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TELEMAT PICTURES

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Key Towns On Beachhead Seized BRITISH ADVANCE TEN MILES FROM BULGE TIP

Jap Targets On Malay Peninsula Hit From Air LAROCHE TAKEN

(A) Superfortresses thundered across the Bay of Bengal today to hammer Japanese military installations on the Malay Peninsula.

The India-nested B-29s of Major Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's 20th bomber command struck boldly by daylight Size of the attacking force and its specific targets were not announced in a terse 20th air force communique.

Singapore, wrested from the British in 1942 and reportedly converted into Japan's major naval stronghold in the Malay-Dutch East Indies area, probably was the target.

Some 60 Superfortresses lashed Singapore's dry docks and repair basins last November 5, flying what the 20th air force described as the longest daylight mission ever recorded for military planes. A Japanese ship, the largest dry dock

ON PROBATION

Thefts Get Suspend-

ed Sentences

With the trial of Ben Dover,

charged with receiving stolen tires,

ending in a mistrial when Cleveland

Superior jury failed to agree after

five hours of deliberation, the four

boys who involved Dover as their

William Franklin Shull, Ben Dix-

on, Jr., Billie Dwight Wellmon and

Charles Williams, the latter a ne-

gro boy, were each given suspend-

again at the March term of court,

Judge William H. Bobbitt, presid-

ing, continuing the case until then

with the defendant held under

Hamrick, Shull, and Wellmon

were each given 12-months road

sentences suspended upon three

years probation and upon the con-

dition that they frequent no place

where beer or wine is sold, that

they obtain gainful employment;

that they make restitution for the

tires they took and that they pay

Ben Dixon, Jr., the only one of

by his own confession in breaking

Service station on both occasions

when it was robbed, was given two

pended upon probation and upon

and who, in the opinion of the day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.- (P) -

public buildings be held to 68 de-

That was only one of the

ways he proposed to save coal, meet an impending shortage of the fuel and avoid its rationing.

years in the state penitentiary sus-

\$1.000 bond.

the court costs.

2-YEAR SENTENCE

placed upon probation.

leave the country cold.

Ben Dover's case will be tried

ed terms and put on probation.

accomplice, Louis Hamrick, Jr., company numbers to German reg-

iments.

artillery.

the defendants who was involved In Sumatra Killed

the same terms as the other de- radio reported today that a train

who stored the tires for one night persons and injured 245 Christmas

court, was less involved than any of the others, was given a four- Federal Communications Commis-

month suspended sentence, and sion, gave no details about the

Judge Bobbitt said that he was had been collected among the people to aid the injured and relatives of those killed.

Byrnes Warns Nation Must

The American people reached for dered imposition of a "brownout."

red flannels and extra blankets to- The war production board was

day after James F. Byrnes issued instructed to issue orders banning

an appeal that appeared likely to all illumniated outdoor advertising

Without exception, the war mo-bilizer requested last night that temperatures in all homes and TRANSPORTATION

Save Coal, Stockpiles Low

endants. wreck in Padangpandjang on the Charles Williams, the negro boy, west coast of Sumatra killed 224

and entering Wilson and Cabaniss 224, Injured 245

This former bulwark of British sea power on the tip of the Malay Peninsula is likewise a transit point for Nipponese reinforcements to the oil-rich Indies. Sumatra with its big, rambling refineries lies directly across the Straits of Malacca.

Now operating with clocklike precision, the B-29s possibly were gunning for Singapore-based units of the Japanese grand fleet which could be dispatched to harass Gen-eral Douglas McArthur's Luzon forces. Lt. Gen. Mashaharu Homma, former Nipponese commander in the Philippines, suggested the possibility that the Luzon invasion will force the elusive Japanese Navy to come out and fight.

Homma was quoted in a Tokyo dispatch broadcast by Ber-lin as saying "it may be taken for granted that the Japanese

Appears To Be In Final Phase

From inside the devastated cap-

ital, three-fourths of which is now

in Russian hands, the Red Star

correspondent reported Hungarian

soldiers have bolted and surren-

dered in such great numbers that

the Nazis have broken all Hungar-

ian units and attached them in

Repeated German counter-

attacks northwest of Budapest

have been smashed and Soviet

forces threatening to cut the

Nazi left flank have driven

to within a mile and one quar-

traffic out of Komarom, a com-

40 miles northwest of Budapest,

had been blocked by Red Army

The eight-day Nazi drive to

break the Soviet arc around Buda-

pest and reach the Nazis inside

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Christmas Day Wreck

By The Associated Press

wreck but reported 28,000 florins

He made compliance voluntary.

