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North Carolina—Saturday, mostly cloudy and mild, becoming colder over north portion in afternoon. Light showers tonight and Saturday.

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U. S. CARRIER PLANES BELIEVED ATTACKING JAP REINFORCEMENT CONVOY; YANKS GAIN ON LUZON

Reds Open Drive In Poland

NAZIS REPORT PUSH TOWARD KRAKOW AREA

German Garrison In Budapest Squeezed Into Narrow Strip

SIEGE NEARLY ENDED

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(P)—The German radio said today that the Russians had opened an offensive on a broad front in southern Poland, striking from the Vistula bridgehead west of Baranow toward Krakow.

The Russians established the Baranow bridgehead, 125 airline miles south of ruined Warsaw, during the summer. In drives across the rolling Polish plain, they struck within 35 miles of Krakow, ancient capital of the Polish kings and a city of 254,000.

"The first attacking waves were completely wiped out by fire from our guns, mortars and infantry weapons," the Germans asserted. "Succeeding columns which reached the main battle lines were forced back in extremely violent fighting. Bitter fighting is going on for some penetration areas."

"Russian losses in the first hours of the battle were extremely heavy" When the Russian offensive ground to a stop beyond Baranow during the summer, the Russians said they were within 80 miles or so of German Elesia, second only to the Ruhr as a German arsenal.

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GREEK FACTIONS REACH TRUCE

Will Cease Hostilities For Conferences On January 15

ATHENS, Jan. 12.—(P)—A truce has been reached in this country's long and bloody civil war to enable left-wing ELAS representatives and the Greek government to discuss their fundamental differences, British headquarters announced today.

"At the request of ELAS representatives hostilities will cease at 1 a. m. on Jan. 15 (7 p. m. EWT, Jan. 14)," said an official statement.

The agreement was signed at 10:30 p. m. last night by Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, and four ELAS delegates after two days of conferences.

By terms of the truce all ELAS forces will withdraw from designated areas, the ELAS will surrender all military prisoners they hold in exchange for an equal number to be released by the British, and all British civilians now

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Two Allied Armies Driving From North And South Thought To Have Pinched Off 7-Mile Tip Of Bulge

PARIS, Jan. 12.—(P)—Americans driving up from the south and Britons closing in from the north were believed today to have pinched off at least the westernmost seven miles of the Belgian bulge.

The two forces presumably met somewhere south of Champlon, 13 miles west of the key road center of Houffalize, and may have trapped at least enough German rear-guards to raise the bag of prisoners since Field Marshal von Rundstedt struck to above 35,000.

Exclusive of today's action, the U. S. First Army had bagged 18,348 since Dec. 16; the Third, 11,360; and the American 7th in Alsace Lorraine 4,901.

Against the 7th and the French First Armies in the south, how-

ever, the German First and 19th armies were hitting with increased armor, and threatening Strasbourg from positions nine miles north and ten south.

Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo chief and German home army commander, perhaps was directing the attack on both sides of the Alsatian capital. French troops, apparently surrounded because they were supplied by air, lost Oberheim, 15 miles south of Strasbourg.

The Allies lost Herrlisheim, 12 miles northeast of the city of 193,000 on the Rhine.

A staff officer with Field Marshal Montgomery said the Germans had pulled all their forces from the shell splintered forest west of the Laroche-St. Hubert road, a difficult tract of about 120 square

miles. The Nazis, however, still had remnants of some divisions behind the Ourthe west of Houffalize.

At least 13 towns fell to Allied arms on the western front. The First and Third army prisoner total since Dec. 16 rose to 29,648.

St. Hubert (pop. 3,221), southwest anchor of the contracting Belgian bulge in the Ardennes, finally was entered. The Germans announced its evacuation two nights ago. Southeast of Bastogne, a troublesome German pocket was all but erased in a welter of enemy blood.

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The Germans, admittedly gov-

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New Speedup Is Planned For Many War Production Plants

50% Of All War Goods Output To Be Increased At "A Tremendous Rate"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(P)—Fifty percent of all war production programs will rise at "a tremendous rate" under a new speed-up which includes a three-fold increase in aircraft in six months, J. A. Krug revealed today.

AID TO RUSSIA:

Turkey Grants Allied Shipping By Dardanelles

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(P)—Authoritative British quarter said today that Turkey had granted permission to the Allies to ship supplies to Russia via the Dardanelles.

No details were given, but the informants said they were under the impression negotiations had been handled mainly through military channels.

Turkey recently broke diplomatic relations with Japan, sending the last official Axis listening post out of the country and depriving the enemy of bases for Japanese agents who might report the movement of Allied supplies through the straits between the Mediterranean and Black Sea.

The straits are the easiest and most direct route of supply between the western Allies and Russia.

