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North Carolina—Increasing cloud-ness, slightly warmer today, rain, warmer tonight. Sunday, rain, moderately cool in extreme west portion in afternoon.

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Second Nazi Offensive Expected

FDR Asks National Service, Universal Military Training Acts

SEES 1945 AS GREAT YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

Hopes Year Will Bring End To Reign Of Terror In Europe

NOTES DIFFERENCES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt called anew today for national service legislation during the war and universal military training afterward.

In a message to congress which bespeaks of confident hope for enduring peace, the chief executive declared that while great problems lie ahead, "this new year of 1945 can be the greatest year of achievement in human history."

Making the nearest thing to a prediction on the end of the war which he has thus far essayed, the President said this year "can see the final ending of the Nazi-Fascist reign in Europe," as well as the closing in of the forces of retribution about the center of the malignant power of imperialistic Japan.

Most important of all he added, "1945 can and must see the substantial progress toward victory. It looked toward the future, too, and rang with notes of confidence.

ON RADIO The message, which Mr. Roosevelt plans to summarize on the radio tonight for the nation and the world, was read to Congress after the counting of the electoral votes that gave him a fourth term in the White House.

"In the field of foreign policy," the chief executive told the legislators, "we propose to stand together with the United Nations not for the war alone but for the victory for which the war is fought."

"It is not only a common danger which unites us but a common hope. Our's is an association not of governments but of peoples—and the peoples' hope is peace."

He renewed a demand for "unconditional surrender" but applied it only to "the armies of our enemies."

That, he said, is the first, but only the first step toward the peace we long for.

DIFFERENCES The chief executive accorded recognition to differences which have arisen to plague the Allies, and he pleaded for understanding.

The nearer we come to vanquishing the enemies, he said, the more we inevitably become conscious of differences among the victors.

Assailing any use of power politics in the future world, Mr. Roosevelt declared that it "must not be a controlling factor in international relations."

While some crises have arisen in this country that England and Russia already are applying power politics to Europe, the president made no specific cases.

But he did appear to be answering to some extent recent British harping against American foreign policy, of an asserted lack of one.

Differences between the Allies, he said, must not be allowed to "divide us and blind us to our

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Bulletins

CHUNGKING, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Wanting, Burma road border town which the Chinese claimed to have captured Jan. 3, was "subsequently recaptured" and still is in Japanese hands, a spokesman at Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's headquarters said today.

ROME, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Canadian forces, pushing northward through Italy's eastern Po valley, have captured Sant' Albera, eight miles above Ravenna, Allied headquarters announced today.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Between 70 and 80 Superfortresses bombed the western part of Tokyo Saturday morning (Tokyo time), the Japanese radio said in a broadcast heard here today.



NOMINATED — The Right Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher (above), Lord Bishop of London, has been nominated by King George of Great Britain for the post of Archbishop of Canterbury. He would succeed the late Dr. William Temple.

KYUSHU PLANTS HIT BY B-29'S

Air Giants Fly From China Bases, Specific Targets Not Told

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—American Superforts today renewed their attempts to knock out war production centers in the Japanese homeland.

Flying from China bases, the aerial giants smashed industrial targets of the island of Kyushu, which is at the base of the Jap mainland.

The raid, sixth on the island since July, was a daylight blow by Maj. Curtis Le May's 20th bomber command.

Details regarding the striking force, specific target and damage were not announced immediately.

The five previous attacks, however, have all been directed at the huge Omura aircraft factory, and it was presumed today's smash was aimed there, too.

Gen. H. H. Arnold, who announced today's action in a communique here, said information would be released "as soon as available."

In the last raid on Kyushu, Dec. 19, the Omura plant was plastered with bombs from approximately 40 Superforts.

In other action aimed at Japanese aircraft production, the Superforts during December completely knocked out the enemy's largest twin-engine bomber factory, severely crippled a second and damaged many others, according to reports from Pacific bases.

WHAT'S DOING

SUNDAY 10:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.—U.S.O. center open to service folk visiting in the city.

MONDAY 7:00 p. m.—Chamber of Commerce directors meet at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p. m.—Board of deacons of First Baptist church meets at the church.

Tokyo Believes Yanks May Have Landed On Luzon; Convoys Sighted

The Tokyo radio said today "the Americans may have landed on Luzon."

This statement was recorded in London after Tokyo had reported a big American armada with landing craft and transports off Luzon, the main island of the Philippines.

Similar Japanese broadcasts were heard in the United States.

The Japanese Domei news agency said today that "three groups of enemy transports with carrier protection appeared in the Philippine waters Friday, apparently with the intention of attempting landings somewhere, probably at Luzon." There was no Allied confirmation.

The dispatch recorded by the Federal Communications Commission said that one convoy, comprising "about 100 landing craft escorted by a task force" penetrated waters west of Lingayen Bay, Luzon.

