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YANKS SMASH INTO GERMANY ON 22-MILE FRONT RUSSIANS EXPANDING BRIDGEHEADS ACROSS ODER

SEPARATE FLEETS:

Superforts From India Bases Rain Bombs On Thailand, Indo-China

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Separate fleets of Superfortresses lashed at Japanese military installations in Thailand and Indo-China today.

Flying from India bases, the B-29s of Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey's 20th Bomber Command sprang the twin attacks in daylight. A war bulletin from general of the army H. H. Arnold, commanding the 20th Air Force, did not disclose additional details.

Results of the missions will be announced when operational reports are received from the theater. Possible targets were Bangkok, capital of Thailand; Saigon, chief city of Indo-China, and the fleet base at Camranh Bay, 200 miles northeast of Saigon.

Bangkok is the major transportation center supplying Japanese forces in southeast Asia. Four times it has felt the sting of Superfortress bombs—last June 6, November 27, December 14 and January 2.

In their first strike at Saigon on Jan. 27 the B-29s plummeted multi-ton loads of destruction on this key naval base. Some 3,200 miles from the B-29's India nests, Saigon has a dock capable of handling repairs to medium sized vessels. Other high priority targets are three military airbases, important oil storage tanks and railroad shops.

NEW INSTALLATIONS Recent reports indicated that Japanese skittering from the be-

lieged Philippines have established new army installations at Saigon. Some 1,000 miles from Luzon on the Indo-China coast, Camranh Bay is the nearest Asiatic fleet base from which the Japanese can dispatch or receive troops and material from the Philippines. Before the war it was Indo-China's chief commercial port.

Today's strikes the B-29s rounded out the 51st major mission in their long-range aerial offensive against Japan and its empire strongholds. Since Jan. 1, the Superforts have uncorked 18 attacks against such targets as Nagoya, Omura, Akashi, and Tokyo in the Japanese homeland, Formosa, Singapore and Iwo Jima in the Volcanos.

These latest B-29s operations coincided with widespread air activity by planes of other Pacific air forces. Heavy bombers dumped 91 tons of bombs on enemy airbases on northern Borneo yesterday.

ENEMY FIRES MANILA:

Doughboys Close In On Barricaded Japs

Gen. MacArthur Tells His Men Liberation Of Philippines To Be Completed Soon

MANILA, Feb. 7.—Doughboys closed in on barricaded Japanese flanking in the Pasig river and hunted them down in other sections of smoke-shrouded Manila today after the cornered garrison wantonly dynamited and set the torch to the most modern section of the city.

GEN. MACARTHUR BACK IN MANILA

Fulfills Pledge To Return Made When He Left City In 1942

SANTO TOMAS INTERNMENT CAMP, Manila, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur who promised when he left the Philippines, "I will return," came back today to the civilians who long awaited him here, and then departed the camp again to the growl of a Japanese shell which landed 100 feet away on the campus of this historic college.

Enemy artillery had intermittently hit the campus through the night and today, wounding some soldiers, but although the internees had been ducking shell blasts all morning, they crowded around MacArthur when he arrived. The throng cheered lustily as the general and his staff alighted from their cars at the camp's main building.

"There's MacArthur again. He's back," they shouted. It was a historic moment against the backdrop of the still bitter fight for Manila. The honor guard long had been standing on the roadway fronting the main building and the internees had crowded around the entrance awaiting the general.

Shells had landed throughout the night on the campus near some internees' shanties. Several hits were scored on the university buildings. But the internees were remarkably calm because, as one of them said, they had been dodging shrapnel and duds from Japanese anti-aircraft guns which had been placed around the university to fire at American planes raiding Manila. The Japanese artillery fire may have been directed toward Ameri-

While fires still smoldered in the blackened, rubble-strewn business area, Gen. Douglas MacArthur told his soldiers "You will shortly complete the liberation of the Philippines" climaxing Japan's "worst military defeat in its history."

He requested divine services throughout his command for "our hallowed dead."

Flames appeared to be dying out along Escolta avenue, thoroughfare of theaters, shops and office buildings, where Japanese demolition squads touched off explosives and drums of gasoline Monday night. Details of destruction were delayed by incredible traffic jams caused by blown bridges along the Pasig river, fire fighters, Filipinos fleeing the fire, the curious and the army moving in for the final clean-up.