Until now the chief routes have been the northern sea Arctic sea route to Murmansk, where there are difficulty handling problems in winter, and the Persian Gulf route, where a long overland truck and railway route was set up by the United States Persian Gulf command.

An announcement last Sunday said Maj. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, who set up the Persian command in 1942, was being recalled and that his chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Donald P. Booth, was taking over.

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Partly to equip new French army divisions for the fight against Germany, about \$2,500,000,000 worth of new arms output is being added to the 1945 schedule, the WPB chairman said.

The expansion brings 1945 total output to some \$64,500,000,000, slightly higher than 1944, and is "a more difficult program to meet," Krug told a news conference.

"There will be plenty of jobs for everybody in war industry and for every body who wants to get into war industry," he added.

"The feeling of the average worker last fall, when he didn't know whether or not he would be laid off, can now be dispelled."

The volume of munitions scheduled for shipment to the French army was not divulged, but other sources have given the impression that it is a substantial part of the \$2,500,000,000 increase.

The Italians have wanted arms and material for more active participation against the Nazis, Krug acknowledged; but "I don't know that we are furnishing them any."

For the increasing programs, he continued, the production rate for April, May and June must be 65 per cent above the level of the same programs in October.

Increases range from five per cent to as high as 600 or 700 per cent for some items," he added.

"Hot aircraft"—which include Superfortresses, C-54 cargo planes, jet-propelled fighters and all navy fighters—is scheduled for a rise from \$67,000,000 to \$925,000,000 monthly in six months.

A nine per cent increase in all aircraft is planned, and Willow Run

METHODISTS TO RALLY TONIGHT

Methodists from churches throughout Cleveland will gather at 7:30 p. m. at Central church here in a county-wide rally launching the Crusade for Christ which the church is conducting throughout its far-flung organization.

Dr. G. Ray Jordan, pastor of Charlotte's First Methodist church, will bring the principal message on a program arranged by Rev. Paul Hardin, pastor of the host church, to include special music and a word for the laymen from J. Horace Grigg, county chairman of the Crusade.

Several churches in the county already have undertaken successfully their fund-raising portion of the crusade which church officials emphasize is, however, not just a money-raising proposition but rather a five-point program calling for continuation of the church's campaign for a new world order, a drive for \$25,000,000 for rehabilitation and expansion evangelism, stewardship and increased attendance at church school and religious services.

U. S. Resuming Relations With Finns 'Informally'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(P)—The United States is resuming relations with Finland, on an informal basis.

The State department announced today that President Roosevelt has approved the assignment of a foreign service officer with the personal rank of Minister to Helsinki. Pending his arrival an officer has been dispatched from Stockholm, Sweden, to handle American affairs at Finnish capital.

CIVILIAN GOODS PRODUCTION IS AGAIN CUT

Results From Sharp Curtailment Of Metals Available

MILITARY NEEDS UP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(P)—The War Production Board has ordered drastic new restrictions further curtailing civilian goods production.

The additional tightening, a government source said today, will have the effect of "wiping off the books a large percentage of the consumer projects already authorized under the spot reconversion program."

This will result from a sharp cut in the allocation of metals for the program, due to greatly expanded military requirements.

Moreover, WPB field offices have been instructed to be "very careful" in their approval of new applications.

This means that the spot plan, already suspended in about 125 labor-short industrial centers, is for all practical purposes now on the shelf in all parts of the country.

Dollar volume of projects authorized through 1945 under the plan was more than \$620,000,000 as of late December.

Operation of the spot program has been limited from the start to spots where manpower, materials and facilities could be spared from the war effort. Partial suspension was ordered in December primarily because of a manpower shortage in the areas affected. However, the ruling did not cover projects already approved for those centers.

The new measure not only puts a sharp brake on authorization of new applications for other areas, but means, an official said, "that a good deal of consumer goods already ready or probably will not be made."

The new jolt results, it was stressed, not essentially from a lack of manpower, but from a serious shortage of materials.

The additional curtailment comes close on the heels of WPB's order freezing all regularly programmed civilian production at levels authorized for the last three months of 1944. The order dictated by mounting munitions requirements, was designed to keep consumer goods from rising beyond minimum essential civilian needs.

Because of the metals shortage the allocation of carbon steel for the spot program has been cut three months of this year has been cut from 250,000 tons to 150,000. The alloy steel quota has been trimmed to 10,000 tons, down from 25,000.

Copper allocations also have been cut deeply, with the quota of type down to 500,000 pounds from 1,500,000 pounds.

While actual allotments of aluminum for spot reconversion have not been trimmed as yet, mills have been ordered not to ship sheeting or the so-called "Z" or non-priority orders which most manufacturers receive under the program.

