

SEES 1945 AS GREAT YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

Hopes Year Will Bring End To Reign Of Terror In Europe

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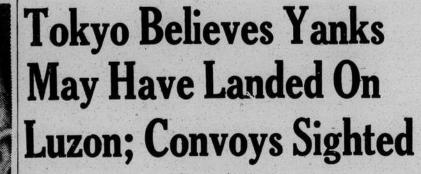
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 .-(AP)-President Roosevelt called anew today for national service legislation during the war and universal military training afterward.

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

Making the nearest thing to a prediction on the end of the war which he has thus far essayed, the Prediction to the state of the state President said this year "can see the final ending of the Nazi-Fascist rein of terror 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 sub-stantial progress toward victory. It looked toward the future, too, and rang with notes of confidence.

The message, which Mr. Roosevelt plans to summarize on the radio tonight for the nation and the world, was read to Congress after



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

about 10 converted aircraft car-Harbor, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Pacific riers" was reported cruising west fleet carrier planes destroyed heard in the United States. cy said today that "three groups of Panay Island.

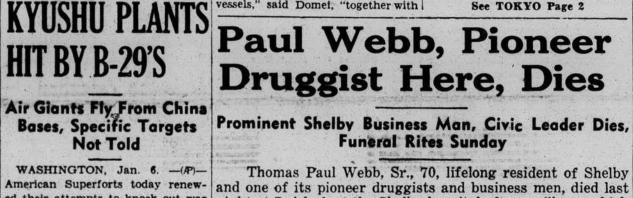
of enemy transports with carrier THIRD CONVOY

protection appeared in the Philip- The third convoy reported by a daring, punishing two day pine waters Friday, apparently with Domei was "sighted speeding westthe intention of attempting land-ings somewhere, probably at Lu-land." zon." There was no Allied confir- In a broadcast beamed to China,

radio Tokyo said that "the battle The dispatch recorded by the of the Philippines will decide the

Federal Communications Commis- outcome of the greater east Asia sion said that one convoy, com- war." It added that "the Leyte and Lord Bishop of London, has been prising "about 100 landing craft Mindoro campaigns are merely escorted by a task force" pene-trated wetters task force" penetrated waters west of Lingayen struggle" will take place on Lu-Bay, Luzon.

Luzon is the main island of the Another "large group of U. S. vessels," said Domet, "together with See TOKYO Page 2



95 JAP SHIPS, **111 AIRCRAFT** DESTROYED

Heavy Damage Inflicted On Enemy In Formosa, Okingwa Raids

TWO-DAY ASSAULT

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl 111 Japanese planes and sank or damaged 95 enemy ships in assault on China-guarding Formosa and Okinawa, fleet Adm. C. W. Nimitz announc-

ed today. Striking all the way across the П

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 probresigned several weeks ago, it was announced this morning after Mr. LEGISLATO ing flight by Navy carrier planes, apparently because no material attack targets were ing of the board. He lives on sighted by pilots making their West Warren street. first reconnaissance of the Mr. Toms was appointed to the board upon recommendation of a China coast, goal of a threeyear fighting advance across the Pacific. committee composed of Everett A. Houser, jr., clerk of court, Horace MONDA But James significantly reported

make shuttling air raids on China

FDR Asks National Service, Universal Military Training Acts **Allied Losses Reported Lower** Than Germans

> SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDI-TIONARY 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 H. L. Toms, connected with the guard which had filtered into Wingen on the Moder river, Ora Mills, has been named new 9 1-2 miles southeast of Bitche and 28 miles northwest of member of the Shelby draft board Strasbourg, where the Germans were within 12 miles of succeeding Horace Kennedy, who 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 his Colmar bridgehead and driven into Nenukirch, 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 be-

tween the Saar and the Rhine

which had been pointed into the

Wisembourg gap toward the Ger-

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

man Rhine city of Karlsruhe.

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

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 dan-ger 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

ognition to differences which have was aimed there, too. 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 cries 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 for- ports from Pacific bases. eign policy, of an asserted lack of

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' Alberto, eight miles above Ravenna, Allied headquarters announced today.

LONDON, Jan. 6- (AP) -Between 70 and 80 Superfortresses ombed 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),

nominated by King George of Great

Not Told

mation.

targets of the island of Kyushu, an improved condition. which is at the base of the Jap mainland

The raid, sixth on the island the First Baptist church with Dr. since July, was a daylight blow by Maj. Curtis Le May's 20th bomber during the hour of the funeral out

AIRCRAFT

Details regarding the striking force, specific target and damage were not announced immediately. Mr. Webb was a deacon in the

The five previous attacks, however, have all been directed at the huge Omura aircraft factory, and The chief executive accorded rec- it was presumed today's smash

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 Japan-

ese aircraft production, the Superforts during December completely knocked out the enemy's largest twin-engined bomber factory, severely crippled a second and dam-

aged many others, according to re-

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.

