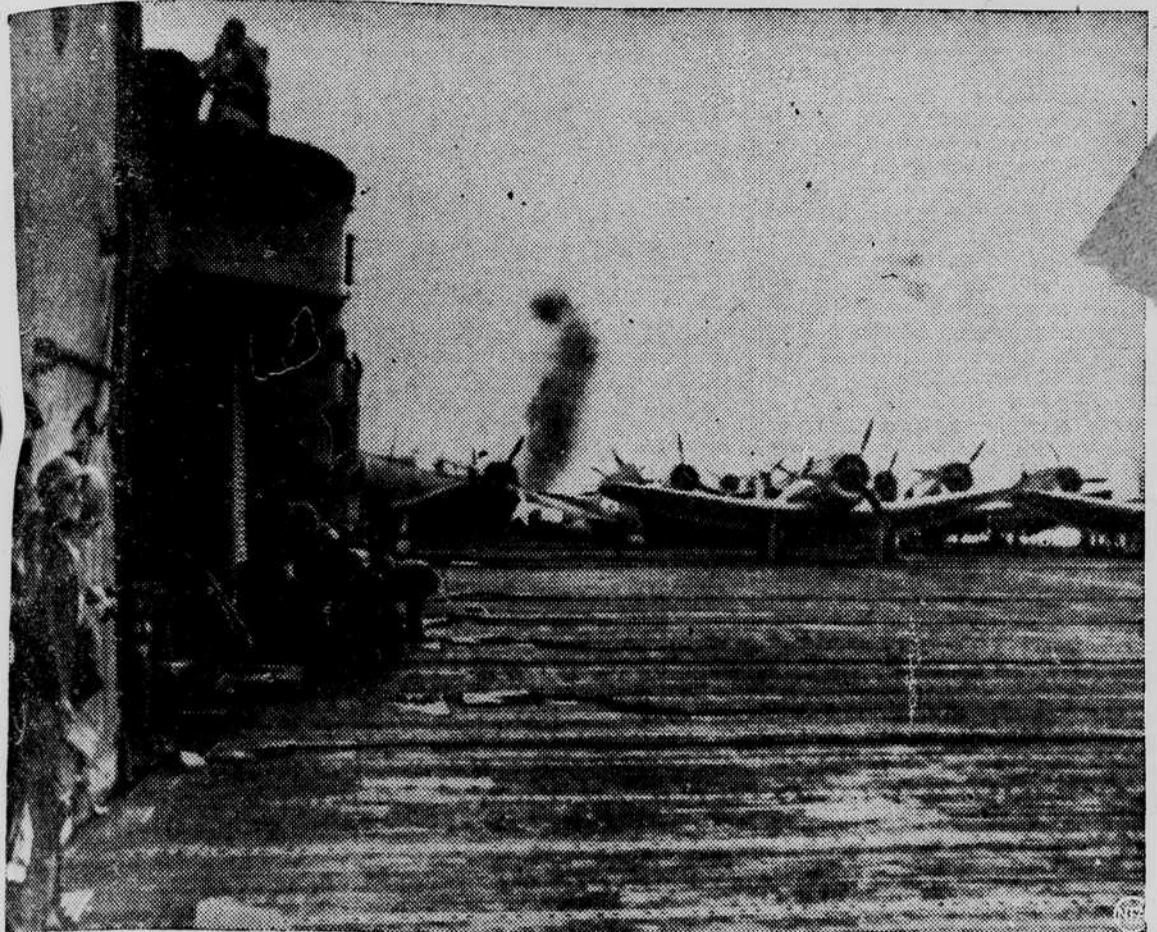


NORTH CAROLINA: Fair with slowly rising temperatures Friday, not quite so cool Friday night; Saturday, fair and continued mild.

Carrier Has Close Call



Smoke spirals from a Jap Zero, which missed its mark in a suicide dive for the deck of this U. S. carrier and plunged into the sea a few feet off the stern of the ship. Carrier crewmen flatten themselves against the superstructure to escape death from the sky, as gunners down 64 enemy planes making a fierce counterattack on U. S. task force which raided Rabaul last November.

RAF Blasts Berlin; Rome Reported Raided; Ancient Bastion Of Novgorod Falls To Reds; British Troops Drive Nazis From Minturno

Battle Is Raging On Italian Coast

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 20.—(AP)—British troops fighting doggedly up 500-foot slopes rising from the historic Apennine Way have driven Nazi defenders from the important town of Minturno, two miles from the Garigliano river, the German high command announced today, as a bitter "give and take" battle raged along a seven-mile front on the Italian west coast.

MANY NAZIS TRAPPED Action Described As 'Skillful Outflanking Maneuver'

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Red army toppled the ancient bastion of Novgorod yesterday on the sixth day of a northern offensive which has cost the Germans 44,000 men, and also trapped an undetermined number of Nazi troops in the Strelina corridor southwest of Leningrad, a Moscow bulletin announced today.

Stimson Says Fighting All In Favor Of Allies War Secretary Reports Japs May Be Collapsing On New Guinea

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson, in a summary of the war on many fronts, reported today that the fighting is going well for the Allies. He rolled off in rapid-fire order at a press conference reports that Japanese resistance may be collapsing in northern New Guinea, that the great Russian offensive seems to include a serious effort to lift the long siege of Leningrad, and that substantial progress is being made against Cassino at the head of a valley route to Rome.