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Japs Report Attacks In Camranh Bay Area; Miles Of Luzon Roads Overrun

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon,

Jan. 12.—(P)—Rapidly advancing Sixth Army invaders at Lingayen gulf have seized more than 10 miles of the San Fabian-Manila railroad, overrun 50 miles of road networks commanding the north ends of four main highways to Manila and turned what could have been the flank of a good Japanese defense line behind the Agno river.

There are developments for the first 48 hours since Tuesday's invasion. Much more remains to be disclosed.

Today's communique, covering action up to Thursday morning, reported advances in strength during the previous 24 hours of seven to nine miles—generally in the direction of Manila a little over 100 miles south.

Those advances, which added five towns to the more than two score communities captured, were limited more by caution and supply lines than by the Japanese.

The width of the beachhead along the gulf, originally 15 miles, now is 25, with the first rear combat contact with the enemy reported on the left flank nine miles southeast of San Fabian.

From Lingayen to Manila, American planes ranged over the central Luzon plains where great tank battles soon may be fought. They cratered airfields and around Manila, blew up bridges over which enemy reinforcements are trying to move, wrecked trains and scattered columns of artillery and supply.

BOMBING American war planes hammered at Luzon targets, meeting negligible Japanese air opposition but heavy ack-ack in the vicinity of Clark Field, about 40 miles south of the beachhead and a prime objective on the road to Manila.

"The enemy still is suffering from the effects of surprise caused by our landing in this sector (Lingayen) in his rear," headquarters said today, "and as yet been unable to displace the mass of his forces forward from the south in sufficient strength to offer serious resistance."

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Tokyo Orders Nip Fleet Out Of Hiding

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—(P)—Bud Foster of the National Broadcasting Company reported from Honolulu today that Tokyo has "practically ordered" the Nipponese fleet out of hiding.

Foster said a Japanese broadcast recorded in Honolulu today ordered its fleet to end passive resistance shown American moves, and Japanese forces opposing the American invasion of Luzon in the Philippines and oppose U. S. Third Fleet units.

THE WAR TODAY: Japs Will Have To Be Beaten Militarily Before They Quit

By DeWITT MACKENZIE, AP Writer

While we made a most auspicious beginning of the Luzon invasion—and the fair fortune continues so far as appears from news dispatches which are lagging because of security censorship—we should be prepared for some of the most bitter fighting of the whole Pacific war—and that means bitter.

As Secretary of War Stimson remarks, although the landings were made with surprising ease, this is only the beginning. We shall see more of those amazing fanatical sacrifices by the Japanese soldier.

Apologies of this I was talking a couple of days ago with a British general just back from Burma, and he said that in the final great battle which

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 12.—(P)—A tremendous naval-air battle likely is raging today off French Indo-China between Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet and Japanese warships escorting reinforcements seeking to smash Gen. Douglas MacArthur's invasion army on Luzon in the Philippines.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz called in war correspondents on short notice last night and stated cryptically: "Carrier aircraft of the Pacific fleet are now attacking the enemy off the coast of French Indo-China between Saigon and Camranh Bay."

That was all he would say. The Japanese Domei news agency said today that "approximately 90" carrier-based planes raided the "Cochin - China sector centering around Saigon" for nine and a half hours today.

(The Japanese broadcast recorded by the Federal Communication Commission, claimed that Nipponese antiaircraft units shot down "at least 20 American planes" besides damaging others.)

(The Japanese Domei news agency said that "the circumstances of location and responsibility of Halsey's powerful fleet—he has been handed the job of keeping the Japanese away from MacArthur's men—suggest that

an enemy convoy, escorted by warships, was intercepted en route to Luzon, 1,000 miles from Saigon. Camranh Bay is the closest Asiatic Japanese fleet base from which the enemy could attempt reinforcement of Luzon. It has superb natural harbors and without a doubt has been developed and protected as one of Japan's key naval bases. It is 200 miles north-east of Saigon, Indo-China's chief commercial port before the war.

Pacific fleet carrier forces, engaged only a week ago in attacking Formosa and reconnoitering 500 See SEA-AIR FIGHT Page 2

Bill Would Prohibit Handling Of Wines

Measure Introduced In Legislature Today Would Affect Only Dry Counties

RALEIGH, Jan. 12.—(P)—A bill to prohibit the sale or transportation of all wine or spirituous juices in counties which have not held a referendum or have voted to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors was introduced in the legislature today by Senator Daniel of Beaufort.

The measure would affect all wines over one per cent alcoholic content, but would not prohibit the sale of beer.

Another measure, by Senator Hundley of Beaufort, would require railroad companies to guard trains standing across highways, for the protection of the public. The trains would be lighted or guard arms provided.

Senator Price of Rockingham introduced a resolution petitioning the state's congressmen to support the continuation of the tobacco control program.

Circulars signed "state employes" and asking salary increases were placed on legislators' desks before their session.

"The great state of North Carolina has grown rich out of this war," the petitions read.

