

WEATHER

North Carolina—Partly cloudy and continued cold today, tonight and Wednesday, snow flurries in mountains this afternoon and early tonight. Lowest temperature 15-20.

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78TH DIVISION TAKES 3 MILES OF SIEGFRIED LINE SOVIET SPEARHEAD 85 TO 90 MILES FROM BERLIN

RUSSANS GAIN IN GIGANTIC NEW ATTACK

3-Pronged Red Army Assault Points Toward Reich Capital

INSIDE BORDERS

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—A Soviet armored spearhead fighting forward in a blizzard drove today to within 85 to 90 miles of Berlin in a huge, three-pronged Red army assault toward the Reich capital, Moscow dispatches reported.

A German broadcast declared the Russians had launched a heavy, armored offensive on a 42-mile front inside the border of eastern Germany on a bee-line for Berlin, and that "the first onslaught gained appreciable ground."

The broadcast said the first objective was the communications center of Kustrin on the Oder and Warthe rivers 42 miles from Berlin.

A direct Moscow dispatch said Russian columns punched five to eight miles inside Pomerania in a push striking northeast of the German heart city.

Russian columns punched five to eight miles inside Brandenburg province due east of Berlin, and 19 to 20 miles inside Pomerania in a push striking northeast of the German heart city, a direct dispatch said.

South of these blows by Marshal Gregory Zhukov's first White Russian army group, tanks and infantry of the first Ukrainian army were striking westward from bridgeheads flung over the Oder river in Silesia.

The Pomeranian and Silesian offensives threatened a great pincer from north and south on Berlin, in addition to Zhukov's offensive beating in from the east in Brandenburg, said Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore in Moscow.

ZHUKOV ATTACKING

Today's German communique declared Zhukov was attacking heavily in the Odra river sector due east of Berlin, and said the Soviets had made "further gains to the north" around encircled Schneidmuhl.

The bulletin said counterattacks

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William Walter Gold Dies Of Asphyxiation; Funeral Is Tomorrow

William Walter "Blue" Gold, 33, was found dead from asphyxiation in the cab of his truck at Fredericksburg, Va., Monday. The body is being returned here for services which will be held at 3 p. m. Wednesday from Union Baptist church by Rev. A. M. Kiser, pastor. The body will lie in state from 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Gold was a native of the Polkville community, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gold, and was quite popular as an amateur baseball pitcher before his trucking operations took him away from home. Surviving in addition to the parents are four sisters, Mrs. Hector McMillon, Mrs. Charlen Gold, Mrs. Jack Spangler and Miss Blanche Gold, and a brother, Guy Gold, with the army somewhere in France. He was a nephew of Tom R. Gold of Shelby.

House Committee Seeking To Make FEPC Permanent

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Moving to head off a floor fight, the house labor committee decided today to expedite action on legislation setting up the fair employment practices committee as a permanent agency. A ten-man sub-committee headed by Rep. Randolph (D-WVa) was directed to meet Thursday and consider ten separate FEPC bills. The full committee, Chairman Norton (D-NJ) announced, will meet Friday to consider the sub-committee's recommendations. The committee decided to hold

Hopkins Has Talk With Pope Pius

Concerned Over Trend Of American Opinion To Isolationism

ROME, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Harry Hopkins, personal advisor to President Roosevelt, had an audience with Pope Pius today.

Hopkins arrived in Rome yesterday for conferences with military, political and diplomatic leaders in which he intended to gather information for Roosevelt prior to the President's big three meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin. He was met by Alexander Kirk, U. S. ambassador to Italy, upon his arrival from Paris and he conferred with the Italian foreign minister, Alcide de Gasperi within a few hours after reaching the city.

Hopkins at a press conference yesterday expressed his personal belief the Allies are fully intent upon implementing the Dumbarton Oaks program but showed some concern over the possibility of an ultimate swing of American opinion toward isolationism. The report of this conference was not permitted to be disclosed until today.

