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Fighting Is Heavy Near Manila Free French Take Over Atlantic Islands

They've Taken Over the Nazi War Machine



Here is the triumvirate reported in command of the Nazi war machine. Right, Hitler, who has put himself in control of the army, is shown with Gen. Alfred Jodl, usually seen in pictures with Hitler at the front, and who is credited with doing much of the strategic thinking. Left, is Col. Gen. Franz Halder, chief of the German general staff, and also credited with master-minding many of the major Nazi campaigns. (Central Press)

Churchill Predicts Long War And Promises Axis A 'Lesson'

Jap Invaders Are Poorly Equipped

By CLARK LEE

Manila, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Masses of Japanese troops—some of them boys of 15 to 18 years old and poorly equipped with 25 caliber guns—are dying in attacks on the Lingayen front as if simply accepting the inevitable.

An American officer who commanded one of the beach defenses told me there was "no hysterical exultation" in the charge on the shore last Monday when the major invasion began.

"They kept coming forward in forward just a little bit, lifting their knees high in a sort of imitation goosestep," he said.

"They kept coming forward in pairs, one directly behind the other. They were coming on to die and many of them did."

"Many times one of our machine gun or rifle bullets killed two men at once."

"When hit they just threw up their hands and fell backward as if accepting an inevitable fate."

"Some wore poor quality khaki; others were in half uniforms and half civilian clothing."

"The invaders carried 25 caliber rifles while about one-fourth of them had 25 caliber sub-machine guns."

The commander of the landing section said the 25 bullet would not kill a man unless it struck in a vital spot.

Japan's Subs Seek To Beat U-Boat Record

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The raiding Japanese submarines in the Pacific are out to accomplish what German U-boats failed to accomplish off the Atlantic coast in 1918.

In both campaigns the two major objectives are the same—disruption of naval units from combat duty with the fleet for strictly defensive patrol operations and the disruption of American shipping.

Although the Japanese are not considered by naval men to be in the same class with the grimly efficient U-boat veterans of World War I and although their submarines must operate over vastly greater distances, they were conceded two advantages over the World War I U-boats.

Japan is believed to have a much

Confident



Prime Minister Winston Churchill, shown above as he arrived in Washington for historic conference with President Roosevelt, today told the Senate the allies will give the axis powers a "lesson which they and world will never forget."

Jap Drive To Intensify

British Expect Heavier Campaign Against Singapore After Fall of Hongkong.

Singapore, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Christmas Day fall of Hongkong, after a week of fighting upon the island itself, was expected by observers today to signal intensification of the Japanese drive against Singapore, British bastion at the tip of Malaya.

Hongkong's garrison, under assault by land, sea and air since the outbreak of the Pacific war, was forced to yield the island, the heart of a crown colony established by Britain

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British Prime Minister, Addressing United States Senate, Says Allies Will Take Initiative In War By 1943.

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told Congress today the allies would be ready "to take the initiative on an ample scale by 1943" and in the end give the axis powers a lesson the world "will never forget."

The British asked his intently listening audience these questions about the Germans, Japanese and Italians:

"What kind of people do they think we are?"

"Do they not realize that we shall never cease to persevere against them until we have taught them a lesson which they and the world will never forget?"

This brought a roar of applause from the packed and jammed senate chamber.

The United States-British production within a year or 18 months, Churchill said, would result in warpower output beyond "anything ever seen in the axis states."

The youth of Germany, Japan and Italy had been taught, Churchill said, that aggressive warfare was the duty of the citizen and should begin as the weapons were available.

"They have played and planned for war," he charged.

Churchill said it was natural that the planning and plotting by the axis powers had placed the United States at a disadvantage. But, saying that we should be thankful that we had time to prepare for war, he added:

"If Germany had tried to invade Britain in June, 1940, and Japan had declared war on the United States the same day no one can say what disaster might have come."

Churchill said that within 18 months production within the United States "will produce results in warpower beyond anything that has been seen," and that "by the end of 1941 we will be quite definitely in a better position than we are now."

By 1943, he said, production "will enable us to assume the initiative on an ample scale."

The British leader said he and President Roosevelt did not hesitate to forecast a "long and hard war" because "our people would rather know the truth."

"Mighty strokes of war already have been dealt against the enemy," he continued, and with mention of Russian victories the audience applauded at length.

For the first time since the war began, the British have been able to fight the axis forces with equal weapons in Africa, Churchill said.

"For the first time," he said, "we have made the Hun feel the sharp

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Plebiscite Supports Seizure

Free French at London Charge St. Pierre Radio Broadcast Meterological Information; U. S. and British Protest.

