

**WEATHER**

North Carolina — Increasing cloudiness and continued moderately cold today, tonight and Thursday.

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— State Theatre Today —  
**"MINISTRY OF FEAR"**  
 Starring RAY MILLAND  
 Also SPORT — CARTOON

**Warsaw Captured By Red Armies**  
**EISENHOWER'S WINTER OFFENSIVE IS RESUMED**

**Second Army Gains 1,000 Yards In North; First Nears St. Vith**

**By JAMES M. LONG**  
 PARIS, Jan. 17.—(P)—Bayonet-wielding Britons of the Second Army drove today into the Dutch village of Dieteren, between the Maas (Meuse) and Roer rivers 23 miles above Aachen, in advances up to 1,000 yards in a resumption of Gen. Eisenhower's winter offensive.  
 The rested troops crossed the little Roode river at two places.

The attack was aimed at straightening out the Allied line to the upper Roer, whose west bank is held by the U. S. Ninth Army from Linnich to Schmidt.  
 The U. S. First Army, further reducing the Belgian bulge, drove to within five miles of St. Vith, last major road center which the Germans held in the salient.

Inside Germany to the south, an undisclosed number of enemy troops were trapped near captured Butzard by Third Army tanks. The British forces progressed in an icy ground haze.  
 Their attack started with a massive artillery barrage—Field Marshal Montgomery's military trademark—apparently caught the Germans napping.

The Tommies captured at least one bridge over the Roode intact as they advanced, ghostly in white capes, through a relatively soft spot in German defenses. British divisions in the attack had not been engaged in

**Havoc Spread Along South China Coast**

**Third Fleet Carrier Planes Roamed At Will Over Jap Objectives Along Southern China Coast**  
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 17.—(P)—Third fleet planes brushed aside weak Japanese air cover along 350 miles of the South China coast, sank or damaged at least 30 enemy ships and spread bomb destruction through the big Takao naval base on Formosa, spacious docks at Hongkong and the harbor at Canton Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Not a Japanese plane appeared over Hongkong, a city of more than 1,000,000 people, as Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers tore into the Royal Navy and Tikoo docks Monday.  
 Not a Japanese plane defied Canton.  
 At least 104,000 tons of enemy shipping was sunk or damaged. Among these, a destroyer and destroyer-escort were sunk and a 17,000-ton tanker left listing. That only begins to tell the story.

The Navy was yet to report any of the results for Saturday when the arm of Adm. William F. Halsey's Third fleet struck Formosa and the South China coast, including Canton, Swatow and Hongkong. Then he issued "preliminary incomplete reports." These

**YANK PATROLS TURNED BACK**  
 ROME, Jan. 17.—(P)—American patrols attempting to reach San Ansona just west of the Florence-Bologna highway were turned back yesterday by bitter enemy small arms fire, Allied headquarters announced today.  
 Sharp skirmishes occurred at several other sectors of the Italian front as patrols probed enemy positions in poor visibility caused by snow and rain, but there were no changes in any Fifth or Eighth army forward positions.  
 On the Fifth army's right flank long range machinegun fire raked Allied positions in the area of Monte Battaglia.  
 South of Fenza an Indian patrol fought its way through an ambush and liquidated an enemy outpost, killing 10 Germans and capturing an equal number.



**YOUNG MAN OF THE YEAR—**Capt. John Z. McBrayer, left, is congratulated by Doris Bolt, right, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, on winning the group's Distinguished Service award for the outstanding service to the community by a man under 35 years of age. Shm Blackley, center, chairman of the awards committee, and who made the presentation, looks on. Capt. McBrayer, veteran of 68 combat missions in China, lost his left leg when one of the propellers of his B-24 Liberator came off and crashed through his cabin last April. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.—(Willis Photo)

**Light Counterattack Slows Luzon Drive**

**Advance Units On Central Highway One-Third Of Way To Manila, Virtually Unopposed**  
**By C. YATES McDANIEL**  
 GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 17.—(P)—A small-scale Japanese counterattack slowed the left flank of the broad Sixth Army sweep down the central Luzon valley but advance units rolling along a central highway already are one-third of the way to Manila, still finding only token resistance.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today the Yanks had reached Moncada, 32 road miles from Lingayen gulf, Monday, but a headquarters spokesman conservatively placed the deepest point of penetration along the main north-south highway as 45 highway miles from the gulf and 83 from Manila.  
 (These mileage figures might put advance units well beyond Moncada, perhaps on the approaches to the important city of Talaroc).

Another tank-led spearhead on the west side of the plain was past captured Camiling, moving south and east. The southern arm of this group was traversing a mountain road which joins the main highway at Talaroc, about 70 miles from Manila.  
 Field reports said both columns were finding nothing stronger than an occasional enemy patrol, which was quickly dispersed.

