

WEATHER

Cloudy and colder today, cold wave tonight, 5-10 degrees, light rain this afternoon, changing to snow flurries over north and west ending to night. Wednesday, fair and cold.

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Nazis Said To Be On Defensive

23 Believed Killed In Crash Of Clipper



HITLER AND GOERING MEET—WITH SMILES—Marshal Hermann Goering (left) and Adolf Hitler share a New Year's handshake and exchange smiles and greetings, according to the caption of this German photo, supplied by a Swedish agency. The caption did not disclose where the meeting took place.

126 Tons Of Bombs Rained On Luzon

Two Raids Inflicted Sunday; 26 Japanese Planes Wiped Out On Ground, 2 In Combat

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Jan. 9.—(P)—Army bombers and carrier-based aircraft swarmed over Luzon with devastating effect Sunday, the day Tokyo said American warships were giving the island's west coast a second pre-invasion shelling.

BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPY THEBES

ELAS Forces Retreating From Athens After Heavy Losses

ATHENS, Jan. 9.—(P)—British troops pursuing ELAS forces retreating from Athens have occupied Thebes, forward base of the left-wing guerrilla units about 48 road miles northwest of Athens, it was announced today.

With most of the Attica peninsula cleared of ELAS forces, the British said they expected the insurgents to make their next stand in the Parnassus-Hellicon range, south of Lamia.

It was estimated that the ELAS suffered as high as 50 per cent in casualties in the Athens fight.

The Athens Press announced that warrants had been issued for

WHAT'S DOING

- TODAY
7:00 p.m.—Directors of Rotary club meet at Hotel Charles.
7:00 p.m.—Lions club meets at Hotel Charles.
7:30 p.m.—C.A.P. members meet at army.
7:30 p.m.—Regular meeting of Shelby chapter 110 Order of the Eastern Star at the Masonic Temple.

Nimitz, MacArthur Meet Again

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 9.—(P)—A sure sign that something big is brewing in the Pacific war is the just disclosed meeting between Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

day, merely said that the conference in the Philippines the last week of December covered "various matters." Nimitz and MacArthur and their staffs held the first strategic discussion in New Guinea. Shortly thereafter army troops of the Southwest Pacific command invaded the Hollandia area of Dutch New Guinea—supported for the first time by naval units of Nimitz's command.

SEVEN OF 30 ABOARD KNOWN TO BE SAFE

Big Africa-Bound Clipper Crashed As It Came In For Landing

BROKE UP AND SANK

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 9.—(P)—Pan American Airways reported today that 23 persons apparently were killed last night in the crash at Port of Spain, Trinidad, of a huge Africa-bound clipper.

Seven of the 30 passengers and crewmen aboard the Miami-to-Leopold flying boat are known to be safe.

The 26 ton plane, known as the China Clipper during its early service on the airline's trans-Pacific routes, apparently crashed in the darkness while coming in to alight in a flaremarked area.

Early radio reports to the airline headquarters here indicated that the ship broke up and sank. Navy divers went to work long before dawn in an effort to raise the wreckage.

A full check of the dead awaited completion of the salvage. Since the clipper usually alights at some considerable distance offshore, there was little hope that any of the 15 persons listed as missing had made his way to safety.

The only known survivors were picked up by boat not long after the crash.

FAMILY WIPED OUT Among the missing were a missionary, Paul J. Whitlock, 36, of New York, his wife and their three young children.

There were two known survivors from another family of five on the big plane. Charles Donald Williams, 29, of Rio De Janeiro and his daughter, Nancy Lou, 7, were saved.

His daughters, Judith Carol, 4, and Patricia Emily, 2, were dead, and his wife, Margaret Elizabeth, 28, was missing.

The clipper carried a crew of 13 from the 7,000-mile flight to the Belgian Congo, a route which was open.

OCD On Alert For Buzz Bomb Attacks, 'Probability' Denied

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—(P)—Civilian Defense officials along the Atlantic coast were on the alert today for possible Nazi buzz bomb attacks, viewed as "probable" by Admiral Jonas H. Ingram but doubtful by the Navy.

Ingram, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, said yesterday "it is possible and probable that the Germans will attempt to launch bombs against New York or Washington within the next 30 to 60 days."

The Navy Department indicated it did not fully agree with Ingram's assertion, a spokesman saying: "There is no more reason now to believe that Germany will attack with robot bombs than there was on Nov. 7, 1944," when a joint Army-Navy statement said such attacks were "entirely possible" but "it is extremely doubtful that such attacks could entirely elude Allied sea and air patrols."

