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Fall Of Manila Is Imminent Germans In Retreat On All Fronts

Hitler Fails In Schedule Set For 1941

German Headquarters Concede Reverses in Crimea; Invaders Driven Back as Much as 100 Miles Before Moscow.

(By The Associated Press) Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, standing at the crossroads of a new year, acknowledged a sharp reverse for his Crimean armies today as the once conquering German legions were reported in retreat on all fronts.

Just a year ago today, in a New Year's message to his troops, Hitler boasted: "The year 1941 will bring completion of the greatest victory of our history." By contrast this was the picture today: The Nazi invaders hurled back as much as 100 miles before Moscow... driven 60 to 70 miles in retreat from the deepest penetration on the Leningrad front... and a new threat developing in the far south with Russia's Red armies storming back into the Crimea to blur Hitler's dream of capturing the great Caucasus oil fields across the Strait of Kerch.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters conceded that the Russians "during the last few days again landed strong forces on the Kerch peninsula and Feodosiya" in an attempt to lift the siege of Sevastopol.

"Necessary counter measure have (Continued on Page Seven)

Weaver Heads U.S. Air Corps

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The assignment of Major General Walter R. Weaver as acting chief of the air corps with headquarters in Washington was announced today by the War Department.

The orders relieved Weaver of his assignment as commanding general of the southeast air corps training center with headquarters at Maxwell Field, Ala.

As acting chief of the air corps, Weaver will direct all supply and training operations of the air force. Weaver is a native of Charleston, S. C.

Tin Under Priorities

OPM Order Prohibits Use of Tin in 29 Different Products; Other Rulings Made.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The government today prohibited the use after March 31 of tin in 29 different products—including musical instruments, tin foil, toys, household furnishings, jewelry, buckets and various novelties—and ordered an immediate 50 percent reduction in tin used for such purposes.

No new restrictions were placed on tin used in cans and other containers but the conservation order would be issued shortly limiting production and use of those items.

The factory price of cigarettes was frozen at the December 26 level by one of a series of new regulations issued to halt rising prices or to conserve materials for war use.

Another order fixed the retail prices of new tires and tubes at levels of the standard prices issued by manufacturers November 26.

In addition, the OPM told woolen manufacturers that their supply of new wool for non-military production such as civilian clothing would be restricted during the next three months to half or less of the amount they used during the same period in 1941.

Did They Mean United States or Japan?



Japanese flyers who bombed Pearl Harbor came equipped with crudely phrased propaganda leaflets as well as high explosives. Pictured here as it was reproduced by duplicating machine on rough foolscap, the propaganda leaflet advised in its English heading—"You damned! Go to the devil!" Beneath this greeting were drawings of an aircraft carrier and battleship exploding, a fish spitting destruction, and a caricature of President Roosevelt. The Nipponese characters read, "Listen to the voice of doom! Open your eyes, blind fools!" (Central Press)

Washington Has Practice Raid Alert

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Historic Pennsylvania Avenue was like Whitehall under the Nazi blitz for 15 minutes last night as the capital city held a practice air raid alert in deadly serious rehearsal for possible danger to come.

The blackout was not quite as black, the sirens were not quite as mournful, the streets were empty of pedestrians who might be called to help smother fire bombs, and the explosive sound effects were missing. But otherwise downtown Washington might well have been central London during a lull in any one of the 500 or so raids from the fall of France to the battle of Russia.

Over much of the rest of Washington street lights were dimmed and turned off, advertising signs were darkened and restaurants and drug stores operated by candlelight or well-shaded lamps for the alert period.

Civilian Defense Director Fiorello H. LaGuardia, touring the darkened city, considered the practice blackout very satisfactory.

NO MORE MESSAGES TAKEN FOR MANILA

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Globe Wireless announced today it would accept no more radiograms for Manila. Other radio and cable companies accepted messages "at sender's risk only."

The brief, businesslike comment of the communications companies made no mention of the advance of the Japanese armies toward the Philippine capital.

German Tank Losses Heavy At Agedabia

Carthage, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Heavy fighting took place south of Agedabia yesterday and considerable damage was done to the armored forces of German General Erwin Rommel, the British announced today.

Rommel used the full strength of his tank forces and strong infantry elements in a determined effort to prevent a British sweep around his southern flank, today's communique said.

A heavy engagement resulted. Many of the German tanks were (Continued on Page Four)

War Will Take Half Of Nation's Income

State Tax Receipts Gain Over Last Year

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—(AP)—North Carolina today ended the first half of the fiscal year with its revenues running 18.51 per cent ahead of the same period of 1940-41.

The tax report, released by Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, showed that every major source of income had soared well over last year's figures to all time records.