He pointed out that the people of the United States lack such incentives for participation in European affairs as Britain's interest in the Balkans and the Mediterranean and Russia's concern over her western frontiers.

Americans, he emphasized, could be won to support only an idealistic foreign policy.

Under questioning about the policy regarding Italy, the president

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Germans Think Big Three Meet Is Underway

LONDON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—German and Swiss broadcasts today said a meeting of the Big Three was already under way or just about to begin.

London observers speculated whether President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill would meet prior to their conference with Marshal Stalin as they did at Cairo in 1943.

Churchill's movements naturally are guarded by security censorship but it was noted he did not appear in the House of Commons this morning. Deputy Prime Minister Richard Atlee substituted for him. However, Atlee frequently sits in for the prime minister.

A better barometer will be available tomorrow when Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is scheduled to answer questions in Commons. The foreign secretary is almost always present on Wednesdays if he is in London.

Secretary of State Stettinus, War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes and other U. S. officials were reported to have left Washington. The general supposition in London was that they were enroute to England, Continental Europe or some point farther east.

With only mass speculation for a basis it seemed that a meet of the Big Three might be held somewhere in the east. Most quarters still favored somewhere in Russia as the site although some believed it might be in Italy.

House Committee Seeking To Make FEPC Permanent

no further hearings but to base its action on the record of hearings held last year. The FEPC has been injected into manpower legislation on which the house began its second day of debate today, and a fight between FEPC backers and a bloc attempting to write strong labor curbs into the pending bill has threatened to kill the entire manpower measure. While the manpower bill originally was designed only to require men between 18 and 45 to move into essential jobs under threat of injunction. See HOUSE Page 2



RUSSIAN INFANTRYMEN ATTACK POLAND—These Russian infantrymen are running forward toward German positions in an attack along the Second White Russian Army front in Poland northwest of Warsaw. Late field dispatches Jan. 29 placed Soviet forces about 95 miles directly east of Berlin.

16 Injured As Milk Truck And Bus Crash

Driver Burned When Milk Truck Catches Fire; One Of Bus Passengers Badly Cut About Face

Sixteen persons were injured, none of them believed critically, when a Greyhound bus bound from Atlanta, Ga., to Winston-Salem, N. C., struck a milk truck six miles south of Kings Mountain on the Grover road this morning at 7:20 o'clock. The bus was badly damaged and the milk truck caught fire and was destroyed.

LIONS PLAN BOYS' CAMP

Steering Committee Authorizes Securing Director And Councillor

The Lions Fresh Air Camp, dedicated to happy Shelby boyhood, came nearer to a reality last night as the steering committee of this civic club met at the Eastside Baptist church to work out details of the encampment.

Approximately 100 selected Shelby boys between the ages of 9 and 14 are to be given the time of their lives during the first two weeks in July at Camp Cherokee near the Kings Mountain Battle-ground reservation through the sponsorship of the local Lions club. Charter for the corporation which will be responsible for the funds raised for this purpose and for the conduct of the camp is now in the hands of attorneys and will be issued within the next few days.

Last night's meeting was presided over by Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff who is chairman of the project. A committee composed of R. J. Rucker, president of the club; Athos Rostan, secretary; and Worth Morris, treasurer was empowered to secure a director for the camp as well as councillors and other personnel.

Gen. Guderian, Nazi Commander On East Front, Said Replaced

LONDON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The Paris radio reported without confirmation today that Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, German chief of staff and commander-in-chief on the eastern front, had been replaced by Col. Gen. Lothar Rendulic.

Rendulic is former commander-in-chief in Norway and Finland. Reports from Stockholm last week said Rendulic had been transferred to the eastern front.

Guderian is a tank expert who won his first fame in the unsuccessful German battle for Moscow in 1941.

