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# Reds Report Huge Nazi Losses

## P-38s Lead Assault On Jap Base At Lae, Downing Nine Planes

**Total of Jap Airplane Losses in Southwest Pacific Is Boosted to 1,286 Craft; At Least 23 Planes Shot Down or Damaged Yesterday**

Alfred Headquarters in Australia, Jan. 1—(AP)—American P-38s led an assault yesterday on Lae, northeast New Guinea Japanese base, and shot down nine enemy fighters and damaged two others, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters declared today in a communique supplemented by an air force announcement reporting that 1,286 Japanese planes have been destroyed in the southwest Pacific since the war began.

The smashing blow delivered to Lae was part of wide-ranging allied air activity that saw four Japanese bombers, bombed and strafed and at least 23 Japanese planes destroyed or damaged.

Today's headquarters communique said the attack on Lae was a coordinated assault by fighters, attack planes and medium bombers.

The attack was initiated by eleven P-38s which engaged twelve enemy Zeros guarding the airfield. It was the P-38s, except the ally, which downed nine of the enemy and damaged two, while sustaining two damaged planes which reached their base safely.

The attack, according to the communique, then struck the fuel, the engine, bomb loader and one Zero on the ground. Four medium bombers then finished by bombing enemy ground installations with heavy damage.

The head fighting in the Buna area consisted mainly of mopping up along the corridor driven through the Japanese defense zone to the sea, but there was heavy fighting again on the Sengulung tract, north of Buna, the communique said.

## Vacant Places Await Action

Washington, Jan. 1—(AP)—One of President Roosevelt's tasks as he starts the new year today is that of finding the men for nearly a score of important positions which have become vacant in recent months.

## Halt To Draft Of Farm Labor Is Demanded

Washington, Jan. 1—(AP)—A halt to the military drafting of farm labor was called for today by Senator Aiken, of Vermont, as the only way to avert "the gravest food crisis in the history of this nation."

"If agricultural workers are drafted in 1943, we may witness an alarming food shortage before the end of this year," Aiken told supporters. Having reference to reports that war manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt had announced he would go as far as necessary to give agriculture all the workers needed to plant and harvest the crops, Aiken expressed hope "we will act speedily."

He urged that McNutt set up a program "that is adequate and certain, as we can't afford any mistakes."

At the same time, Aiken expressed hope McNutt and other administration leaders would limit the armed forces to a size that can be fed. "The time has come to determine the maximum number of men we can put into the Army and Navy and still feed and maintain them while allowing food and equipment for all the United Nations," Aiken, a leading Republican farm bloc member, declared.

## JUSTICES SWORN IN FOR 8-YEAR TERMS

Raleigh, Jan. 1—(AP)—Chief Justice W. P. Stacy and Associate Justice Michael Schenck and E. B. Deane began their eighth-year terms today on the North Carolina supreme court bench.

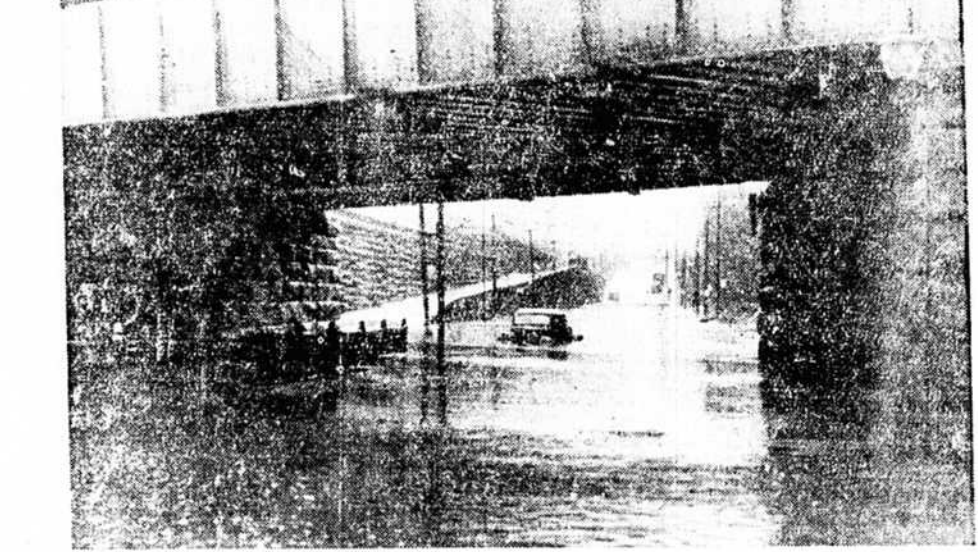
Associate Justice W. A. Deane gave the oath of office to Chief Justice Stacy and to superior court Judge W. C. Harris, who began a new term today also. The chief justice administered the oaths to Justices Schenck and Deane.

## FERGUSON HEADS FTC FOURTH TIME

Washington, Jan. 1—(AP)—Garland S. Ferguson becomes chairman of the federal trade commission for the fourth time today—the first member to hold the office more than three times. The chairmanship is rotated annually.

Ferguson, a native of Waynesboro, N. C., and a former resident of Greensboro, N. C., has been a commissioner since 1927.

## Record Flood Strikes Pittsburgh



This automobile was abandoned on Pittsburgh's Duquesne Way beneath a railroad bridge as flood waters inundated a large area of the city. The rising waters are expected to reach a peak of 26 feet. War plants along the river banks are hastily elevating machinery and vital materials in efforts to keep in operation despite the flood, which is said to be the worst in a century. This is a photograph. (Central Press)

## Zeros Outshoot Lightnings

### Negroes Pay For Murder

State Executes First Woman Since Taking Over Capital Punishment; Each Blames Other

Raleigh, Jan. 1—(AP)—Rosanna Lightner Phillips, the first woman executed by the State, and her husband, Daniel, died today in the gas chamber for the axe slaying last August 3 of Harry E. Watkins, 61-year old Durham county farmer.

