

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and cool with showers today followed by cloudy and colder weather tonight and Tuesday with snow flurries in mountains tonight.

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Russians Surge Through Southern Poland, 64 Miles From Silesia

YANKS HAMMER AT OUTSKIRTS OF HOUFFALIZE

More Than 1,300 U. S. Planes Raid Rail Centers In Southern Reich

NEW WINTER OFFENSIVE IS SPREADING

Soviets Seek To Clear Poland, Liberate Warsaw, Enter Reich

WEST OF VISTULA

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Russian armored forces surged through southern Poland today to within 64 miles of the heavily fortified German Silesian frontier amid mounting indications that the new Soviet winter offensive may soon spread over the entire eastern front from the Baltic to Yugoslavia.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's new thrust, which in three days has carried across the Nida river on a 37-mile front and drove a deep wedge into the Warsaw - Krakow defense line, appears to be part of a great Red army general offensive to clear Poland, liberate Warsaw and carry the battle to the industrial areas of southeastern Germany.

Berlin reported late last night that other powerful Soviet forces had begun attacks west of the Vistula at Magnuszew and Pulawy, 33 and 65 miles southeast of Warsaw and along the Narew river north of the Polish capital. Earlier German broadcasts told of new Russian attacks in East Prussia.

Fighting in sub-zero temperatures Konev's troops made gains yesterday up to 15 miles and captured 200 more localities for a three day total of 555.

In the northern sector of his salient across the Vistula, however, his troops met sharply stiffening Nazi resistance just south of Kielce. Other Red army elements seeking to push their way up the Vistula toward Warsaw ran into the same hard defensive fighting.

The large number of reserves which the Nazi high command has

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TAX COLLECTOR IS HERE TODAY
O. H. Stacey Will Aid In Preparing Income Tax Estimates

O. H. Stacey, deputy collector of internal revenue with offices in Shelby, said today that his office will be open until 10 p.m. tonight to assist in preparing tax returns on the two classes or groups who are required to file income tax returns on or before January 15.

The first group is composed of farmers who derive as much as 66 2-3 per cent of their income from farming operations. This type of taxpayer will have to file, on or before January 15, his completed 1944 income tax return, or his declaration of estimated income for 1944. In either event, the amount due must be paid when the return is filed.



AMERICAN INVASION FORCE IN LINGAYEN GULF OFF LUZON—An LST (left), loaded with troops and supplies, heads for the beach about the time the first waves of assault troops were landing on the shores of Luzon in the Philippine invasions. Floats, for portable boats, can be seen on the side of landing ship.

FIGHT IN ITALY NIP AND TUCK

Nazi Efforts To Cross Reno And Senio Rivers Repulsed

ROME, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Repeated Nazi effort to set up outposts south of the Reno river and east of the Senio along the Adriatic battle line have been frustrated with heavy losses to the enemy, allied headquarters announced today.

Strongly reinforced German forces have dug in along the farther banks of these rivers from the Adriatic to the Apennines and it is apparent that Field Marshal Kesselring intends to hold that line at all costs.

In the western coastal regions of the fifth army front German patrols stepped up activity, particularly in the Serchio valley, where a recent German counteroffensive was beaten back. On the rest of the fifth army front allied patrols probed enemy defenses in the face of withering artillery fire. A Polish patrol, however, crossed the Senio south of the Bologna-Rimini highway and penetrated to within five miles of Imola before encountering any German troops. The patrol returned allied line without casualty.

Bitter winter weather continued to restrict activity. Flying Havocs blasted at enemy communications in northern Italy last night, blocking the Brenner pass highway with hits between Verona and Rovereto. The Germans for the first time used anti-aircraft rockets in northern Italy.

Tokyo Warns Attack Brewing On Luzon

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A Japanese radio broadcast picked up today by NBC said a full-scale Nippon attack is expected to develop at any moment on Luzon island in the Philippines.

The enemy radio said fierce fighting has developed on the western wing of the Lingayen gulf front and that the battling along the gulf grows more intense. It added that Japanese airmen are continuously attacking American convoy ships in the gulf and other waters.

