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FINAL EDITION Yanks Invade Mindoro South Of Manila; Churchill Leserts Exiled Polish Regime; Seventh Drives Three Wedges Into Reich

New Frontiers

Prime Minister Draws Map For Changes In Reich Borders

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- (A)-Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that by mixing into the Soviet-Polish disagreement "we have. if you like, burned our fingers."

LONDON, Dec. 15 .-- (AP)-Prime Minister Churchill dumped overboard the present Polish exile government today, backed Russia's de-

In an historic address, he sug- many was in prospect. sested a "practical" approach by

Rivalling in world significance points today in the House of Com- ing the West Wall.

STALIN HELD FREE OF OBLIGATION TO

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER

man in Europe today.

Winston Churchill freed him from sia to the Soviets, proposed "com- months. Hitler's chickens home to roost in the sense of moving vast populations in gigantic "Voelkerwander-

Churchill technically remained within the provisions of Article Une of the Atiantic Charter in that he sought "no aggrandizement, territorial or otherwise." On More Older Men Slated ment, territorial or otherwise," for Great Britain, but he disclosed no mhibitions about approving territorial desires on the part of his

For Poland, acceptance of Churchill's proposal would mean estag herself formidably as a Baltic Sea power, for in addition

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STETTINIUS SILENT

Secretary Promises Frank Statement On Policy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. — (P) —
Secretary of State Stettinius promised today to give a frank statement soon on American policy with respect to Political Politics. The same manner as the war effort than those of greater er skills in other accivities not in direct support of the war effort."

While the primary aim of OWMR Director James F. Byrnes' directors and the primary aim of OWMR Director James F. Byrnes' directors. with respect to British and Ris-san moves in Europe.

definitions.

draft regulations.

In leaving to local boards delabor turnover in critical war promoves in Europe.

Ste tinius backed off answering termination as to which changes grams, Selective Service pointed news conference questions on will aid in prosecution of the war, up the need for replacements for any news conference questions on will aid in prosecution the armed services:

the agency made it clear that in the armed services:

"Estimates of available men inmentary reports of Prime Miniser Churchill's speech this mornroved even though consent of the dicate that the armed forces' calls and had not had time to ana- board was not obtained prior to after February 1 cannot be filled

He said the whole Polish quesis tied up with Churchill's changed jobs before December 12 American divisions now actually speech. William Player of the New are excluded from the new pro-engaged in combat, the continuing

ork Post, asked the Secretary if vision for clearance through local pressure against the enemy has he United States' attitude depend- boards. The memorandum instructed on Churenill's speech. Stettinius refused to comment. | boards o "give greater deferment (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

a move.

Russia Aided Patch's Men Reach Goal Russian Army

PARIS, Dec. 15.— (AP) —Three divisions of the G. Seventh Army drove into Germany's industrial Palatinate Seventh Army drove into Germany's industrial Palatinate West Slovakia began chasing the Germans 500 miles across France.

NAZIS FIGHTING

IN DESPERATION Allied Advance Held Delayed By Last Ditch

By EDWARD KENNEDY

SUPREME ARY FORCE, Paris, Dec. 15.-(A)mand for a new Western Three months ago today the U. S. plain some 11 miles west of the frontier, and drew a map for First Army broke through the main Baden province capital of Karl-Central Europe in which Ger- Siegfried Line defenses south of sruhe. many would lose vast tracts Aachen and it appeared that with the Reich's formidable crust of of her northern and eastern steel and concrete penetrated, a M. Patch's divisions, which moved Moscow communique announced. rapid drive to the heart of Ger- up to the frontier while the Sieg-

the United States to Poland's fu-fure and, inferentially, to that of miles from the point where it against outpost bunkers and pillall Europe, and disclosed a my- breached the Siegfried Line. The boxes. sterious misfire in plans for a new U. S. Ninth and British Second Armeeting with President Roosevelt mies also are through the line in the Aachen area.

