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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.—(A)—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.

# **OCCUPY THEBES**

#### ELAS Forces Retreating were shot down in combat. Three From Athens After Heavy Losses

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

The announcement said a British anese ships were fleeing westward mobile force had entered Thebes from Luzon. They drew the conagainst slight opposition after clusion the enemy clearly was breaking through a roadblock in evacuating all its sizable shipping a narrow defile on the shoulder of from the island's harbors. Both Mt. Pateras, where sharp fighting had been reported yesterday.

PENINSULA CLEARED

Manila and Subic bays were said to be practically empty of ships.

FEW JAP PLANES PENINSULA CLEARED

With most of the Attica peninsula cleared of ELAS forces, the British said they expected the insurgents to make their next stand knocked down 19 of these. Addiin 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

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### WHAT'S DOING

7:00 p.m.—Directors of Rotary club meet at Hotel Charles.

at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m. - C.A.P. members

7:30 p.m.-Regular meeting of Shelby chapter 110 Order of the Eastern Star at the Masonic

central Luzon destroyed or damaged rail and highway bridges and considerable rolling stock. Crippling of the Luzon airdrome meet at armory. would facilitate any invasion of the island. The airfields have been

drawing increasing attention from See 126 TONS Page 2

Carrier-based planes of the

U. S. third fleet hit Luzon the

same day in the second straight

day of around-the-clock opera-tions, Associated Press Corre-spondent Kembert James re-

ported in a dispatch from Vice Adm. John McCain's flagship

James said pilots reported Jap-

Japanese aircraft, too, were dif-

tionally they destroyed 74 on the

ground, probably wiped out six

more and damaged 86 for a total

of 179 put out of action, James

of Manila, three Manila air-

fields and the Batangas air-

domes to the south were the prime targets for MacArthur's heavy and medium bombers

which, flying with attack planes under a fighter cover, destroy-ed a number of buildings with

resultant fires and explosions.

Another flight concentrating or

Clark Field, 75 miles north

off the Philippines.

### **SEVEN OF 30** ABOARD KNOWN TO BE SAFE

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

#### BROKE UP AND SANK

night in the crash at Port of Africa-bound clipper.

W. C. Snyder, Airlines man- relief drive toward Budapest. ager here, said reports from the scene "indicated that 23 of the 30 persons aboard were

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

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.

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 was little hope that any of the 15 persons listed as missing had made his way to safety.

The only known survivors wer on Japanese claims that Yank in- picked up by boat not long after

vasion forces had begun landing FAMILY WIPED OUT attempts at Lingayen gulf, 110 miles north of Manila, said today his sionary, Paul J. Whitlock, 36, of bombers hit Luzon with 126 tons New York, his wife and their three young children.

There were two known survivors Twenty-six planes were wiped from another family of five on the out on the ground and two others big plane. Charles Donald Williams, big plane. Charles Donald Williams, 29, of Rio De Janeiro and his daughter, Nancy Lou, 7, were sav-American land-based aircraft were

> and Patricia Emily, 2, were dead, and his wife, Margaret Elizabeth, 28, was missing. The clipper carried a crew of 13

His daughters, Judith Carol, 4.

for the 7,000-mile flight to the Bel-gian Congo, a route which was op-See SEVEN Page 2

#### 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 doubtul 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 spokes-

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."

# Reds Halt Nazi Counterattack

MOSCOW, Jan. 9.—(A)—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 west of Budapest were shifting MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 9.—(P)— gainst the Nazis who have struck the weight of their attack south-Pan American Airways re- to within 15 miles of Budapest ward in an apparent effort to cut ported today that 23 persons Hand-to-hand fighting meanapparently were killed last while was stepped up inside the said to be using "large" tank forccapital.

Spain, Trinidad, of a huge north bank of the Danube approached within gun range of Komaron, a springboard of the Nazi

> A three-mile advance north of the Danube yesterday car-ried Marshal Robion Y. Malinovsky's troops to a point less than seven miles from Komarom, key communications cen-ter for the region northwest of Budapest. There the Rus-sians stood less than 50 miles east of the Austrian border and 57 southeast of Bratislava, Slovakian capital.

IN 1945:

Dispatches said German troops ast reported only 15 miles north-

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Sees Challenging Opportunity

out the work.

its greatest growth and develop-

tory of the city. Dr. S. S. Royster, re-elected an

honorary member of the board of directors, heads the industrial

C. Ford, Max Washburn, Jean

tising in that, connection; serving

Austell, Mason L. Carroll and R.

with Mr. Youree will be J. Hopson

Thad C. Ford, Lowery

with him

Austell,

J. Rucker.

Houses, Industries

through to the Hungarian capital from due west. The Germans were es. A Russian communique said Red Army forces disabled or des-Soviet forces hitting along the troyed 90 German tanks in that area in one day's fighting.