This protocol has not yet been signed but Secretary of State Stettinius says signature is expected soon and meanwhile the supplies provided for it are moving out at maximum speed. These supplies are said on the highest authority to be munitions, food and such raw materials as the Russians need for munitions.

Reds Halt Nazi Counterattack

MOSCOW, Jan. 9.—(P)—Red army troops have halted the big German counterattack northwest of Budapest and considerably slowed the attack beating in on the west of the Hungarian capital, front dispatches said today.

Within 24 hours, the Soviets may recapture the initiative against the Nazis who have struck to within 15 miles of Budapest on the northwest, reports said. Hand-to-hand fighting meanwhile was stepped up inside the capital.

Soviet forces hitting along the north bank of the Danube approached within gun range of Komaron, a springboard of the Nazi relief drive toward Budapest.

A three-mile advance north of the Danube yesterday carried Marshal Robon Y. Malinovsky's troops to a point less than seven miles from Komaron, key communications center for the region northwest of Budapest. There the Russians stood less than 50 miles east of the Austrian border and 57 southeast of Bratislava, Slovakian capital.

Dispatches said German troops last reported only 15 miles north-

west of Budapest were shifting the weight of their attack southward in an apparent effort to cut through to the Hungarian capital from due west. The Germans were said to be using "large" tank forces. A Russian communique said Red Army forces disabled or destroyed 99 German tanks in that area in one day's fighting.

There was speculation here that Malinovsky might try to cross the Danube from the north and cut into the German left flank to relieve the pressure on Budapest. He is reported to be massing heavy

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C Of C Wants New Houses, Industries

President Short Names Committees To Direct Work, Sees Challenging Opportunity

A program looking to the addition of much-needed housing as well as new industries for Shelby in 1945 was set in motion by directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association Monday night as President Clyde A. Short outlined his plans and named

RUSSIA TALKS LEND-LEASE

May Purchase Goods With Long-Range Civilian Uses From U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(P)—Russia is now considering an American proposal that Soviet acquisition of goods with long-range civilian uses as well as immediate war uses be financed through a system of lend-lease credit.

The proposition has been in Moscow for several months. It is designed to bridge the gap between shipments of strictly military goods and those which have a partial or mainly civilian use.

The amount of goods which might be financed in this way already runs into many millions of dollars although officials of the foreign economic administration say it comes to only a small percentage of the amount of munitions going to Russia under lend-lease.

Months ago the Russians put in requests for a vast quantity of supplies to be delivered in the year beginning last July 1.

American, British and Canadian officials decided the amount of materials they could furnish was smaller than what the Russians asked.

The differences between the asking and the offering were in the main resolved and a protocol was drawn up covering lend-lease to Russia for the year beginning July 1.



SAVED BY ROPE — Sgt. J. R. Krantz (above) of Route 1, Hickory Point, Tenn., a Superfortress gunner, dangled by a rope from his plane almost four miles above Japan before other crew members could pull him back. Krantz was sucked from his gun blister when it was shattered by gun fire. He had tied the rope around his leg to enable him to move about freely.

FIRST NATIONAL ADVANCES PAIR

C. S. Mull Active Vice-President, Elliott Cashier; O. M. Mull To Board

Irrespective of whether the war end in 1945, as President Roosevelt said he hopes and trusts it will be likely to prove a good year for business generally despite more complex conditions and manpower shortages, George Blanton, president, told the annual stockholders meeting of the First National bank this morning.

Pointing to the busiest year's operation in the bank's history, a year that saw deposits reach an all-time high of \$9,148,974 while war bonds to the total of \$7,560,000 were handled for the account of customers and the bank, Mr. Blanton said the year ahead promises to be even busier with still more of the bank's work in furtherance of endeavor connected with the war effort.

REPORT APPROVED The stockholders approved the annual report, re-elected directors with O. M. Mull designated to succeed to the vacancy caused by the death of Paul Webb, Sr., adopted resolutions of regret upon the passing of Mr. Webb and of C. C. Blanton, founder of the bank, an oil painting of whom was directed to be placed in the banking room.

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Nazis Make Stand Along River Reno

ROME, Jan. 9.—(P)—After withdrawing five miles from San Alberto in the past two days, German forces have made a stand along the southern bank of the river Reno east of the Valli di Comacchio Lagoon, Allied headquarters announced today.

It was the first time in four days that Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's troops had shown any inclination to fight in that sector.

Bitter winter weather and deep snowdrifts limited operations from coast to coast. In some areas below Bologna the snow fell to a depth of more than 12 inches.

White clad reconnaissance parties were active on skis and snowshoes.

