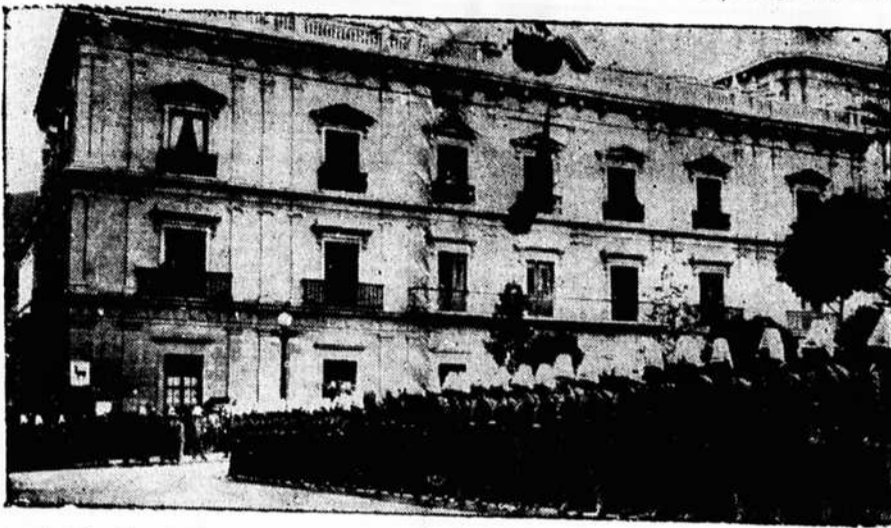


PALACE SEIZED BY BOLIVIAN REVOLUTIONISTS



Picture at La Paz, Bolivia, is the President's Palace, which is said to be in possession of the revolutionists who have overthrown the administration of Enrique Penaranda, President since 1940.

Various Issues To Arise After Congress' Holiday

Increase In 1943 Acreage Of N. C. Crops

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Despite wartime shortages of labor, supplies and equipment and adverse weather conditions, North Carolina farmers harvested 6,534,000 acres of principal crops this year, the State Department of Agriculture reported today.

Christmas Vacation Takes Sombre Note In Opening Today

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Members of the 78th Congress went home today to celebrate the Christmas holidays and to recharge their political batteries for the opening of a presidential campaign here.

They will return January 10 to come to grips with a batch of questions directly affecting the country's wartime economy, of challenges to President Roosevelt's method for holding the inflation line, of issues centering around taxes, wage increases, subsidies and appropriations.

Two of the questions—subsidies and taxes—await Senate attention; a third, that of wage stabilization rests in the House.

Marked for quick attention when the holiday is over are two issues affecting servicemen. House action has been scheduled for January on a measure to provide muster-out pay for servicemen. The Senate already has approved a bill providing for a sliding scale discharge pay ranging from \$200 to \$500, dependent upon the length of service.

Meanwhile, an effort is being made to work out a compromise on legislation to give soldiers a vote in the November elections, one which will satisfy both those who claim the Federal government should make arrangements for the balloting and those who maintain it should be handled by the states.

In quiet contrast to the bill-jinks and inactivity typical of peacetime adjournment came on a sabbath note, a prayer that the New Year would bring victory and peace.

Lin Area Is Free Of Japs

Chungking, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced tonight that Japanese forces had been cleared from the area south of the Lin river, thus restoring half of the River Basin to China.

Enemy remnants on the northern banks of the Lin also were said to have been cleared. The communiqué indicated the Japanese withdrawal was continuing with the Chinese "pursuing the fleeing Japanese on various routes, making considerable progress."

To December 2, the Chinese estimated officially that the enemy had lost 30,000 killed and wounded.

Deposed in Bolivia



Enrique Penaranda, 51, president of Bolivia since 1940, is reported under arrest in La Paz, Bolivia, with several of his ministers, following the overthrow of his pro-Allied government by revolutionists considered friendly to Nazi Germany.

Chacon Urges U. S.-Bolivia Cooperation

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A desire for "effective cooperation" between the United States and Bolivia and an early settlement of negotiations concerning tin and quinine was expressed today by a minister in the new government of President Major Gualberto Villarroel.

"I believe an effective cooperation ought to exist between the United States and Bolivia," asserted Minister of Economy Gustavo Chacon, "and that within the shortest time possible we should face the matter left pending by the laxness of the former government, including tin and quinine. In the interests of both countries these matters should not be further postponed."

