FORECAST

Clear and partly cloudy and slightly varmer today with northwest to north Yesterday's temperatures: High, 43-Low, 31,

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REMEMBER

PEARL HARBOR

AND BATAAN

Nazis Report Russians 45 Miles From Goal; Berlin Resider Hear Thunder Of Red Guns; French, Americans Open New Alsatian Drive

House Bans Nursery Fire Takes Lives Anti-Union Amendment AUBURN. Me., Jan. 31-(UP)-

Passage Of National Service Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-(A)-The breaking, a flash fire belched House took its longest and most through the story-and-a-half dwellimportant stride toward passage of ing and only eight of the 25 occua limited National Service bill to- pants reached the safety of the day. Two amendments some members had feared would jeopardize the whole bill were firmly rejected.

In succession, the membership or color should not be a condition other things a wood-burning range of employment.

Disposition of the two explosive of the owner, gave the first alarm issues left nothing in the way of when she went to the kitchen to get final approval except a host of less- milk for one of the babies and ally considered as minor. There was a likelihood, though,

action probably tomorrow. But indications were that the 178 to 142 vote that rejected the proposal today would be sustained.

As it neared the end of its run in the House, the legislation provides that local draft boards may 'freeze'' men between the ages of 18 through 45 in essential jobs or direct them to move into jobs declared essential by the Director of War Mobilization. A registrant disregarding a board order would be subject to immediate induction face stained by smoke and tears nto the armed forces or to five ears imprisonment and a fine of

d down in rapid order after Speak-

Of 16 Babies Sixteen tiny tots and a middle-aged nurse-maid died in their beds early today when a boarding home for Way is Paved For Speedy babies was demolished by fire and tonight authorities began an investigation to fix the ultimate responsibility for this Downeast disaster.

In perhaps 30 horrow-filled minutes just as the wintry dawn was snowy dooryard.

These eight included two infants, two nursemaids. Mrs. Eva La Costurned down the proposals that a te, the owner, and her three young man compelled to go to work in a sons. But of these none could tell "closed shop" war plant need not more than that the fire started in join the union; and that race, creed the kitchen which contained among

Mrs. Blanche Tanguay, a sister roversial amendments, gener- found the "whole ceiling of the kitchen on fire."

Mrs. La Coste said she sprang that a record vote would be forced from her bed after being aroused on the anti-closed shop proposal by "an explosion." Eut with both when the bill comes up for final arms burned and confined to bed at at neightbor's house under opiates

she could only mutter deliriously: The babies . . . get the babies. They're burning. They're all burn ing up.

Flames spouted from every door and window when the first firemer reached the scene after a perilous trip over ice-glazed roads. "We carried out babies-God, 1 don't know how many babies," said don't know how many babies," said Fire Chief Ralph B. Harnden, his

It was fully 20 minutes before the flames were quelled sufficiently to permit firemen to enter, said The two amendments that had Chief Harnden in a voice that broke threatened to kill the bill were turn- again and again as he recounted the sights he saw within. "I put my hand on a baby's face other of them would alienate suf- and it was plumb cold," he said. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-(P)-Ma-"We got two babies out of the front room and eight out of the jority Leader Barkley today sum-



Manila GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Thursday, Feb. 1.-(P)-In a series of significant successes, Eighth Ar-

as a Naval base in Subic Bay and have landed on an island at the bay's entrance while the Sixth Army seized Calumpit and crossed the Pampanga river, 28 miles from Manila.

umpit, in an advance of 13 miles U. S. First Army invaded Gersouthward down Pampanga prev- many along a four-mile front east

compressed between two swamps. barrage Beyond, the plains open wide to Manila with no good defenses for While her husband is busy_helpthe Nipponese in between.

ing fight a war, Mrs. Laura Breen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is doing her share on the home front. She is While the Yanks of Lt. Gen. shown carrying a bag of coal that she had just obtained at an emered more than 20 miles from Monday's beachheads on the Zambales

WALLACE BACKERS COMPROMISE

Barkley Calls Conference Of Democrats Before

Fortifications PARIS, Thursday, Feb. 1-(UP) -French and American forces have launched a new Alsatian offensive along a 65-mile front north my troops have captured Olongapo which already is being developed killed more than 5,000 Germans and captured some 2,500 prisoners in the first 48 hours, it was dis-

closed today. Virtually the entire Western

river, while the two divisions of the street.)

ny's French First Army, which includes American troops, gained up to four miles in what dispatches

Eitter street fighting also was re-

Patton's Third Army, which is

and one and a half miles deep.