St. Pierre, St. Pierre-et-Miquelon, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Free French seamen went about the business of organizing this barren Atlantic outpost today as a 1941 but loyal ally of anti-axis powers which seemed reluctant to accept its services.

They were supported by 98 per cent of the voters from the 3,500 on the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, 15 miles off Newfoundland.

The voters chose that of Vichy in a plebiscite yesterday one day after Vice Admiral Emile Muselier, commander of the free French naval forces, had steamed into St. Pierre with four corvettes to seize the islands for General Charles de Gaulle's forces.

Only ten opposing votes were cast.

(The French national committee free French) at London charged today that it was "common knowledge" that the radio at St. Pierre when it was under Vichy domination "was broadcasting meterological information useful to the enemy."

(The United States government was reliably reported to be endeavoring to keep the status quo of the islands in conformity with an agreement made recently with French authorities in Martinique to keep France's western Atlantic islands out of the war lineup.

(The purpose of the Martinique agreement was to keep the Vichy government from moving further toward the axis. The U. S. State department yesterday characterized the seizure as "an arbitrary action contrary to the agreement to all parties concerned and certainly without the prior knowledge or consent in any case of the United States government."

(British officials in London also reported "complete surprise.")

(The British radio quoted the Berlin radio as reporting that Admiral Jean Darlan of the Vichy government had gone to Toulon, big French Mediterranean naval base where several major units of the French fleet are berthed.)

Stock Market Does Little

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The stock market today had little to go on in the way of stimulating war or business news and leaders generally swung over a narrowly irregular path.

While modest recoveries seemed in here and there at the start, market leaders were unchanged or a shade lower near the fourth hour. The speedy pace of the past few weeks lacked appreciably.

Holiday Fatalities Reach Total Of 432 In Nation

(By The Associated Press)

A nation already counting its war dead emergency today from a not too gay Christmas celebration only to find it must read another death toll—that of violent holiday fatalities.

Forty states and the District of Columbia had reported 432 deaths through this morning.

Death stalked the highways, closed, automobiles and other vehicles taking 334 lives, but also struck 98 times in other forms—fire, guns, lightning, airplanes.

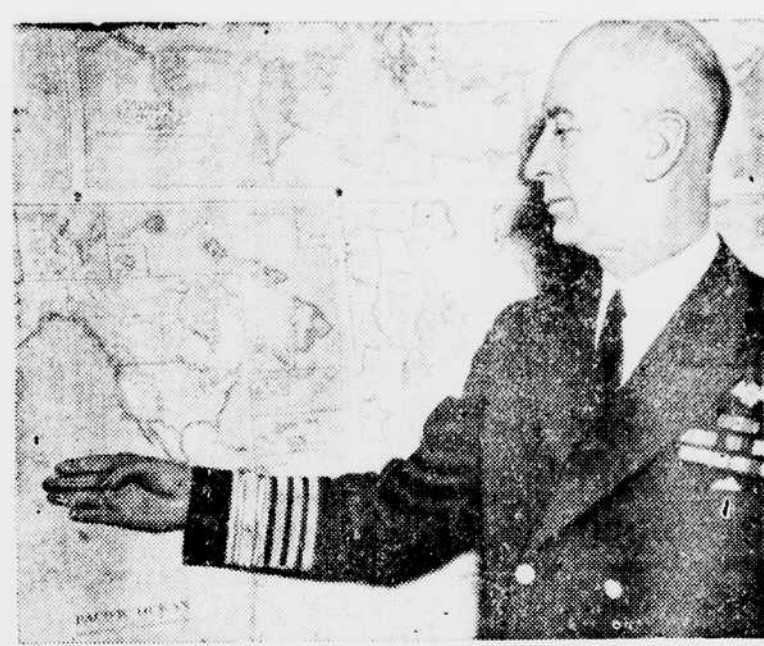
Worst tragedy was the combined wreck and fire that killed ten persons in a bus at St. Louis. Most of them had attended midnight mass and were returning home.

At least twelve persons met violent death in North Carolina over the holidays.

Automobile mishaps took the lives of the following: Walter Carroll, 55, of Benson; Randolph Finch, 31, of

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'Cincus' on the Job



C. P. Phonephotos

Newly-appointed commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, Admiral Ernest J. King is shown in his office in Washington studying a map of the Pacific war area as he took over his new duties. He succeeded Admiral Husband Kimmel, who was removed from his command as an aftermath of the Pearl Harbor tragedy.