On the mandatory side, he or-

and any ornamental or display

And Byrnes told the Office of

Defense Transportation to eliminate

extra passenger schedules to re-

The Japanese controlled Malayan

munications hub on the Danube

ter of Komarom, the Soviet communique disclosed. Other frontline reports said rail

Within The City

ed what appeared to be the final stage today, with the

Germans making an all-out effort to reach the collapsing

westward Russian advance north of the Danube.

Bloody Battle For Budapest

and deal blows in this theatre of operations."

wounded Japanese warships are believed to have scurried to Singapore for refitting after the naval battles in the Philippine seas late in

FOURTH MISSION

Today's strike was the fourth major mission by the Asia-based 20th bomber command planes since January 2. Bang-kok, capital of Thailand, was pummeled January 2 followed by smashes January 6 against Omura in the Japanese homeland and January 9 against

Another Superfortress raid on Tokyo meantime was announced by the Japanse radio. The Japanese claimed without American confirmation that three B-29s from Saipan unloaded incendiaries yesterday.

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CIVIC SERVICE

community.

SHWEBO TAKEN

BY ALLIED TROOPS

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon,

Jan. 11—(P)—Shwebo, the last large Japanese bastion in upper Burma north of Mandalay, has been com-

pletely occupied by Allied troops and British 14th army units have

advanced south of the town, an allied communique announced to-

Shwebo is 46 miles north of Man-

dalay. It was entered Sunday by

captured island port of Akyab.

bo airfield was overrun.

Annual Award To Out-

standing Young Man Of

Year Will Be Made

Shelby's Young Man of the year

Western End Of German Breakthrough Salient Collapsing

BLIZZARD CONTINUES

PARIS, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Alied troops captured strategic Laroche today and British patrols in a swift ten mile advance through the collapsing western end of the Belgian bulge reached the Champlon area, a mile east of the northsouth road between Laroche and St. Hubert.

The road was cut without opposition.

The Germans quickened their skillful, orderly withdrawal in the deep snow as the American First and Third armies drove in from north and south and the British Second army pursued through pro-fuse minefields from the west.

The main British force was four

The Allies captured the strategic road center of Laroche (population 1928) on the north side of the salient at 9:05 a.m. Patrols entered the town, 14 MOSCOW, Jan. 11 .- (AP)-The battle for Hungary entermiles northwest of Bastogne, yesterday and found it lightly

Those Charged With Tire nazi garrison in Budapest before being out-flanked by the The cruelest enemy for both sides was the continuing blizzard, with temperatures nine above zero fah-

commander hoped to establish a new line 15 miles or so west of the German border between Vielsalm, already entered by the U.S. First Army, Houffalize and the Bastogne

TOWNS FALL A dozen or more towns fell. Ardennes sock with all possible speed. But there was no sign of a stampede such as that in which gram sent yesterday to all south-

the year 1944-will be acclaimed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce nounced a withdrawal from the wage differential between the agreement over terms for a cease at its annual observance of that area west of the steep banked north and south is being wiped fire order." occasion Monday night in connec- Ourthe river, which flows through out. tion with its semi-monthly dinner by-passed Laroche "in order to semeeting, President Doris Bolt stat-ed today. cure the deep flanks of the front in the Ardennes." The enemy Shem K. Blackley, president of claimed to have "liberated" several towns in Alsace-Lorraine, includclaimed to have "liberated" several the selection committee that includes J. O. Lutz, Kiwanis president, encircled troops had been annihiand R. J. Rucker, Lions president, lated south of Erstin, 10 miles bewill make the formal presentation to the winner whose identity will not be divulged until the award is made. The 1943 award went posthumously to Pfc. John D. Horner, and "German award low Strasbourg, and 300 were cap-

Gen. Eisenhower's communique said "German attacks were repulsa marine who was killed in the South Pacific.

