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Cherry Wants Liquor Referendum, Present Tax Structure Retained

Yank Push On North Flank Gains

Nazi Counterattack Seeks To Break Soviet Ring Around Budapest



DOUGHBOY SEES PATHETIC PRICE OF WAR-An unidentified American soldier gazes solemnly at the body of a small Belgian boy killed in the city of Stavelot during the German counter-offensive in the Belgium-Luxembourg area. Other civilian dead are in the background.

LANDINGS ON MINDORO:

Jap Island Bases **Battered From Air**

Meager Details On Recent Forays Suggests Planned Cover-Up Silence

By The Associated Press
GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Jan. 4.-Coordinated air blows smashed southern Japan, the Ryukus and Formosa along a solid 2,000-mile arc down through Luzon, prized island of the Philippines, as Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today his troops have made two new landings on Mindoro, his closest approach to Manila. Hellcats, Helldivers and Aveng-

ers from aircraft carriers opened

a battering ram assault Wednes-

day (Philippines date) which fun-

nels Japanese men and planes to

(The strategic nature of

Formosa as a staging base

would require its neutraliza-

tion to cover any major Yank

into the Ryukus at a point a little

Saipan-based B-29s yet to fly to

Japan started huge fires at Nago-

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'DARING OFFENSIVES'

The same day, the biggest

ya, Nippon's airplane center

moves to its south.)

Southern Honshu.

over 300 miles from Japan.

the Philippines.

BRITISH GAIN IN NORTH BURMA

Take Positions North And East Of Kanbalu, Enemy Strongpoint

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Jan. 4. -(AP)- British 14th army troops have captured positions both north and east of Kanbalu, one of the strongest centers of Japanese resistance remaining in northern Burma, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced

Kanbalu lies in the Irrawaddy valley about 100 miles northwest of Mandalay, Enemy forces remaining Pearl Harbor communique whose southwest of Kanbalu. OPPOSITION

Enemy opposition now has stiffened at both Kabo and Ye-U, headquarters said. , British jungle troops made steady progress at Kabo, the communique reported, but Japanese operating from positions on the east bank of the Mu river apparently have checked the Allied forces for the time being at Ye-U.

Eastern air command bombers Hundreds of American carrier planes supported by China-based B-29s raided Formosa and the Okinawa Wednesday and to-day, Japanese broadcasts reported, in preparation for "a succession of daring offensives" to win "a quick decision in the Philippines."

The Japanese Domei news agency

Communications commission that tremely delicated developments."

It placed the newest convoy in the Sula sea, south of U. S. advanced bases on Mindoro, and Luzon, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's utilimate goal.

The Pacific fleet had previously announced the first raid.

SEVER SUPPLY LINE

Domei in another ECC recorded and fighters ranged widely over Burma yesterday, shooting up and bombing enemy troops, installa-tions, and communications, and heavy bombers again flew into Thailand, striking tracks, locomotives and freight cars on the Bangrok-Moulmein railway.

V-BOMB DAMAGE LONDON, Jan. 4 .- (A) -- Additional damage and casualties were inflicted on Southern England last night as the Germans continued fect new landings." their V-weapon attacks, the government announced today.

POLICY ON ALL

New Governor Outlines Ideas On Many Aspects Of Government

INAUGURATED TODAY

RALEIGH, Jan. 4.—(AP)— Governor R. Gregg Cherry told the North Carolina legislature today in his inaugural address that "the present tax structure should remain as it is," and called for a statewide referendum on the sale of liquor.

"The Iron Major" of Gastonia, who gained distinction in the first World War and came home to procircles, was the second governor of North Carolina to take the oath during wartime. The other was Zebulon B. Vance, in 1862.

Cherry, returning to the hard-hitting tactics of his speakership days in 1937, also asked the assem-

Make a study of current policies with the view of framing a declaration of North Carolina policy in respect to all federal matters, foreign and domestic

Keep appropriations in the comng biennium within the availability of estimated revenues.

Make provision for payment of the general fund indebtedness approximately \$52,000,000 out of an anticipated surplus of \$70,000,000 and place the balance in a postwar

Make provision for a consti-tutional amendment granting equal rights to women, including jury service. WAR BONUS

Continue the war bonus to sta

Pay beginning teachers with A-grade certificates at least \$125 a month, with increments for experi-

Raise the compulsory school attendance age from 14 to 16. Enact legislation particularly beneficial to war veterans.

he Philippines.

(A Japanese Imperial communiue said 500 carrier and land her.

(But the best way to adequately develop the wild life, inland game and fish preserves of North Caroque said 500 carrier and land-bas- lina.

ed planes made the raid. It claimed 17 planes were shot down and eight damaged.