A mile square area was reported destroyed, including all major buildings along the Escolta, among them some of the Orient's finest theaters. Associated Press Correspondent Russel Brines reported "a great black gash appeared to have burned in that section of the city north of the Pasig river."

Manila's water mains were empty, for the enemy had destroyed them. See DOUGHBOYS Page 2

NEW FOOTHOLD GAINED SOUTH OF KUESTRIN

Berlin-Kuestrin Railroad Under Soviet Artillery Fire

ATTACKING HEAVILY

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A German military spokesman declared today the Russians had set up a new bridgehead over the Oder south of Kuestrin, and expanded another foothold above Kuestrin and within some 35 miles of Berlin.

The Berlin-Kuestrin railroad is under Soviet artillery fire, enemy broadcasts said. Russian gains in the Trans-Oder breach in Silesia were acknowledged, and Berlin said the Red army had won and then lost Pyritz, 24 miles southeast of Stettin, in a push aimed at the Baltic coast.

The new bridgehead across the central Oder on the shortest route to Berlin was the seventh reported by the Germans. The broadcast termed it a small one, but said "it enables the Russians to shell the railroad leading from the west to the fortress of Kuestrin with their heavy artillery."

The Germans said 12 Soviet tanks had smashed "temporarily" into the center of Kuestrin itself, 40 miles from Berlin.

The Soviets are assaulting heavily "along the entire east front from Silesia to East Prussia," the Germans said.

In an NBC broadcast over Moscow radio, Robert Magidoff was permitted to hint strongly that Zhukov had crossed the Oder and was fighting. See NEW FOOTHOLD Page 2

YANKS LAUNCH DRIVE IN ITALY

ROME, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The strong American attack in Italy since October has driven 600 yards into German lines southeast of Bologna and gained its initial objectives despite stiff enemy resistance, headquarters announced today.

U. S. Fifth army troops which launched the attack Monday and broke a long winter stalemate pushed toward German strongholds of the mountainous gothic line guarding the Po valley road hub in front of Bologna.

The strong opposition encountered indicated there has been no weakening of German defenses despite reports the Nazis were shifting some troops from Italy to guard their Russian-menaced home front.

Front line dispatches said the attack did not constitute a large scale offensive and headquarters described it as aiming at "limited objectives." However, it was the Allies' biggest offensive gesture since bad weather settled over the Italian front last October. The heaviest artillery bombardment of months preceded the drive, which was supported by tanks. Some 15,000 rounds of ammunition were fired by American guns of all sizes. Numerous casualties were reported. "Jumping off after a short artillery

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Reorganization Of Nazi Government Is Rumored; Hitler To Be President

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet said today it believed that a reorganization of the German government under which Hitler would give up the title of fuhrer to become the reich's president, with Franz von Papen as chancellor was imminent.

Its information was attributed to "rumors in Berlin which reached German circles here."

Von Papen, an ace of the German diplomatic service, was ambassador to Turkey when Ankara broke relations with Berlin last Aug. 2. The report had the earmarks of a German trial balloon designed to sound out Allied reaction to whether such a revamped government would have any chance of suiting armistice terms.

It came while President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin were reportedly in conference with war problems including Germany's fate. Aftonbladet, which in the early stages of the war had a strongly pro-German attitude, said Hitler's reason for such a change was that he "is no longer able to manage both the matters of state and war leadership."

By becoming the president of the Reich—a post he abolished—Hitler would be "laying a favorable basis for taking up international negotiations," the paper said. According to the report, Dr. Hjal-

mar Schacht, former president of the Reichsbank, would become economic and finance minister, and Field Marshal Walther Von Brauchitsch, former commander in chief of the German army, would become minister of war.

Brauchitsch is one of the German generals reported at various times to have been executed in the blood purge following the assassination attempt on Hitler last July. The newspaper said Schacht was released from prison a few days ago after being under arrest since last July 24.

ARMISTICE "The objective of these measures would naturally be to set up the first condition for taking up armistice negotiations and at the same time to pave the way for reconciliation with inner opposition elements," Aftonbladet said.

