

Rocket Planes Used, Arnold, RAF Disclose

CLOAKED IN SECRECY Craft Capable Of High Speeds Using Propellers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Cloaked in high secrecy for years, a new "rocket" plane has emerged from British-American engineering laboratories...

The Luftwaffe, striving desperately to counter Allied air attacks over Europe, has been equipping its fighter planes with rockets for some months.

Several hundred flights by the new British-American planes were made without a single mishap and quantity production is just around the corner...

The joint statement issued in Washington by Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, disclosed that the British Air Ministry placed its first order for a plane using jet propulsion engines...

U. S. WILL PROBE HOPKINS LETTER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Justice Department today announced a grand jury investigation of a letter, which Presidential Adviser Harry L. Hopkins has denounced as a forgery...

The letter was made public by C. Nelson Sparks, former mayor of Akron, Ohio, and critic of Wilkie, Hopkins, in repudiating the letter, called for an investigation by the FBI.

WEATHER

FORECAST NORTH CAROLINA: Increasing clouds and continued cool Friday, rain Saturday beginning in west portion Friday night...

Gov. Broughton Predicts South To Go Democratic

Chief Executive Says Democrats Win With 'Other Than Liberal Leadership'

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Governor J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina tonight flatly predicted the South will go solidly Democratic at the polls this year...

Speaking on the radio program "America's Town Meeting of the Air," Broughton stated that the Democratic party "has lost ground on domestic grounds..."

The North Carolina Governor with Congressman Voorhies of California, spoke on the subject "How Can The Democrats Win In 1944?" following an address by each, a question and answer period was held.

DUPONT IS NAMED IN TRUST ACTION Company Is Accused Of Conspiring To Restrain Trade

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Justice Department accused E. I. du Pont de Nemours and the Remington Arms Company and British Imperial Chemical Industries today of conspiring to restrain trade...

Du Pont's president, Walter S. Carpenter, Jr., promptly disputed the charge and said the American public and the war effort had benefited, rather than suffered, from his company's activities.

The government action, a civil suit filed here, was summarized by Attorney General Biddle as charging that the big chemical and arms firms "have been and now are parties to contracts and agreements in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act."

Editor And Merchant Want The Mails Barred To Waste-Basket Mail

GRIFFIN, Ga., Jan. 6.—(AP)—A merchant and an editor want U. S. mails closed to "wastepaper basket" material to help solve the pulpwood shortage.

ACL President Sees Very Bright Future For The South After War

(Editor's note: The following article, written by C. McD. Davis, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, is reprinted from the current (January 1944) issue of the Atlantic Coast Line News, ACL's monthly publication.)

RUSSIAN ARMY PLUNGES 10 MILES BEYOND PRE-WAR POLISH BORDER; ALLIES INCHING AHEAD IN ITALY

Army Maneuvers At Mackall Begin

CAMP MACKALL, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Parachutists and glider troops "invaded" this sandy, pine-studded area tonight in a mass demonstration of America's striking power from the air.

The operation was the opening phase of five-day maneuvers of the combined airborne and troop carrier commands. It was scheduled to have begun last night, but adverse weather led the authorities to order a 24-hour postponement.

WAR PRODUCTION WILL BE SLASHED

OWI Discloses Output Of Small Arms, Bullets, Others, To Be Cut

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Cutbacks in the production of small arms, bullets, non-combat planes and anti-aircraft equipment, plus a nearly 40 per cent decrease in the production of small arms, bullets, non-combat planes and anti-aircraft equipment, plus a nearly 40 per cent decrease in the production of small arms, bullets, non-combat planes and anti-aircraft equipment...

SETZER'S TRIAL TO BEGIN MONDAY

The trial of Richard Setzer, 20-year-old Willard youth, charged with first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Steadman Hall Carr, prominent Wallace merchant who died here Saturday from a buckshot wound received Friday afternoon, is expected to begin Monday, January 10 in superior court at Burgaw, Sheriff J. T. Brown, of Pender county, said Thursday.

TODAY and TOMORROW

By WALTER LIPPMANN The year which lies behind us will in the perspective of time be remembered proudly and gratefully. The calendar year is a little short; in fact the historic year began in the autumn of 1942 with the defense of Stalingrad, the landings at Guadalcanal and in North Africa, the victory at El Alamein. These were the turning points of the world-wide war. They were turned by the constancy and the valor of the peoples; by the wisdom and practical intelligence of their leaders and commanders.