s dramatic "blood, toil, sweat Army is fighting inside the Sieg- bourg, standing at the entrance of north of Ipolysag. and tears" pronouncement which fried Line and close to the Rhine, a gap leading into Germany. four years ago, the Seventh Army is across the Carechill bluntly made these main frontier and its artillery is assault- smashed into Lauterbourg, at the encircled, Marshall Malinovsky

But there is no prospect of a Poland must accept Russia's de- rapid thrust toward Berlin-unless and were fighting within 10 miles reached a road leading downhill mands for a western boundary run- the whole German military strucning along the old Curzon Line, in- ture should come crashing down and there is no indication such a

collapse is imi mg, would be free to expand to the wes, taking over all of East Prus- about this turn of events. It is simsouth and west of Konigsberg, ply that Germany, straining and including once-free Danzig, and en- heaving like a dying giant, has Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) mustered enough strength and will power to keep on fighting after all

visible chance of winning has gone. Line has been turned into a for-ATLANTIC CHARTER with minefields and cut by trenches bombers and fighters had pounded swept through 31 more localities, Improvised pillboxes have been and Kassel with 2,000 tons of ex- manganese center of Szendro, 20 built in the rubble and even after plosives in a daylight assault. miles north of fallen Miskolc, towns are lost snipers left behind Four of the U. S. Eighth Air LONDON Dec. 15.—(P)—Joseph Stalin should be the most pleased towns are lost snipers left behind harass the advancing Allies.

That is why the First Army's were missing from the attack. any moral obligation to adhere to the Atlantic Charter, offered the advance has been slowed to an average of scarecely more than a corted by Spitfires bombed a boat

Draft boards were directed that tion.

In Demand For After 500-Mile Campaign

*which pushed across at 1:05 p. m., against sporadic opposition north of Climbach and four miles west of the French frontier city of Wissembourg in the northeastern cor-

point, but in the same general

Ten minutes later, the 79th Di-HEADQUARTERS nine miles east of Wissembourg, E PEDITION. and plunged into the fastnesses of 115 miles to the west. Bien Wald forest on the Rhine

> vanguards of Lt. Gen Alexander Bratislava, Slovak capital, fried Line's guns were singularly

Other elements of the 103rd Division, overrunning at least seven towns in their path, were within a

east end of the invasion front be- skirted the northern edge of the tween the Vosges and the Rhine, 27,000-ft. Borzsony mountains and

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3.000 Tons Of Bombs Shatter Ludwigshafen; Hannover, Kassel Hit

blasted Ludwigshafen, 65 miles cording to a Paris radio report Every town behind the Siegfried east of the Saarbrucken front, with Moscow said that Russian forces Line has been turned into a for-more than 3,000 tons of bombs last driving toward the central and tress. Every forest has been filled night after some 1,200 American eastern Slovakian frontiers had big enough for tanks to move in. the vital rail hubs of Hannover including the rich iron, coal and

northern tip of German East Prussia to the Soviets, proposed "components." mile a week in the past three pen at Ijmuiden, entrance to the months. If, on penetrating the Siegfried terdam in northern Holland, and Pensations" to Poland which would the Siegined telegrical telegric slice of Polish territory, and sent ent supplies for a lightning blow and Liberators hit supply and othbefore the Germans installed such er targets in Rosenheim and

For Draft In February

when these registrants are put in The memorandum said regis-

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The first to make the crossing was the 103rd Division, Drive Aimed At Cutting Off Germans In Eastern Area

> LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)-Forty-five minutes later the 45th The Red Army invaded west-Division crossed the border along ern Slovakia today, crossing wooded ridges at an undisclosable the frontier 34 miles northwest of besieged Budapest in a bold operation aimed at cutvision burst the Lauter river line ting off German troops in at the frontier near Scheibenhard, eastern Slovakia and breaking open the roads to Vienna,

Hurdling the Ipoly river frontier, the Russians seized the Slovak town of Ipolysag (Sahy), a half A late front dispatch said the mile beyond and 87 miles east of

The stroke by Marshall Rodion Today, the First Army is battling silent, had come under fire of the Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukraine Army also was likely to draw out into the open again a compact fighting force of 25,000 free Czechoslovak troops which not long ago were driven out of their headquar-Farther south, the U. S. Third mile and a half south of Wissem- ters at Banska Bystrica, 46 miles

Forces of the 79th Division Budapest, two-thirds of which was into the plains stretching westward to Bratislava and Vienna.