The newspaper quoted German sources in Stockholm as saying Germany's central administration would be moved to southern Germany—probably to Dresden—but that the people would be encouraged to believe their government

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Britain Endorses French Participation

Government Spokesman Advocates Inclusion Of France In "Big Power" Conference

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Inclusion of France in a "big power" conference dedicated to the settlement of "political decisions on the redrawing of European frontiers" was endorsed today by the British government.

With French feeling running high over the apparent exclusion of Gen. Charles De Gaulle from the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin talks, Minister of State Richard Law told

LIONS HELP ON YOUTH CENTER

High School Students Appeal For Teen-Age Center

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Acting Secretary of State Grew today reaffirmed "our full interest" in the shaping of a European peace.

At the same time, he told a news conference that the United States hopes to see a Yugoslav government established at Belgrade but is not entering into differences between King Peter and Marshal Tito.

Grew made his statement on France shortly after Richard Law, British minister of state, gave his government's endorsement to inclusion of France in a big power conference to redraw the map of Europe.

The House of Commons that Britain believed the reshaping of the European map "must be decided, later by all the powers together."

Law made his statements as a substitute for Foreign Secretary See BRITAIN Page 2

MAN CONFESSES SLAYING CHILD

Says He Smothered Bettie Lou Frazier, Denies Rape Attempt

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Feb. 7.—(AP)—A 25-year-old 4-F shipyard worker has confessed, Maj. C. A. Williams of the State Highway Patrol said, that he suffocated two and a half-year-old Bettie Lou Frazier and threw her body into a muddy swamp stream.

Maj. Williams said the man, was identified as Richard M. Bailey, formerly of Pineville, W. Va. "Bailey has been working in the shipyards at Brunswick for about two years," Williams said. "He lives with his parents about 300 yards from the Frazier home."

"He said that he saw the little girl playing in the woods back of her home Saturday afternoon and went out and started talking to her. Then, he said, he put her head under his arm and pressed her nose against his body until she went limp."

"He said he didn't know why he did it. He denied that he had attempted to rape the child." When she disappeared the child wore overalls over a yellow polo shirt, and shoes and socks. When found, the body was clad only in the polo shirt.

The child lived with her mother, Mrs. Woodrow W. Frazier. Her father, an army sergeant stationed at Alexandria, La., obtained an emergency furlough to come home.

TRUCK DRIVER IS OVERCOME BY FUMES

H. L. Miller, 41-year-old truck driver, of Asheville, is in the Shelby hospital after a narrow escape from being asphyxiated last night. He was driving for the Great Southern Trucking company and his truck suffered a slight mishap near Shelby. It was towed to a local garage and Miller crawled up in the sleeping compartment and went to sleep.

After the truck had been repaired he was called to sign the ticket and as he got out of the truck he fell to the ground. He was carried immediately to the hospital where it was said that he was suffering with monoxide poisoning. Fumes from the motor are believed to have collected in his sleeping compartment.

Miller said that he had been driving 36 hours without sleeping when his truck broke down. Physicians said that if he had not been called when he was the results might have been fatal. See WAR Page 2



FOUND DEAD—Bettie Lou Frazier (above), 2, was found dead in a Palmetto swamp a mile from her home at Brunswick, Ga., two days after her mysterious disappearance. A white man, whose name has been withheld, has confessed slaying the child.

Gen. Patton's Forces Cross Flooded Rivers, Drive Into Westwall

PARIS, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Third Army shock troops crossed the flooded Sure and Our rivers into Germany on a 22-mile front today and fought a half mile into the Siegfried line in a broad extension of the American drive toward the Rhine.

Parts of four divisions stormed across the Luxembourg frontier by boat and bridge at seven places between Echternach and a point five miles north of Clervaux. Small arms fire but little artillery opposed them.

The new attacks put the allied line on or across the Reich frontier all the 160 miles from the Dutch border to near the blackened industrial city of Saarbruecken, now largely a shell from allied bomb and artillery attacks.

North of the Third army, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army captured Masebenden, a suburb of Gemuend; besieged Schleiden; and advanced to within 500 yards of the bloody village of Schmidt, north of the five Roer river dams controlling levels on that barrier stream.