Nazi Casualties Heavy In Ukraine

Fleet Sinks Enemy Ships

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Navy announced today the Asiatic fleet had sunk one enemy transport and a mine sweeper and probably an additional transport and seaplane tender.

The information, the Navy department said in a communique, came in a dispatch from Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the Asiatic fleet.

Naval operations against enemy submarines are being vigorously prosecuted in the eastern Pacific, it added.

Tokyo Claims Entire Fleet Destroyed

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Russians Report 20,000 Germans Killed in Six-Day Battle at Sevastopol; British Advance Further in North Africa.

(By The Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler's Crimean armies were reported today to have lost 20,000 killed in a six-day battle at the approaches to Sevastopol, long-besieged Russian naval base, and Soviet dispatches listed an additional 13,900 Germans slain on other battlefields during the Christmas holidays.

With the steam roller Red army counter offensive sweeping on unchecked, advances reaching London said the Russians had recaptured the strategic city of Kaluga, 110 miles southwest of Moscow.

In the north on the Leningrad front, Soviet troops were credited with re-capturing Osyev after a 62-mile drive from Tikhvin, 110 miles southeast of Leningrad, and it was apparent that this thrust, if continued, would soon threaten the right flank of the German siege forces before Leningrad itself.

Aside from the bloody slaughter at Sevastopol, where the situation was still obscure, the Russians said 19,200 German officers and men had been killed in fighting on the Moscow front from December 21 to 25, another 3,000 slain in an unbroken sector and 800 killed on the southern front.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters gave rare praise to Italian and Slovak troops for helping the German counter Red army attacks on the Donets river front in the Ukraine.

In the central (Moscow) sector, hard defensive fighting continues, the German communique said.

On the north African front, British headquarters reported that more than 13,000 axis prisoners had already been removed to the rear and that British troops were inflicting heavy losses on German forces attempting to retreat near Agadabia, 60 miles south of British-captured Benghazi.

Cairo military observers said most of the tanks of General Erwin Rommel's fleeing armies have already been wiped out in heavy battles which marked the 340-mile sweep of Britain's desert armies across Libya from the Egyptian frontier to Benghazi.

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COTTON FUTURES LOWER AT OPENING

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 35 to 45 cents a bale lower.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and colder tonight.

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Communique Indicates Grave Turn

Heavy Casualties Reported on Both Sides as Tank Battles Rage Southeast of Manila; Brisk Fighting Elsewhere on Luzon.

(By The Associated Press)

Violent tank battles are raging southeast of Manila and Japan's invasion armies are now bringing "very heavy pressure" to bear against American and Filipino defenses, U. S. Army headquarters announced late today.

The Army's announcement reporting heavy casualties on both sides indicated a grave turn in the situation.

An earlier communique had declared that the 20-day old battle of the Philippines "was going well" on all fronts.

The War department bulletin painted a brighter picture north of Manila, declaring that reported Japanese assaults on the main American fighting line near Lingayen Gulf, 110 miles above the Philippine capital, had been beaten off.

The communique said General Douglas MacArthur had reorganized and strengthened defense positions in the Lingayen sector while the Japanese were also reported to be heavily reinforcing their troops. Heavy artillery duels were in progress.

Brisk fighting was reported from other fronts on Luzon island, on which Manila is situated.

Meanwhile, Australia's prime minister, John Curtin, hinted measures are under way by Britain, the United States and other allied powers to reverse Japan's offensive advantage.

"We are mobilizing the allies against the axis," he said.

Curtin said he could not disclose the precise form of the new allied movement already launched, but declared he was greatly encouraged by growing reinforcements.

Simultaneously, dispatches from Batavia said Dutch warplanes slashing at sea-borne Japanese invasion forces had sunk two Japanese transports and a destroyer.

In the Philippine conflict, General MacArthur formally proclaimed Manila an open and undefended city to have it from the ravages of air and ground assaults by Japanese forces.

High flying Japanese planes dived over Manila within an hour after General MacArthur's proclamation.

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LaFollette Opposes Cut

Wisconsin Senator Says Non-Defense Reductions "Hasty and Unwarranted."

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—In a sharply critical minority report, Senator LaFollette, Progressive Wisconsin, charged today that the joint economy committee's recommendations for a \$1,131,075,000 cut in non-defense spending was "hasty and unwarranted."

LaFollette asserted that committee suggestions for the abolition of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the National Youth Administration and the Farm Security Administration would "knock some of the major props of federal support out from under our special structure in the lower income levels." He alone signed the report.

Earlier, Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, had expressed the opinion that the United States would be lucky if it could finance one-third of the cost of the war out of current revenues despite projected tax increases.

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