(The strategic rature of the public school funds, since the recent constitutional time. amendment made no provision for comptroller.

Other carrier aircraft ranged police and public safety, the highway patrol, bureau of investigation, drivers' license bureau, safety divi-sion, fingerprint bureau of state

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German Air Force Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the Formosa attack in a Growing Stronger

Formosa And Okinawa Isles

Hit By U. S. Carrier Planes

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(A)—The German air force now is numerically in the region already have been imperilled by British troops advancing eastward across the Shwebo plain toward the Mandalay railway. The latter troops this week reached Kabo and Ye-U, 30 and 40 miles of Kapbalu.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(P)—The German in force now is numerically stronger than on D-day as the result of its policy of conservation and continued production, and shows signs of superior leadership, a senior Allied air force officer as senior Allied air force office said today.

The Japanese Domei news agency linked the "daring enemy forays" with "an enemy task force escorting a transport convoy" through Philippine waters "seemingly to effect new landings."

Imperial communiques said in broadcasts recorded by the federal is now fast becoming one of ex
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communications commission that tremely delicated developments."

500 allied planes raided Formosa It placed the newest convoy in



OH, GIVE ME A HOME - - "—Senator-elect Glen H. Taylor (left), Democrat of Idaho, sits with his family on the capitol steps in Washington just before the opening of the 79th Congress, strumming his banjo and singing, "Oh, Give me a home near the capitol dome - - - -." He is telling the world in song that he is having trouble finding living quarters in Washington. In the group are Mrs. Taylor (right), a son, Arod, 9 (top center), and another son, Paul, 2.

Nagoya Suffers Fourth **B-29 Bombing Attack**

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Bomb-cratered Nagoya, Japan's second largest city, was smoldering to by from a smashing daylight assault by mighty Superfortresses.

The Saipan-based B-29s kindled large fires and attained good re-sults, the War Department an-

One Superfortress was lost to enemy action in the target area. Create a department of state police and public safety, embracing the present department of state

The planes of the 21st bomber command bagged one enemy interceptor, probably brought down nine mand bagged one enemy interceptor, probably brought down nine more and damaged others.

A dispatch from Associated Press war correspondent Vern Haugland at Guam said the aerial task force was of sizable strength, indicating that up to

moderate. Anti-aircraft fire was ed the 13th straight daylight atdescribed as "meager and inaccur- tack on the Reich today.

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lied Planes Based In Britain, France LONDON, Jan. 4.— (AP) —German

reports of Allied bombers approaching from the south, apparently U. follow: 100 planes participated.

The War Department announcement said fighter opposition was and Liberators from Italy, herald-S. 15th Air Force Flying Fortresses

U. S. Eighth Air Force from Bri-

Snow, rain and leaden skies pre vented operations yesterday by air-craft based in France, Belgium and Holland. Bombers flying from Britain had to drop their explosives through a heavy overcast.

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club. 7:30 p.m. - C.A.P. members meet at Armory.

12:30 p.m. Rotary club meets at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p.m.—Call communics tion of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. at blue lodge room in Masonic Temple for installation of officers.

REDS FORCED TO FALL BACK

First Counterdrive Since October On Eastern

IN KOMAROM AREA

By EDDY GILMORE relief of the surrounded gar- 101st airborne division . rison in the Hungarian capi-

appeared to be getting the situa-

The German counterassault was

German - Hungarian

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FIGURES MOUNT

Losses Through Dec. 21 638,139 Outside Counteroffensive

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(R)—
Exclusive of the bitter German counteroffensive American combat casualties through Dec. 21 totaled 638,139. This was an increase of 638,139. This was an increase of 198 counter the total engagement of 198 counter the 198 counter 9,698 over the total announced last week for the period through De-

Secretary of War Stimson told a news conference, the War de-partment has not yet received an accurate statement of personnel and He added it would be some time

before a report is available.

Army casualties totaled 556,352 through December 21, an increase of 8,529, and the Navy's total was ARMY, NAVY FIGURES

The Army's figure reported today and those reported last week

Killed. 103,991 wounded, 326,127 and 319,935; missing, 66,567 and 65,762; prisoners of war, 59,667 and 9,165.

Comparable figures for the

wounded, 36,697 and 35,942; missing, 9,277 and 9,010; prisoners of war, 4, 481 and 4.84. The recrease in the prisoner of war category apparently represented shifts to other classifications.

