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YANKS CROSS REICH BORDER AT TWO NEW PLACES

New U. S. Landing On Luzon Will Prevent Jap Retreat To Bataan

RUSSIANS TAKE LANDSBERG, 68 MILES FROM BERLIN

BERLIN REPORT PUTS INVADERS MUCH CLOSER

Meseritz, Schwiebus And Zullichau Also Taken By Soviets

NEARING FRANKFURT

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Marshal Gregory Zhukov's troops today captured Landsberg 68 miles east of Berlin, Marshal Stalin announced tonight, and Berlin broadcasts said the Red army had plunged to towns only 58 and 62 miles from the Reich's capital.

Landsberg, great rail and road hub on the Berlin-Danzig rail line, was conquered along with the strong points of Meseritz, Schwiebus and Zullichau to the southeast as Zhukov's forces broke through the German defense guarding Frankfurt on the Oder river 39 miles from Berlin.

German broadcasts said Soviet columns had captured Landsberg, 62 miles from Berlin's center, and Zullichau, 58 miles north and south beyond Landsberg by columns 35 miles apart. Zielenski is only 55 miles from the suburbs included in greater Berlin.

Stalin's order of the day showed that Zhukov was beating into Germany on the direct route to Berlin along a 50-mile wide front.

Heavy armored battles were reported on the snow-drifted fields near the Oder.

Meseritz is 24 miles southeast of Landsberg. Schwiebus is another 13 miles farther south, and Zullichau 11 miles still farther south. Zullichau, only four miles from the Oder river at one of its great bends, is 39 miles from Berlin.

The Oder, curves within 40 miles of Berlin, and the German accounts placed Russian tank columns within 20 miles of the great river at that bulge near the Nazi capital.

Czechoslovakia Recognizes Polish Lublin Government

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Czechoslovak government in exile tonight announced formal recognition of the provisional Polish government at Lublin, and said diplomatic relations would be disrupted.

Prospects Improve For National Service Act

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Chances of passage of limited national service legislation brightened perceptibly today as the house neared a showdown on that controversial subject.

17 Lose Lives In Fire At Home For Children

AUBURN, Me., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Sixteen young children and a woman, trapped after an exploding stove sent flames raging through a wooden boarding home for war and factory workers' babies, were suffocated or burned to death today.

Most of the victims ranged in age from three months to three years. They died in their cribs—their heads thrust through the spaces between the slats in their futile struggle to escape.

Only eight of the 26 occupants of the converted farmhouse were able to flee the fast-spreading flames that swept the interior.

One of them was Mrs. Eva Lacoste, operator of the home, who sobbed "we don't have any more babies," as she told of trying to flee from the burning building with two cribs, of falling, and losing the babies in the fire.

"I had them in my arms, I lost them when I fell down," Mrs. Lacoste cried after telling Dr. Frederick W. Caron, her physician, how a stove had exploded.

Mrs. Lacoste related that she fell at the front door of the home and tumbled out into the snow-filled yard.

She was badly burned on both

Hitler Begg Nazis To Continue Resistance

Declares Germany Will Fight On To The Death, 'Until Victory Crowns Our Efforts'

LONDON, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The German nation, beset by powerful invading armies, embarked today on the 13th year of the Nazi regime, exhorted by Adolf Hitler to accept "boundless misery" as the price of continued resistance.

Germany, Hitler proclaimed to the world last night, will fight on to the death—"fight on no matter where and no matter under what circumstances until final victory crowns our efforts."

His speech marking the 13th anniversary of his ascendency to the chancellorship on Jan. 30, 1933, was broadcast from his headquarters amidst news of continuing Russian advances from the east—victorious strides that now have carried to within 73 miles of Berlin.

"The cruel fate which is overtaking us in the east, in village and market places, in the country and in towns, is exterminating (German) people by the tens of thousands," Hitler declared. "But it will be mastered in the end."

Hitler twice asserted that God had given him a mission. "The Almighty" saved him from assassination, he declared, and he saw in this "confirmation of my assigned task."