"Its employes have grown steadily poorer as a result of the higher cost of living. Basic living costs have gone up more than 30 per cent since 1939. State employes have had their meager salaries supplemented by a war bonus which averages only 10 per cent or less. This means that the state's employes have taken a cut of 20 to 25 per cent in real wages while

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FIFTH ARMY PATROLS ACTIVE

Canadians Continue To Meet Desperate Nazi Resistance

ROME, Jan. 12.—(P)—American Fifth Army raiding parties stabbed deep into enemy territory today as patrol activity was stepped up with the advent of better weather along the entire Italian front.

Canadian units of the Eighth Army, facing desperately resisting Nazi units along the Reno river, increased the tempo of battle in that sector at the southern end of the narrow spit of land separating the Comacchio lagoon from the Adriatic sea.

Allied headquarters said "very strong" forces of fighters and fighterbombers ranged over northern Italy, continuing their assault on enemy communications and stores, as well as frontline installations.

Despite bad weather yesterday, headquarters said a force of British and American light naval craft engaged an enemy convoy south-east of Genoa, scoring torpedo hits on two lighters and probable hits on a third.

Cherrys Moving In

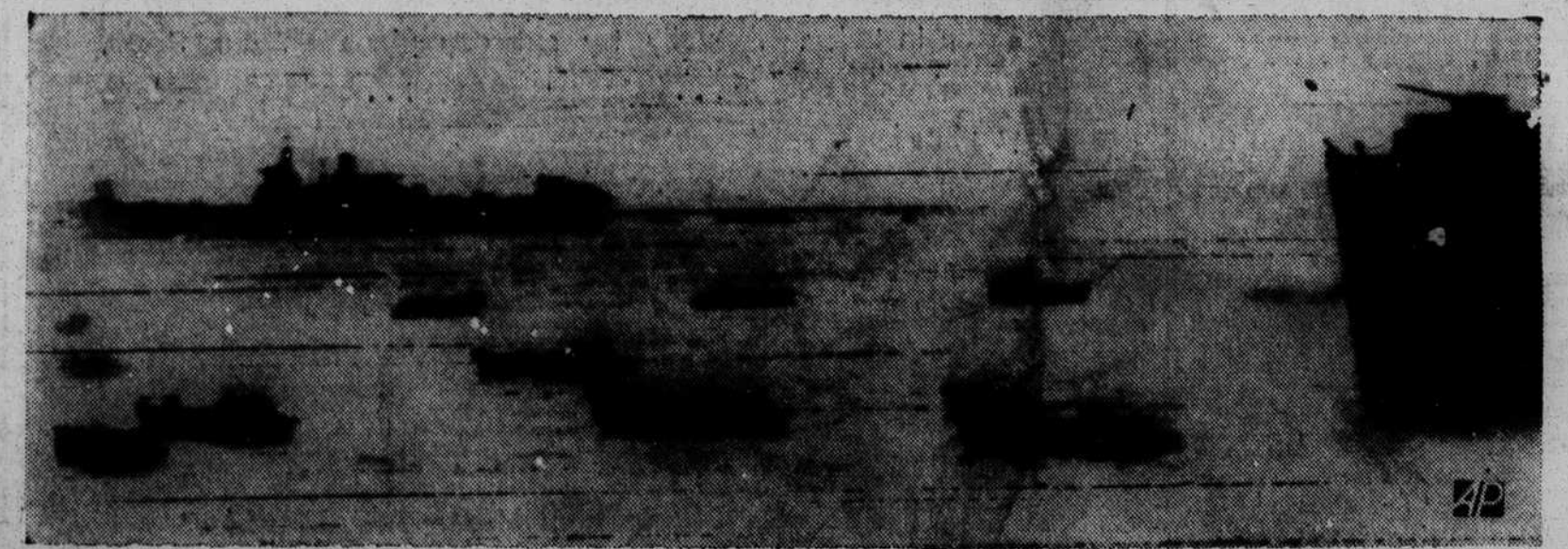
RALEIGH, Jan. 12.—(P)—The Cherrys are moving to Raleigh, lock, stock and barrel. The governor and his wife plan to leave late today for Gastonia, where they will oversee the packing of their belongings for transfer to the executive mansion.

They recently sold their Gastonia home.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p. m.—Double header basketball game at high school gym between Shelby and Lincolnton. 7:30 p. m.—Crusade for Christ meeting at Central Methodist church.

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LANDING CRAFT OFF LUZON AWAITING INVASION—Landing craft and troop transports are shown in Lingayen Gulf off the coast of Luzon island, the Philippines, at dawn Jan. 9, awaiting the hour for the Luzon invasion to begin. This picture, by Associated Press Photographer Frank Pilon for the war picture pool, is the first received showing the Luzon operations.