The German east Slovakian stronghold of Kassa (Kosice) lies 113 miles northeast of Ipolysag, and other Russian forces steadily were cutting into the southern side of this great Axis salient.

Without mentioning the battle LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 16.—(P) around Budapest, one-third of which already was destroyed acaround Budapest, one-third of

Force's bombers and two fighters SFA ACCELERATES COAL SHIPMENTS TO THIS SECTION

By ALLEN J. GREEN

(Star-News Washington Bureau)

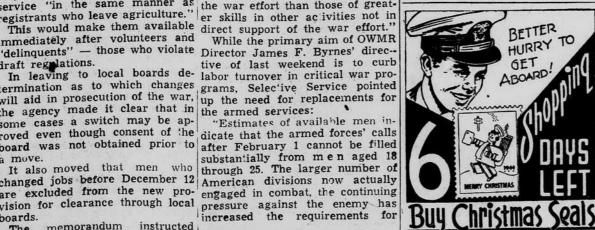
coal shipments into Wilmington from the raid.

26 in the city's quota which, like the under attack or observation.

"much larger" proportion of older war production or in support of men will be inducted after Feb- the war effort, than those engaged the would gain Pillau and Danzig.

For Russia it would mean gains of both Price would mean gains of the work of both Price would mean gains of the work of the wor been made by city officials and (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1) islands and waterways to Leyte. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

of the Wilmington Housing Author





Mindore island, due south of Lugon, lies only 150 miles from Manila. Its capture will give American air power a chance to strike

U. S. Can Pound Luzon From Bases On Mindoro

By MORRIS J. HARRIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- (AP) - American landings on Mindoro island in the Philippines places MacArthur in one bold stroke within deadly range of the grand prize of Luzon

The daring thrust has lopped off about half the 315 air *line miles between Leyte and Manila Bay. If American air

NIPPON REPORTS THREE NEW RAIDS BY SUPERFORTS

By the Associated Press said, labeling the forays 'nuisance comes into easy air distance when raids" and reiterating threats a hold is established on Mindoro. against Yank airmen.

small force at Tokyo, dropping incendiary bombs, said the uncorfirmed broadcast. It was recorded seeking to stay MacArthur. The al Operations; and Admiral Chesby the Federal Communications American has advanced deep into ter W. Nimitz, commander in chief Saturday, Dec. 16. —(P)— Troops

Three Superforts appeared over that he has done it proves he be-WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. — Of- the capital in the first thrust, about lieves he has the power to maintain eral George C. Marshall, chief of an inevitable head-on-clash with before the Germans installed such defenses behind the line, it might have reached the Rhine. But suphave reached the Rhine. But suphave reached the Rhine at Innsbruck, northern terminus istration announced today that or-

> The Osaka-Kobe district on the the fight throughout the islands. to relieve an impending shortage east coast of Honshu, principal From a position on Mindoro, commander of the Army Air For- American hands after a bitter homeland island, was visited by a United States forces will be in a ces. The order, they said, will result single B-29, which did not drop any position to deal with the Japanese the White House, approving the ridor the U.S. 32nd Division tightin 50 to 60 carloads above the nor- missiles, Tokyo reported. Governin 50 to 60 carloads above the nor-missiles, Tokyo reported. Govern-island route by which the mal monthly average moving into ment monitors were unable, be-island-to-island route by which the nominations unanimously without ened its pressure on the hemmed the city this month. It does not, cause of atmospheric conditions, to enemy reinforces his troops on the