Legislators Get Bills To Regulate Small Loan Business

RALEIGH, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Bills to further regulate the small loan business in North Carolina, providing that brokers be placed under supervision of the State Banking Commission, were introduced in the legislature today by Reps. Vogler of Mecklenburg, Hutton of Guilford and Chalk of Richmond. The commission would be authorized to make its own rules and regulations for brokers to protect the public. It would be expressly directed to pass rules against excess interest rates on small loans. Loan agencies would not be allowed to charge in excess of fees or lawful interest rates charged by industrial banks or installment loans. Another bill by the three representatives would amend the present law to allow banks to charge fees of \$2.50 on loans of \$50 or less, and \$1 fees for each \$50 on loans of more than \$50 and up to \$250. The present law allows only a \$1 fee on loans up to \$250 no matter the amount. The measures went to the com-

ALLIED NAVAL FORCE ACTIVE IN DUTCH ISLES

Engaged In Operations Against Enemy North Of Walcheren

OCCUPIED COASTS

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Jan. 30.—(AP)—An Allied naval force is now engaged "in active though small scale operations against the enemy"

among Dutch islands north of Walcheren, Adm. Sir Harold M. Burrough said today. The new Allied Naval commander in chief added significantly of future operational possibilities: "The coasts of Germany and the remainder of western Europe still occupied by the enemy offer opportunities for the use of sea power, such as the assault on Walcheren, which turned the key to the Port of Antwerp."

Current operations in the north sea are commanded by Capt. A. F. Pugsley, who directed the assault upon Walcheren, which guarded the northern entrance to the Schelde estuary leading to Antwerp. Numerous islands have been carved in southwest Holland by the rivers Rhine and Maas.

Most important of these still in enemy hands are Schouwen, Noord Beveland, Goeree, Tholen, Oorne Putten and Tien Gementen. Frequent German troop concentrations have been noted and raided on Schouwen.

NO DETAILS

The admiral gave no details on new operations except to say: "The Navy, on this occasion it happens to be the British Navy, is now busy among the islands north of Walcheren. You will have seen German claims to have repulsed attempted landings."

"These claims are untrue, but I do not propose to inform the enemy of our objects. I can tell you that naval force commanded by Capt. A. F. Pugsley x x x is busily engaged in active though small scale operations against the enemy."

Of German submarine activity, he commented: "You will remember that there have been one or two brushes in the last few weeks, and more must be expected."

PVT. BURTON IS REPORTED DEAD

Son Of Late Mr. And Mrs. John Burton Of Kings Mountain

Pvt. John Burton, 32, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Burton of route 2, Kings Mountain, has been reported killed in action in Belgium, January 2, according to a telegram received by his sister, Miss Nellie Burton of route 2, Kings Mountain, from the war department.

Pvt. Burton entered the Army in September, 1942 and received his infantry training in Texas, San Louis, California and Camp Rocker, Alabama before going overseas in April, 1944. He was slightly wounded in France in July but had recovered and returned to action.

Pvt. Burton is survived by four brothers and five sisters, they are Lester, J. G., Fred, Carl, Nellie, Margaret, and Laura Jane of the home, Mrs. John Bennett of Pineville, and Mrs. J. D. Hooker of Chester.

Band Concert Armory 8 P. M.

Public Will Hear Clinicians In Closing Event Of Two-Day Program

More than a hundred high school bandsters, the pick of the 13 different bands represented at the clinic here, today were responding beautifully to the training of Director James C. Pfuhl, Miss Dorothy Parker and others as they pointed toward their public concert at the armory at 8 p. m. tonight when the public will be given an opportunity to enjoy their work.

The two-day clinic, offering instruction and counsel to the young musicians, will come to its close with tonight's concert which is sponsored by Co. 30, North Carolina State Guard. DINNER DANCE

The clinic reached a bright spot of the program last night when the musicians together with high school teachers, school board members and other special guests were entertained at a dinner at the high school cafeteria. Rev. Paul Hardin, jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, praised musical training and urged his hearers to stick to their training because "they'll never regret it."