O. M. Mull, chairman of the Strasbourg and Colmar," where reinforced enemy columns have ed in the Alsace plain between Foundation, will be principal speak-er for the occasion with a discus-Rhine city. U. S. Seventh army sion of postwar planning for the troops stormed into Oeting, only five miles southwest of Saarbruck-

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THE WAR TODAY:



U. S. PINCERS THREATEN JAPS ON LUZON-The curved arrow on this map shows where American forces under Gen. MacArthur landed on the Lingayen Gulf coast of Luzon island in the Philippines and are now advancing southeastward toward Manila. At the same time, American forces on Mindoro and Marinduque Islands (broken arrows) are threat-

To Be In Final Phase Germans Continue All-Out Efforts To Reach Garrison Within The City. In Buttapest In Butta In Textile Wages

Emil Rieve Expects Order Soon For 55 Cents An Hour Minimum Wage Scale

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(P)—Emil Rieve, president swam or drifted among American of the Cio-textile workers, said today there is every indication that a minimum wage of 55 cents an hour will be order-Signs today were that the Nazis ed for all southern cotton textile workers.

He predicted a general increase of five cents an hour. Rieve denied, however, that the GREEKS NEAR north-south wage differential was

The union, in demands on which the War Labor board is expected to approunce its decision which By latest reports, von Rundstedt to announce its decision shortly has pulled out of the toe of the has asked a minimum of 60 cents

for both south and north workers. udged to have rendered the out- 7th army was partly destroyed in Hightower of the American Cotstanding unselfish civil service in the Falaise massacre in Normandy, ton Manufacturers association to

"Neither the union nor the em posed NWLB order in the cotton side Athens, where British armortextile case will contain, but both ed columns were driving retreat-

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7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.-C. A. P. class meets at armory.

12:30 p.m.-Rotary club meets at Hotel Charles.
7:00 p.m.—Double header basketball game at Shelby high school gym between Shelby and

German Counteroffensive

May Prove A Boomerang

ATHENS, Jan. 11-(AP)-Lt. Gen. Rieve said he replied to a tele- Ronald M. Scobie's headquarters announced today that after nine that man under 35 years of age Field Marshal von Kluge's German ern members of congress by W. H. hours of discussion British authorities and leftwing ELAS leaders

> The conferences were opened ing ELAS forces deeper in to the Lingayen air field yesterday.

Four ELAS leaders are participating in the armistice conferences, which are taking place in British headquarters. GREECE "SAVED"

A delegation claiming to represent 15 Greek trades unions called upon British Ambassador Reginald yesterday and authorities for Greece from communism."

As Leeper received the delegation British headquarters disclosed that British armored forces, pursuing leftwing ELAS militia retreating from Athens, had driven northward to within 10 miles of Lamia, which is about 90 miles from the

Other British forces were ported within five miles of Cor-inth, 45 miles west of Athens. Members of the delegation said they would like to send representatives to London to talk with of-ficials of the British trade union congress-which ahs been critical of the British government's role in Greece—or have a TUC delegation visit Athens.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—(A)—Japanese broadcasts today declared American forces had attempted

of Fabian, but were beaten off. At the same time, Tokyo said. Japanese ground forces were engaging a considerable number of American tanks in violent fighting following the in-itial landing,"

Americans Drive Inland, Meeting Slight Opposition

By C. YATES McDANIEL GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 11.—(P)—Manila-bound American infantrymen stretched their beachhead over 22 miles of Lingayen gulf and drove inland from four key towns today toward impending major

Only damaging opposition came at sea where night-attacking Japanese planes and torpedo boats hit several ships in a convoy bringing up 14th corps reinforcements.

battles with Japanese reinforcements struggling north over

On land, the Yanks seized 20 towns and villages, captured Lingayen airfield and pushed their advanced spearheads to a little more than 100 miles north of Manila. Nowhere was serious resistance reported.

Thursday's communique announced the doughboys overran the towns of San Fabian, Lingayen, Mangaldan and Gagupan in the first 24 hours and pressed inland for an average advance of four miles. Patrols were well ahead of this average penetration.

A field dispatch from Fred Hampson, Associated Press war correspondent disclosed units of the 14th army corps pushing west along the coast from Lingayen, were within two miles of Port Sual. This broadened the base of the American drive to cover 22 miles of the southern Lingayen

coastline. The 7th fleet continued to pour troops, armament and supplies on-

to the beachhead while Gen. To-moyuki Yamashita pulled his scattered Japanese divisions together. A few-bomb carrying Japanese vessels under cover of darkness in futile human-torpedo attacks on the crowded ships.

