American Attack Relieves Bastogne Garrison; Japanese Carrier Sunk By Yank Submarines; Greeks Agree To Regency Under King George

Local Camp May Be Used For Other Purposes By U. S.

RALEIGH, Dec. 27—(AP)— Camp Davis, the huge antiaircraft artillery base near Wilmington, will be sold or LLOYD GEORGE, 81, salvaged as surplus property as soon as the evacuation of from it has been com-Governor Broughton said he was advised today.

Brig. Gen. R. L. Fowler, the War Department's division engineering, that the State would have an opportunity to take over like opportunity. Should the base

swamplands between Wilmington

the War Department "should they votes, at the age of 27. decide to attempt to procure it."

mediately, it was learned here last resented in Parliament, however. of his statements. ops have been evacuated.

In the event that none of the All three are Liberals. gencies desires to use the camp, takes it over, it then will be salvag- the public through his war mem- weapons as they entered the em-

It was learned that there was some likelihood of Camp Davis being put to another Federal use shortly but no announcement could be made last night.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES THREE-SHIFT PLAN FOR POLICE FORCE

Suggestions that the Wilmington police department be placed on three eight-hour shifts, that members be exchanged from day appreciate, von Rundstedt's mo- was delivered. All of which makes and night duty every 30 days, and that the "entire department be put the lines, appeared more than ever somewhere made the grievous milion a seniority basis" were made today to be the major factors be- tary mistake of uderestimating yesterday by City Councilmen, but no action to create any changes back since the successful invasion

The Council appeared divided in opinior on the operation of the police staff, after Council Robert Romeo brought up the subject with the assertion, "I'd like to shakeup in the command - none where such a Nazi blow was resee the men either swap around from night and day duty every 30 amount to finding a scapegoat. days or put the entire department on the seniority basis."

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This brought a suggestion from hower, has shown no inclination to learn that "every has shown no inclination to learn that the learn that the learn that the learn that the learn that Garland S. Currin that "every hunt for scapegoats, either here, or possibly two others up from repreviously during his command of serve, and flung them into a gapsnifts, whereupon Edgar L. Yow the Mediterranean theater. In this interposed with "I think this is respect it can be recalled that the an administrative duty and not Allied commander displayed discussion by the Council. I square-fisted directness in supportrecommend it be left up to the ing his generals right down the line City Manager and Chief of Police." from Field Marshal Montgomery Romeo exclaimed, "I think they on back in the days when slow ces in Belgium, reported in a deought to know the wishes of the progress around Caen brought some public criticism of his Brit-

ish colleague. Under the present set-up, po-licemen are employed on two Obviously, as a result of the Na shifts, the hours arranged so that zi counterattack, certain Allied and that it was being used as a limit to leave the shifts and that it was being used as a limit to leave the shifts have been made up. and that it was being used as a line 1939 it was 70.8 billion.

the enemy broke through, his for-American officials. Who believes the suggestion for most no opposition. Now they are shifts, Currin queried City most no opposition. Now they are ed the morale of Nazi troops was a thing to say. Following up his suggestion for ces were running wild against al-Manager A C. Nichols as to the meeting a real opponent. German extremely low. fought you Rund. yardstick than "national income" belance. oumber of additional men this patrols have been probing our lines stedt had practically no strategic because it consists of money ac-

Governor Says Athens Sniper Fires U.S. Raiders Army To Sell At Winston Churchill Add 26 Other

Davis Shortly Move Expected To Stop Bloodshed And Ships To Bag Permit People To Select Government Of Own Choosing In Orderly Manner

> ATHENS, Dec. 27. — (UP) — Greek representatives seeking to end the three-weeks' old civil strife in Greece voted unanimously tonight to form a regency under King George immediately in a move expected to bring the bloodshed to a halt and permit the Greek people to select their

PLANS TO RETIRE

Will Leave Seat In Commons

tilized by either, the Gover- id Lloyd George, World War I representatives rejected settlement nor said the War Department will Prime Minister and for 54 years terms submitted by the revolting it to private interests or sal- a member of the House of Com- left-wing EAM, agreed unanimousmons, disclosed today that he is ly on the forming of a regency, Gen. Fowler said that troops now retiring from Parliament on the though a small minority favored Cooper which was commissioned occupying the base were being eva- advice of his physicians. He will postponing immediate formation. and that the evacuation be 82 January 17 and for several The conference, called by Prime years his health has been some- Minister Winston Churchill who

and Jacksonville, was built in 1941 retire was made by E. P. Evans, and will not be reconvened until at a cost of more than \$40,000,000 chairman of the Carnarvon Bor-such a meeting again is deemed an anti-aircraft training oughs Liberal Association, who advisable. coming general election. Lloyd the shooting and climbed into his haul, which raised to 934 the numthe various State agencies George has represented the Carmight be interested in the narvon (Wales) district in Parliachief in the Mediterranean An amand that such ment without a break since he was

Since 1929, he has been the 'fath-

this son, Maj. Gwilym Lloyd Throughout the conference, Churcher authoritative quarters. after ter, Megan Lloyd George, has been he had a slight cold.