All three villages were at the eastern extremity of the second fixed Siegfried Line belt of fortifications. Beyond, the Germans have dug trenches, thrown up earthworks, fortified villages and converted farmhouses into ersatz forts.

The First army made slow, slithering progress to the dams because driving rains were rapidly washing snow from the hilly battle front. Two of the dams have been captured.

The 78th Lightning division reached within 500 yards of Schmidt and also entered Koomerscheid, 1,000 yards northwestward. In three days, the 78th alone has seized 159 Siegfried Line pillboxes. The 19th division entered the Gemuend suburb and the Second division cleaned out Hellenthal, three miles south of Schleiden.

The First army was within two miles of two of the German-held Roer headwater dams which control the flood level on the whole river, along which the American Ninth and British Second armies were bivouacked in possible jump-off positions.

For the first time since the Russian winter offensive broke See GEN. PATTON'S Page 2

Ted Malone To Tell Of Ollie Harris On Broadcast Tonight

The Star received a telegram from New York this afternoon saying that Ted Malone, on his overseas broadcast tonight at 8 o'clock E. W. T. over the Blue network, will tell about Sgt. Ollie Harris, of Shelby, now serving with a hospital evacuation unit in Luxembourg.

Sgt. Harris, husband of the former Miss Abbie Jane Wall, who, with their two children, makes her home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Zeno Wall, while her husband is away, was connected with the Lutz-Austell funeral home prior to entering service a little over a year ago.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p. m.—Sunday school officers and teachers of First Baptist church meet at church. 7:30 p. m.—Presbyterian prayer meeting. 7:30 p. m.—Central Methodist fellowship hour. 7:45 p. m.—Prayer and praise service at First Baptist church. THURSDAY 7:00 p. m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club. 7:30 p. m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

Failure To Defend Manila Looks Like Planned Run-Out

By HAROLD STREETER Associated Press War Editor Evidence suggesting the Japanese foresaw the loss of Manila and actually began plans for retreat from it before the American landings Jan. 9 at Lingayen Gulf is to be found in reports coming from the liberated scene. Such a manifestation of war psychology on the part of the enemy warrants interest because it is so at variance with that which previously distated bitter-end stands on Pacific islands of lesser value. Among the more than 1,500 men, women and children freed

his week at ancient, grimy Manila prison in the heart of Manila were some British mothers. They and their children had been held at Baguio. That mountain town, summer capital of the Philippines, lies more than 120 miles north of Manila. By blowing up the road approaches, Japanese forces could hold up there amid fog, natural defenses with the prospect of holding out for a long time. The bitter defense put

Boy Scouts, Cubs and Senior Scouts have performed many services vital to the war effort in recent months. In a recent two months drive for sorely needed waste paper the Boy Scouts salvaged 120,000 tons. Incomplete reports show that 85,968 Scouts and Cubs collected over a half ton each while more than 400,000 boys brought in more than 500 pounds each. Late in September and in early October Scouts and Cubs collected enough milkweed floss to make one million life jackets for the armed forces for use while afloat. AID WAR EFFORT Last year the Boy Scouts of America distributed more than 20,000,000 posters for the Office of War Information. In addition members aided rationing boards, Selective Service boards, Commu-

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War Prognosticators Think MacArthur May Get Assignment To Invade Japan

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur's "On To Tokyo" cry has given rise to speculation among the military people here that he may well get from President Roosevelt the assignment to invade Japan.

Actually the idea that the liberator of Manila would probably want to go beyond the Philippines has hit some of the ranking officers here as a surprising but logical notion. Moreover, it fits in with indicated development of

the final stage of the war to crush Japan. The task is three-fold: To keep command of the seas and ocean supply lines leading to Japan and the China coast, to invade Japan and to invade China.

The odds on favorite for the China invasion assignment, despite his recent run-in with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, is General Joseph W. Stilwell, the army's new ground forces commander. Stilwell knows the Chinese better than any other top

flight American officer and is considered by most of his associates to be best equipped to plan the future grand scale operations in China.

FULL TIME But the China assignment is a full time job that may continue, assuming it starts first, long after the invasion of Japan. These will be separate operations, raising entirely separate problems of strategy and supply. This is why speculation now centers on Mac-