## State Surplus Is Involved In Most Legislative Talk

By RALPH L. HOWLAND  
Raleigh, Jan. 1—(AP)—The first regular legislative session held in wartime since 1865 will open next Wednesday. But in place of the near-bankruptcy of Civil War days, the State now has its largest surplus in history.

### Two Fighters And a Bomber Are Lost

Washington, Jan. 1—(AP)—The Navy reported today that four Japanese Zero float-type planes had shot down two American Lightning fighters while losing only one of their number in a battle over Kiska in the Aleutian Islands.

The communique, No. 225, said: "On December 29, at 9:30 p. m., a force of Mitchell medium bombers escorted by Lightning fighters was intercepted by four Japanese Zero float planes while proceeding to attack two enemy cargo ships in Kiska harbor. Two Lightnings and one Zero were shot down during the fight. The Mitchell's attacked the enemy ships with incursion resistance of our bombers was shot down. On December 31, U. S. bombers again attacked the enemy ships in Kiska harbor. Three hits were observed on one of the ships and two hits on the other. No U. S. planes were lost."

The reported presence of Japanese fighter planes at Kiska came as something of a surprise to naval men here since it had been many weeks since the Japanese had offered any aerial resistance over the base there.

The best they had been able to do since last fall had been to oppose repeated American air attacks on their shipping and shore installations with anti-aircraft fire which at times was weak.

## SOCIAL SECURITY EXPANSION ASKED

Washington, Jan. 1—(AP)—Immediate expansion of the social security program to cover all workers, increase benefits under the program now in effect, and provide new types of social insurance was urged today by Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer of the social security board.

### Victory Tax Into Effect

Uncle Sam Takes 5 Per Cent of Wages Over \$12 Weekly; Part Will Come Back After War

Washington, Jan. 1—(AP)—Starting today, the average American who works for a living will have to get along with at least 5 per cent less income, but eventually he will get some of it back in one form or another.

At midnight last night the new victory tax went into effect, and Uncle Sam will start clipping from every man envelope five per cent of each week's pay in excess of \$12.

The tax will be withheld from your pay, the responsibility of collecting and turning it over to the Treasury resting with the employer.

## 1943 Predicted To Be Year Of Grim Struggle For Victory

By The Associated Press  
The New Year was born today to a nation striving for a total war-time status and official pronouncement that each of its 363 days will be a grim, victorious struggle toward victory.

## FDR Calls Peace Plan 'Necessity'

Washington, Jan. 1—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that it was a "supreme necessity" to plan for the post-war peace and to carry it out after the war has ended.

The President issued a statement in a press conference following the New Year's celebration, the first of his post-war press conferences since the outbreak of the offensive.

The unity achieved on the battle front is being earnestly sought in the peace negotiations and will be a different result.

In the months previous, war has been a matter of planning for the future, and of carrying out the plan. The most vital importance in the lives of each and all of us.

## Holiday Death Toll Is Down

By The Associated Press  
Fewer violent deaths than last year appeared to have attended the national New Year celebration, an Associated Press survey indicated today.

Thirty-seven fatalities, 26 of them caused by traffic accidents, were reported shortly before noon. This was a sharp decline from the 132 deaths, 84 of them in traffic accidents, reported during January 1, last year.

## CHINESE GENERAL TO TOUR FACTORIES

Washington, Jan. 1—(AP)—President Roosevelt today told reporters that General Shi-Fei, head of the Chinese military mission in this country, was going back to China to report to General Chiang Kai-shek, but would make a tour of United States warplants before departing.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Slightly rising temperatures this afternoon.

## 1,589 Towns Back Under Red Banner

Official Russian Communiqué Lists 1,589 German Killings Captured in Old Soviet Campaign

By The Associated Press  
Soviet Russia counted an allied keynote for 1943 today with the official claim of one of the war's most staggering blows to Nazi arms in triumphant communiques announcing more than 2,265 Germans killed or captured in six weeks of a carefully-timed comeback campaign.

The Russians declared that the remnants of 22 German divisions were trapped and apparently doomed before Stalingrad and still 1,589 towns and villages had been won back under the Red banner.

Adolf Hitler and his people and his armies, under new prospects of victory to report.

He pledged a repetition of the German home front collapse of 1918; he promised a bitter fight to the end.

Germany will never be conquered and never will capitulate. He asserted.

The Russian communiqué said the war with Hitler is a war of attrition and not a war of annihilation.

There were no news reports from the northern waters, where four U. S. warships damaged and drove off an enemy raider and possibly sank a destroyer in a heavy action which the ally said had cost him six crew members. The raider's whereabouts had not been determined.

A Cairo communiqué said the British and U. S. forces had been in two weeks of operations, and reported that large forces were started in a very serious battle.

The war in the Pacific was reported to have been a hard one, but that the first major triumph in the Pacific was reported to have been won.

German counterattacks were described as bitter but futile.

EXPLOSION DAMAGES ROCKY MOUNT PLANT  
Rocky Mount, Jan. 1—(AP)—Garthner, Dairy Product plant here was damaged last night by an explosion which apparently was caused by a leak in the ammonia process. Officially estimated damage at from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Recovery was slow.

M'ILLIAN TO HEAD CIVILIAN DEFENSE  
Raleigh, Jan. 1—(AP)—R. L. McMillan of Raleigh, immediately past State commissioner of the American Legion, will succeed Ben E. Dancy, Jr. of Charlotte tomorrow as state director of civilian defense. Dancy resigned to return to private industry.