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Nazi Troops Reinvade Belgium, Luxembourg; First Army Front Dented By Scores Of Tanks; MacArthur's Min Pressing Inland On Mindoro

American Chief Says South End Of Isle Secure Future Wars

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philip- Alliance Would Prevent mines, Monday, Dec. 18.—(AP)—United States forces who anded against weak opposition Friday on Mindoro island are pressing inland, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today, and have shoved their outer defense

Newport News

Harbor Blaze

Kills Sailor

damaged a Liberty ship at the

In releasing a statement con-

cerning the fire late today, public

relations officers said loss of life

"so far as known late Sunday"

was limited to one merchant mari-

ner who leaped from the Liberty

ship and was swept away. Of the

14 injured enough to be hospital-

ized, they said, two had "serious,

a lift truck loading cargo in a

tured, "completely destroyed" a

and Army fire fighting equipment,

but not critical burns."

'FLYING SANTA'

PAYS VISIT TO

over Boston harbor today was not

the echo of reindeer, it was the sound of "Flying Santa" on his

annual visit to lighthouse keepers

Edward R. Snow, in the guise

of Santa Claus, whirled on a four-

hour trip of 380 miles along the

The flights were originated in

1938 by Capt. William H. Winca-

paw, a friendly aviator from

Friendship, Me., who has since

gone to South American in the in-

in a Civil Air Patrol plane.

ed coastal areas.

tion today, the Army said.

The Americans on Saturday seizcommand of strategic high and have established an of defease reaching at the arthest point, 11 miles from the beachhead where the dawn land-

In the advance to secure airfield ositions only scant resistance was encountered, the communique

MacArthur said the southern end Mindoro Island, which lies less an 155 miles from Manila, is

The sanguinary struggle for evie Island continued unabated, th the First Cavalry and 32nd Hampton Roads port of embarkapressure from the north the Ormoc corridor and of 77th Infantry division pushing

apace. The communique reportadditional 2.012 enemy slain to last Saturday. These Japadead have not been previously There is every indicathat the Japanese have been ard-pressed as the Doughboys' continued with increasing

The communique reported addienemy supply dumps cap- freight car was accidentally puncwith artillery pieces mor-

The Yamashita Line on Leyte controlled by Newport News city and speed up the reconstruction 7th Division, which captured aided by 31 irebeats. With it went Imoc, has pushed seven miles 40 railroad cars and an undesignor hward in a fierce struggle. Army and Navy fliers have prac- and cargo.

illy cleared the Philippines of Japanese planes, and continued cargo, officers said. A strong also to harass enemy shipping Patrol planes set fire to two soted \$400,000 pier within a few small freighters off Masbate, and minutes and flames reached the bombed Puerto Princesa on Pala- vessel. wan. At Zamboaonga, night patrol planes damaged a 3,000-ton freigher transport and again blasted an oil tank farm at Tarakan, Borneo, a frequent target

Airdromes at Jolo and Tawi on Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

WAR DEP**artment** REVOKES BAN ON WEST COAST JAPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. - (AP) -The War Department today revokthis order excluding all persons New England coast in a plane

Japanese ancestry from the piloted by a C.A.P. instructor. West Coast.

An announcement by the Army including some to troops on isolatsaid that the revocation order was issued by Maj. Gen. Henry C.

Pratt, chief of the Western Defense Command, with the appro-Val of the War Department. "Favorable progress of the war in the Pacific, as well as other terest of aviation. developments," was given as the Wincapaw had

Wincapaw had a deep interest reason for the revocation. in the lonely life of lighthouse The revocation order provides keepers and was always ready that any person of Japanese ances- for flying on errands of mercy. y about 'whom information is Since Wincapaw left, Snow has ment plans of Congress. tallable indicating a pro-Japa- taken over the Santa role with

barred from the Coast states. More than 115,000 persons of Japom strategic areas on the West Man Slashes Wife, mese ancestry were evacuated the States of California, Washington and Oregon. The mathy of them eventually were lansferred to relocation centers located chiefly in the Mountain



French, Keds Seek To Bar

Further German Aggression

PARIS, Dec. 17—(AP)—The new French-Russian alliance pledges mutual economic and military assistance for at least 20 years and cooperative steps to bar Germany from any future aggression, it was disclosed tonight.