By The Associated Press

QUARTERS, PHILIPPINES, Jan.

of Marinduque, only 100 miles

'direct contact with the southern

With air and naval support,

the Americans seized the lit-

tle island Wednesday, the same

day American carrier planes

were pounding Formosa and

who

Luzon coast."

GEN. MacARTHUR'S HEAD-

-Unopposed American invasion

said this seventh Philippine'

the counting of the electoral votes ed their attempts to knock out war night at 7 o'clock at the Shelby hospital after an illness which green mainland declared the could and W. L. Angel, chairman of the production centers in the Japan- had lasted since Thanksgiving day. He entered the hospital have flown inland to American in-Flying from China bases, the for a second time again yesterday morning after having been terior air bases to refuel. This report discloses that Ameraerial giants smashed industrial brought home two weeks before in what was thought to be

> Funeral rites will be held Sun-day afternoon at 3 o'clock from REICH RAIDED Zeno Wall, pastor, in charge, All drug stores in the city will close of respect to the memory of this

ploneer Shelby druggist. Interment 5,000 Tons Of Bombs First Baptist church and had given **Dropped On German** a life of devotion to its causes. To **Targets During Night**

LONDON, Jan. 6, -(AP)- Wartorn 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 Liber-

ators. 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 northeast of Bastogne. RAILS, ROADS The night sweeps came as a se-

quel to attacks on a score of road and rail junctions yesterday by more than 1,500 U.S. heavy bombavailable for the war effort scrap act. paper which will be gathered in the

his church and other altruistic and ers and fighters. American planes yesterday hit virtually every major supply link He was particularly devoted to in the 150-mile distribution zone Shelby, the city of his birth, and supporting the German western

where he had spent most of his life. front offensive. The fleet dropped Serving as its mayor back during 3,000 tons of explosives on freight yards and highway junctions from Cologne south to Karlsruhe. See PAUL WEBB Page 2

size

PAUL WEB3

philanthropic causes he was loyal

General MacArthur was an-

nouncing fresh U. S. landings on Mindoro.

Marinduque is about 20 miles

"Our ground forces, supported

surprise landing and occupied

"Through seizure of this is-

by naval and air elements, made

Marinduque." General MacArthur

reported in his communique to-

land east of Mindoro we gained

and generous.

Philippine island.

from Manila, was announced to- miles south of the Tayabas Penin-

day.

island liberated puts the Yanks in DIRECT CONTACT

New Yank Invasion Unopposed

ing at 1 p.m. Sunday. control of the Sibuyan sea and es-

tablished direct contact with the Members of the Jaycees will meet outhern coast of Luzon.' at 1 p.m. at the Southern depot The landing was at Buenavista, and go forth from there on the east of Mindoro and is only 12 on the southwest coast. The inwell organized roundup directed by President Bolt. Arrangements have terior of Marinduque is virtually day by Gen. Douglas MacArthur sula on southern Luzon, principal impassable, but a highway runs been completed with Grover Ham-

along the west coast beach shelf. rick, commercial waste paper collec-The island is 20 by 25 miles in tor, to bundle the collected paper and handle for shipment, the

Jaycees finding that a more satis-On Mindoro, likewise 'invaded factory arrangement than spotting without opposition on Dec. 15, the a car which might not be filled enemy persisted in night air attacks. MacArthur said four Japa- and thus carry higher shipping rates by reason of the less than a zone possibly 30 miles deep, but

See NEW YANK Page 2 carload shipmont Grigg, superintendent of schools MOMPLEI MUG board of elections.

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Assembly, In Session Only D. E. Grigg will be new chairman of the board, succeeding Mr. Few Days, Appears To ican carrier planes possibly could Kennedy in that position. The oth-**Be Harmonious** er member is M. L. Turner.

