

CANADIANS PLUNGE NEAR KLEVE

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 Precipitation last 24 hours..... 0.00
 Stream year to date 6.05
 Normal 7.05 Last year 4.59
 Forecast: Fair.

DAM EXPLODED; FLOOD WATERS COURSE ROER

Flood Crest Rises to Three Feet At Duren

By JAMES M. LONG
 PARIS, Feb. 10 (AP)—Canadian first army troops plunged to within two miles of strategic Kleve and almost halfway through the fortified Reichswald today, while to the south Germans dynamited the Schwammenauel dam, sending flood waters coursing down the Roer river.

German demolitions wrecked the gates of the dam at the Roer's headwaters even as American first army troops reached one side of the great earthen structure, but the retaining wall remained intact.

Rises to Three Feet
 The flood crest rose to three feet at Duren on the U. S. ninth army line today, then later began receding. But it will be days before the reservoir, impounding 170,000,000 tons of water, drains.

Canadian and British troops battled within two miles of Kleve after striking through the main concrete belt of the Siegfried line, and swung their assault arc farther north into the Dutch village of Millingen on the broad lower Rhine river just before it splits into its two Dutch mouths.

Menaces Ruhr
 This push threatened to slice behind the Rhine and rich Ruhr industrial concentration.

An advance through and beyond Neutertden, the closest to Kleve, northern anchor of the original Siegfried line. A hard thrust southeast through the German forest or Reichswald had carried across a diagonal road from Kleve, and won high ground southwest of the bastion town.

Biggest Barrier
 The Schwammenauel dam is the biggest of a series of barriers holding back the Roer river's headwaters. Built of earth around a concrete core, it is 180 feet high and has a drainage area of 258 square miles.

SH further south, U. S. third army troops fought within three-quarters of a mile of the Siegfried prize of Fruem, and scored advances today of up to a mile northeast and southwest of the road hub. Germans resisted desperately.

Reinforced Nazis
 German reinforcements were flung against the Canadian first army push which apparently had breached completely the main pillbox line protecting Kleve.

Gen. H. G. Cremer's men seized Neutertden, 24 miles from Kleve on the main road to Nijmegen, in a two-mile push beyond Kranenberg. The town of Mehr, also north of the forest, fell, and Cremer's troops fought into Milligen.

Prisoner United With Family



Most thrilling sight of the day for Sgt. Walter Ring, one of 510 allied prisoners rescued from Cabantuan Japanese prison camp, was sight of his family waiting for him at evacuation hospital. Left to right: Twins Harry and Lewis, 14; Ring, Henry, 12; and Ruth, 4. His wife is not present in the picture but joined him later with their eldest son, member of guerrilla army. Ring was captured on Bataan.

Quake, B-29's Hit Nips; Yanks Slowed In Manila

GOOD RESULTS REPORTED BY FORT PILOTS

By ELMONT WAITE
 TWENTY-FIRST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 10 (AP)—A powerful force of B-29 Superfortresses—probably the largest ever to hit Japan—bombed Tokyo today in "rare good weather."

B-29 pilots returning home reported that they had enjoyed "excellent results."

Tokyo broadcasts said "approximately 90" Superfortresses striking in five waves in the afternoon (Japanese time) caused "some damage to ground installations."

Japanese announcers said the giant bombers began the attack at 2:30 p. m. (1:30 a. m. eastern war time) and continued dropping bombs until 10:30 p. m. (9:30 a. m. eastern war time).

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The Ankara radio, as heard (Continued on Page Two)

Port Guarding Path To Danzig Captured

By JAMES F. KING
 LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Russian assault troops captured the Baltic fortress port of Elbing guarding the path to Danzig today, and to the northeast closed in on Koenigsberg, Junkers' province capital.

Elbing lies 32 miles southeast of Danzig itself, and is on the right bank of the Vistula river. Marshal Stalin announced its fall in an order of the day.

For days the encircled city had been pounded by the heavy guns of Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's second White Russian army. Berlin said Nazi naval units including the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer were hammering the attacking Soviets.

Encircle Koenigsberg
 Red army forces were closing from all directions on Koenigsberg, a city of 100,000 people, and Germans said American amphibious tanks made up part of the assault forces.

Gen. Ivan S. Cherniakhovsky's third White Russian army has captured Preussisch Eylau, order of the day. This further tightened the steel box on some 20 German divisions backed toward the sea in western East Prussia.