Widening the bridgehead on its

across the Our in the vicinity of

Auel, Belgium, driving on more

Reported Kidnaped

"multiple offensive." North of Strasbourg, the Gercoast to win Olongapo, Sixth Ar- mans appeared not only to have my columns rolled 10 miles south- yielded the offensive but to have west of San Fernando toward a gone on the defensive, and French juncture with the Eighth which troops smashing a mile and a half would seal off Bataan peninsula. from Kilstett occupied the impor-The two army elements are tant road center of Gambshein, pushing toward each other along a eight miles north - northeast of

winding road of 60 miles from the Strasbourg.

Guard; Prussian Officers Reported Deserting; New Blood Purge By Nazis Rumored

LONDON, Jan. 31 .- (UP) -The | dered stragglers in the path of rumble of Russian guns was re- the Russian advance to report to ported audible in Berlin tonight as the nearest Volkssturm unit for indications increased that Adolf service and threatened that "cow-

Hitler had determined to defend ards" who wished to desert would the city along Stalingrad lines. be killed. Radio Paris gave the report that (A British broadcast recorded the terrified, homeless refugees in by the FCC reported that high checked across the frozen ap-Berlin along with the city's own German officers, abandoning their proaches to Berlin, was 63 miles people could hear the roar of guns men, were leaving East Prussia from the Nazi capital by its own as the Red army captured Lands- by plane. berg, only 67 miles to the east,

with its spearheads thrusting reporting that for the second time radio. steadily closer. (Stockholm dispatches quoted by

Front was stirring into offensive the BBC said that the German first mayor was shot for trying Beyersdorf, 63 miles northeast of action. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's High Command was expected to to desert his post. Paris, quoting Beyersdori, os innes normeast of the to that The successes were announced Third Army drove into Germany at declare Berlin formally a fortified a German broadcast, said that his from Philadelphia to Neward, N. today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. two new points along the Our city, to be defended street by successor had been executed for J. This represented a 10-mile adthe same reason.

Hitler, in his anniversary speech last night, had called on every also a new blood purge in Gerdefense. Today, German radios or- (Continued on Page Three, Col. 3) cations center of Landsberg in



Low Don, Jan. 31 – (A^{-}) – Richard WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.– (A^{-}) – side less than one-fifth of the prov-Law, British minister of State, de-Creation of at least three definite ince's territory, to be seged Buda-Zambales coast to San Fernando. South of the city, they smashed clared today that the Allied nations types of Allied machinery to con- pest, where 8,200 prisoners were Other Eighth Army units land- forward four miles along a four-intended to punish Nazis respon-duct European affairs is expected taken Tuesday.

ed on Grande Island at the entrance of Subic Bay, whose waters can supply the U. S. Seventh Fleet striking the Rhine-Rhone canal. itself as well as to punish war meeting.

German Report Places Invaders North Of Frankfort-On-Oder

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 1.- 179 -The Red Army, dashing unaccount today and a scant 45 ac-(CBS heard a Paris broadcast cording to the alarmed German

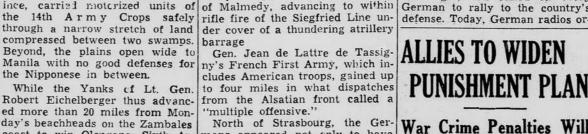
in two weeks a mayor of Breslau had been shot for cowardice. The night announced the capture of (CBS reported from Stockholm Zhukov' s First White Russian Arvance in 24 hours for Marshal my, which took the big communipassing.

One report from the German radio placed Marshal Zhukov's men north of Frankfurt-on-the-Oder in the Oder river valley, not more than 45 miles from the capital, and driving on Kustrin, a rail center 41 miles east of Berlin, scarce-

ly more than the distance from Washington to Baltimore. The Soviet communique reported continued advances along the

entire eastern front, from East Prussia, where surrounded German divisions were squeezed in-

The Moscow bulletin made no mention of besieged Breslau and he Silesian The form of this machinery will



er Rayburn warned the House that ficient votes to jeopardize the plan (Continued from Page One) which President Roosevelt reques- next room. ted as a means of stepping up war

A majority of Republicans and a other. large group of Democrats backed R-NY to provide that no man dead baby-you wouldn't be able taking a job in accordance with the to describe it."

joined a majority of Democrats had tried to escape, Chief Harnto defeat the amendment. den said. The vote on the so-called FEPC

the Fair Employment Practices recently was built to accommodate Committee set up to prevent em- the multitude. ployment discrimination because of lines fairly closely. Most Republialmost unanimously against it.