Associated Press Correspondent Al Dopking reported the Japanese approached American vessels "in slow boats, or swimming with their heads hidden under boxes, and pushing before them "hand-made torpedoes, tiny bombs and even hand grenades." One hurled himself on the deck of a small craft and was blown to bits. Two others tried to blow up a destroyer by tying hand grenades to its fan-

without interruption despite these (The German communique an- the effect that the traditional have reached "a large measure of attacks, ineffective night aerial state, Governor Cherry could forsorties, and fifty-thousand tons of mulate and execute plans for the guns, tanks, munitions, engineering distribution of food, fuel clothing loaded the first day, with four health, and other resources neces-"Neither the union nor the em-ployers know just what the pro-fighting continued some miles out-be laid down by tonight. be laid down by tonight.

power Jan. 9. Correspondent Hampson reported troops from the Lingayen sector

addition to expanding their holidng on the shore. He said the 14th Corps had over-

pressed about five miles inland, in

fair ship anchorage. Hampson said reconstruction of

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Emergency Powers Granted Broughton, Reinstated For Cherry

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.- (AP) -The senate passed a bill today to reinstate the emergency powers of the governor, giving him unusual authority over "the health, welfare, safety and protection of the civilian population" during the war.

The 1943 legislature accorded the same authority to former Governor Broughton, but the measure Unloading operations went ahead expired last week.

With approval of the council of and aviation equipment was un- and other necessities of life and of the war. He could organize and American artillery-spotting planes coordinate civilian defense; order began using the 7,000 foot long and carry out blackouts, radio silences, etc.; mobilize and direct the Only the prompt withdrawal of activities of police firefighting, the Japanese garrison from Lin- health, street and highway repair. gayen Gulf saved it from early public utility, medical and welfare destruction, for in no place on the forces; control traffic; authorize the invasion sector did Yamashita have temporary transfer of personnel of sufficient power to withstand the the state for employment by the blow struck by sea, air and land armed forces; and would have wide authority over other activities. The measure was introduced by

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France To Have Army

PARIS, Jan. 11. —(AP)— France run about 20 towns and villages, will have an army 1,200,000 strong, including Lingayen, capital of equipped and well armed with the Pangasinan province. Port Sual is latest American material, by the

end of spring, War Minister Andre Diethelm declared today on his return from a tour of the Alsatian

WAR STRATEGY:

Big Three Expected To Meet Around February 1 WASHINGTON, Jan 11-(A)-A | German offensive that the Euro-

sweeping review of Allied grand pean war might be prolonged three by military and political chiefs be- to the problem. ference around February 1.

ing this review and probably dras- began charting a return to Luzon tic revisions of Allied thinking, the not long after American forces latest being the American invas- were compelled to evacuate that ion of Luzon. The problem is to bastion in early 1942. relate future operations in the Pa- MAXIMUM FORCE cific, where the war is moving at high speed, to coming operations that any major operations beyond in Europe where the developments that point would require maxiare on a badly delayed timetable.

Estimates that as a result of the

strategy is expected to be made to six months, furnish the key ginning with the big three con- Over all strategy has to be plan-

erence around February 1. ned, where possible, years in ad-A whole series of events is forc- vance. The Allied chiefs of staff

From the first it was assumed

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ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS

Ye-u, 19 miles north of Monywa, may profit his masters little but enemy resisting from Bunkers con-cealed in thick undergrowth. ealed in thick undergrowth.

The latest high-ranking exponabout him. The way things look he will continue to withdraw until in the Kaladan alley have enter- Bradley, commander of the U. S. ultimately he again reaches his special and excursion trains and ed Ponnagyun, a steamer station 12th Army group in France, who frontier defenses. Now this doesn't river 14 miles northeast of the terially affect their "ability to re-

sist." That is, their ability to pro-

Associated Press War Analyist | long the war may have been re-The battle of the Belgian bulge duced. The general warns, howcontinues to go so well for the Al- ever, that this doesn't mean we can Indian troops, and later the Shwe- lies that, without over-reaching assure the Hitlerites are on the for our conclusions, we can say verge of collapse, since there's Allied troops are investing Bu- Nazi Field Marshal von Rund- much fighting to come — a wise dalin on the branch railway to stedt's counter - offensive not only qualification.

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

the communique said, against an may prove to be a nasty boome- the western tip of that long, nar-Rundstedt is falling back from row bulge which is contracting on the west bank of the Kaladan says the Germans' drive may ma- mean he is running away. He's

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Bulletin

a new landing on Luzon yes-terday at Labon, 10 miles north