The text of the historic alliance, released by the Quai d'Orsay, declared the two countries were re-(P)-A merchant seaman was kill- solved to collaborate in established and fourteen other men hos- ing a world organization for peace, and pledged a common, no-quarpitalized by a seven-hour fire ter struggle until final victory over which destroyed Pier Eight and Germany.

Article Three commits Russia and France to "undertake to adopt all necessary measures in common accord at the end of the present conflict with Germany to eliminate any new threat emanat ing from Germany and to bar the way to any kind of initiative rendering possible a new German attempt at aggression."

If such measures, or any German aggression, involves either in hostilities with The fire, which broke out at 2:30 a. m. when the gas tank of a lift truck leading cargo in a treaty asserted.

Under the pact signed in Moswith artillery pieces morght and heavy machineguns
veral large tanks.

tured, "completely destroyed cow December 10, both lattice
agreed to lend each other all pospeake and Ohio Railroad before
peake and Ohio Railroad before
sible economic aid "to facilitate

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nated amount o pier equipment Brooklyn's Citizens Honor LaGuardia For The Liberty ship was loading His Defense Of Sons wind swept fire along the creo-

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- (A) Brooklyn crossed the East River into Manhattan today to select The Man Who Has Done the Most for Brooklyn In 1944."

The Society for the Prevention of Disparaging Remarks About member.

The mayor was cited for "sponly to defend our boys in service, days.

Poland-As Approved By Churchill



The shaded area on this map represents territory that would be left to Poland if border changes are made as proposed by Russia and endorsed December 15 by British Prime Minister Churchill. He said the Poles had no alternative but to meet the Russian demands for a fronter along the Curzon Line. Churchill declared Poland would be compensated with territory "at Germany's expense," including Danzig and the western part of East Prussia. The heavily outlined area represents pre-war Poland.

RAF Attacks ELAS Units After Peace Plan Fails

ATHENS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—RAF Spitfires and rocketafter the Left-Wing troops had opened up with heavy artil- Paszto, 37 miles northeast. of units drove up to the Senio river and by nightfall had lost 143 lery and mortar fire in the city.

BROADCAST DELAYED

Churchill May Address Nation Before Christmas

the radio talk to Britain tonight Scobie, had rejected as unsatisfac-LIGHT KEEPERS Brooklyn voted the honor to Mayor which it was said yesterday he tory a peace proposal by the Left-F. H. La Guardia. Adding another might. But he is expected to make wing EAM-ELAS group. BOSTON, Dec. 17.—(P)—A hum laurel wreath, they made him a a statement on the war and Euro-

attacked so viciously by an alleged The Prime Minister may broad at the invitation of the ELAS or British author." This referred, of cast before Christmas if he is able were simply reoccupying territocourse, to his defense of Brook- to announce that a meeting with ries which they evacuated under lyn soldiers against remarks in President Roosevelt and Marshal the terms of the armistice—Thrace Stalin has been arranged.

The Beaufighters attacked the ELAS radio station while Spitfires, armed with can-

> locomotive and strafed the stadium area and a concentration of ELAS troops on the northwestern outskirts of Athens.

been scattered fighting, a British LONDON, Dec. 17. —(P)— Prime communique said, after the Brit-Minister Churchill did not deliver ish commander, Lt. Gen. R. M. the Russians since last Wednes-The British said that hundreds

pean political problems before the of armed Bulgarians had infil-House of Commons recesses on trated into northern Greece, but taneous action in rising so gallant. Thursday for the Christmas holideclared it was not known whether they had entered the country and eastern Macedonia.