VISITS FRONT

(A Berlin broadcast today said SAVED BY ROPE - Sgt. J. R. Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, German Army chief of staff and Nazi ory Point, Tenn., a Superfortress commander-in-chief on the east-gunner, dangled by a rope from his ern front, had visited the fighting plane almost four miles above Japlines "at the western approaches" an before other crew members to Budapest. The FCC recorded could pull him back. Krantz was the broadcast).

There was speculation here that it was shattered by gun fire. Malinovsky might try to cross the had tied the rope around his leg Danube from the north and cut to enable him to move about freely. into the German left flank to relieve the pressure on Budapest. He is reported to be massing heavy

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# **ADVANCES PAIR**

Krantz (above) of Route 1, Hick-

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

Irrespective of whether the war President Short Names Committees To Direct Work, and he hopes and trusts it will this business generally despite more complex conditions and manpower A program looking to the addition of much-needed housshortages, George Blanton, presi- ferred to the committee on education. ing as well as new industries for Shelby in 1945 was set in dent, told the annual stockholders motion by directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Mer-meeting of the First National bank in public school work according to

chants Association Monday night as President Clyde A. Short this morning. outlined his plans and named standing committees to carry operation in the bank's history, a ure would make the rule applicable "Shelby is on the threshold of time high of \$9,148,974 while war services after September, 1940. They bonds to the total of \$7,560,000 were must reenter public school work handled for the account of cus- within two years after an honorment," President Short told the di- tomers and the bank, Mr. Blanton able discharge, however. In short, rectors, "and now is the time when said the year ahead promises to be the bill would prevent teachers, the groundwork has to be laid to even busier with still more of the make sounder through planning bank's work in furtherance of enand diversification that structure. deavor connected with the war ef-

We need a strong and active fort.

Chamber of Commerce on the job REPORT APPROVED

The stockholders approved the with O. M. Mull designated to suc-J. Dale Stentz told the directors ceed to the vacancy caused by the that individuals are ready to build death of Paul Webb, Sr., adopted as many as 200 houses if and when resolutions of regret upon the pass ings of Mr. Webb and of C. C. Blanton, founder of the bank, an oil ican proposal that Soviet acquisi- duction Board for permission to painting of whom was directed to proceed, the work to be carried, of be placed in the banking room. course, by individual operators and At the directors' meeting fol-See FIRST Page 2

#### Nazis Make Stand Along River Reno committee as chairman with Thad

ROME, Jan. 9.-(A)-After with-Schenck and Tom Moore serving drawing five miles from San Alwith him.

Robert E. Youree heads the memman forces have made a stand dollars although officials of the bership and finance committee along the southern bank of the foreign economic administration which will seek to step up the subscribing members from the present Comacchio Lagoon, Allied headcentage of the amount of muni- 180 to 225 to carry the approximate- quarters announced taday.

ly \$6,000 budget adopted at last It was the first time in four days night's meeting-that budget car- that Field Marshal Albert Kessel-Months ago the Russians put in ries an appropriation of \$1,000 for ring's troops had shown any inrequests for a vast quantity of industrial development and adver- clination 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. J. Horace Grigg heads the agri- White clad reconnaissance parties were active on skis and snow-

## 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 Houfalize-St. Vith road, and the American First Army was five miles or so from it and cratering it with artillery.

virtually winter-bound bulge, German counterattacks drove back Lt. ed providing leadership and in-Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army a mile on a three mile front and Nerbsheim, 16 miles from the west of Bastogne. Field Marshal big Alsatian city on the Rhine. von Rundstedt appeared to be try- Despite the paralyzing storm and ing to blast open communications drifts which impeded equally the on the south to compensate for the attack and the German escape, loss yesterday of the Laroche-St. the U. S. Second armored divis-Vith road.

sucked from his gun blister when en attacks against American and tanks. French troops in northeast France, including one powerful smash a- division which won fame in North gainst the French First Army south of Strasbourg. That drive

spiration, was halted at Rossfeld

ion struck heavily at Samree a-The Germans threw half a doz- gainst mobile and dug in German The Second is the hell on wheels

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 .- (A)-

President Roosevelt sent to Con-

gress today an 83-billion-dollar

budget that might swing more

than 10 billion dollars up or down.

the President refused to predict

when the shooting will stop in

told Congress, "is that our enemies will be totally defeat-

ed before we lay down our

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

In it, estimated total govern-ment 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

He based the 83-billion figure on

a guess that the war will require

70 billion dollars. The other 13

1. Ordinary government ex-

penses. Those would be pduced

from \$3,502,000,000 to \$3,266,000,000,

2. Three large items which are

growing fast-benefits to veter-

ans, interest on the public debt,

Mr. Roosevelt said estimat-

es for 1946 war costs have

which he called "rock-bottom."

and refunds to taxpayers.