Doughboys On Luzon Expand Beachhead

Formidable Agno River Crossed With Little Opposition, Move South Rapidly

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—U. S. Sixth Army troops crossed the formidable but virtually undefended Agno river 88 miles from Manila and overran scattered Japanese to expand their Lingayen gulf beachhead 30 miles to a total of 45, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The infantrymen in their fifth day of the invasion hurled the Agno where the enemy had been expected to make a stand, at Bayambang, 22 miles from the gulf. They continued south at a pace limited only by the ability of supply columns to keep up.

Mangatarem was captured by the westernmost spearhead in an eight-mile advance brushing through two enemy skirmishing parties of 150 men each. The eastern flank had more difficult going but approached Catabian, 20 miles inland, in a five-mile gain.

On this front the yanks ran into small arms and artillery fire from an enemy position of foxholes and dugouts.

Extension of the beachhead took in the important rail and highway junction of Damortis on the north and approaching Alaminos on the southern side of the crescent-shaped arc, representing gains of 10 and 20 miles, respectively from the original beachhead measuring 15 miles.

SEALED OFF
Capture of Damortis, where the Americans found little more than sniper fire, seals off Japanese troops on the northwest coast from the only highway leading into the Benguet mountains.

The sweep westward to Alaminos included seizure of Port Sual after a short, sharp fight. Associated Press war correspondent Fred Hampson reported the Yanks captured a quantity of equipment there—the first instance of material abandoned by the Luzon Japanese.

MacArthur's communique covering operations Saturday said the enemy "has as yet been unable to concentrate forces in resistance." A spokesman reported the only stiff opposition was still in the hilly section in the northeast part of the battlefield, near Pozorubio.

WHAT'S DOING
TODAY
7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Junior Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p.m.—City council meets in council chamber at city hall.

TUESDAY
7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

7:30 p.m.—Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. meets for plans.



DR. WALL

DR. WALL'S NEW BOOK RECEIVED

"Heartening Messages" Is Collection Of Outstanding Sermons

"Heartening Messages," a collection of outstanding sermons by Dr. Zeno Wall, for 20 years pastor of Shelby's First Baptist church, came from the presses today in an attractively presented volume published by the Broadman Press of Nashville, Tennessee.

The book has been exceedingly well received by ministers and all who have seen it, eliciting highest praise from Dr. John L. Hill in the December number of "Book Talk" in which he said: "These are messages from a big-bodied, big-minded, big-hearted, big servant of Jesus and friend of man; thirteen of them are definitely heartening while the fourteenth on Christian education is disturbingly challenging. In this particular sermon Dr. Wall gives a very interesting appraisal of missionary Baptists: they are not isolationists, but illustrators; they are not pacifists, but loyalists; not destructionists, but constructionists. These are Biblical sermons. The preacher takes

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Continuous V-Bomb Attacks On London

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The German radio asserted today that V-bomb attacks have been directed against London "almost uninterruptedly for the past 48 hours."

SATURDAY SEES OPENING OF NEW AIR OFFENSIVE

Eight German Oil Centers Battered In Week End Attacks

243 PLANES BAGGED

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Almost 1,300 American bombers and fighters from Britain pounded four railroad yards in southern Germany without interference from German fighters today, following yesterday's large-scale battles in which 243 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

The daylight blow by 600 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 675 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, was aimed at Freiburg, Augsburg, Ingolstadt and Reutlingen, all important links on the rail routes which the Germans use to shift troops.

The operation was regarded as an emergency shift from the suddenly renewed offensive on German oil centers, eight of which were battered over the weekend by approximately 2,500 bombers.

More than 6,000 planes, including tactical units based on the continent, unleashed a mighty coordinated attack beginning Saturday night. Eighth air force Mustangs and Thunderbolts fought a record battle Sunday against the German air forces—up in force for the first time since New Year's day.

An official announcement said American long range bombers were over Germany again at noon today, after RAF heavies "in very great strength" heaped tons of explosives on the Leuna synthetic oil plant at Messeberg and on a depot at Dulmen last night.