11TH MASSIVE ATTACK German Radio Claims 21 Bombers Shot Down During Assault

LONDON, Friday Jan. 21.—(AP)—Royal Air Force night bombers hammered Berlin last night, it was officially announced early today, in the eleventh massive attack on the greatest of German targets since the extermination campaign against the Reich capital began Nov. 18, 1943.

The German radio said that 21 bombers were shot down—a statement which was not confirmed from Allied quarters. The attack, in which a heavy force of Canadian bombers participated, added to approximately 14,000 (long) tons of bombs previously dropped on the German capital in 10 major assaults which have laid waste more than half the city.

RIISING SENTENCED ON TWO CHARGES

Youth Tells Judge He Was Not Asking Him For Leniency

Before being sentenced on two charges in superior court Thursday afternoon, Robert Rising, standing before Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr., told the Judge that he was not asking for leniency because he did not deserve it. He was without counsel.

For the robbery of the Southside Drug store on December 28, Richard Croaker and Robert Rising were given a sentence of seven to 10 years in State prison. Richard Croaker and Bill Rising were released on charges connecting them with the robbery.

Earlier in the trial, Richard Croaker took the stand and testified that Robert Rising had stated to him that he (Robert) had nothing left to live for since his wife had left him. He said that if he could secure bullets for his revolver, he would shoot it out with the police, if they came for him. Croaker was prompted for these answers as he was questioned by Robert Rising. It was evident that Croaker, who admitted giving aid to police was hesitant in answering the questions of Rising in relation to the drug store robbery.

Aaron Goldberg, counsel for Bill Rising, said that even if the robbery of the prisoner (Richard Croaker) was as black as the "things of Hades," he didn't think that evidence against Bill Rising was purely circumstantial.

Dr. Benson, operator of the drug store, took the stand Tuesday afternoon and testified that there was between four and five hundred dollars involved in the robbery. Of this, \$250 was in cash. According to the witness, he was unable to determine the amount of narcotics taken from the store.

Robert Rising also received a two to three-year sentence for the assault and robbery of Mrs. Edward A. Hamilton in a poker party room on the Christmas holidays. Five more charges of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving await the men before final sentence can be passed.

New Proposals Written Into Pending Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Senate Finance Committee today abandoned several proposals to ease the war contracts renegotiation law and unanimously agreed to a compromise slated for consideration in the Senate tomorrow. The action was an obvious victory for Senators Walsh (D-Mass.), Conally (D-Tex.), LaPollette (Prog-Wis.) and Lucas (D-Ill.), committee members who issued a minority report sharply critical of five of the amendments approved by a majority of the 21-member group. All five of the criticized amendments either were thrown out or materially modified.

NAZI EQUIPMENT TO BE DISPLAYED Legion To Sponsor Showing In Connection With Bond Drive

In continuation of the Fourth War bond campaign, captured German equipment will arrive in Wilmington and be parked in front of the postoffice Friday at 4 p.m., the display will be sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 10. The German equipment will consist of one tank destroyer with a 76 mm. gun captured in North Africa, half-track field kitchen, and other small pieces. In touring North Carolina, the display will travel 1342 miles and visit 59 cities.

A bond selling program beginning at 4:15 p.m. with Emmett H. Bellamy as master of ceremonies, will be the feature of the display. Schedule s follows: 4:15 to 4:30 p.m.—Musical selections of the high school ROTC band. 4:30 p.m.—Invocation and remarks by the Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton. 4:35 p.m.—Remarks by Mrs. Vernon G. Avery, president of the Gray Ladies organization. 4:40 p.m.—Talk by Lieut. Heffner, Woman's Army Corps. 4:45 p.m.—Remarks by S. V. Sneeden, World War hero and wearer of the Distinguished Service Cross.

HOOVER REFUSES TO GIVE FACTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover fended off a two-hour question barrage about his FBI's relations with the Federal Communications Commission today, telling a House committee that a Presidential order prevents him from discussing matters affecting national security.

Gov. Broughton Urges Carolinians To Back Polio Fund Campaign

RALEIGH, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today called for a "generous response" to the call for funds for combating infantile paralysis during the annual fund raising appeal which continues through January 31. The appeal, he said, is a worthy one. He added that North Carolinians always had contributed generously to drives, headed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. "Contributions made to this worthy cause—the alleviating of sufferings and handicaps of those afflicted by the disease—can be considered a very-American gesture," he said.

U. S. Bombers Continue To Pound The Marshall Islands

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Miss Kellems Accuses U. S. Of 'Boondoggling'

SEARCY, Ark., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Miss Vivien Kellems, Westport, Conn. industrialist who announced in Kansas City she did not pay her December 15 income tax because she needed the money to set aside postwar reserves, issued a statement tonight defending her action and accusing the government of squandering billions on "boondoggling."

ENSIGN PEIFFER WILL BE HONORED Destroyer Escort To Be Named For Deceased Local Man

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The destroyer escort vessel, USS Peiffer, named for the late Ensign Carl David Peiffer, naval aviator hero at the Battle of Midway, will be launched on Jan. 26 at the Bethlehem Steel Company's Hingham Shipyard, naval authorities announced today.

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