The nations have been put to the test and they have met the test. Facing defeat, they have not despaired. Confronted with impossible tasks, they have accomplished them. In the judgment of history there will stand forth the grand result and not the trouble and confusion by which we have reached it.

YANKS GAIN A MILE Troops Smash Into New Siegfried Line—Attack Resisted

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 6.—(AP)—American and British infantry, plunging forward in a new offensive on a 10-mile front in the mountain maze before Cassino, advanced an average of a mile with the first momentum of their assault and are smashing into concrete pillbox defenses guarding the Germans' new Italian "Siegfried line," headquarters announced today.

All along the rugged front from Venafro to Rocca d'Evandro and astraddle the Via Casilina to Rome the Nazis fiercely resisted the attack which was launched in a cold, driving rain before yesterday's daybreak.

American doughboys of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army bore the brunt of the assault north of the Via Casilina, while British infantry struck south of that main traffic artery to Cassino and the Eternal City, 70 miles beyond.

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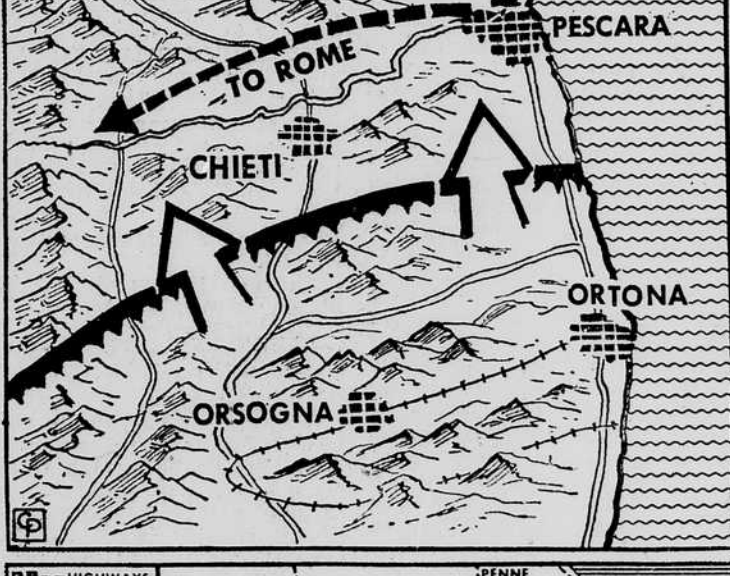
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Axis Stronghold Totters



This close-up of the terrain in which advanced Canadian units of the Eighth Army have been battling one of Italy's worst winter storms, as well as the stubborn enemy, gives some idea of the physical handicaps that have been faced in the slow drive to Pescara. The story of Ortona's "last stand" battle already has joined the war's classics and the fight against Pescara, Axis Adriatic stronghold, has been waged amidst a furious off-sea storm. Pescara stands on the road to Rome. (International.)

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ENDANGER RAIL LINE 3,000 More Retreating Germans Killed In Day's Fighting

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The Red army swept 10 miles into old Poland yesterday with the capture of Rakitno, killed 3,000 more of the enemy's retreating troops, and also plunged southward to within 39 miles of the Warsaw-Odessa rail line to the German Dnieper bend army.

Berlin intimated early today that part of Germany's huge Dnieper bend army, estimated at between 500,000 and 750,000, already was fighting for its life against a Soviet pincers movement by the Red armies of Generals Nikolai F. Vatutin and Ivan S. Konev.

A Moscow communique last night announced the capture of Rakitno in a fan-wise sweep by General Vatutin's army, which Berlin said numbered 750,000 men besides "the reserves that still are moving up."

KEY NAZI SUPPLY PORT IS BOMBED

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The RAF feinted the Germans out of position last night by sending a light force of Mosquito bombers to jab at ruined Berlin 15 minutes before the main force of giant Lancasters and Halifaxes arrived over the Baltic port of Stettin, 75 miles to the northeast, and slammed it with more than 1,000 tons of bombs.

Blackouts Scheduled For Central Carolina

RALEIGH, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The State Office of Civilian Defense today called an air raid drill and practice blackout for 10 inland warning districts to take place on the night of Jan. 13.

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R. Walker Martin, state director of civilian protection for OCE, said the drill and blackout would be held in the Tarboro, Ahoskie, Weldon, Henderson, Goldsboro, Raleigh, Greensboro, Shelby, Statesville and Gastonia districts. The Charlotte, Lumberton and Asheville districts will not be affected, Martin said.

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In addition to the North Carolina districts affected, the drill and blackout will be held also in points in adjoining states which usually are notified by the North Carolina districts involved, Martin said.