On MacArthur's left flank, however, American artillery pounded Japanese stubbornly holding ridges commanding the only north-south road in the Luzon plain still remaining to the enemy.  
**COUNTERATTACK**  
 In this sector, south and southwest of Rosario, American progress toward Pozorrubio was slowed Sunday night by a Japanese counterattack in which small tanks were used by the enemy. U. S. artillery broke up this counter-blow, the first of the week-old invasion. They knocked out one "tankette," and the others withdrew.  
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**COAL SHORTAGE FACING N. C.**  
 RALEIGH, Jan. 17.—(P)—A coal shortage is threatening to cause shutdowns of schools in many North Carolina localities and fuel consumption must be curtailed throughout the state if they are to remain open, Governor Cherry declared yesterday.  
 The Governor issued a general warning to residents of the state urging that the temperature of homes, places of business and schools be maintained at 68 degrees and that every economy be affected. Gov. Cherry suggested that public schools limit all activities such as basketball games, plays, and after school meetings until the fuel situation improves.  
 "I had no idea that the situation was as serious as it is until I conferred with representatives of the State Department of Education and the State Division of Purchase and Contract," the Governor said.

**New Ledo Road Holds Hope Of More Supplies To China**  
**By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER**  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(P)—Allied officials are shooting for a triple increase in the tonnage of supplies moving to China after the new Ledo road is opened in the next two or three weeks.  
 The hope is to put approximately 100,000 tons of munitions a month into China as soon as the road is in efficient operation. Tremendous efforts to step up air deliveries "over the hump" from India have hit an all-time high of something over 30,000 tons a month.  
 If all goes well on delivery

**SUPERFORTS IN THIRD ATTACK ON FORMOSA**

**Enemy Military Installations On Island Bombed In Daylight**  
**NIP SUPPLY CENTER**  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(P)—Giant Superfortresses raided Formosa today in their third strike against this mighty Japanese island bastion since January 9.  
 The B-29s of Major General Curtis E. Lemay's 20th bomber command audaciously swooped over their target by daylight. A brief 20th air force war bulletin said their objective was military installations and did not provide additional details.  
 Results of the mission will be announced when operational reports are received by the War Department.

Only Sunday some 100 of the mighty aerial battleships zoomed from their China bases to pound Formosa, Nippon's main island stronghold south of the homeland. Next a single Japanese interceptor arose to challenge the B-29s. And up to 40 Superfortes had attacked the island January 9.

Before today's B-29 attack Formosa already had been viciously lashed by Admiral William F. Halsey's carrier planes. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced at Pacific headquarters that Halsey's hold air raiders smashed the big Takao naval base on Formosa in sweeps along the China coast Jan. 13, 14 and 15. Seven locomotives and warehouses and docks were destroyed.  
**SUPPLY CENTER**  
 Formosa was but one point pounded in Halsey's foray which slashed across Nippon's sea lifeline to the oil and rubber-lush Indies. Carrier planes hit targets on an arc extending from Formosa to Hongkong and Canton, South China's largest cities and major Japanese supply centers for South China operations.  
 Some 90 miles from the China coast and 225 miles north of Luzon, Formosa is a Nipponese supply center and the main staging base for troops, planes and supplies moving from the home islands to the menaced Philippines. Fighter planes are shuttled from Honshu's mammoth plane factories via the Ryukyu island through Formosa to the Philippines and likewise to South China.

Today's raid was the eighth directed against military installations and industrial keystones of Japan's shrinking Asiatic-Pacific empire since January 1. In these strikes Bangkok, Thailand's capital; Nogaaya, Omura, and Tokyo

**SPARTANBURG HAS FIRE IN BUSINESS AREA**  
 SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 17.—(P)—A stubborn fire, which gutted the large Silvers Five and Ten Cent Store and spread to Efford's Department store was still burning at noon today. The blaze was discovered at dawn, but firemen from Spartanburg, Greenville, and near-by Camp Croft said it had destroyed part of the Silvers store before they were called.  
 The damage to the five and ten cent store was estimated by its manager Richard Laroche to be between \$50,000 and \$75,000. An estimate of the damage to Efford's was not available immediately but it appeared that much of the stock was damaged from water and smoke.  
 Considerable water and smoke damage also was done to Croft's Jewelry store, Worthmore's Men's Clothing Store, and Mangel's Women's Ready to Wear Store.  
 One fireman, J. E. Caldwell, was overcome by smoke while fighting the flames. His condition was reported as satisfactory at a local hospital.  
 The cause of the fire was not determined. Firemen expressed the opinion that it was caused by a short circuit in the electrical wiring.



**MISSING—**Pvt. James M. Heafner, son of Mrs. Daisy Heafner of route 3, Shelby, has been reported missing in action since December 25, in Belgium, according to word received from the War department today by his mother.