however, constitute an increase catch the name of the third area Selective Service, announcing a through 37 who are engaged in rest of the Nation, was cut to 90 There was no claim that any of

power can be established on the southern shores of Mindoro, Luzon Seven officers -top field and fleet by Read Adm. Russell S. Berkley's

territory held by the Japanese. of the Pacific Fleet and of the of the U. S. 77th Division, supders had been issued to accelerate there was "hardly any damage" Japanese determination to carry on fic; General Dwight D. Eisenhow- western Leyte island.

Leyte battleground.

Despite the supreme efforts of the raiders were shot down during the ra

Sixth Army Hits Beach With Scant Opposition

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec 16 .- (P)-A naval-borne U. S. Sixth Army force crossed the Philippines and gained a virtually bloodless beachhead on Mindoro island, within 150 miles of Manila, Friday morning (Philippine time), Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today. The daring amphibious break spanning the heart of the

*Japanese - dominated Philippines established for the Americans an east-west corridor through the archipelago which will give them access to routes leading to the FIRED ON LUZON coast of China, the supreme commander said.

Swarms of carrier-based planes that day and the day before scourg-90 More Craft Strafed In ed virtually every Nipponese airfield in the farflung archipelago, Two Day Fighter destroying more than 200, perhaps 300, enemy aircraft.

MacArthur called it a 600-mile U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD- advance but did not disclose the route. The air-line distance from QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. eastern Leyte, where the Ameri-15.— (P) —American carrier planes cans first landed October 20, to destroyed a total of 224 Japanese the southern tip of Mindoro is about aircraft in a two-day smash at Lu- 260 miles. The difference suggests zon island in the Philippines, De- that the American force took a circember 13-14, and bombed and cuitous route southwestward strafed 90 more enemy planes on around Mindanao island. the ground, the Navy announced to-The corridor, which MacArthur

rom the Mindoro convoy, com-

pondent Murlin Spencer reported

the surprise was so complete that

lights ashore were burning bright-

ly when the Yanks moved in for

Three hours after the first as-

my took over, still without encount-

convoy ships, protected throughout

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AMERICANS DRIVE

NORTH TO ORMOC:

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S

ported by heavy artillery, drove

The enemy's main supply depot,

struggle

SEEK NEW BATTLE

he landing just before dawn.

Today's communique revised yesterday's report of 91 planes destroyed in these forays, adding 133 to the toll of enemy aircraft knocksaid cut the Philippines in two for ed from the skies or blasted on the ground by fighters and bombers.

Most of the enemy's 100 airfields
on the island, on which Manila is the raids.

situated, were swept in the raids. times, they were surprised as to The tactical purpose of the first the landing place, and U. S. losses full power carrier blow at Luzon were negligible, MacArthur reportsince November 24 apparently was to wipe out as many as possible of the air reinforcements which the manded by Rear Adm. A. D. Nipponese have been able to bring Struble, Associated Press Corres-

224 JAP PLANES

Sweep

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SEVEN FIVE-STAR OFFICERS NAMED FOR U. S. FORCES sault waves hit the beach the Ar-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.- (A) and all that it contains will be in commanders and the over-all Ar- close covering force and Seventh stone's throw distance to U. S. my and Navy chiefs-were boosted Fleet carriers under Read Adm. T. swfitly today to new five-star rank. G. Ruddock pulled away for the President Roosevelt signed legis- return voyage. The aerial invasion of Japan by Another key to the recapture of lation authorizing "Admirals of the American Superfortresses hit three the Philippines, Corregidor island fleet" and "Generals of the Army," (Japanest time), the Tokyo radio in the mouth of Manila Bay, also and quickly sent the names to the