Following the banquet the young people went to the gymnasium for a dance at which Miss Parker was crowned queen of the clinic, while Bobby Evans, high school junior who plays the trumpet, was crowned king of the clinic ball.

Training groups continued their special work today as yesterday looking to the general concert of a 125-piece band tonight. See BILLS Page 2

Other U. S. Troops Move Up To West Wall Along 40 Miles Of Ardennes

PARIS, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The 78th division captured three miles of the Siegfried line today in a surprise attack through waist deep snowdrifts in the Monschau forest, three miles inside Germany.

The First Army outfit struck just north of the eliminated Belgian bulge while other troops of Lt. Gen Courtney H. Hodges' command and the Third Army moved up to the West Wall Defenses along 40 miles of the Ardennes front.

The Third Army expanded its Our river bridgehead nearly a mile into Germany on a two-mile front. The Germans were pulling troops from Holland, also toward the east, and bombs fell among them.

The First and Third moved into the fringes or within cannon shot of the Siegfried Line on a 40-mile front in the Ardennes. To the north, the American 9th army was through the line for 35 curving miles along the Roer river from Linnich to east of Monschau.

Weather still was the worst handicap, slowing the advances even more than the shaken Nazi defenses. More snow fell among the seven foot drifts in 11 degree weather. Visibility was low. South of Strasbourg, American and French troops crossed the Colmar canal and further encircled that city of 46,000—largest French city still in German hands except the long by-passed Atlantic ports. Paris newspapers said the Colmar defenses were under attack. At last reports the Allies were half a mile from the city limits.

ON HOME STRETCH: Yanks Gain Beyond San Fernando

Jap Casualties On Luzon Exceed 25,000, Against U. S. Losses Of 4,254

GENERAL MAARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Armored Sixth Army units, rolling past captured San Fernando along the narrow, swamp-fringed home stretch to Manila, speed unchecked Monday toward Calumpit, only 25 air miles from the commonwealth capital.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing the seizure of San Fernando in his communique today, said his advance forces were "operating well in advance and to the flanks" of that second city of Luzon and "gateway to Manila."

Yanks in the north, meanwhile, made progress toward Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines and likely Japanese staff headquarters. They repulsed two enemy counterattacks less than 15 miles from Baguio.

MacArthur announced Japanese casualties on Luzon had exceeded 25,000 against American casualties of 4,254, including 1,017 killed.

San Fernando, provincial capital 34 air miles from Manila and 40 by road, fell virtually intact to the liberating Yanks Sunday noon. The mechanized 37th cavalry reconnaissance troop knocked out an enemy roadblock several miles north of the city and entered to be greeted by cheering Filipinos in one of the most colorful celebrations of the Luzon campaign.

Associated Press Correspondent

HITLER RULE IN 13TH YEAR

No Speech From Nazi Leader On Anniversary Of Rise To Power

By RUSSELL LANDSTROM LONDON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Amidst portents of perhaps the greatest defeat in Germany's history, Adolf Hitler started today the 13th year of his rule. His downfall and that of all who have clung to him was apparent in signs blazing in a Europe battered by nearly five and a half years of war.

A Berlin broadcast quoted Labor Minister Dr. Robert Ley as saying the day would be one "of work and fight such as all days are now."

Heretofore it has been Hitler's custom to speak, but London was skeptical and guessing that if he did it would accomplish little more than further depressing the home folk.

"What can he say?" asked the London News Chronicle. WORDS NOT ENOUGH "Words will not satisfy the German people now." Hitler's whereabouts were not clear. A Moscow radio commentator said last night he was thought to be on the eastern front. Today's German rumors, stemming from the east. See HITLER Page 2

Gen. Stilwell Says War With Japan To Last 'A Long Time'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—From the man who should know—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell—comes a "quick stinging-up" of the Japanese war.