Through parliamentary steps, a the labor amendment, although none was likely for the FEPC proposal, offered by Rep. Clason (R-Mass.)

New York's new Negro member, Rep. Powell, a Democrat, called the amendment a "deep partian trick to play on racial prejudice' in order to defeat the bill.

Spinster Drops Dead, Two Sisters Perish In Freezing Cold Weather many their

FREDERICK, Md., Jan. 31. of the others.

The triple tragedy was discovered by a clerk delivering groceries. Success. He found the frozen body of Ellen, on a snowbanked path near her me and called the police who enered the house and found the odies of her sisters.

Reconstructing the tragedy, aurities determined that: Fannie, 78, suffered a fatal brain emorrhage.

nd, unable to arise, froze to death public safety. the seven-above-zero tempera-

Lillie, 75 and bed-ridden, died for fire and police protection, traf-

"Then we lost count. We kept lugging them out, one after an-

'If you had ever been through disputed Henry Wallace Cabinet he amendment of Rep. Wadsworth it-lugging out dead baby after appointment.

over the issue of granting the for- enemy routes of retreat.

Showdown

gency depot for her home

Self Service Heat

should be required, as a con- The heads of some of the dead mer vice president power as the dition of employment, to join a babies had been thrust through the government's chief loan agent as Americans a drydock and exunion. But sufficient Republicans slats of the cribs, as though they well as the Commerce secretary- tensive ship repair facilities. ship, are to meet at 10 a.m. tomor-

row, two hours before the Senate Some of the infants slept on the convenes for what may be the attendment, intended to give stat- first floor, some in the section of stormiest meeting of the new sesy backing to the program of the second and others in an ell that sion.

The importance which the Democrats attach to tomorrow's cau-

In the shambles of smashed cribs cus was emphasized by the fact 73 NEGRO TROOPS face, creed or color, followed party water - soaked bedding and other that Barkely will have to leave wreckage were charred teddy a sickbed to marshal his forces for cans supported it, with Democrats bears, rattles and soft woolly dolls the widely heraled parliamentary that peered out grotesquely. The dispute. The Kentuckian has been

tecord vote may be obtained on (Continued on Page Three, Col. 4) (Continued on Page Three, Col. 3)

Local Merchants Prepare To Comply With Brownout

Merchants in Wilmington yester-|serving to identify doctors, hotels 31, 1944 when the men-all memterday stressed their intentions to and public lodgings. cooperate with the brounout order The order does not apply to neers, General Service Regiment of the War Production Board, and electricity used strictly for resi-

many suggested that people in dential purposes. homes also cooperate with Local police have been instructed work formation on the company

the fuel saving measure, Walter J. to see that Wilmington merchants area at an airfield on Oahu." -Three elderly spinster sis-File Elderly spinster sis-Three elderly spinster sis-File Elderly Spinster failure to comply may result in the NOT told in the official announceers - Ellen. Fannie and Lillie Although no merchants, other discontinuance of all electric serinn-today were found dead un- than dealers of the Ready-to-Wear vice, jail or fines.

der circumstances indicating that Division have met, Cartier pointed Violators will be warned brain hermorrhage suffered by out that retailers and others as police at the request of the WPB, Base Command, but it was pointed one indirectly caused the deaths sociated with the Chamber would who will notify the Tide Water out that the trials which convict-

meet soon to discuss plans for making the brounout in the city a local power company will contact a charge in this area since the the merchant by letter, a copy of outbreak of the war. The WPB order lists seven types

which will be forwarded to the State WPB, after which violators of electric illumination which must victed was disclosed be extinguished. They are: will have 24 hours to comply, or Five Negroes charged under the

Outdoor advertising and outdoor all power will be cut off. promotional lighting. Cartier pointed out that window signs noting compliance of the who incited and jointed the revolt Show window lighting, except where necessary for interior ilbrownout order are on hand at lumination, margee lighting in exthe office of the Chamber of Com-

merce in the Wilmington hotel of the 69 men accuser of joining cess of 60 watts for marquee. building, and merchants may send in the mutiny. White way street lighting in ex-Ellen rushed to summon aid, but cess of that determined by local lipped and fell on the icy path public authority to be necessary for public indulgence and cooperation, may be pasted on the inside of disfor them. The stickers, asking for may be pasted on the inside of dis-