> The British communique said EAM-continued their artillery and children. mortar fire and that sniping had Gen. Scobie was said by British

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PROTEST BRITAIN'S **POLICY ON GREECE**

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(P)—Twenty a chance to reconsider this team thousand persons jammed in Traand make the changes in it which falgar Square at the foot of Nel-The nominations, including that a reconsideration would surely son's monument condemned Britain's armed intervention in Greece Pepper and his associates say today and approved a resolution they question the "big business" calling on the government "to stop journment, save for a \$564,000,000 background of ome of the nomi-using troops against the democratic resistance forces in

partment nominations is keeping | The Red Flag of Russia and the a quorum on hand in the Senate. British Union Jack flew side by House members began streaming side above the platform from mon, commander of the Strategic Tokyo cannot be destroyed by Ninth Army fronts. velt is confronted by an unusual acceptance of the Social Security parties cried out their bitterness alignment of forces spark-plugged tax rate freeze as the end of any against the British policy, denounced Prime Minister Church- tions against Japan, made it plain the general added. "Our photo- air force to throw its full punch in-The rush of Senators to leave as ill's stand and demanded the re- that he holds no hope that B-29 graphs of Tokyo reveal that a to this blow.

Saying British prestige has the war. Saturday's closing hour to desert for agreement on the rivers and Saying British power of the rivers and Sulliit rather than have it appear that it rather than have it appear that his own opposition to Macleish his own opposition to Macleish his own opposition to a reclamation law reintervention threatened to lengthintervention threatened to lengthreal and it's tough."

"This is no Gilbert and Sullivan war out here," he said. "It's run for miles throughout Tokyo.
"Burning flimsy houses will not it is certain that American air As other women patients and linked him with opponents of ception to a reclamation law re-intervention threatened to length-real and it's tough." striction in the case of the Cen- en the war by months and had In a radio interview, Harmon beat the Japs. Our targets are war superiority is going to inflict a visitors screamed, Golffeld and Clayton.

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The New Deal trio—Senators tral Valley Authority in California. brought American isolationists out said that reconnaissance Super-industries. We want to stop them crushing blow on the German air price is too high."

Hit Slovakia

Force Stands 5 1-2 Miles From Capital Of Hungary

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 18 - (P) - The Red Army advanced within 51/2 miles of New Zealand besieged Budapest yesterday and reached the Slovak border at a new point 72 miles northeast of the Hungarian capital in a rapid but methodical slashing apart of the remaining small German holdings east and northeast of the Danube river.

The thrust to Slovakia with capture of the town of Susa reprepreviously-reported Soviet posi- ing to Bologna 29 miles away, endtions in that area northwest of ing a long siege and decisively de-Miskolc. En route, the Russians seized the big rail town of Putnok. eight miles east of Susa, the So- division. viet communique said.

were slain in bloody fighting that blown by the Germans resulted in capture of Fot, 5 1-2 the Russians announced. flanking operations. This was the first official word on the great battle for the Hun-hilltop town of Celle southwest of Dropping in groups of four garian capital since Wednesday. Faenza after a day-long battle, eight, many were captured.

non, attacked an ELAS-controlled northeast of Miskolc captured which other Eighth Army units the French coast. more than 40 communities.

These included the rail and road Lamone river. center of Putnok, 80 miles northeast of Budapest and only four Earlier in the day there had miles from the Slovak frontier.

The advances in the Budapest area were the first announced by 'MARS TASK FORCE' day when they reported the cap

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Yank Fliers to 'Bomb' Nantes Children With Tons Of Yule Presents

A U. S BOMBER BASE England, Dec. 17.—(P)—Flying For- disclosed today tresses will "bomb" Nantes with The U. S. force is under the comtons of presents during a Christ- mand of Brig. Gen. John P. Wil-ELAS troops-the militia of the mas party for some 3,000 French ley of Hampton, Va., whose wife

Gifts including candy, toys and first news that American ground soap will come from rations of troops were fighting alongside the the personnel of the 384th Bom- British and Chinese was released bardment Group, a veteran U. S. after one American unit command-Eighth Air Force Fortress unit ed by Col. Ernest Easterbrook of in England, and from parcels re- Carmel, Calif., made contact with

Officers and men of the unit also miles south of Bhamo and some contributed \$1,850 toward a fund 120 miles north of Mandalay. Col. to purchase more gifts and equip- Easterbrook is Gen. Joseph W. ment for orphanages in Nantes. Stilwell's son-in-law.