Although living in semi-retirethe State will have an opportunity ment for a number of years, Lloyd 15 minutes warning before the conutilize it. If none of these groups George kept his memory fresh with ference and were searched

ALLIED

f Europe.

There was no discussion of a truce pending appointment of a regency, so the fighting continued Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who called the conference narrowly escaped death or injury this Governor said he was advis- Famous British Statesman morning for the second time when Eastern waters. a sniper's bullet whizzed past him on the street and struck a girl.

> the British as their headquarters. The conference, which had been LONDON, Dec. 27.—(UP)—Dav-on the verge of collapsing when

> flew to Athens in a surprise move Announcement of his decision to halt the civil war, was adjourned by the Archishop of Greece

Churchill was not perturbed by armored car with Gen. Har ld ment without a break since he was bulance picked up the wounded the total of enemy shipping sunk gencies would deal directly with elected in 1890 by a margin of 18 girl who, it was understood, died by the undersea raiders. later.

frankly on the Greek situation. Correspondents were given only

Headquarters correspon-

dents were told before the break-

anything in real strength.

Germans and Americans.

(Associated Press Correspondent

Wes Gallagher with the U. S. for-

layed dispatch today that prior to

that the Ardennes forest was not

a good spot for a winter offensive

the German breakthrough, news-

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hind this first serious Allied set- the enemy.

Nazi Striking Power

Believed Underrated

bile reserve movements behind it seem cuite certain that someone

Forrestal Announces Name Of American Destroyer Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-(UP)—American submarines scoring a jackpot hit against Japan's dwindling naval power, were revealed today to have sunk a large aircraft carrier and 26 other ships during recent strikes in "Far

The latest bag included a con verted light cruiser, a destroyer, Yesterday a gynamite cache was two escort vessels, two destroyer found beneath the hotel, used by transports, three transports, 13 cargo ships, two cargo transport and

A few hours later, the Navy revealed that the U. S. destroyer recently announced lost off Ormoc, pines campaign to date and to 238 the total of American naval craft

chief in the Mediterranean. An am- boosted to more than 3,500,000 tons

He said he could not reveal now The Prime Minister held a leng- any details about the sinking of the complete evacuation of all official title of the member with the longest service in that body.

No member of the House ever sory.

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No member of the House ever servinto the eastern ELAS-held section of Athens made the building and two others and two others. tion of Athens made the building sunk and two others as damaged. sizable force of Superfortresses The "Welsh Wizard," as the Brit-tremble, but correspondents' cables He commented, however, that this bombed the teeming industrial The announcement by Governor Broughton does not mean that the camp will be sold as surplus im
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Meanwhile, Fleet Admiral Ernest The general projecture of the Army George, has been member from chill wore the overcoat of an air J. King, who this week completes shot down perhaps the greatest such cases is to offer the facili- Pembroke since 1922, except for commodore and his voice sound- his first three years as Commandes to the Air Forces, Navy, or the period 1924-29, and his daugh- ed as if he were very tired or as if er in Chief of the U. S. Fleet, told Forrestal's new conference that the member from Anglesey since 1929. He answered questions freely and Navy's record in the past three years speaks for itself-and "in the

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Bonomi Urges Use Of More Italians To Fight Germans

ROME, Dec. 27.-(AP)- Premier man Western Front offensive clearly shows increased effort is nec-SUPREME HEADQUARTERS | no intention here to hand them EXPEDITIONARY such vital information on a platter. the Germans in Italy, and that Francisco." FORCE, Paris, Dec. 27.—(P)—An It is clear, however, that the Aloutright underestimation of Ger-lied command was caught napping they light tional unit. man striking power, coupled with more by the force of von Rundeither a failure to learn of, or to stedt's blow than by the fact one

BATAAN PENINSULA MANILA BAY MANILA MARIVELES MTS. ROSARIO CORREGIDOR I. LIMBONES COVE

As American forces consolidate their positions on Mindoro, the island just below Luzon on which Manila and its approaches are located, the area on the map takes on vital importance. Here it was that American defenders fought a gallant battle against overwhelming Japanese forces at the beginning of the war—and here it is that American planes are po uring tons of destructive bombs on enemy installa-tions, ships, barracks, and other targets in the strug gle now being waged to recapture the Philippines.

