Pacific campaign—was prevented by a dynamited bridge from entering the city with one of the first spearheads. He turned back to find another route.

The northern section of Manila was taken fairly intact, wrote AP Correspondent Fred Hampson.

A few buildings were smashed and burned," he said, "but on the whole that part of Manila was not greatly damaged. However, off in the distance we could see huge fires and columns of smoke. The dock area was burning fiercely."

GI May Hang for Refusal to Drill

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif., Feb. 5 (AP)—Pvt. Henry Weber, said to be from Portland, Ore., is under sentence of death by hanging, convicted by a general court martial here of violating the 64th article of war, dealing with striking or willfully disobeying an officer.

The public relations office announced that much. Other sources said Weber, 27, was indicted last year at Portland, Ore., had been a foreman in a Vancouver, Wash., shipyard, and that his court martial followed his refusal, after 45 minutes of argument with two officers, to join his squad for drill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) demanded in the senate today an investigation of an army court martial death sentence for Pvt. Weber.

Wheeler said it was his information that Weber had been sentenced for refusal to join his squad at drill. He declared: "It is inconceivable to me that army officers would sentence a man to death because he refused to drill. If the military committee does not take up this matter, I shall introduce a resolution calling for an investigation."

Schools Close For Lack of Heat

High winds topped by a 36-mile-per-hour gale swept Klamath county in the last 24 hours. Fremont school was closed this morning because of no heat, but classes were resumed this afternoon. Sacred Heart academy was closed all day for the same reason.

The Marine Barracks was without lights from 10:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m., when partial power resumption went into effect. There was slight local trouble at Merrill when the power was off there for about two hours, but this was also remedied.

Tanker Fort Lee Reported Lost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—The loss of an American tanker, the Fort Lee, in the Indian ocean last November from an enemy torpedo was announced today by the navy.

The brief announcement said only: "The SS Fort Lee, a medium-sized U. S. tanker, was torpedoed and sunk in the Indian ocean early in November, 1944. Survivors have landed in the United States."

COALITION CLOUDS WALLACE'S HOPES

By FRANCIS M. Le MAY
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Prospects of Henry A. Wallace becoming secretary even of a bob-tailed commerce department were beclouded today by a developing coalition of opponents in the house.

By an intricate maneuver, a combination of republicans and a segment of southern democrats—which often dominates legislation in the house—threatened to scuttle the George bill. This would force a direct senate vote on confirmation of Wallace as head of commerce including supervision of the reconstruction finance corporation and other loan agencies. This, some coalition leaders believed, would result in outright rejection of the former vice president for the commerce post.

However, Senator George (D-Ga.), author of the senate-approved bill divorcing the loan agencies from the commerce department, expressed the hope that the measure would become law without amendments, saying today "I don't think it is necessary to go any further than we have gone."

Friends of Wallace joined in support of the George bill when it became evident he could not be confirmed in the senate so long as the loan agencies remained a part of the commerce department.

Marine Housing Units Scheduled

Colonel George Van Orden of the Marine Barracks, said today he had definite word that 115 additional marine family dwelling units will be constructed here.

These will be for permanent personnel at the Barracks. In addition, he said, 300 Homejoia huts will be set up here for use of marine personnel and their families.

Captain Frederick Lewis of the Barracks brought the information back from a visit to the 13th naval district offices at Seattle.

Colonel Van Orden said it is hoped to locate the new housing in the Washburn area where 80 military housing units are now going up.

Of these 80, marines have been assigned 30, and the others will be used by navy personnel. The total for marines is now set at 145.

Allies Sever Colmar Pocket; Reds Now 30 Miles From Berlin

DRIVE TRAPS 3 DIVISIONS OF GERMANS

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Feb. 5 (AP)—American tanks and French Moroccan mountain troops cut the Colmar pocket in two today, trapping elements of perhaps three German divisions in the Vosges mountains south of Strasbourg.

American tanks of Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn's 21st corps crashed down from south of Colmar while the Moroccans advanced from north of Mulhouse in a combined gain of eight miles. The pocket, reduced to less than 200 square miles by midnight, was virtually erased and the threat to Strasbourg from the south was erased.

Capture Dam

In the center of the western front where the American first army has penetrated the Siegfried line, infantry captured one of the Roer river headwater dams and won high ground controlling another.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley has resumed command over the first army, supreme headquarters announced tonight.

The Americans were fighting 13 miles inside Germany in the (Continued on Page Three)

Straight Shooters Fire Again!



B. G. Carter, ARM 3/c, Klamath naval air station, grinned broadly at the four members of the Straight Shooters club as they presented him with two cakes to be divided at the USO this weekend with other visiting servicemen. The Straight Shooters emptied their treasury, containing \$2.50, to buy pastry for the USO snack bar. Their first venture, which resulted in raising \$1.50, went to the March of Dimes. Neighbors helped them find odd jobs which netted them almost double their original fund. They decided to buy the cakes and had enough left to get a present for a little friend, Donald Ruhlman, patient at Klamath Valley hospital. The Straight Shooters, students of Mrs. Bertha Hummel's third grade at Riverside, are, left to right, Norman Fitzgerald, David Brandness, James McClure and Bobby Simmonds. Carter's home is in Ocean Park, Calif.