Simultaneously tremendous battles for position raged up and down the Oder river front as the first White Russian army of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov maneuvered for a big push on Berlin.

The Germans have reported the Russians across the middle Oder 35 miles east of Berlin. (Continued on Page Two)

STREET MINES, SHELL FIRING DELAYS ARMY

MANILA, Feb. 10 (AP)—Mined streets and Japanese mortars firing from the upper floors of office buildings slowed American infantrymen today in their stubbornly resisted drive through the heart of Manila toward dock areas south of the Pasig river.

It was clear the desperate and trapped Japanese would fight long and bitterly in defense of the flame-blackened Intramuros district, through which the Yanks must pass to reach the dock area from their amphibious Pasig river crossing.

Enemy's Final Stand
 Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his communique today described the fighting as "of the fiercest" and said the enemy was set for a "final stand."

While the 11th airborne division pressed the southern side of a three-way trap, five battalions of the 148th and 129th infantry regiments of the 37th division gained 2000 yards from the Pasig as they headed into the walled-in defended Intramuros (strongly city), a highly-congested commercial and residential area.

Pour Down Shells
 Reinforced concrete pillboxes and mines were hazards aground; from the second floors of office buildings the Japanese poured down deadly mortar and machinegun fire. The enemy used the mortars with good effect, and, of course, considerable damage to buildings.

Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, 14th corps commander, told Associated Press Correspondent Fred Hampson that the Japanese have wantonly devastated a considerable part of the heart of Manila. (Continued on Page Two)

QUAKE PRECEDES RAID

The Japanese news agency reported an earthquake today on the main Japanese island of Honshu, which includes Tokyo.

The dispatch, recorded by the federal communications commission, did not disclose the intensity of the shock, but said that it had extended from Hokkaido, northernmost of the home islands down through Honshu, with its epicenter in Aomori prefecture, at the northern end of Honshu.

The broadcast said the city of Hachinohe, on eastern Honshu, felt the weight of the quake. Time of the shock was 1:50 p. m. (12:50 a. m. EWT), 40 minutes before the B-29 raid.

It was still going after the B-29 raid. There is a suggestion the quake may be connected with the B-29 raid. (Continued on Page Two)

PEACE DECLARATION MAY BE CONSIDERED

By The Associated Press
 A means of ending the war through a declaration of peace if the Germans fail to surrender may be under consideration at the Big Three conference, informed quarters suggested today in London.

Supporting this possibility was Prime Minister Churchill's statement in a recent house of commons war review that the allies would fight the German army until resistance ceases but at some point may declare the war at an end and treat holdout nazis as guerrillas.

Storing Food
 Various roundabout reports have said that the Germans already are storing food and war equipment in the central German hills for a last-ditch guerrilla stand. Such resistance groups might face death as outlaws within their own country, for guerrillas normally are not accorded military rights.

Germany's own history in this war provides a precedent for such a procedure. After Polish forces had been thoroughly disorganized in Germany's invasion of Poland those fighting behind German lines were branded as guerrillas.

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WAGE COMPROMISE CONSIDERED BY OES

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—A war labor board proposed compromise in the "battle of the fringe"—how to handle industrial wage adjustments not involving general wage increases—before the office of economic stabilization for approval today.

Backed unanimously by the board, the new policy suggests that Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson referee fringe cases just as he now does general wage changes ordered by WLB.

On its part, the board would try to keep the smaller adjustments within "stabilization limits" to forestall price increases.

A two-month deadlock on the issue between the WLB and OES has held up board decisions on several industry wide cases including those of the packing house and textile workers.

"Fringe" cases, in WLB province, are those involving paid vacations, night shift differentials, job reclassifications, and the like, as differentiated from general wage adjustments which are limited by the little steel formula.

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Koiso's government also issued a decree accelerating the mobilization of students into the armed service.

POWER SYSTEMS OPPOSE TAX BILL

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
 SALEM, Feb. 10 (AP)—Municipal power systems were united today in their opposition to a proposed 9 per cent tax on their gross operating revenues, but counties, which would get a share of the tax, favor it.

The bill would give three per cent each of the operating revenues to counties, school districts and the cities. A 1943 law now taxes the municipal systems three per cent, with all the proceeds going to the cities.