NAZIS PLEDGE REPRISALS MARSHALL IN SO. PACIFIC

Indications Of Jap Air Action Seen

Chief of Staff Has Meetings With Heads Along Entire Front

Army Headquarters, Central Pacific, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The long Pacific battle line was tensed with expectancy today after a dramatic visit from General George C. Marshall, United States army chief of staff, and indications of resurgent Japanese air activity.

Marshall, participant in recent Allied military councils held at Cairo and Teheran, flew along the entire line from the southwest Pacific to the Central Pacific, but only the generals and admirals, American and Australian, knew what he had said.

With the chief of staff safely back in the United States after his 33,000-mile global trip, General Douglas MacArthur announced today that Marshall had been at advanced Allied headquarters in New Guinea December 15 when the American Sixth Army units invaded New Britain, at Arawe.

This invasion prompted Tokyo radio to comment that "Japanese quarters do not deny the seriousness of the situation," and that "Rabaul (Japan's most important southwest Pacific base on New Britain) must be held under all circumstances."

Japanese air strength, recently badly hit and reduced in that area, showed signs of revival. South Pacific headquarters said that when American bombers and fighters assaulted Rabaul Sunday, doing heavy damage to shipping, 50 enemy fighters jumped the attackers. The Americans and Japanese each lost four fighters.

Marshall also conferred with the staff of Admiral William F. Halsey, South Pacific commander, and Lt. General Willard E. Harrison, chief of army forces there, whose ground, sea and air forces are driving the Japanese from their last Solomon Islands holdings, on Bougainville.

The chief of staff stopped for two days at Honolulu to see Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief in the Pacific, and Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commander of Central Pacific army forces. Nimitz and Richardson's army and navy units took the Gilbert Islands from the Japanese November 20 and their air forces have been hammering enemy airbases and bases in the Marshall Islands, 500 miles north of the Gilberts, ever since.

While in the Southwest Pacific, Marshall talked with Gen. Thomas A. Blumey, Australian general in command of ground forces in the southwest Pacific, and General George C. Kenney, commander of Allied air forces in this theater.

DORIS DUKE GETS DECREE

Reno, Nev., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Doris Duke Cromwell, heiress to the huge Duke tobacco fortune, received a divorce today from James H. R. Cromwell, one-time U. S. Minister to Canada.

Thrust To Vitebsk By Reds Endangers Nazi Baltic Line

London, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Russian Baltic army, surging forward unchecked, has advanced another five miles and now stands only 15 miles from the Nazi fortress city of Vitebsk. Reuters reported today from Moscow.

Encirclement of this enemy stronghold thus became hourly more imminent.

This thrust and a companion drive toward the important rail junction of Polotsk, 60 miles to the west, threatened the stability of the entire German line defending the Baltic states.

A Russian communique earlier had reported the forces of General Ivan C. Bogdanov within 20 miles of Vitebsk from the north through capture of Grahadi and less than 25 miles away to the east.

His troops, storming down from Nevel yesterday, blasted their way through a 50-mile gap in deep German defenses, capturing more than 100 villages and leaving 1,600 German dead in their wake.

Other columns, swinging out to the west, were within 35 miles of Polotsk.

At the extreme southern end of the 300-mile long battlefield, meanwhile, Russian armies liquidated the Nazi bridgehead on the south bank of the Dnieper opposite Kherson, near the river's mouth and dispiritedly said a full scale attack against the city itself was expected momentarily.

In the center of the line, the Germans were said to be counterattacking in three key sectors. The Moscow war bulletin said the Nazis struck in the area between Zhitomir and the Bezeva river in White Russia, south of Korosten in the Kiev bulge, and in the Koryovgrad sector in the Dnieper river bend.

Kherson's capture would render untenable the German positions in Nikolov, a strategic center in the Dnieper bend, Krivoy Bog, and Nikolaev, northwest of Kherson on the Bug river, together with large German forces scattered throughout the area.

Allied War Prisoners Threatened

German Indignation Over Kharkov Trials Turns to Aviators

London, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Dark threats of reprisals against Allied war prisoners came flying out of Germany today and Nazi propagandists worked up indignation against the Kharkov trials and Paul Josef Goebbels called British and American aviators "Huns of the air."

DNE, the official German news agency, said in a broadcast statement on the Soviet trials that Nazi military courts would "soon deal with those British and American prisoners who are guilty of a serious breach of international law."