ZELLIN TAKEN BY RUSSIANS; ODER CROSSED

LONDON, Feb. 5 (AP)—The red army lunged within 30 miles of Berlin today when it captured Zellin, 15 miles northwest of Kustrin on the Oder river, Moscow announced tonight, and German broadcasts said the river had been crossed by the Russians.

The Berlin radio said tonight that "particularly massive" Russian forces had reached the Oder river at Kienitz northwest of the fortress of Kustrin and but 35 miles from Berlin.

Other forces reached the river below Frankfurt, the broadcast said.

The Germans said Marshal Ivan Konev had lashed out from his bridgeheads south of Breslau in Silesia and deepened his foothold to 12 miles.

Attack From Bridge

Konev attacked from both sides of Brieg about midway between Breslau and Oppeln, the Germans said, and reached the area of Grottkau, 12 miles west of the Oder and about 24 miles northwest of Oppeln.

A soviet breakthrough in this area might send the Russians surging toward Dresden, a city of 625,000 140 miles west of Breslau and 90 miles south of Berlin.

Unconfirmed

While this new attack was not confirmed by Moscow, dispatches from the soviet capital indicated big news might be expected from Konev's first Ukrainian army front shortly.

In the central front, Berlin admitted that German bridgeheads on the east side of the Oder in front of Frankfurt had been cut down.

So far Moscow had not confirmed German reports of an attempt to storm the water barrier, but Moscow dispatches said big guns were duelling across the river, and that Zhukov was marshaling heavy forces of men.

The German hissian command said a violent Russian attack was breaking against the fortress of Kustrin, 40 miles east of Berlin.

Norris Schultz Killed in Action

PFC Norris Schultz, 20, son of Mrs. Inger Schultz, 200 Market, was killed in action on Luzon, The Philippines, January 10, while serving with the 169th infantry of the 43rd division, according to word received early Monday afternoon by the infantryman's mother.

Young Schultz, former employe of Weyerhaeuser Timber company, enlisted June 19, 1943, took his training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and had seen action at numerous points in the South Pacific. He was born in Lomma, N. D., October 29, 1924, and attended school in Adams, N. D. His father, Gussie Schultz, died several years ago.

In addition to his mother, Schultz is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Paul Anderson, 1621 Avalon; Mrs. Jack Lange, Lakeview; three brothers in the service, Cox's Bernard Schultz, USN; Pvt. Hughie Schultz, U. S. army infantry, and PFC Donald Schultz, army paratrooper now recovering at Palm Springs, Calif. from injuries received during the war, and two brothers in this city, Ray, a Southern Pacific employe, and Arlo, student at KUHS.

John Martinson Hurt in Action

Sgt. John M. Martinson, son of John Martinson, of 2039 Wantland, has been reported wounded in action by the war department in a list of Oregon soldiers operating in the Southwest Pacific area. No date of the injury was given and next of kin have been advised as to any change in status. Martinson was serving with the United States army.

Also listed as wounded in action in that theatre was PFC Lloyd E. Grisel, son of Mrs. J. H. Bairy of Lakeview.

Poland Assumes Control In Silesia, East Prussia

By DANIEL DE LUCE
WARSAW, Feb. 2 (Delayed) (AP)—Boleslaw Bierul, president of the Polish national council, announced at a press conference today that Poland is immediately assuming control of civil administration in German Silesia and East Prussia.

A representative of the Warsaw provisional government has already arrived at Oppeln, first large city on the Oder to be occupied by the red army in its drive through Silesia, he disclosed.

Similar steps to organize civil affairs will be taken elsewhere in Silesia, including Breslau, and in east Prussia "as soon as military conditions permit," Bierul said.

Senate Kills Bill To Create New Job

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Feb. 5 (AP)—The state senate killed 25 to 3 today a measure to create the office of lieutenant governor, but that in view of the fact that Heuvel was not in the courtroom, that he, O'Neill, was not there representing him.

Sheriff Lloyd Low said he would have 500 circulars printed and have them sent throughout the country in an effort to apprehend Heuvel. According to the sheriff, the former police chief was last heard of in Medford on Monday, January 29, when he is said to have placed a telephone call at 10 a. m. to a Medford officer. At that time, he told the officer he wanted to make an appointment with him, and mentioned something about obtaining money in connection with a \$3500 bond set by the (Continued on Page Three)

John Everhart Reported Missing

2nd Lt. John E. Everhart, pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been reported missing in action since January 12 over Europe, according to word received by the flyer's wife, Betty Jean, Roswell, N. M., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Everhart of Ashland, Ore.