Anti-Nazi Signs In Germany

BERN, Jan. 9.—(P)—New and possibly significant signs of anti-Nazi resistance appear to be springing up in Germany. Due allowance must be made for the possibility that reports on conditions inside the Reich are colored by German propaganda, but usually trustworthy private channels and German newspapers themselves give this picture: The Communists are the best organized and the most persistent element working for the overthrow of the Hitler regime. The need for food

Big Tank Battle Rages Near Samree, Yanks Seek To Cut Escape Route

PARIS, Jan. 9.—(P)—A big tank battle broke out today in a blinding blizzard three miles northeast of Laroche where the American "hell on wheels" division fought violently for Samree on the severed main road through the Belgian bulge.

Other Americans were within a mile north of Laroche. The battle was in drifts four to five feet high and in heavy new snowfalls.

All along the 30 mile northern flank of the Ardennes salient, the Germans were declared by one of Field Marshal Montgomery's staff officers to be on the defensive and fighting resolutely to bar the allies from the one remaining escape route from the bulge. This was the Houfelize-St. Vith road, and the American First Army was five miles or so from it and cratering it with artillery.

On the southern flank of the virtually winter-bound bulge, German counterattacks drove back Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army a mile on a three mile front west of Bastogne. Field Marshal von Rundstedt appeared to be trying to blast open communications on the south to compensate for the loss yesterday of the Laroche-St. Vith road.

The Germans threw half a dozen attacks against American and French troops in northeast France, including one powerful smash against the French First Army south of Strasbourg. That drive

from Colmar, where Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler still was believed providing leadership and inspiration, was halted at Rosfeld and Nertheim, 16 miles from the big Alsatian city on the Rhine.

Despite the paralyzing storm and drifts which impeded equally the attack and the German escape, the U. S. Second armored division struck heavily at Samree against mobile and dug in German tanks.

The Second is the hell on wheels division which won fame in North

New Education Bill Is Introduced Today

Would Allow Experience Increments To Pay Of Educators In Armed Services

RALEIGH, Jan. 9.—(P)—A measure to allow experience increments to the pay of teachers, principals and superintendents serving in the armed services was introduced in the assembly today by Senator Penland of Clay and referred to the committee on education.

Salary raises are granted those in public school work according to their experience, and today's measure would make the rule applicable to those who entered the armed services after September, 1940. They must reenter public school work within two years after an honorable discharge, however. In short, the bill would prevent teachers, principals and teachers from being penalized from a salary viewpoint for serving with the armed forces. The time they are in service would count as actual school experience.

Senator Carlyle of Forsyth introduced a measure to validate the creation of sanitary districts and to issue bonds for them. The state board of health already has outlined several such districts. Those and others which the board

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TOKYO HIT BY BIG BOMBERS

By VERN HAUGLAND 21ST BOMBER COMMAND HQTRS, Guam, Jan. 9.—(P)—A substantial force of B-29s bombed Tokyo's industrial area visually today in good weather.

The first bombs were away at 9:15 p.m. Marianas' time (2:15 p.m. Tokyo time). It was the second Guam-directed raid for the Saipan-based bombers, the first being the Nagoya raid, Jan. 3.

This was the first Tokyo raid since Dec. 27. It is the sixth raid on Tokyo and the 10th on Honshu by Saipan-based Superfortresses.

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FDR PRESENTS NEW BUDGET

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(P)—President Roosevelt sent to Congress today an 83-billion-dollar budget that might swing more than 10 billion dollars up or down. It all depends on the war—and the President refused to predict when the shooting will stop in Europe or anywhere else.

"My only prediction," he told Congress, "is that our enemies will be totally defeated before we lay down our arms."

At a moment when "fighting all over the globe reaches a climax of fury," Mr. Roosevelt sent up his annual budget message for the fiscal year 1946 which starts next July 1.

In it, estimated total government spending at 83 billions. That would be the lowest in three years. It's nearly 17 billion below the record spending of 100 billion in the fiscal year 1945 which is now half over.

He based the 83-billion figure on a guess that the war will require 70 billion dollars. The other 13 billion are for:

- 1. Ordinary government expenses. Those would be reduced from \$3,502,000,000 to \$3,266,000,000, which he called "rock-bottom."
- 2. Three large items which are growing fast—benefits to veterans, interest on the public debt, and refunds to taxpayers.

Mr. Roosevelt said estimates for 1946 war costs have ranged from less than 60 billions to more than 80 billions—depending on various war possibilities.

He hit upon 70 billions as a "tentative" figure. "But" the rate of actual spending must depend on developments on the battlefronts."

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