62-35. Umstead then presented a motion that the report of the rules committee be recommitted, but the chair ruled the motion out of order since the rules then had See LEGISLATURE Page 2

SECRET WEAPONS:

BEFORE ATTACK On 6-Mile Front **Near Grandmenil**

Advances Made

PARIS, Jan. 4 .-- (AP) -- American army infantry and MOSCOW, Jan. 4.—(P)— tanks fought three miles forward in the new offensive Mobile warfare raged be- against the north flank of the Belgium bulge by 8 A. M. tween Budapest and Vienna and continued the advance today through a blinding snowtoday as a huge German tank storm, it was disclosed at supreme headquarters.

The gains were along a six mile front on both sides of the first German counterof- Grandmenil, 20 miles north of Bastogne. Three to five fensive on the eastern front miles north and northeast of that bastion town on the southsince October, sought to break ern flank of the German penetration, the U.S. Third Army through Russian lines to the was halted by violent counterattacks against the heroic

Half the gains below Grandmenil were made in the first eight hours after Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' resilient In the last two days the Rus- army went over the top. Weather worsened. Snowstorms probable that more would have to turned into blizzards. Field Marshal Von Rundstedt reacted be yielded, although the Russians swiftly with tank-supported counterattacks.

(The Germans said British tanks were participating in the new offensive and that the U.S. 9th Army had been rolled up from Aachen.)

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army advance was halted at least the Saar to the Rhine, however had temporarily by violent German forced the Americans from their counter-attack north and north-east of the Wissembourg gap and shal von Rundstedt built his south-

ern flank force to ten divisions. A dispatch from the Seventh army front in northern Lorraine said the threatening German thrust south of Bitche had been blunted and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's men were hammering steadily at flanks Persistent German attacks from

east of Bastogne against the famous from all except the Saarlautern ALLIED LIFELINE German advances of up to four

miles in Lorraine reached almost to Reipertswiller, six miles below Bitche and just 13 miles north of Saverne on the Allied lifeline to the Rhine city of Strasbourg. A small

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TWO-THIRDS RULE HOLDS:

Representatives To Stick To 1943 Rules

Passage Of Referendum Bill

RALEIGH. Jan. 4.—(AP)—A final effort by Rep. John Umstead of Orange to eliminate the two-thirds rule in the house-which some legislators say will prevent passage of materiel losses resulting from the a referendum bill at this session—failed today, and represen-Nazi drive launched December 14. tatives voted to abide by their 1943 rules.

The two-thirds rule, sometimes referred to as "the gag rule," requires a two-thirds vote of the house to adopt the minority report of a committee. Two minor amendments trans-

ferred the clerk of the institutions committee to a committee on veterans legislation. Umstead, continuing the fight

which he started at the oper/ng session yesterday, first moved that report of the rules committee report go over until tomorrow. He received no second and asked for a division, but that motion lost 31,332 and 31,182; 62-35. Umstead then presented a

Well-Informed Say Nazis Can Fight On For Months BERN, Jan. 4.—P)—Informa- half-dozen independent sources in tion from inside domany, dis- the Reich stress these factors:

counting Nazi propaganda, indi-

by taking advantage of Allied mis-takes and difficulties.

Reports dealing with the Gersecret weapons coming from a See WELL INFORMED Page 2

many, dis- the Reich stress these factors:

While a fluke might end the cates that German armies equipped with a series of new weapons must be reckoned a fighting force capable of continued effective resistance — perhaps for many for many capable of continued effective resistance — perhaps for many for many capable of continued effective resistance — perhaps for many capable of continued effective resistance — perhaps for many for many capable of continued their recently adopted tactics of trying to ambush American patrols feeling out enemy positions.

REPULSE:

In the right sector of the American capable of continued their recently adopted tactics of trying to ambush American patrols feeling out enemy positions. Moerover, the Nazis apparently ons are being turned out steadily, tillery laid down a rocket barrage believe they can still win the war and (3) Troop reinforcements are followed by a series of raids in the It is difficult to determine the Sillare ridge, but were repulsed.

degree to which these informants

Heavy Casualties Inflicted On Attacking German Forces

ROME, Jan. 4.—(P)—Canadian troops have captured the village of Conventello, two miles east of Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway after inflicting heavy casualties on picked German forces, allied headquarters announced to-

Approximately 100 prisoners were taken in the advance, a communi-

Meanwhile patrolling by both sides was intensified all the way across the front, particularly in the area of highway 65 due south of Bologna.

American artillery broke up four sharp enemy raids in the area of San Ansano, just west of highway nine, four miles below Bologna.

At the same time the Germans

battle plan; (2) New secret weap- can fifth army front, German arstill available in large quantity. vicinity of Monte Dellverro and

> One American patrol attempted See CANUCES Page 1