The man who sent his armed legions into virtually every corner of Europe gave the German people a nebulous promise of victory despite his growing reverses.

INVASION TOOK PLACE MONDAY, UNOPPOSED

Forces From 150 Ships Put Ashore 60 Miles From Manila

INVADERS CHEERED

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Landing unopposed from 150 ships 60 miles northwest of Manila, strong U. S. Eighth Army forces blasted any hopes the Japanese may have held for a large scale withdrawal to Bataan by driving swiftly east today toward a juncture with the Sixth Army which would seal off the historic peninsula.

This second invasion of Luzon, timed with a Sixth Army push now within 30 miles of Manila, was disclosed in today's communique of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The 38th division and combat team of the 24th, which fought so heroically on Leyte in the Central Philippines, were put ashore Monday on Zambales province in the 10 miles between the Santo Tomas river mouth and San Antonio

without loss of a man, plane or ship.

Three American survivors of the "death march" from Bataan—Capt. George Crane, Tompa, Kas., Capt. Richard C. Kadel, Fort Knox, Ky., and Capt. Winston Jones, an Oklahoman—mingled with Filipino guerrillas wildly greeting the invaders.

The Yanks of Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger posed an immediate menace to prized Olongapo naval base in Subic bay by racing 11 miles inland the first day past flag-waving Filipinos, occupying such towns as San Felipe, San Antonio, San Marcelino and Caeltilejos and setting an airfield—the 23rd air base won on Luzon.

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The beachhead extended above the Santo Tomas river, giving the Yanks control of a long bridge there.

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Nazi Planes On Strafing Mission

ROME, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Germans sent nine planes on strafing and bombing missions on the American Fifth Army sectors south of Bologna last night in the strongest enemy air action on the Italian front in weeks. Ground operations were limited to patrol contacts on both the Fifth and Eighth army sectors.

Allied planes challenging the Nazi aircraft destroyed one and damaged another, and anti-aircraft fire scored hits on several.



DR. GREER

PLAN WAR FUND RALLY MONDAY

Dr. I. G. Greer Will Address Gathering Of County Workers

Dr. I. G. Greer, of Thomasville, one of the state's outstanding public speakers, will be featured speaker Monday at a rally of ministers together with some 100 laymen from all the white churches of the county to lay plans for the county-wide Red Cross War Fund drive opening March 1.

General Chairman Mal Spangler, sr., today announced that Dr. Greer had accepted the invitation to fill the spot which each year past had been served by Senator Clyde R. Hoey whose Washington duties hold him at the capital. "We feel fortunate in securing a speaker of Dr. Greer's fine ability to launch our rally," Mr. Spangler said.

Some 40 leaders in the county Red Cross organization will meet here Thursday evening and be guests at the Kiwanis club's meeting to complete plans for Monday's general rally of county workers.

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Like They Own The Sky

By The Associated Press American planes "dominate the skies over Luzon as if they owned the sky," the Japanese Domei news agency complained today in a dispatch intercepted by the federal communications commission.

STETTINIUS AND HOPKINS MEET IN ROME

Two Conferred With U. S. Military Leaders In Italy Tuesday

LEFT BY PLANE

ROME, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Secretary of State Stettinius and Harry Hopkins, who next to President Roosevelt may have most to do with shaping the United States' international policy, conferred at allied headquarters in Italy yesterday and today with two American military leaders and then departed for undisclosed destinations.

Their flying visits were said by Hopkins to be part of the preliminaries leading up to the Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill meeting, an official announcement of the conference was issued after Stettinius and Hopkins, who is the president's personal representative, boarded planes and left this week.

Hopkins went to Allied headquarters yesterday from conferences in Rome in which he saw Italian Foreign Minister De Gasperi, had an audience with Pope Pius, and conferred with Alexander Kirk, U. S. ambassador to Italy. By his own statement he looked closely into records relating to Allied political affairs in Italy.

Stettinius arrived a few hours later by plane and was met by Kirk, Hopkins, Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of American Forces in the Mediterranean, and Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Allied air commander in the Mediterranean.