Everhart has been overseas since August 1, 1944, flying from a base in England where he was stationed with the 8th air force of the United States army air corps. For meritorious achievement, Lt. Everhart was awarded the Air Medal last October, his parents stated. Everhart was graduated from Keno high school with the class of 1940, and prior to his enlistment was engaged in farming with his father on a ranch near Klamath Falls.

Veteran Contact Bureau Eyed Here

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Gen. Frank T. Hines, head of the veterans administration, today advised Senators Cordon and Morse, both of Oregon, that the bureau is looking into the feasibility of establishing a contact unit at Klamath Falls, Ore.

Both senators had received resolutions requesting a branch office be established at the southern Oregon city.

Hines told the senators that the Portland office is now checking the Klamath Falls area and that a staff, if approved, would consist of a contact representative and a clerk-stenographer.

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DELAY EXPECTED IN MANPOWER BILL

By FRANCIS J. KELLY
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Manpower legislation ran into the prospect of indefinite delay today when the senate military committee reversed an earlier decision and ordered hearings.

Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) said the committee voted 14 to 3 for "limited executive hearings."

He explained that by limited it was meant only invited witnesses would be heard. He said that Secretary of War Stimson, Undersecretary Patterson and Navy Secretary Forrestal would be invited to testify tomorrow.

The decision to conduct hearings was reached after the war department swung anew to the view that manpower controls (Continued on Page Three)

Lorne B. Cox Among Rescued

Lorne B. Cox, former Chiloquin youth, was one of the prisoners released last week when General MacArthur's men and Filipino guerrillas emptied a Japanese prison camp on Luzon.

Cox is the nephew of Henry Wolf, former Chiloquin baker, and worked in the bakery at Chiloquin several years ago.

In lists of prisoners released, Cox' name appeared with a Medford address.

'Oscar' History Made by Actor Barry Fitzgerald

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 5 (AP)—Barry Fitzgerald, who looks a little like a grinning Popeye with a mustache, has made "Oscar" history.

The twinkling little 56-year-old Irishman has been nominated for two 1944 honors by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences: Best performance by an actor and best performance by a supporting actor.

It's an accolade, the academy says, never before accorded in 17 years of handing out its gilded statuettes for film endeavors adjudged best.

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The high spot of the news today is American recapture of Santo Tomas. The emotional high spot of the taking of Manila is liberation of thousands of prisoners, mostly internees, after three years in Jap hands.

That story will be told and related to American children down through the centuries.

That's a story it is!

An American tank rolled up the gate of Santo Tomas. The driver inside didn't know what was going on. They feared some Jap barbarity. It must have been reasonable to them that the captors were planning to kill them all before they could be rescued.

The tank commander, pausing at the gate, called out: "Open up." He yelled: "Open the gate, or I'm coming in." Still the gate didn't budge.

The tank began to move. Its engine roared. The gate opened and gave way. The tank rolled in over the wreckage.

That followed is best told in the language of Fred Hampson (Portland) and Dean Schedler, eyewitness correspondents: "Prisoners, gaunt, hollow-eyed, afraid of their own hopes, fled from the buildings. In gathering dusk they saw this AMERICAN tank, and a single thought they poured into an agonizing cry of relief and welcome."

There was a pause, as if they were still afraid to believe their eyes. The tank stopped at the twisted gate of Japanese steel, and slowly the BECHTOLD CAPTIVITY BEGAN SLIPPING AWAY FROM IT.

HERE IS SOME CONFUSION STILL

HERE IS SOME CONFUSION STILL in the story as this is written: seems the Japs, holding 270 prisoners as hostages, bargained for safe conduct for the Japs left at Santo Tomas. The Japs apparently bargained for an hour. But eventually the Japs were given safe conduct through our lines to that Manila still held by the Japs and the hostages were freed.

The fall of Manila is an event of great strategic importance. The course of time (when its ruins are restored after Jap destruction, plus the destruction have been forced to inflict its taking) its great harbor and mighty fleet and from it we control the South China sea, which is the water route to all seized Jap empire to the east, and from the airfields Luzon, we can wreck the rail line that is the Japs' link to this seized empire—link of miles of its rails which reach our naval guns (Continued on Page Three)

BRITISH NAVY HITS SUMATRA OIL FIELD

POWERFUL British East Indies force which included the battleships Illustrious, Victorious, and Indefatigable struck "the most damaging blow" at Japanese oil supplies in attacks on southern Sumatra, southeast Asia headquarters announced today.

The first attack by carrier-borne planes was against the refinery at Palembang January 29. A second communiqué said, "The second attack against another Palembang refinery was made on January 29, the Japanese, heavily defended the installations with fighter craft from several airfields, and an outer ring of anti-aircraft batteries and a barrage, and in the widest range of the first day 13 (Continued on Page Three)

Are You Saving Paper?

Klamath county is dependent upon to make a generous contribution to the nation's newspaper salvage, essential paper is to be produced in sufficient quantities for military and essential civilian use. People in and out of Klamath Falls are urged to BEGIN NOW to save paper for a future collection program.