Total general fund taxes were \$2,960,007.08 for December and \$23,888,968.34 for the six months period, compared with \$2,120,290.13 and \$17,165,420.26 respectively.

The gasoline division reported receipts of \$2,729,832.54 for December and \$17,186,822.82 for the six months, compared with \$2,124,817.53 and \$15,022,429.73.

Churchill Lauds Defense Of Philippines

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill praised the defense of the Philippines by American and Filipino forces today and said he thought the Japanese were in for some surprises before the fight ended.

Asked by a London reporter at a press conference if he thought the British would hold Singapore, he responded "I sure do."

The Japanese "have something coming to them some of these days," he asserted in answer to a question as to when the allies would bomb the Japanese.

He is continuing to discuss grand strategy at the War with President Roosevelt, he said, and he added that he hoped the decisions would be expressed "in deeds and not in words."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy and slightly warmer with fog and occasional drizzle or light rain tonight.

Republicans and Democrats Join In Support of Presidential Arms Program

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Congressional leaders agreed enthusiastically today to President Roosevelt's program for channeling half the national income into the war effort in the next fiscal year.

Democrats and Republicans alike declared there was not the slightest doubt that Congress would honor every qualified request for funds to build up the nation's fighting power.

The only question that both Maxwell showed that every major source of income had soared well over last year's figures to all time records.

As to that, however, Senator Austin, Republican, Vermont, the assistant Republican leader, said that the President obviously was thoroughly informed on the industrial situation and knew what could be done before approving such a vast outlay.

"Our expenditures are going to be limited only by our capacity in industrial facilities and in trained manpower," Austin told reporters. "There will be no question about Congress appropriating the necessary funds."

The President told his press conference yesterday that military expenditures would reach 27 per cent of the national income by the close of this fiscal year on June 30, 1942. His present plans contemplated increasing that outlay to 50 per cent in the ensuing year, he said.

Hocutt's Estimate Of Funds For Bus Safety Cut In Half

Daily Dispatch Bureau In The Star-Walter Hotel. By BOB LYONS-PON

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—The \$25,000 which Director Ronald Hocutt of the Highway Safety Division asked for the proposed school bus safety campaign will be cut around 50 percent, according to preliminary estimates of the budget bureau.

The request amounted to approximately \$5 a year to train the driver, alternate driver, patrol and children of each of the State's more than 4,800 school buses. But something between \$2.50 and \$3 is all that will be forthcoming.

Before the council of state met yesterday the governor said that he intended to ask for a \$25,000 allot-

Hitler Says 1942 To See Red Defeat

German Fuehrer Declares 'Germany Does Not Want and Cannot Afford to be Involved in Battle Again Every 25 Years.'

Berlin, (official broadcast recorded by AP), Dec. 31.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler, in a New Year's order to his troops, declared today that the Russian winter counter attack "will be transcended" and that the year 1942 would see the Soviet power broken completely.

Addressing his troops on the eastern front, Hitler asserted that "Germany does not want and cannot afford to be involved in battle again every 25 years" and engaged in a new year's "to be a red defeat." "The struggle cannot eternally continue to sacrifice the lives of the young of Anglo-American and Jewish conspirators any satiate itself."

London, Dec. 31.—(AP)—While Adolf Hitler was telling Germany that the New Year would see Russian power smashed, the British radio was broadcasting to the Germans today that "in 1942 we shall chase every German out of Russia and score final victory."

By his selfish machinations. "The blood which has been spilled in this war shall be, we hope, the last to be spilled in Europe for generations."

His final words were these: "We shall, therefore, ask God Almighty that the year 1942 will bring the decision for the rescue of our people and of the nations allied with us."

In his speech last New Year's Hitler declared flatly "the year 1941 will bring completion of the greatest victory of our history."

Hitler also issued a proclamation to the German people, read over the Berlin radio.

In it he reiterated his statements and had tried to maintain peace even after the outbreak of fighting in September, 1939.

For the failure of the alleged efforts he blamed Britain and the United States.

Declaring that Germany's soldiers (Continued on Page Four)

Enemy Alien Order Issued

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle today ordered all German, Japanese and Italian nationals in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to surrender all radio transmitters, short wave receivers and cameras to local police by 11 p. m. January 5.

The order extended a previous one concerning enemy aliens in western states, whose time limit for turning in the forbidden equipment already has expired.

The penalty for failure to comply is forfeiture of the articles and possible imprisonment for the duration of the war.

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Hong Kong Hero



Admiral Chan-chak

Hero of the battle for Hong Kong, one-legged Admiral Chan-chak led 80 British officers and men and 100 Chinese soldiers in a wild dash from Hong Kong when the Japanese closed in on the island. Seizing five speedboats, the party avoided Japanese units in a series of engagements that lasted four days off the South China coast, finally reaching safety near the East River on the coast.