Another "large group of U. S. vessels," said Domei, "together with

about 10 converted aircraft carriers" was reported cruising west of Panay Island.

THIRD CONVOY The third convoy reported by Domei was "sighted speeding westward in waters south of Negros Island."

In a broadcast beamed to China, radio Tokyo said that "the battle of the Philippines will decide the outcome of the greater East Asia war." It added that "the Leyte and Mindoro campaigns are merely local operations" and the "decisive struggle" will take place on Luzon.

Luzon is the main island of the Philippines.

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Paul Webb, Pioneer Druggist Here, Dies

Prominent Shelby Business Man, Civic Leader Dies, Funeral Rites Sunday

Thomas Paul Webb, Sr., 70, lifelong resident of Shelby and one of its pioneer druggists and business men, died last night at 7 o'clock at the Shelby hospital after an illness which had lasted since Thanksgiving day. He entered the hospital for a second time again yesterday morning after having been brought home two weeks before in what was thought to be an improved condition.

Funeral rites will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist church with Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor, in charge. All drug stores in the city will close during the hour of the funeral out of respect to the memory of this pioneer Shelby druggist. Interment will be in Sunset cemetery.

Mr. Webb was a deacon in the First Baptist church and had given a life of devotion to its causes. To

REICH RAIDED DAY AND NIGHT

5,000 Tons Of Bombs Dropped On German Targets During Night

LONDON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—War-torn western Germany—battered during the night by more than 5,000 tons of British bombs—reverberated again today under a weight of explosives borne by a great fleet of U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators.

Flying with fighter escort, the U. S. bombers struck before noon. The targets were not immediately announced by U. S. Air Force headquarters which said only that "United States Eighth Air Force bombers with fighter escort are over Germany today."

British bombers made five raids during the night—two each against Berlin and Hannover and one against German troop concentrations in and around Houffalize, in the Ardennes salient 10 miles north-east of Bastogne.

The night sweeps came as a sequel to attacks on a score of road and rail junctions yesterday by more than 1,500 U. S. heavy bombers and fighters.

American planes yesterday hit virtually every major supply link in the 150-mile distribution zone supporting the German western front offensive. The fleet dropped 3,000 tons of explosives on freight yards and highway junctions from Cologne south to Karlsruhe.

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control of the Sibuyan sea and established direct contact with the southern coast of Luzon."

The landing was at Buenavista, on the southwest coast. The interior of Marinduque is virtually impassable, but a highway runs along the west coast beach shelf. The island is 20 by 25 miles in size.

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95 JAP SHIPS, 111 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

Heavy Damage Inflicted On Enemy In Formosa, Okinawa Raids

TWO-DAY ASSAULT

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Pacific fleet carrier planes destroyed 111 Japanese planes and sank or damaged 95 enemy ships in a daring, punishing two day assault on China-guarding Formosa and Okinawa, fleet Adm. C. W. Nimitz announced today.

Striking all the way across the Pacific, many planes from Vice Adm. John S. McCain's force winged down 500 miles of the China coast searching for Japanese shipping, reported Associated War Correspondent Rembert James aboard McCain's flagship.

The Formosa attacks were made Tuesday and Wednesday (U. S. time). Twenty seven ships were sunk; sixty-eight ships were damaged.

Nimitz communique did not mention the first China probing flight by Navy carrier planes, apparently because no material attack targets were sighted by pilots making their first reconnaissance of the China coast, goal of a three-year fighting advance across the Pacific.

But James significantly reported that pilots who flew over China's green mainland declared the could have flown inland to American interior air bases to refuel.

This report-discloses that American carrier planes possibly could make shuttling air raids on China mainland targets in major forces after refueling and rearming at Chinese-American land fields, they could fly back to their carriers.

OTHER ATTACKS Following closely upon Admiral McCain's air sweeps over Japan's strategically important Formosa and Okinawa air fields, another task force of Admiral Nimitz' mighty Pacific fleet shelled Japanese bases at Haha and Chichi Jima in the Bonins Friday.

In his terse report on the Formosa Okinawa strikes, Nimitz said 220 Japanese planes were damaged in sweeps over virtually all operating enemy air fields on the two island bases linking Japan with the MacArthur-threatened Philippines.

"The enemy offered ineffective air opposition," said Nimitz' commanders.

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BOLT ASKS FOR PAPER SUPPORT

January Round-Up Will Be Conducted By Jaycees Sunday

An urgent appeal to every householder to get together and make available for the war effort scrap paper which will be gathered in the January round-up by members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday was made today by Doris Bolt, president of the Jaycees.

"Paper is the number one vital needed war material and no one would deny it for successful prosecution of the war, but failure to make it available is the same as denying it," Mr. Bolt said in requesting that the bundles of paper be placed at the curbing for convenience of the men who will operate trucks in the collection starting at 1 p. m. Sunday.