Use of the quoted phrase in air ministry communiques generally indicates that a force of more than 1,000 bombers participated. A smaller force of raiders struck a secondary blow at the German

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MIDWEST GETS SNOW BLANKET

By The Associated Press
A new light snow blanket freshened the middle west's soggy blanket while most of the nation enjoyed mild temperatures.

Pluffy flakes fell over Iowa, northern Missouri, southern Wisconsin, southern Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. It was raining in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Additional snowfall was forecast for New England, where the precipitation in the last 24 hours ranged from two inches in Boston to an unofficial 14 inches in Bear Mountain, N. Y.

Temperatures were well above normal in the plains states, with minimums averaging about 20 in the Dakota, approximately 10 degrees above the seasonal normal. Morning readings in the Ohio valley were in the middle 30's, a little above normal.

Yuma, Ariz., claimed the high reading for the last 24 hours with a balmy 83, while Land O' Lakes, Wis., had an isolated low of 10 below zero.

Japanese Political Crisis Brews; Koiso May Be Ousted

By The Associated Press
The Japanese Domei news agency hinted today at the possible ousting of Premier Kuniaki Koiso because of military reversals suffered by Japan.

Allied Ground And Air Forces Slowed Down By Fog, Blinding Snowstorm

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The American First Army drove within a mile and a half today of the communications center of Houffalize in the new improvised German defense line in the flattening Belgian bulge.

Heavy fog, a blinding snowstorm and a sharp drop in the freezing temperatures slowed the pace of three solidly linked Allied armies elsewhere, and again grounded tactical air forces late in the day. Clear weather during the morning had permitted some planes to attack the Germans on the southern part of the salient.

The famous hell on wheels Second armed division drove closest to Houffalize, striking from the north. Third army troops were a bare three miles south of the town, and British and Americans were last reported a little more than three miles away from the west.

Other First army troops moved within six and a half miles of St. Vith, northern anchor of the new German arc line spread from Wiltz northwest to Houffalize and thence northeast to St. Vith.

The First and Third armies established contact southeast of Laroche, looping off another segment of the virtually emptied western end of the salient.

Strong German forces including many rescued tanks were spotted behind the new line. It was not apparent whether Field Marshal von Rundstedt would try for a stand or use the forces to shield a continued retreat into the shelter of the Siegfried line.

Since the Nazi marshal struck a month ago tomorrow, he has lost at least 37,894 prisoners, alone. Gen. Eisenhower's army has taken 844,891 prisoners since invading Normandy last June 6.

At supreme headquarters, it was said that the Ourthe river line which the Germans had hoped to hold had been smashed to smithereens and the Houffalize was in an Allied nutcracker.

CRACKING
Beyond the Ourthe, the Salm river line before St. Vith and the German frontier itself was cracking. In the Karlsruhe corner of France, the steadily reinforced Germans twice assaulted the American 7th army at Hatten, ten miles northeast of Haguenau. The first attack was held back; fighting continued in the second with the Americans holding doggedly to the

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GREEK TRUCE BEGINS TODAY

Scobie Promises Greeks His Forces Will Protect Them

ATHENS, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A truce ending hostilities between the left-wing ELAS militia and British troops went into effect today.

The peace with EAM leaders was negotiated by Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander, who yesterday told cheering demonstrators that his forces would protect the Greek people and their liberties against revolution from any quarter.

Moderates who were former members of the EAM, political organization of the ELAS, said at a press conference today they had completely dissociated themselves from that movement. The moderates were formerly Socialist delegates to the EAM from Salonika.

The moderates said significantly that they favored inclusion of Communist delegates in an all-party cabinet provided the Communists maintained no private armies.

Scobie's speech, made from a balcony at British headquarters, was wildly cheered by the demonstrators, who surged through the streets of Athens waving British, American and Greek flags.

Nazi Aircraft Production High
LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A Dutch medical student only recently arrived here from occupied Holland estimated today that the Germans are producing 1,800 aircraft a month in great underground factories.