Allies Try Nerves War

Japan Given Cause for Concern Over Possible Operations On Wide Front.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—With the battle for the Philippines in its crucial hour, the allies invoked war of nerves technique against Japan today to mask the grand strategy of operations that might develop anywhere along a 5,000-mile front.

The overwhelming Japanese armies were smashing closer to the gates of Manila, but Tokyo exhibited signs of uneasiness over the possibility of developments elsewhere.

Whether the allied "nerves" offensive presaged a lightning thrust against Japan at some unexpected point was a subject of lively conjecture here, where all eyes were on the tide of fighting in the Philippines.

The capital realized that if the terrific pressure on the Philippines were to be relieved it would take a smashing surprise attack on Japan in some other part of the vast Pacific theatre.

The character of allied pronouncements was calculated to keep Japan apprehensive on that score.

President Roosevelt spoke cryptically yesterday of Kamchatka, the Russian Siberian peninsula, which lay down to the tip of the Japanese island chain.

Prime Minister Churchill simultaneously was talking of Anglo-American aid to the Netherlands, East Indies, which are at the opposite end of the 5,000-mile front.

It was an in Tokyo to dream at which end trouble was apt to come first or whether it might come simultaneously in both places. With Japanese forces spread over such a vast area and already committed in several major operations, the latter prospect was disturbing.

The Tokyo radio evidenced this by broadcasting a warning against possible air raids during the New Year holiday period.

U. S. Buys All Cuban Sugar Crop For 1942

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The government took concrete steps today to protect American consumers against any possible sugar shortage and sky rocketing prices by arranging to buy the bulk of the 1942 Cuban sugar crop.

The transaction, to be handled by the government-owned defense supplies corporation, was announced last night at a time when war in the Pacific clouded prospects of getting further supplies from the Philippine islands.

Government authorities said the deal would make available to the United States upwards of half of its annual needs. In recent years this country had depended upon Cuba for only about 30 per cent of its requirements.

A part of the Cuban crop, however, may be turned over to Great Britain and Russia under the lease-lend program.

Japanese Pressure Increasing

American and Filipino Defenders Battle Against Apparently Hopeless Odds; Dive Bombers and Armored Units Active.

(By The Associated Press) American and Filipino troops battling against apparently hopeless odds were reported still offering "strong resistance, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy" today after executing a further adjustment of their lines.

While the fall of Manila appeared imminent and the army attempted to evacuate 300 seriously wounded Americans from Luzon island, a war department communique indicated that the 25-day old struggle was not yet ended.

"The enemy continued to exert heavy pressure on all fronts with extensive use of dive bombers and armored units," the communique said.

The War Department's bulletin covered the military situation as of 9:30 a. m. EST (11:30 p. m. Manila time)—indicating that the Japanese invasion hordes had exactly 30 minutes in which to make good their original bluff that they would take Manila "before New Year's."

Almost an hour later the Navy department announced it was still in communication with the city.

U. S. Army headquarters in the Philippines reported that General Douglas MacArthur's forces were falling back north and south of Manila under the assault of Japanese infantry tanks and dive bombers.

A Dornier dispatch from Shanghai asserted that Japan's invasion forces were only 20 miles from Manila, striking northwest from Lamon Bay.

Other axis reports broadcast by the German radio—perhaps spreading their familiar "fear" propaganda—asserted variously that the Japanese had advanced within six and one-fourth and four miles of the Philippine capital.

Simultaneously, Associated Press correspondent reported that the southern battle line was a bare 30-minute drive by automobile from the capital this morning.

General MacArthur's field headquarters gave this summary of the desperate situation: "The enemy is driving in great force from both north and south. His dive bombers, practically control the roads from the air. The Japanese are using great quantities of tanks and armored units. Our lines are being pushed back."

Late yesterday the nearest Japanese troops had been reported 45 air miles south of Manila. In Tokyo Japanese authorities set the stage for a New Year's Day victory parade.

4 Lynchings During 1941

Tuskegee Institute Report Lists One Negro Shot to Death in Gaston County.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Tuskegee Institute reported today that four persons, all Negroes, were lynched in 1941 and in 19 other instances officers of the law prevented lynching.

The report, relayed by Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of the Negro school, said the lynchings compared with five in 1940 and three in 1939.

The four lynchings were in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, the institute reported. The victims were accused respectively of attempted rape, stealing, fighting with a white man and working on a job from which whites had been discharged, the report added.

Dr. Patterson summarized the details of the alleged North Carolina lynching as follows: April 13, 1941, Gaston county (near Cherryville), N. C., Robert Melker, Negro; charge, altercation with white men; shot to death in his home.