All five conferred at Allied headquarters yesterday.

The official announcement said that "a large dinner was given for

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CLEVELAND HAS 2 CASUALTIES

Two Cleveland county boys are listed as casualties in reports received from the war department. Seaman I/c Robert Lee Falls of Kings Mountain was reported killed in action in the South Pacific area December 11, 1944, and Pfc. Ben G. Sisk of Shelby is reported missing in Belgium since December 18.

Seaman Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Vance Falls of North Piedmont St., Kings Mountain, was previously reported missing in action December 11, according to a telegram received by his parents yesterday from the war department.

First Army Artillery Pouring Shells Into Siegfried Line Forts

PARIS, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Whiteclad infantry of the American First Army stormed across the snowdrifted German border at two new places today and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' artillery started pouring shells into the main concrete works of the thinly held Siegfried line.

All along a 35-mile assault front from below St. Vith to the Roer river northeast of Monschau, the First and Third armies had a full scale assault underway with gains which carried the First to the ramparts of the West Wall and broadened the Third Army's foothold inside Germany to five miles.

The next few hours, it was believed at Supreme Headquarters, might begin to show whether even with additional cold and delaying drifts, the Germans would be able to hold their fortifications with the force they left behind in their drainout to bolster the swaying eastern front.

(The Germans said Gen. Eisenhower was shifting his troops in preparation for an all-out offensive and had massed 60 divisions, nearly half of them armored, for the attack. They called the Monschau drive "allied preparation to gain offensive bases.")

The fighting First division crossed the border a half mile east of Underbreth, which is in the Siegfried line, in the longest First Army gain.

The 82nd airborne division moved into Germany east of Lanzenath and got within a mile of the Siegfried barriers, encountering stiff resistance, including tanks.

The 78th division with tanks pushed through a shattered gap of the Siegfried line across the headquarters of the Roer river, three miles west of Monschau.

To the north, Canadian and

British troops wiped out the last enemy forces holding out in a maze of more than 1,000 dikes on the Maas island bridgehead of Kappelshwer, north of the Dutch town of Tilburg, in a three day battle of men, tanks, mortars and artillery.

On the opposite end of the striking 400 mile front, American and French troops moved within two miles of the Rhine below Strasburg and tightened encircling arcs grasping for Colmar and Cernay. The 82nd was the Seventh division.

Bill Would Admit Boys To W.C.U.N.C.

Another Would Provide General 10 Per Cent Wage Increase To State Employees

W.C.U.N.C. The legislature received bills today to authorize the admission of male day students to Woman's College in Greensboro and to provide for a general 10 per cent wage increase to employes of state departments and agencies.

Rep. Hutton introduced the measure directing trustees of the greater university to permit male students at Woman's college at the regular rates for female students. The male students could not be housed on the campus.

Senator Corey of Pitt introduced the joint resolution boosting the pay of state employes 10 per cent over their present income from salaries and the war bonus. It would become effective July 1, beginning of the next fiscal year.

From Senator Penland of Clay came a memorial to congress asking relief to counties whose taxable property is taken over for national forests and parks; and Senator Matheny of Rutherford sent up a bill to place jurisdiction of youthful violators of the Motor Vehicle laws in the hands of juvenile and domestic relations courts.

Penland's measure passed under suspension of rules.

The house received 22 bills but no others of major statewide importance. Rep. McDonald of Polk

ROME, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Strong Liberator and Fortress squadrons of the U. S. 15th Air Force today bombed German oil targets in the Moosierbaun area 22 miles north-west of Vienna. These bombers had been grounded for 10 days.

From 500 to 750 heavy bombers made the attack by instrument through clouds. Lightning fighters provided the escort. Some enemy aircraft were encountered in the raid upon the installations, last hit Dec. 11.

Libertators also slashed at the rail facilities of Graz, 90 miles southwest of Vienna. Heavy clouds concealed the results.

BAD WEATHER (Foul flying weather again prevented an attack upon Germany by heavy bombers based in Britain.

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