They are: For the new Navy rank-Admiral The Mindoro landing will beyond William D. Leahy, the President's The sky giants stabbed twice in doubt throw further consternation personal chief of staff; Admiral Ernest J. King. commander in into the Yamashita forces of Japan chief of the Fleet and chief of Nav-

> For the new Army rank-Gen- northward from Ormoc today for er, Allied commander in Western Europe; and General H. H. Arnold, a mile north of Ormoc, was in

> even referring them to committee, in enemy force, the only one of any despite scattered questions on the size remaining on Leyte.

wisdom of the move. American naval and air forces the Senator Russell (D Ga) told the had suffered 82,554 casualties,

was believed the corridor force numbered many thousands. American casualties in the reinvasion of

A second Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin cies toward Greece, Italy, Poland United States over Italian politics. conference at last has been ar- and other areas once infested by Furthermore, Secretary of State ranged-for late January or learly Nazis.

the time apparently is President barton Oaks security plan, for in- easiness over thrends in Europe, pect that Japan will take this blow Roosevelt's schedule. It calls for a stance. fourth term inauguration on Janu- Among signs that some of the land produced a none too favorside the United States.

another meeting follows weeks of and population problems. discord, some under the surface, It followed a greater measure of aries.

Dictating the need for it were progress toward restored harmony, British and Russian steps in Eurnew demands on both sides of the the size of the problems was such ope. Stettinius may accompany the Arthur's invasion of Mindoro Is-Atlantic for consultations at top as to call for the personal atten- President to the forthcoming con- land, adjacent to Luzon on which levels and grave concern over di- tion of the Big Three. In addition, ference. vergent courses of Allied diplo- they have numerous other issues. While the decision that the meetof war and peace requiring their ing will be held soon after the in-The principal factor governing attention-perfection of the Dum- auguration helped allay some un- ing is too close to Manila to

ary 20. The meeting will be held Allies are approaching a greater able reaction in the Senate.

Stettinius promised a statement While there has been evidence of soon of America's views toward

Churchill's pronouncement on Po- without a terrific comeback."

soon thereafter unless world events degree of agreement, at least bi- Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of saying "we must take chances force a change in plans. The place laterally, was Churchill's anthe Foreign Relations Committee when the chances appear worth the is expected to be somewhere out-nouncement to Parliament today said it meant another Roosevelt- risk." that Britain was swinging toward Churchill-Stalin meeting was nec- Guerrilla activity on Mindoro Disclosure of the decision for Russian views on Polish boundary essary because America "must be in the past months made the landconsulted" on European bound-ing comparatively easy Gunnison

409, including 2,176 killed. JAPS ARE GASPING

Radio Reporter Says Foe Will

the Philippines had reached 10.

Come Back Soon

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15 .- (A) -Royal Arch Gunnison, Mutual Radio reporter in the Philippines. broadcast tonight that Gen. Mac-Manila is situated, "left the Jap-

"However," he added, "the land-

ger, Sixth Army commander, as

of both Polish and German territory, and an increase of her the state prosecution of the war." It ordered that registrants in the Office of War Mobilization and Re-26 through 38 age bracke: whose conversion, the revised regards who are job shifts are not in the best in-provide that regis rants who are terests of the war effort should be now in war industries "must stay put in 1-A and placed near the on or run the risk of losing their top of the list 10.7 is cocupational deferment classification. The state of the list 10.7 is cocupational deferment classification in the area is scheduled 10.7 in the area is schedu

1-A after leaving essential jobs trants of lesser skills in war plants the leaders in the campaign to they should be made available for "may be found more important to end the shortage.



woth Polish and German territory, and an increase of her ports through 38 age bracket whose conversion, the revised regulations to the provide that registrants who are to the provide that registrants who are to from the coal fields were being delayed. A second investigation in the area is scheduled for the provide that registrants who are to from the coal fields were being delayed. A second investigation in the area is scheduled for the provide that registrants who are Planned After Inauguration Of FDR WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.— As - some in the open, over Allied poli-accord achieved by Britain and the