Reds Advance Germans' Assault On Budapest; Carries Within 10 Miles Of Malmedy

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 18.—(A)—The German army reinvaded Belgium and Luxembourg in an all-out offensive yesterday, denting U.S. First Army lines with thousands of troops and scores of tanks attacking on a 60-mile front. This first major counter-offensive since Normandy was

Into Faenza

againing in intensity. At some points along a front between Monschau, 16 miles southeast of Aachen, on southward to the German fortress of Trier the enemy had advanced some miles Unit Storms

held by the Americans. (The depths of the German penetrations were not given. Kennedy reported that some of his dispatches were altered by censor-

while other thrusts were being

ROME, Dec. 17.—(A)-New Zea- ship.) Seizing the initiative for the first land troops in a foot-by-foot slugtime since D-Day, the Germans gng match today captured Faenza, swept back along the paths of Po Valley fortress city (pop. 45,- heir 1940 conquests, spurred by sented a gain of 15 miles from 000) on the broad highway arrow- an order from Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt that 'your hour has struck.'

What appeared to be the main feating the 90th Panzer Grenadier blow carried to within 10 miles of the Belgian city of Malmedy, 23 miles south of Aachen. Lt.-Gen. Sir Bernard C. Frey-(Malmedy is 14 miles west of

berg's troops toppled the city on the German border and, assummorning said more than 600 of the the Bologna-Rimini highway with ing American lines were at the enemy were slaughtered at Put- simultaneous punches into the frontier, that would mean a penenok and eight German tanks and town from the southwest and east, tration of four miles. However, self-propelled guns were knocked and then speared three miles up Allied lines on that long-quiet sec-Highway Nine toward Bologna to tor are ill-defined.)

Hundreds of the enemy also the Senio river, reaching a bridge An inferno of artillery fire plunged into the American lines. Para-Faenza, famed for Faience ware chute troops in considerable nummiles northeast of Budapest, and pottery, had been squeezed for bers dropped behind the American Mogyorod, eight miles from Buda- weeks by the British Eight Army positions in two corps areas on the First Army front and also Freyberg's men captured the behind the U. S. Ninth Army.

Other Red Army units took the taking 200 prisoners, and then The long-hidden German air big town and railway station of broke over Highway Nine. Some force roared out at least 450 strong Budapest, and Kisbarkany, six on a wide front. Others turned planes in terrific air battles that miles north of Paszto, in a drive down the road into Faenza. British cost the Americans 33 fighters. It north from the Hatvan area, while and Indian troops also inched their was the enemy's greatest show of others fanning out northwest and way over a ridge west of the city, air power since the Allies stormed

forced in from the east across the The battle flared along a 60mile front from Rotgen, 10 miles Faenza fell only after a bitter southeast of Aachen, on south into Luxembourg, where at least two small penetrations were made before the Americans held.

Associated Press Correspondent William F. Boni said the land assault was concentrated some 23 CLOSE TO MANDALAY miles south of Aachen, where German infantry and from 30 to 50 tanks overran advance American positions in the area of Honsfeld 17.—(P)— American Infantry and on the route to the Ardennes For-Artillery troops known as the est.

From Honsfeld, two miles inside Belgium, the Germans pressed ing in the North Burma area and on west to within 10 miles of Maladvance forces in Burma, it was medy before the attack eased late (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

LUFTWAFFE COMES is from San Antonion, Tex. The OUT IN STRENGTH AGAINST YANKEES

WITH THE U. S. NINTH ARMY in Germany, Dec. 17. - (AP) - For the first time since the days of the Normandy beachhead last June the German High Command won the initiative in Western Europe today with a powerful counterattack in northern Luxembourg and Belgium.

