

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and colder today, snow flurries in mountains. Cloudy and colder tonight. Temperatures 20-24 west and 21-28 east. Tuesday cloudy and cold, snow in mountains.

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RUSSIANS SURROUND RAIL CITY INSIDE REICH BORDER

First Army Advances Two Miles, Takes 3 Towns Above St. Vith

Hopkins Visits Paris, London, Rome, Laying Foundation For Talks

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(P)—Harry L. Hopkins has visited London and Paris, meeting Prime Minister Churchill and General De Gaulle, and has gone on to Rome to see Pope Pius XII in an "information tour" for the President before the big-three parley.

An American-imposed censorship had banned any mention of Hopkins' movements until today.

Hopkins' tour of European capitals underscored the role that discussions of the postwar political shape of Europe may play in the impending conference of Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin. Hopkins spent a week in London, and reached Paris last Friday.

Diplomats are speculating that an immediate surrender call to Germany might issue from the meeting of Allied leaders.

(In Washington, Acting Secretary of State Grew was asked to tell his news conference what sort of foreign policy outline Hopkins might be developing, but he declined to discuss the question on the record.)

Pointing to the Russian drive toward Berlin and the possibility that Gen. Eisenhower may be preparing to launch a big offensive from the west, some diplomatic sources expressed the view that President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin would consider the feasibility of a "surrender now" declaration to the Germans.

A British foreign office commentator disclosed that its propaganda to Europe was plugging Church-

ALLIES DRAWN UP ALL ALONG WEST WALL

Main Works Of Siegfried Line Within 6-Mile Artillery Range

OPPOSITION LIGHT

PARIS, Jan. 29.—(P)—First Army divisions advanced as much as two miles in deep snow northeast of St. Vith today, capturing three towns and moving within a mile of Germany and the outer works of the Siegfried line.

Bullange, Herresbach and Holsheim all topped. The main works of the West Wall were brought within six mile artillery range.

American and French troops advanced more than two miles to a point on the Colmar Canal barely more than a half mile from the outskirts of Colmar (46,000), historic capital of Upper Alsace. Colmar is 38 miles southwest of Strasbourg.

The Third Army reached the German-Luxembourg frontier on an eight mile stretch of the Our river.

North of the First Army, the U. S. Ninth and British Second were closed up to the Roer and through the Siegfried line in many places, potentially threatening the Ruhr and Rhineland and their great cities.

To the south, the Third Army was either near or across the border all the way to Saarbrücken.

Thus Gen. Eisenhower's forces were deployed along or beyond 200 miles of the Siegfried line all the way from Holland to the south part of the Saarland. The slow reversal of the Ardennes bulge had squeezed perhaps 20 American divisions from the straightened salient, allowing the rest for the next battle.

PLANES ACTIVE From dusk last night until dawn day Allied planes swept over German areas behind the west wall, disrupting continued German movements from the Ardennes. Mosquitoes took up where 2,000 bombers left off at nightfall.

Opposition to the pre-dawn on-

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SUPERFORTS HIT TWO JIMA

Daylight Raids Carried Out By U. S. Bombers From Saipan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(P)—Superfortresses again attacked enemy installations today on the Japanese islands of Iwa Jima in a daylight raid.

The raids were carried out by the 21st bomber command, based at Saipan, under Major Gen. Curtis E. Le May.

Results of the attack were not immediately determined but will be announced when operational reports are received.

General H. H. Arnold, commanding the 30th Air Force, announced the attack at headquarters here.

The two Jima Islands are on the way to Japan from the American base at Saipan and form the principal point of interference with flights to the mainland.

They have been attacked frequently in order to keep Japanese air concentration there to a minimum.

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U. S. STRAFING ATTACK PILES GERMAN SOLDIERS IN SNOW—A strafing attack by American fighter planes left these bodies of German soldiers piled up in the snow on the U. S. Third Army front in the Belgium Ardennes. Many other Germans met the same fate as Allied fliers day after day blasted Nazi columns retreating from the Belgium bulge.

AIR ACTIVITY OVER ITALY

Brenner Pass Area Attacked With Good Results; Rail Bridges Hit

ROME, Jan. 29.—(P)—Allied bombers smashed again at enemy communications in northern Italy yesterday as frigid weather continued to limit ground action along the entire Fifth and Eighth Army fronts, headquarters announced today.

Bombers concentrated on the Brenner Pass area with effective results, headquarters said. Brazilian fliers bombed the San Michele bridge in the area while American pilots hit the Lavis railbridge. Fighterbombers destroyed other spans north of Trento and near Padua, Bergamo and Milan.