FOR 90 MINUTES UNDER B-29 RAID

One B-29 was lost over the tar get, but the Superforts in turn number of enemy planes yet destroyed over Honshu.

Crewmen reported that large fires were started. First photos this damage.

The Japanese employed a new defense technique by setting off smudge pots for a smoke screen, but the fliers described the maneuver as unsuccessful.

The attac'ing force was similar in size to that making the first Tokyo raid November 24 when, Ivanoe Bonomi, declaring the Ger- Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell, Jr., declared, some formations inflict- fighters took off from newly con- pressing the enemy back block by the Germans who took St. Hubert, ed damage 'which you can easily essary for "common victory," pro- envisage if something like 150 tons launch their vicious attack on the and burning city, by last night had were seen mining roads, blowing posed today that more than six of high explosives hit the water- enemy warships, steaming in from captured roughly eight of the Hung- bridges and setting up road blocks. Italian divisions be thrown against front areas of New York or San the direction of the setting sun.

Yanks Sink Six Enemy Warships Off Mindoro

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philip Headquarters said the relieving forpines, Thursday, Dec. 28.—(P)—The battle for the central ces were of considerable size. Philippines flared into action the night of December 26 The Allied - controlled Luxemwhen a Japanese battle task force steamed in from the German corridor had been narrow-China Sea and subjected the 11-day-old American positions ed to less than 20 miles, and this on Mindoro Island to what Gen. Douglas MacArthur's com- was almost exactly the mileage munique described as "fruitless* and inaccurate shelling."

American planes, Mitchells and NAZIS' BUDAPEST Thunderbolts, and Navy P-T boats drove off the enemy ships.

The communique said three of failed to disclose the extent of the six enemy destroyers in the shelling force were sunk and a batbeing damaged.

> This belated enemy reaction to 15 was discovered at dusk Decem-

Despite the air attacks, the Japa-

shelled the coast.

bombs and the rattle of small guns Buda and Pest. from the torpedo boats and low The city also was apparently level strafers mingled with salvos without light and power. Twentyfrom the Japanese warships.

By ROBERT VERMILLION

DEFENSE IS SPLIT LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 28.

remaining three destroyers after through Budapest's streets in mand alone reporting at least 24 Nazi forces who were under orders hicles destroyed. to make a "Stalingrad" stand, yes- American artillery, aided by exthe virtually unopposed American terday smashed to within two cellent observation, was extremely occupation of Mindoro December miles of the city center and split active and completely outweighed its fanatical defenders into two the German gunfire, said this dis-The American bombers and

structed air strips on Mindoro to block through the smoke-shrouded 15 miles due west of Bastogne, arian capital's 80 square miles.

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 6) nese force held to its course and early night brought the ships off the city from the southwest along expects to continue advancing.

Another front dispatch during the city from the southwest along expects to continue advancing. southwest Mindoro. They then the west bank of the Danube had night said the American Doughwon control of the western end of boys and tanks had given the Nazi Until shortly before midnight, the southernmost of six barricaded the crash of exploding American bridges across the river linking

seven miles to the west, Red Ar-The planes and PT boats pur- my forces stormed into Banhida, WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.— (P) - clude Social Secruity benefits and sued the enemy in moonlight and site of one of the capital's main

Joe, A Talkative Fellow,

Loses His Voice For Once

National Income Sets Record Of 159 Billion

That would seem to place the through occurred that sometime through high up in the Allied staff might be expected to try a countand to suggest that any important eroffensive. And one of the areas approximately \$159,000,000,000, the tional income." Commerce Department announced | Income payments last year were has materialized as yet — would garded as likely was through the Ardennes forest region into Luxem- today. However, the forthright Allied bourg and Belgium. Despite this.

But it added that the Nation now to be the same as nation income, has passed the peak of its war- 70.8 billion. time economic activity.