MR. TOMS

roms on

mainland targets in major forces after refueling and rearming at **President** Has Chinese-American land fields, they could fly back to their carriers. OTHER ATTACKS Following closely upon Admiral McCain's air sweeps over Japan's **Confidence** In

strategically important Formosa and Okinawa air fields, another Gen. Eisenhower task force of Admiral Nimitz' mighty Pacific fleet shelled Japanese bases at Haha and Chichi Jima in the

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. -(AP)-Bonins Friday. President Roosevelt told congress only, were given over to the recog-In his terse report on the Formosa Okinawa strikes, Nimitz said 220 today that General Dwight D. nition of visitors in the gallaries

sweeps over virtually all operating enemy air fields on the two island the German breakthrough the erations and legislators were exbases linking Japan with the Mac-

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cees Sunday

Britain, Mr. Roosevelt said: "The speed with which we recov- HARMONY ered from this savage attack was

in France. "General Eisenhower has faced this period of trial with admirable calm and resolution and with stead-

complete confidence.' Wants Nurses Drafted WASHINGTON, Jan. 6-(AP)-

President Roosevelt urged congress today to provide for the induction An urgent appeal to every houseof nurses into the armed forces holder to get together and make by amending the selective service

More nurses is "one of the most January ruond-up by members of urgent immediate requirements," he said in his message to the Monday was made today by Doris state of the nation. "Since volunteering has not produced the number of nurses required. I urge ly needed war material and no one that the selective service act be would deny it for successful pro- amended to provide for the inducsecution of the war, but failure to tion of nurses.

how far the German penetra-

tion has gone toward the city

At last report the Russians held

from the Komarom area.

FEARED SPLIT The Monday night session will This Is Assigned As Reason For Giving Montgomery New Command WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. -(AP)-

British Field Marshal Montgomery largely possible because we have ter of days old, already has shown probably was given command of all northern armies because the Allied high command, at that time, feared the Germans would slash to the for enactment of two of the rec- channel and split the forces in

In voicing this idea today, informed military students expressed belief that the circumstances of Montgomery's apointment 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.

Whether the assignment would have been made if the high command could have been certain of containing the break-through was not clear to those who discussed

In retrospect, some Washington pired on Jan. 1 and sponsors said military men described the situa-

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Battle Rages Above Budapest

MOSCOW, Jan. 6. —(P)—Tank, south of the Danube bend now is been seen on the eastern front for artillery and air battles virtually as most fluid and places are changing months—are providing steady supfierce as any fought since Germany hand several times daily. attacked Russia raged northwest of A Russian communique said the Budapest today as the Germans Germans threw 300 tanks into the

made a supreme bid to break battle yesterda through to their isolated garrison TANK BATTLE in the battered Hungarian capital. The Germans were said to have The fighting has reached such brought up numerous King Tigers a pitch that neither side has from the Vienna area. These met a given any clear indication of

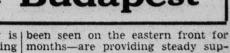
strong foe in the Red Army's new T-34 tanks. The Germans also poured great numbers of other mobile weapons into the area in the past two days. ing effect, but the Russians have

Strong forces of German aircraft

disnatches said the whole sector -in greater number than have See BATTLE Page \$

port for the enemy ground attack. Although the Russians are tight lipped about the way the fighting is going northwest of Budapest, dispatches said one thing certain-no units of the Budapest garrison have been able to break through toward

their would-be rescuers. The Germans hold several imortant heights in northwestern Budapest and are firing with tell-



The assembly, although a matplete control of all the Allied armies chief executive and yesterday moved along speedily to pave the way ommendations containe. in the western Europe. governor's inaugural address Thurs-

Governor Cherry.

RALEIGH, Jan. 6.-(AP)-With

most legislators spending what

may be their last week-end at home

for some time, the general assem-

bly met for three minutes today and adjourned until 8 p. m., Mon-

No bills or resolutions were pre-

sented in either house and the ses-

sions, scheduled to be devoted to

the consideration of local bills

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 employes, and on the other matter the legislators cleared the way to amend the constitution so hs to grant equal rights to women, includ-

ing that of jury duty. It was estimated that under the bonus measure, state employes will receive approximately \$2,496,773 in the matter here.

the remaining six months of the RETROSPECT fiscal year. The old schedule ex-

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 start-

the Junior Chamber of Commerce Bolt, president of the Jaycees. "Paper is the number one vital-

ily increasing success. He has my day. January Round-Up Will

Arthur-threatened Philippines. "The enemy offered ineffective air opposition," said Nimitz' com-

PAPER SUPPORT

Be Conducted By Jay-



Eisenhower "has my complete con- and to naming honorary pages. Japanese planes were damaged in fidence.' In his first formal comment on begin the first full week of delib-

American lines in Belgium-a break pected to clear the decks early in which brought criticism of the Al- the week to speed the enactmnt lied command both here and in of legislation recommended by