Into it, the German High Command had pitched its reserves. Whether it is the only blow the German army has up its sleeve on the Western front, the next few days should tell. It probably is not. For the first time since the land-PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, U. much of the area where the ings on the Normandy beaches the southern edge of the U. S.

Week after week of conservation "No one gives the Jap credit during which U. S. and British Harmon, who directs the Mari- for being a resourceful enemy ex- warplanes often swept the skies

can knock Nippon quickly out of been built. These firebreaks are command hopes to drive any deep

Japs Expected To Fight Into '46, Harmon Says

street battle.

YANK JUNGLE UNIT.

BHAMO, Northern Burma, Dec.

"Mars Task Force" now are fight-

the Japanese at Tonkwa, 65 road

1946," Lt. Gen. Millard F. Har- not on our side."

S. ARMY AIR FORCE, Dec. 17.— quake was supposed to have centered. I'm afraid that the Jap force came out in strength, throw-counterpart of the Hawaiian voling an estimated 550 fighters and be on her feet and fighting in cano goddess Madame Pele was bombers over the U.S. First and

the war.

"This is no Gilbert and Sullihouses have been razed. They capture and hold any large amount

hese attitude" will continue to be gifts of clothing, tobacco, candy States including Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.



and even plum puddings. Sick In Hospital

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- (A)-The women's ward of Bellevue hospital was thrown into an uproar during ment of Grew and five assistant visiting hours today when, police said, an enraged husband suddenly said, an enraged nusband studenty of the Strategic Tokyo cannot be destroyed which spokesmen from the Labor Air Force, Pacific Ocean areas, incendiary bombing, he said. inflicted serious stab wounds on

Police said the man, whom they by three Senators who usually vote identified as Angelo Gonzalez, 23, the Administration way.

The rush of Senators to leave the Administration way. became angry because his wife,

their home and three children. visitors screamed, Gonzalez slash- Grew and Clayton.

By Senate's Yule Plans WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.— (P) - consideration of all six names un- 20.000 LONDONERS The bitter Senate controversy over

Harbor Bill Jeopardized

six State Department nominations January. threw a shadow of uncertainty seek to call the resolution up for today over pre-Chris mas adjourn- consideration Monday.

The leadership wants to go home by Wednesday. of Joseph C. Grew, former ambas- bring," Pepper asserted.

sador to Japan, as undersecretary, were the principal obstacle to addeficiency appropriations bill that nees. Following Dispute must be passed, and a \$500.000,000 Rivers and Harbors bill snagged on a House amendment.

In the opposition to the appointsecretaries - Nelson Rockefeller, bald Macleish- President Roose-

bronchial pneumonia, told him she was not well enough to return to it rather than have it appear that Harbors bill.

then darted from the ward, ran Pepper (D-Fla), Murray (D-Mont) The restriction bars any individual again into the open. He added that forts have not observed any serithen darred from irrigating more than 160 if this is the price we have to downstars to the street and and Guffey (D-Pa)—are association the downstars to the street and and Guffey (D-Pa)—are association that the street and land Guff downstars to the street and duties as they did today. German downstars to the street and the street and today. German escaped in a taxicab, police re- ed with Senator Lafollette (Prog- acres with water from any gov- pay for Churchill's domination the December 7 earthquake in Japan. tem and knock out their steel planes were falling at an expensive Wis) in a resolution to postpone ernment financed project.

til the new Congress meets in

Pepper told reporters he would "That would give the President

With Christmas just a week Greece. away, the lawmakers are looking. The resolution termed the govup train schedules home. Only the ernment's policy in Greece "disintense interest in the State De- astrous."

So unusual is the tie-up that Sen- soon as the confirmation votes are call of Tommies on duty in raids on Tokyo industrial centers large system of firebreaks has It is doubtful if the German high Anita, 18, suffering from possible ator Clark (D-Mo) threa ened at completed blackened the chance Greece.