A number of German raiding parties were reported along the Senio and Reno rivers in the Eighth Army sector. They were driven off after one patrol pushed to the south bank of the Senio, two miles west of San Alberto, and another probed Allied positions southwest of Alfonsine.

POLIO DRIVE IS CONTINUED

Campaign Launched In Business Area With Breakfast Meeting

The infantile paralysis fund drive for Cleveland county was carried into the Shelby business area today by a group of representative civic leaders who launched their campaign with a breakfast at the Charles hotel this morning.

The breakfast was presided over by John Anthony, campaign director for the county. The principal talk was made by Dr. Ben H. Kendall, president of the Cleveland county chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

He discussed the progress that has been made in raising funds for this purpose since 1934, the first year when an appeal was made. In that year a total of \$80.63 was raised compared with more than \$3,500 raised last year.

Dr. Kendall also told about the ravages of the disease, which he said seemed to be no respecter of persons.

Talks were also made this morning by Chairman Anthony and Mal Spangler in which they stressed the fact that so far the business district has only been asked for dimes through the children but that if Cleveland's quota of \$12,840 is to be met it must be dollars from now henceforth.

Cheerful reports have been received from Horace Griggs, who is handling the county campaign outside of Shelby and Kings Mountain; from Walter Abernethy who is directing the campaign through

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Doughboys On Luzon Near San Fernando

33 Air Miles From Manila; Americans Take Rosario On Bitterly-Defended Left Flank

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 29.—(P)—Sixth Army spearheads were on the approaches to San Fernando, 33 air miles from Manila, headquarters reported today, as embattled American units captured Rosario in a major breakthrough on the bitterly-defended left flank.

Angeles, five miles southeast of captured Clark Field, was taken Sunday by the 37th division which by-passed stubborn Japanese resistance in the hills and sent patrols down the highway toward San Fernando. Angeles has four airdromes.

Elements of the 40th division meanwhile reached Arayat, 12 miles east of Angeles, and the road junction of Mexico, only three miles northeast of San Fernando.

At San Fernando, the "gateway to Manila," the highway forks off westward into historic Bataan and southward down the home capital to the commonwealth capital, through a narrow plain between two large swamp areas. The shores of Manila bay are only 18 miles beyond the road junction.

Rosario, contested almost from the start of the Luzon campaign, was captured by Yanks of the First Army corps, who pressed on toward junction with another American force moving northward from Sison. The two columns are heading toward Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines, 15 air miles north of the rugged Benguet mountains.

DECIMATED Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported that one Japanese division and one brigade defending Rosario had been "practically decimated" in the long fight, and "the enemy has been forced to move his northern reserves from the Baguio sector to supplement the remnants of his forces guarding the approaches to the north."

Eighteen miles to the southeast, American troops were beyond San Manuel but stiff fighting still raged in the burned and blasted town which the Yanks had been trying to capture for five days.

Associated Press Correspondent Dean Schedler, with the 25th division at San Manuel, said the

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Japs Report 3 U. S. Transports, Tanker Sunk By Their Subs

An unconfirmed Tokyo broadcast said today that Japanese submarines sank three transports and an oil tanker off the Pacific coast of the United States.

The broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, attributed its information to a Japanese Domei agency wireless dispatch from "a certain base on the Central Pacific front." It did not say when the alleged sinkings occurred.

"Our submarine unit penetrated to the western coast of the homeland of the United States and is gallantly carrying on operations to disturb the enemy supply line," the report said. "While they have been active in the eastern Pacific ocean, three transport ships and one tanker of the enemy, who is in desperate need of material reinforcements, were sunk."

Officials Said Moving From Threatened City; Populace Evacuated

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Russians have surrounded the Prussian rail center of Schneidemuhl, four miles inside the German border, a German spokesman announced today and Swedish eyewitness reports said flashes from Marshal Stalin's guns already could be seen from Berlin in the night skies over the eastern battlefield.

German officials were moving their offices from the threatened capital and 20 trains evacuated part of the populace, said a Swedish national just come from Berlin. Foreign diplomats were making preparations to leave and foreign correspondents were ordered to depart, he said.

Enclerement of Schneidemuhl, a city of 41,000, cut the main Berlin-Danzig railway at a point 135 miles northeast of the capital, but directly east of Berlin German reports placed the Russians much closer, about 95 miles.

Latest official Russian announcements said the Russians were 109 miles to the east, but Moscow dispatches said it was believed Marshal Gregory Zhukov's tanks had spurred farther ahead and had crossed the frontier of Brandenburg, the province of Berlin, at several points.