**MISS MAUNEY WRECK VICTIM**

**Miss Kathleen Mauney Died Early Today; Injured Last Night**  
 Miss Kathleen Mauney, 28, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mauney, 911 Logan street, died this morning at 5:30 o'clock at the Shelby hospital from injuries she sustained last night about 11:30 o'clock when the automobile in which she was riding, driven by Horace Addington, collided head-on with a car driven by Miss Sarah Wilson, on a curve just north of Patterson Springs. Miss Mauney died without regaining consciousness.  
 There were three others besides the driver, C. M. Addington, B. F. Adams and an Addington boy who were riding in the same car with Miss Mauney. They were not seriously injured but sustained cuts and bruises. Riding in the car driven by Miss Wilson was A. G. Burroughs, of Gastonia, both of whom sustained slight injuries only. They were all treated and dismissed at the Shelby hospital with the exception of Horace Addington, who is still a patient, suffering with an injured head and back. His condition is not believed to be serious.  
 The car in which Miss Mauney was riding after it had collided with the other auto turned over pinning Miss Mauney underneath. The Addingtons, B. F. Adams and Miss Mauney had been to Gaffney, S. C. to visit Horace Addington's sister, a patient in a hospital.  
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**WHAT'S DOING**  
**TODAY**  
 7:00 p.m.—Officers and teachers of First Baptist Sunday School meet at church.  
 7:30 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church.  
 7:45 p.m.—Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.  
 7:30 p.m.—Prayer service at Presbyterian church.  
**THURSDAY**  
 7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club.  
 7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

**BY APRIL 1:**  
**U. S., Britain Will Allocate Ships To French Government**  
 LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—The United States and Britain have agreed to allocate a number of ships to the French government between now and April 1 to help meet France's import requirements, the British foreign office announced today.  
 Under present arrangements, the French will have use of the allotted ships only until April 1, the announcement said, adding that "it is hoped that it will prove possible to make ships available for subsequent months."  
 "It is expected that it will be

**First European Capital To Fall, 16th Liberated**

**By The Associated Press**  
 LONDON, Jan. 17.—(P)—The battered Polish capital of Warsaw was captured today by Russian armies of Field Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov storming up into the ravaged city from two bridgeheads over the Vistula river from the south.  
 The city of 1,300,000 was the first European capital to fall to the Germans in this war. It was the 16th to be liberated.  
 Marshal Stalin announced the momentous victory in a ringing order of the day.  
 While Warsaw was freed from the Germans for the first time in more than five years, other Russian armies were driving on other sections of the 600-mile battlefield from the Baltic to the Balkans.  
 Troops stormed into the defense works of Krakow, ancient capital of the Polish kings. Nearest Russian vanguards were 10 miles to the north.

Stalin's order disclosed. A few hours before Stalin's announcement, the provisional government of Poland at Lublin had announced the capture of the city. The victory decisively smashed the German front in Poland. For months, the Russians had been in Praga, eastern suburbs of the capital, across the Vistula, and the Germans yielded the capital only after it was dangerously outflanked on the north and south. The enemy said Red columns had knifed to positions 17 and 23 miles  
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**Special Commission To Probe Board Plan**

**Joint Resolution Passed To Investigate Plan For Splitting Conservation Board**  
 RALEIGH, Jan. 17.—(P)—The legislature carried out another of Governor Cherry's inaugural recommendations today and passed under suspension of rules a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a special commission to investigate the feasibility of divorcing the division of game and inland fisheries from the department of conservation and development.  
 The measure, by Rep. Stone of Rockingham, passed both the house and senate without debate.  
 Speaker Oscar Richardson and President Ballentine indicated the commission would be appointed too, perhaps tomorrow.

**MANPOWER IN DRIVER'S SEAT**  
**Barrett Says 90 Per Cent Of Official Cars Chauffeured**  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(P)—Rep. Barrett (R-Wyo) suggested today that government officials looking for manpower take a look in the driver's seat of official automobiles in Washington.  
 "The other day I saw a big sedan drive up to the capitol with a uniformed driver in the front seat and one man in the back seat," he told reporters. "There's manpower for you."  
 Barrett did a little inquiring to find out what's going on with government cars. A partial result of his survey:  
 667 CARS  
 There are 667 civilian automobiles in Washington assigned to government officials or agencies. About 93 per cent of them are chauffeured. The car he saw with one passenger belongs to the federal housing agency.  
 "Why couldn't that fellow ride a taxi?" Barrett asked. "Or, in times like these, what's wrong with the streetscar. He doesn't need a driver to get him around town."  
 Barrett thinks of the 667 cars assigned to civilian officials and agencies, at least 600 of them are unessential—and their drivers with them.  
 "Everybody who ought to have transportation could have it in 67 cars," he said.

**FRENCH SHIPS**  
 It was said that as far as possible French ships now in the Allied pool would be used. The number to go into the French import service will be "subject to military necessity," the announcement said.  
 The decision to set aside the

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