Outside sign lighting of most play windows. types. Exceptions are signs needed

According to the United Press, most of the Nation's show windows, exposure when the unattend- fic control, transportation terminals theater marquees, advertising and at hard labor and the others to the first when the unattend-an undergarment, her body was or identification signs providing es-found on the first was about the second of the second of the first was about the second of the second of the first was about the second of the second of the first was about the second of th nd on the floor of a second- sential public services. Also exempt are lights, not exceeding 60 watts, (Continued on Page Five; Col. 4) ances.

find base on the very fringes of Manila Bay.

The Yanks were on the move in all sectors. They cleaned out enemoned Democratic senators to an my pockets at Fort Stotsenburg. three miles.

emergency conference in an elev- They punched closer to the sumenth-hour effort to compromise the mer capital of Baguio to the north. They seized highway junctions than 20 miles by capturing Wittennear the foothills of the Sierra heim, four miles north of Mulhouse

Madre range flanking the Luzon The Democrats, split wide open plains on the east, thus severing

tled Germans in the streets. Cernay to the west.

At Calumpit, scene of a gallant at the start of the war, the Amer- and American Seventh Army, on the Pampanga river.

FOUND GUILTY OF **MUTINY IN HAWAII**

than a mile, while other Third HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 31 Army elements captured Stein-(UP)-The Central Pacific base brucke on the border and pushed command of the U.S. Army announced today that 73 Negro sol-German side diers had been found guilty of The deepest penetration was east mutiny and sentenced to long of Welchenhausen, where the Amerterms at hard labor, following two icans threw back a German counextensive courts martial. ter attack by 299 troops, but un-

It was announced that the mu (Continued on Page Three, Col. 2) tiny tock place the night of July bers of Company E, 1320th Engi-

17-Months-Old Boy -"refused to obey orders of their superior officers to report to a

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 31.-(UP) What caused the mutiny was -Brown-eyed 17-months-old Russell Peterson, left alone for two ment from the headquarters of Maj. Gen. Henry T. Burgin, comminutes on a bench in a bus depot waiting room, was reported kidby mander of the Central Pacific

naped today by a middle-aged woman. The infant, dressed in a gress ski

of his mother, Mrs. Stanley Peterson, Seattle. She put him on the Japan None of the names of those con-

bench while she went to the res' When she returned the bady was the final outcome by bringing sub-

66th Article of War as ringleaders gone and no trace could be found stantial forces to bear against the of a gray-haired woman who had Japanese "months and months" were tried separately after a prebeen admiring the baby a few ahead of the time otherwise posvious court martial convicted 68 minutes earlier.

Mrs. Peterson, wife of a truck The 69th man was convicted but said was granted a retrial after a re-

view by Burgin. Two of the five defendants in

the second trial were convicted, to pick it up and take it." one being sentenced to 30 years

To the south, American and criminals. French troops captured Fortsch-

Disclosing the most far-reaching depend on (1) the spend of Ivan S. Konev's First Ukraine Arwir, about 3 1-2 miles east of Cold. Allied plans yet voiced by an of-offensives against Germany in the my is operating, but the Berlin, radic, contending that the line mar, and deepened their bridge- ficial spokesman, Law said that at- nextnext few days and (2) how far west of Ereslau had been stabilizhead over the Colmar canal to tempts would be made to plug any Churchill and Stalin are willing to ed, acknowledged Russian crosshree miles. Below Colmar, the French nar-some Nazis guilty of atrocities ples for handling liberated coun-in that area and placed the north-

rowed the Colmar pocket to less might escape. "Crimes committed by Germans The military picture is consid- ern end of Konev's line at Sorau,

84 miles southeast of Perlin. miles to the west, where they bat not be dealt with under the same the Big Three met, it is possible procedure," he explained. "But in that before their talks are conspite of this, the British govern- cluded the nature and duration of my's sector directly east of Berported in the highway town of ment will do its very utmost to German resistance may be more lin, the Soviet communique aninsure that those crimes do not go exactly estimated than at any time nounced capture of Topper, 70 unpunished."