"My only prediction," he

Europe or anywhere else.

arms.'

next July 1.

half over.

billion are for:

It all depends on the war-and

### **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 superinis likely to prove a good year for tendents serving in the armed services was introduced in the assembly today by Senator Penland of Clay and re-

Salary raises are granted those Pointing to the busiest year's their experience, and today's measyear that saw deposits reach an all- to those who entered the armed 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 HDQTRS, Guam, Jan. 9.—(AP)— 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-bas-This was the first Tokyo raid

ed bombers, the first being the Nagoya raid, Jan. 3. since Dec. 27. It is the sixth raid on Tokyo

and the 10th on Honshu by Saipan-based Superfortresses.

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."

DROP EXPECTED War costs in the present fiscal

No matter what happens - even round 5,000 foreign workers are if Germany fights on for another hiding in one forest district south year and a half-war spending is This is because "initial equip-

building program is nearly ended and our long supply lines are filled with moving supplies. Budget

Smith put it this way: We are shifting from a "building up" to a 'maintenance' basis.

### Nimitz, McArthur Meet Again

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD- day, merely said that the confer- fleet in the next few weeks exbig is brewing in the Pacific war matters." is the just disclosed meeting be-tween Fleet Adm. Chester W. Ni-staffs held the first strategic dis-

of the war between the two. After each previous meeting major blows were struck Japanese positions by navy-supported amphibious troops.

The announcement of the meeting, issued by Nimitz at his Paci- dent Roosevelt sitting in, was at fic fleet headquarters here yester- Honolulu in late July. The Pacific

QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 9 ence in the Philippines the last tended its carrier task force strikes tinius says signature is expected -(P)-A sure sign that something week of December covered "various to the Philippines as MacArthur soon and meanwhile the supplies

Nimitz and MacArthur and their mitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. cusion in New Guinea. Shortly
It was the third get-together thereafter army troops of the 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

The second meeting, with Presi-

Nimitz' ship and carrier planes

second battle of the Philippine Sea to be munitions, food and such raw quering the enemy on Leyte, after landing on that central Philippine

Since the belatedly announced third meeting between the two five-star commanders, fleet forces

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#### every day of the year-and that's Long-Range Civilian what we propose to do." HOUSING NEEDED Uses From U. S. By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Jan. 9— (P)— the necessary priorities are granted; he is at work with the War Pro-

tion of goods with long-range civilian as well as immediate war uses investors. He does not anticipate be financed through a system of any such number of permits, but the need for additional housing is, The proposition has been in he said, the most acute in the his-Moscow for several months.

It is designed to bridge the gap between shipments of strictly military goods and those which have 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 say it comes to only a small per-

tions going to Russia under lendsupplies 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 ask. AGRICULTURE

The differences between the ask-

ing 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. This protocol has not yet been signed but Secretary of State Stetmoved north through the Moluccas. provided for in it are moving out springing up in Germany. at maximum speed. These supplies

> munitions. In their original offer the Russians asked for a variety of capital goods. Some of these goods are considered here to come within the lend-lease definition of contributing to the war effort and therefore

### See C. OF C. Page 2 Anti-Nazi Signs In Germany

possibly significant signs of anti-Nazi resistance appear to be Due allowance must be made for Nimitz' ship and carrier planes at maximum speed. These supports the possibility that reports on conthen defeated the Japanese in the are said on the highest authority the possibility that reports on conthen defeated the Japanese in the munitions, food and such raw ditions inside the Reich are col-

BERN, Jan. 9.-(A)-New and

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 causes another large group to commit regular subversive acts against the Nazis. Fully pro-Allied organizations are almost non-existent.

The position of the industrialists who accepted and liked Hitusually trustworthy private chan- is obscure, but some sources say nels and German newspapers these businessmen now feel that main objective of these bands. Hitler and the Nazis must go in the interests of shrewd maneuvering that might bring a peace which would save German indus- 200 in Berlin. They operate in trial production.

Imported slave labor forms the

nearest thing to an underground as seen in other European coun- year are about 89 billion dollars. tries. There are rumors that aof Frankfurt Am Main, and that expected to drop in fiscal 1946. they constantly raid village stores while MacArthur's men were con- materials as the Russians need for ored by German propaganda, but ler in the beginning admittedly and rob farmers. Food rather ment" for the Army and Navy is than politics is apparently the about complete, the huge war

> The Communists, although well organized, are few in number. There are said to be not more than

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