Members of the Jaycees will meet at 1 p. m. at the Southern depot and go forth from there on the well organized roundup directed by President Bolt. Arrangements have been completed with Grover Hamrick, commercial waste paper collector, to bundle the collected paper and handle for shipment, the Jaycees finding that a more satisfactory arrangement than spotting a car which might not be filled and thus carry higher shipping rates by reason of the less than

Wants Nurses Drafted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt urged congress today to provide for the induction of nurses into the armed forces by amending the selective service act.

More nurses is "one of the most urgent immediate requirements," he said in his message to the state of the nation. "Since volunteering has not produced the number of nurses required, I urge that the selective service act be amended to provide for the induction of nurses."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Tank artillery and air battles virtually as fierce as any fought since Germany attacked Russia raged northwest of Budapest today as the Germans made a supreme bid to break through to their isolated garrison in the battered Hungarian capital.

The fighting has reached such a pitch that neither side has given any clear indication of how far the German penetration has gone toward the city from the Komarom area.

At last report the Russians held a zone possibly 30 miles deep, but dispatches said the whole sector

south of the Danube bend now is most fluid and places are changing hand several times daily.

A Russian communique said the Germans threw 300 tanks into the battle yesterday.

TANK BATTLE The Germans were said to have brought up numerous King Tigers from the Vienna area. These met a strong foe in the Red Army's new T-34 tanks. The Germans also poured great numbers of other mobile weapons into the area in the past two days.

Strong forces of German aircraft—in greater number than have



MR. TOMS

H. L. TOMS ON DRAFT BOARD

H. L. Toms, connected with the Ora Mills, has been named new member of the Shelby draft board succeeding Horace Kennedy, who resigned several weeks ago, it was announced this morning after Mr. Toms had attended his first meeting of the board. He lives on West Warren street.

Mr. Toms was appointed to the board upon recommendation of a committee composed of Everett A. Houser, jr., clerk of court, Horace Grigg, superintendent of schools and W. L. Angel, chairman of the board of elections.

D. E. Grigg will be new chairman of the board, succeeding Mr. Kennedy in that position. The other member is M. L. Turner.

President Has Confidence In Gen. Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told congress today that General Dwight D. Eisenhower "has my complete confidence."

In his first formal comment on the German breakthrough on the American lines in Belgium—a break which brought criticism of the Allied command both here and in Britain, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"The speed with which we recovered from this savage attack was largely possible because we have one supreme commander in complete control of all the Allied armies in France.

"General Eisenhower has faced this period of trial with admirable calm and resolution and with steadily increasing success. He has my complete confidence."

Enacted into law, under a suspension of the rules in both houses, was Gov. Cherry's recommendation to continue the war bonus to teachers and other state employees, and on the other matter the legislators cleared the way to amend the constitution so as to grant equal rights to women, including that of jury duty.

It was estimated that under the bonus measure, state employees will receive approximately \$2,496,773 in the remaining six months of the fiscal year. The old schedule expired on Jan. 1 and sponsors said

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Allied Losses Reported Lower Than Germans'

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Allied casualties have been far below those suffered by the enemy and have not been particularly high compared with the scale of action since the opening of the Von Rundstedt offensive, an appraisal at Supreme Headquarters said today.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A second German winter offensive threatened Strasbourg from three directions today as British and American troops butted against stonewall German resistance in the hard wedge driven by Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's first surprise attack across Luxembourg and into Belgium.

The second German drive had burst through U. S. Seventh Army lines for 15 miles in five days southeast of Bitche in northern Alsace.

The Americans still fought to wipe out an advance guard which had filtered into Wingen on the Moder river, 9 1-2 miles southeast of Bitche and 28 miles northwest of Strasbourg, where the Germans were within 12 miles of Saverne, the Vosges backdoor to Strasbourg.

The enemy had landed in battalion strength at least along a seven-mile stretch on the west bank of the Rhine within seven miles north of Strasbourg, and had lashed out from the northern rim of the Colmar bridgehead and driven into Neunkirch, 19 miles south of Strasbourg.

Although front line dispatches said this new offensive had been blunted, it threatened to pinch out a 30-mile deep Allied salient between the Saar and the Rhine which had been pointed into the Wissembourg gap toward the German Rhine city of Karlsruhe.

The Americans were drawing back from the Wissembourg area and Allied authorities were battling to prevent the spread of panic flight among civilians in Strasbourg and Haguenau.

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ALLIED STAFF FEARED SPLIT

This Is Assigned As Reason For Giving Montgomery New Command

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—British Field Marshal Montgomery probably was given command of all northern armies because the Allied high command, at that time, feared the Germans would slash to the channel and split the forces in western Europe.

In voicing this idea today, informed military students expressed belief that the circumstances of Montgomery's appointment suggested the regrouping of armies under the British officer is temporary. They did not, however, entirely discount the possibility that operation of the temporary setup might prove sufficiently satisfactory to be made permanent.

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