Business hit the top early in the year and leveled off. Commerce Department experts

Here are the official estimates for 1944-all new records: 1. "National product": 197 bil-

don't think 1945 will be as active.

lion dollars. This is defined as all men at the front had been told income earned by individur's billion through participation in production (wages, salaries, dividends, inter-

"Income payments to individumber of additional men this reserves left for a major attack and to the Rhine in an down the Allied require, and to the answer effort to find out how the Allied recommendation of the bomber forces and the retained earn-and to the Rhine in an down the Allied reserves left for a major attack and other unincorporated business that his wife, who lives in Brook-and the retained earn-and the recommendation of the bomber forces and the retained earn-and to the Rhine in an down the Allied require, and to the Rhine in an and they encountered business that his wife, who lives in Brook-and the retained earn-and to the Rhine in an and they encountered business that his wife, who lives in Brook-and they

responsibility for the Nazi best might be expected to try a count. ords again in 1944, stepping up to men, which aren't a part of "na-

142.3 billion. In 1939 they happened

A Commerce Department econo mist broke down the 1944 figure of 197 billion dollars in "national

product" this way: War purchases-85 billion. Consumer spending-96.6 billion (a new record, announced last

week). Governmental non-war spending flashlight. I was shaking his shoul-—13 bii...on.

der and yelling at him. "Private capital formation"-2.6 'Huh?" he finally muttered. "Wake up, Joe, and congratula-(Total-197.2 billion.) (Total—197.2 billion.)

(Private capital formation" is a tions. You're the father of a baby daughter a week ago today. The man transport center in the Ruhr. technical term for such items as girl, born last Wednesday," I told private construction, private pur- him.

And Joe, the most loquacious tain to tell him about his daughchases of machinery and other produals': 155 billion dollars. In some ducers' goods, and changes in bus- guy in his outfit, couldn't think of ter.

It was Christmas Eve, the first The Commerce Department said time I saw Joe, up here atop Then-and you could almost see it

Ion Christmas Day. She had writ-WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ten that it might be twins, be- and Gerolstein, all immediately ITALY, Dec. 27.—(UP)—Sgt. Joe cause her physician had detected behind the battle front, and at McAleer blinked his eyes, yawned a double heart beat Joe was Fulda 54 miles southeast of Kasand squinted into the beam of my little anxious and upset.

When the story reached New York, a check was made and Mrs and junctions. Escorted RAF Lan-McAleer was found to have become the mother of a healthy baby by blasting Rheydt, major Gernews was flashed back and tonight I climbed back up the moun-

"Yeah?" he asked, a little dazedly | Eighth's only major aerial engage-

leffort to find out now the Allied on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered. But there is (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) lines were bolstered.

Initiative In **Furious Drive**

Base Of German Corridor Narrowed To Under 20 Miles

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 28—(AP)—American troops in ; tremendous comeback of. fensive against both sides of the German salient in Belgium have narrowed the neck of the enemy position to less than 20 miles in width and relieved the gallant beleaguered garrison of Bastogne, it was disclosed late last night in a flurry of Allied and enemy announcements.

Apprently getting into high gear for the first time since the daring Nazi counteroffensive caught them by surprise December 16, the infuriated Americans had robbed the enemy of the initiative and gained as much as five miles in a day these dispatches indicated.

These were the highspots: Supreme Headquarters in Paris

onfirmed Brussels and Luxemoourg radio flashes that the American garrison of the Belgian town of Bastogne, which had been encircled and under attack since December 20, had been relived and the siege raised

American tanks, which were five niles south of Bastogne 24 hours previously, burst deep into the German bulge and linked up with the besieged force which had spurned German demands for surrender and had knocked out 27 enemy tanks in its week of isolated battle. A dispatch from Supreme

bourg radio said the base of the from Bastogne northward to last reported Allied positions on the northern side near Lierneux.

A late night field dispatch told of continued clear weather that BY RUSSIAN DRIVE gave American planes and artillery full scope against the German lines in both Belgium and Luxembourg, tleship and cruiser fled with the (UP)-Red Army troops, battling with the 19th Tactical Air Comhouse-to-house fighting with crack enemy tanks and 116 motor ve-

> patch from Associated Press Cor-Russian tanks and infantry, respondent Lewis Hawkins. He said This is a usual defensive action. Moscow's communiques indicat- not the tactics of an army that

Another front dispatch during the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

GERMAN RAILHEADS POUNDED BY 2,500 ALLIED WARPLANES

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 28. -(UP)- Nearly 2,500 Allied warplanes, spearneaded by 600 U. S. heavy bombers, hit seven rail targets, shot down 68 German planes and knocked out 146 enemy tanks yesterday in the fifth straight day of attacks against the Nazi counter-

The unceasing assaults were di rected mainly at Euskirchen, Kalserslautern, Aderach, Homburg McAleer blinked his eyes, yawned a double heart beat. Joe was a sel, which were blasted by the American heavy bomber force attacking rail bridges, freight yards casters joined the daylight assault

More than 400 American fight r planes escorting the bombers shot wn 29 enemy fighters in a blazing battle with 300 German inter-Joe sat up and rubbed his eyes. ceptors southwest of Bonn in the