W. S. Fort, attorney for the League of Oregon Counties, told the house utilities committee that it is only justice to give counties and school districts their share of the revenue.

But Speaker of the House Eugene E. Marsh, who appeared as city attorney of McMinnville, which operates its own system, said the tax question should be delayed until after the war. He said the proposed tax would "cripple some postwar plans for McMinnville."

Reconsiders
 The house voted 38 to 21 to reconsider the vote by which it defeated a memorial asking congress to kill any plans to cancel deferments for farm workers.

The senate passed a house bill changing the terms of justices of the peace from 2 to 5 years to conform with the constitution. They have been serving six years for a long time, but only by supreme court decision.

Signed Into Law
 Governor Snell signed into law today bills appropriating \$25,000 for expenses of the liquor investigating committee, and banning the use of mobile trailers for registering war workers. The trailers have been used in Portland.

The house committee on administration (Continued on Page Two)

YANKS DESTROY 20 NIP PLANES TO 1

By ELMONT WHITE
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, FORWARD AREA, FEB. 10 (AP)—A total of 2472 Japanese airplanes were destroyed in aerial combat during U. S. Pacific fleet carrier operations from June 11 to October 30, against 123 American aircraft lost—a ratio of 20 to 1.

Vice Adm. George D. Murray, commander of the Pacific fleet air forces, announced this today in a press release.

The operations included the first and second battles of the Philippines sea, air attacks on the Bonin and Volcano islands, the invasion of Palau and the invasion of Leyte in the Philippines.

During all of these actions American carrier planes were up against Japanese land-based aircraft.

Admiral Murray attributed the tremendous American superiority to the navy's excellent pilot training and to the sturdiness and design of American planes.

The figures include only aerial combat—pilot versus pilot—and not planes shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

Blaze' Got Ride as Sort Of Favor to Mrs. Boettiger

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Elliott Roosevelt's dog "Blaze" got his now celebrated priority ride across the country "just as a sort of favor" to the colonel's sister, Mrs. Ann Boettiger.

That was the report from the War Relocation Authority today, when Maj. Gen. H. L. George, chief of the air transport committee, testified before a senate subcommittee.

"Serious Mistake"
 General George told the committee the whole business was a "serious mistake" which could not be justified.

Report issued today by the committee, of which Maybank is a member, quoted him as saying:

"Establishing an 'A' priority for the dog was unauthorized

under regulations relating to air priorities."

He told the senators that Col. Ray W. Ireland, assistant chief of staff for priorities and traffic at the headquarters ATC here, established the priority for "Blaze" after a telephone conversation with Mrs. Boettiger at the White House.

George said Mrs. Boettiger had requested that the dog be transported from the capital to Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt in Hollywood, Calif., but he added "no mention of priority was made in the conversation."

Maybank said he got the impression from talking to George that Ireland listed the high priority "just as a sort of favor."

Three servicemen with low priorities were forced off the plane at Memphis, Tenn., while "Blaze" completed his trip to the coast.

Farmers Demand Jap Deportation

GRESHAM, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—A mass meeting of 1000 residents of this farming region was on record today in demanding that persons of Japanese ancestry be deported.

The resolution was adopted last night at a meeting called by Oregon Property Owners' Protective association after speakers told the throng that Japanese moving to the United States, or born here, are characteristically of dual citizenship to the sixth generation.

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Increased Output Of Clothing Set

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Having specified a wide range of inexpensive essential cotton garments for increased production, the government hurried work today on priority lists of woolen and rayon clothing items.

Announcement of these lists in about 10 days by the war production board will complete the foundation for a program designed to increase the supply of low and medium-priced wearing apparel.

As joint sponsor of the program, the office of price administration expects to roll back retail prices of such garments by about six or seven per cent.

Terror Campaign Opens in Norway

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 10 (AP)—A new, widespread wave of arrests of Norwegians, particularly in Telemark province, west of Oslo, in a German-Quisling terror campaign was reported today by the Swedish-Norwegian Press service.

About 180 persons were arrested in Telemark by the gеста-po, it said and arrests also extended to the Swedish border districts.

Thirty-four Norwegians have been executed since the ambush slaying Thursday of Maj. Gen. Carl Marthinus, commander of Quisling police troops in Norway, and there is no indication that reprisals have yet been stopped, the press service added.