While Zhukov's front, by official Moscow report, was spread on an 80-mile arc within 100 miles of Stettin on the Baltic and 77 miles from Frankfurt on the Oder, Russian forces at East Prussia virtually surrounded Konigsberg, royal capital of the Prussian military

Caste. (The Konigsberg radio came on the air six hours late today the FCC reported.)

SUICIDE BRISONS Russian sappers poured in a steady stream of fire into that stronghold, into besieged Breslau, Silesian bastion on the Oder, and into Poznan and Torun in Poland where encircled Nazi suicide garrisons were believed on their last legs.

Liquidation of the final fourth of East Prussia still held by the Germans were proceeding in close-in fighting, while the Drowa goal fields and most of the industrial centers of Silesia had been overrun.

German broadcasts declared that Zhukov's frontal drive on Berlin had been temporarily stopped in the last 24 hours but the German communique told of continued fighting along the Odra in the frontier area 95 miles from Berlin.

Berlin military spokesmen said that the Russians were attacking along a line from Kreuz, 103 miles northeast of Berlin, to Zraszyn on the Odra southeast of Berlin and "we cannot yet speak of a coherent front in the east at all."

ENLARGED BRIDGEHEAD In Silesia, the enemy communique said, the Russians further enlarged their bridgehead over the Oder at Steinau, 32 miles north-west of Breslau. Defenses of Konigsberg had been penetrated, German sources said.

Nazi news agency, reported the Russians were assaulting Breslau from the rear. The agency said that Marshal Ivan Konev's first Ukrainian army

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GW ENROLLMENT AT RECORD HIGH

Second Semester Finds Over 200 Students; Evening Class Opening

Enrollment broke through the 200 mark for an all-time high as the second semester at Gardner-Webb Junior college opened this morning.

A dozen new students matriculated not counting the 26 enrolled for the new evening classes in homiletics and New Testament interpretation which Rev. J. L. Jenkins will meet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Bible classroom of the E. B. Hamrick building.

Definite figures on the enrollment, which includes 18 special students in music, weren't complete this morning although the registrar's office said the 200 figure definitely was exceeded with the largest enrollment in the school's history.

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U. S. Pacific Fleet Now At New Advanced Headquarters

ADVANCED U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Forward Area, Jan. 29.—(P)—History's greatest sea power, the United States Pacific fleet, was operating today from this new advanced headquarters—several thousand miles closer to Japan than Pearl Harbor.

Concert Tuesday By 125-Piece Band

Band Clinicians From Dozen Schools Open Classes Here For Two-Day Session

The 125-piece band concert at the armory at 8 p. m. Tuesday will be open to the public and will be staged under auspices of Company 30, N. C. State guard, it was announced today by Miss Dorothy Parker, director of the Shelby school band which is host to the visiting band leaders and members representing a dozen schools.

ALLIED AIRMEN BATTER REICH

Three Raids Made On Berlin Last Night By RAF Bombers

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(P)—American heavy bombers with fighter escort attacked objectives in Germany today following up three raids on refugee-packed Berlin last night by RAF bombers.

The daylight attacks came as the Reich found itself torn by probably the greatest traffic turmoil of the war. The RAF made three raids before midnight on Berlin, where shelter facilities were believed taxed beyond capacity by refugees from the east.

In addition the RAF plastered the largest railroad yards in Stuttgart with 3,000 tons of bombs.

The Ruhr industrial centers of Cologne, Dusseldorf and Dortmund felt the sting of nearly 2,000 American and British planes yesterday. Fuel plants, bridges and railroad yards were the principal targets.

The resumption of heavy bomber blows after a four-day lull caused by fog and snow came at a critical time for the German high command.

During the lull tactical units on the continent waged constant warfare on western front rail lines, highways and bridges, jammed night and day with east-bound columns of enemy traffic.

Labor Leader Wins Review Of Case

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(P)—Harry Bridges, west coast CIO labor leader, today won a Supreme court review of the legal fight he has made against deportation to his native Australia.

First Allied Truck Convoy Enters China On Ledo Road

CHUNGKING, Jan. 29.—(P)—The first Allied truck convoy to enter China over the Ledo-Burma road rolled toward Kunning today on the final lap of a 900-mile journey from India which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek hailed as "an omen of defeat" for Japan's warlords.

The convoy, numbering more than 100 vehicles loaded with supplies for China's hard-pressed armies, crossed the Chinese border near Wanting yesterday after rumpiling 470 miles across the mountains

and through the jungles of northern Burma.

The historic event, culminating a three-year campaign to open a new overland supply route to China, was celebrated at Chinese-American ceremonies in both Wanting and Chungking, during which Chiang broadcast a special address to the United States proposing the road be renamed in honor of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell. His suggestion was endorsed by Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, U. S.

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