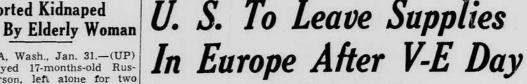
American representative on the of enemy counter-measures to the which fell to Zhukov's army early icans secured bridges spanning the north, expanded its bridgehead war crimes commission for lack of Russian drive along the Oder river er in the day.

an area at least six miles wide ing such persecutions as "crimes enemy retreats in the west and First White Russian Army in Poagainst humanity" and when Sir to some extent it may be reflect-cecil Hurt resigned as British rep-de in indications from inside the Baich of arrangements for a solution of the flatow, Jastrow and more than 50 left flank, one thrust carried resentative diplomatic sources said Reich of arrangements for a rethey understood he broke with the treat into mountainous southern British Foreign Office on the question of bringing Nazi leaders to that area. The more accurately Roosevelt,

trial. Churchill and Stalin can foresee Acting Secretary of State Grew across to clear Elcherath on the said Monday it was the policy of the end of the war in Germany, the United States Government "to the more accurately they can plan

see to it that the Axis leaders and for long range German control poltheir henchmen who have been icies, for the liberation of Austria guilty of war crimes and atrocities and for the tapering off of mili- continued, Oderwalde, a town on shall be brought to the bar of tary activities.

justice" and renewed a request for The end of the European war is a special appropriation to finance expected also to mean a slow but fulltime American participation in certain change in the European the commission. supply picture.



WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 -(AP)-1 Ocean will make it possible to em-American troops shifted from Eu- ploy large bodies of troops-prerope to the Pacific after Germany's sumably in operations on the Asi- Yank Dental Officer

defeat will leave the bulk of their atic mainland-much earlier than suit, had gone to sleep in the arms equipment behind, under present was anticipated six months ago. plans, and will be armed anew for Second, that it would be more expedient, in view of transport

problems, to let soldiers from Eu-Purpose of this military decision. rope and munitions from America it was learned tonight, is to hasten converge for the showdown assault against Japan, than to undertake the slower task of shipping both

troop movements.

from Europe. Otherwise months of effort would

sible. The sending of new arms and be required, the plan's proponents driver, reported the woman had supplies from the American produc- held, in reassembling the weapons, tion arsenal, however, will require

"I certainly like children and continued large-scale war produc and bases spread over the map of sniper fire, found the foxhole and every time I see one I would like tion and slower reconversion to Eruope; in preparing them for re- patient, administered novocaine civilian industry after V-Day in Eu-shipment; and in hauling them over Other persons in the waiting rope.

This strategic decision was said room said they saw the middle-First, that the giant strides al-

total forfeiture of pay and allow- into a run outside. She was about 45 and shabbily dressed.

raine Army.

serves on a 40-mile front from the vicinity of Zielenzig, 62 miles east of Berlin, to the area of Soldin, 58 miles northeast of the Capital There was no confirmation of

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Braves Shellfire To Pull Soldier's Tooth

WITH THE 43rd INFANTRY DIVISION, Rosario, Luzon, Jan. 31 -(UP)-Capt. John S. Engenberger of Omaha, Neb., a regimental dentist, heard a report that a Yank infantryman was suffering toothache in a foxhole on hotly contested Hill No. 600 near here.

Engenberger crawled and crept vehicles and supplies from depots half a mile through artillery and and yanked out the tooth. He offered to evacuate the infantryman Europe's battered transportation but the latter cuddled in his hole system to ports congested with and said, "I had rather stay here It held further that the heavier than go back through what you

just came through." ready made across the Pacific (Continued on Page Three, Col. 2) | Engenberger crawled back.

against Germans are in a different ered of utmost importance at this miles west of the Oder. Sorau is and drove into Wittelscheim, 4 1-2 category to war crimes and can- conference. Regardless of when

In the First White Russian Arsince the conflict began. Partly miles due east of the capital and stand by Americans and Filipinos the nearest to the French First Herbert Pell was withdrawn as this will be shown by the force 11 miles west of Schweibus, a town

on the German side of the Our to funds after he insisted upon punish- line. Partly it will be shown by The northward spread of the

other populated places. The thrust to Jastrow represented an ad-Germany and a last-ditch fight in

vance of 12 miles in a drive which threatened to cut off the greater part of Pomerania from Germany and endangered Stettin, Berlin's port on the Baltic.

West and southwest of Katowice in Polish Silesia, the communique the Oder river 11 miles inside German Silesia and 28 miles west of Katowice fell to Konev's First Uk-

A German Transocean agency broadcast said First White Russian tanks and mobile infantry were locked in battle with German re-