Prowling Nazi Subs Sink Six Vessels in Atlantic

HALIFAX, Feb. 10 (AP)—German submarines have prowled the North Atlantic this winter in constant threat to allied convoys using Canadian ports and in one 22-day period sank a Canadian warship and five merchantmen, lifting of censorship disclosed last night.

A seventh vessel, a Canadian freighter en route from New York to a Canadian port, was torpedoed at another time.

The long-range submarines caused tension among navy men by mysterious operations along the North Atlantic seaboard for many weeks before they actually struck. There was some belief they might be picking targets for V-weapon attacks. They were spotted at many points close to the Nova Scotia coast from Cape Breton to Yarmouth.

The initial attack was against the Canadian freighter en route from New York. It went down with a loss of at least 37 lives. Three weeks later, just before Christmas, the minesweeper Claycoot which had seen four years of convoy duty, was sunk 12 miles off the Nova Scotia coast with a loss of eight of her crew of 81.

VOTE ON MANPOWER BILL STRIKES SNAG

By FRANCIS J. KELLY
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The senate military committee called a three-day recess today in its consideration of limited national service legislation which President Roosevelt five weeks ago recommended be passed "immediately."

The secretary of war, the navy secretary, the war manpower commissioner, the selective service director, the war production board chairman and other high administration officials have appeared during a week of closed hearings to urge its enactment.

The committee, however, has shown no indication of approaching a vote, and will resume hearings Tuesday.

Interviews and comments indicate that a sizable number of committee members, if not indeed a majority, remain unconvinced of the need for legislation empowering the government to tell any man between 18 and 45 that he had to engage in war work, to go to jail, pay a fine or be inducted into the army.

Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) has said repeatedly that the only real arguments for the bill are the betterment of morale and the uncertainty of future war developments.

Eric Johnston, president of (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Rests Case Against Spies

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (AP)—The government rested its case today against two accused Nazi agents and the defense lost a motion for dismissal of a charge that one of them, William C. Colepaugh, had been "found lurking" behind United States defense lines in wartime.

Army-assigned counsel for the Connecticut-born Colepaugh argued that the prosecution had not introduced any proof that he sought to conceal his identity after coming to this country with Erich Gimpel, his German-born co-defendant, by submarine late last October.

The specific motion was that Colepaugh be found innocent of violating the 82nd article of war under which he was accused of having been found lurking under an assumed name, behind the lines of defense of the United States in time of war.

Nazi Counterblow Beaten in Italy

ROME, Feb. 10 (AP)—German counterattacks have been repulsed in the Serchio valley and Italian west coastal area where the fifth army made limited advances in the last few days, allied headquarters announced today.

The nazis were halted at Strettoia, three miles southeast of the important town of Massa and about 20 miles southeast of the naval base La Spezia.

Wainwright, Other Captive Officers Now In Manchukuo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The war department disclosed today that Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, commander of American and Filipino forces when the Philippines fell to the Japanese, had been transferred along with a number of other captive officers from a prison camp on Formosa to Manchukuo.

General Wainwright, known affectionately by his fellow officers and men as "Skinny Wainwright," was born in Walla Walla, Wash., August 23, 1883, the son of an officer stationed there.

His present home is at Skaneateles, N. Y., where his wife resides.

Other prominent northwest men listed included Brig. Gen. Joseph Pete Vacon, Seattle; Col. Donald B. Hilton, Seattle; Col. Malcolm V. Fortier, Spokane; Col. Nunez C. Pilei, Tacoma; Maj. Gen. George M. Parker, Portland; Col. John H. Rodman, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Col. Harry A. Skerry, Portland; Col. Roscoe Bonham, Portland; Col. Jacob E. Uhrig, Wallace, Idaho; and Col. James W. Callahan Jr., Eugene, Ore.

In all, 18 generals, 119 colonels, six navy captains and 34 enlisted men were shifted from the camp at Taiwan, on Formosa, to Hoten camp, Mukden, Manchukuo.

Flying Forts Hit Fuel Depot

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP)—U. S. Flying Fortresses attacked a German motor fuel depot at Duellen, southwest of Muenster, today and submarine pens at Inmuiden on the Netherlands coast. Only 150 heavy bombers and approximately 130 fighters participated in both operations.

Inmuiden, which has been bombed four times in the past week, is one of the most active submarine bases the nazis have left on the European coast.

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