Goebbels told Berlin police and air raid protection officials that further attacks on the German front must be expected but that "our day our ever growing antisemitic offenses and future retaliations will make an end to the activities of the Huns of the air."

Ugly hints of measures to be taken against captured Germans were closely connected with a German press campaign against American fliers imprisoned after the November 20 on Bremen and accused of having "murdered their uniforms."

The bombed and battered Nazis are screaming that the names of some of the planes prove that gangsters control the American air forces.

In seizing on the Kharkov trials for further justifications of German brutality, a Nazi foreign office spokesman claimed the trials were agreed upon in principle at the Teheran conference, so the "British and Americans share the responsibility." Swedish press reports said.

DNE's official statement specifically accused President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill of associating themselves with the Kharkov proceedings and likened those proceedings to "medieval witch trials."

Three German and a Russian flier, who admitted at their trial before a Kharkov military court that they had committed and witnessed numerous acts of atrocities against Russian civilians and soldiers, were hanged Sunday in Kharkov's public square.

Yank Bombers Return Near Bremen Area

London, Dec. 22.—(AP)—For the fifth time in two weeks American heavy bombers supported by fighters ranged into northwestern Germany in daylight today with a constant stream of medium and light bombers poured across the channel for the third straight day headed for mysterious targets in northern France.

The big bombers of the Eighth United States Air Force, after a one day layoff, headed right back for the same section where on Monday 500 bombers attacked Bremen, a major air and shipbuilding center. It appeared new evidence of the effectiveness of this region to the Nazi war effort.

It was the seventh heavy association of the month for the American and kept rolling the great day and night offensive which opened Monday.

In addition, wave on wave of Allied bombers swept out in what looked like one of the greatest sustained cross-channel assaults of the year toward the Pas de Calais region, presumably to attack the same targets which have had successive blows in the two preceding days and which have been described only

5th Army Reaches San Vittore After Capturing Heights

Tito's Forces On Offensive On All Fronts

London, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Marshal Tito's partisan army of 250,000 battling German and collaborationist forces twice its size, has taken to the offensive on every sector of Yugoslavia's irregular battlefield, a communique from the Yugoslav army of liberation announced today.

The German forces, spearheaded by the German 373rd division, struck back with large scale assaults in Croatia in an effort to regain the initiative, the war bulletin disclosed, but Tito's seventh patriot division decisively thwarted the enemy thrusts.

With Yugoslavia developing into a battlefield of broadening scope, a recapitulation of Hitler's losses to clear his Balkan flank shows that he had 40,000 casualties in October and November alone. These figures were given in a Moscow broadcast, which said the casualties included 16,000 killed and 11,000 prisoners.

German broadcasts heard in Cairo claimed the capture last Sunday of the Bosnian town of Jajce, described as Tito's headquarters. The reports said he and his government were in flight. There was no confirmation of this report.

French Participation With Americans in Drive Is Disclosed

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 22.—(AP)—American Fifth Army forces, bolstered by heavy artillery and mortar fire, captured several new heights and reached the outskirts of San Vittore on the road to Rome today, while the British Eighth Army battered the Germans with tanks and infantry in the streets of Ortona.

American and French troops along the northern mountainous sectors of the Fifth Army front were reported attacking the villages of Acquafredda, five miles west of Filignano, and Cardito, four miles north of Acquafredda, after occupying a high point in the Mt. Casole region in the past westward on Cassino.

The announcement that the French forces were participating with the Fifth's attack in this sector was the first disclosure of the location of the French whose presence on Italian soil was announced last week.

The French, who have been struggling for the past three days for possession of a vital mountain pass, were reported to have taken the southern path. Other short gains in this area were reported.

In their assault on San Vittore, the Americans were methodically wiping out the numerous pillboxes the Germans had built around the town, using every bomb and every natural obstacle to slow the Allied advance.

General Montgomery's Eighth Army tanks, meanwhile, slugged it out with German Mark IV's in the streets of Ortona, which had been the northern anchor of the Nazi line.

Southwest of Ortona, British troops made slight advances after repulsing two desperate German counterattacks.

In the air war, Allied fighter bombers swarmed over the Yugoslav coast and attacked German positions in support of the partisan forces of Marshal Tito.

A naval communique said that British torpedo boats captured two German schooners off the Yugoslav coast December 19, taking their crews prisoners.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Temperature 25 to 28 west portion and 28 to 32 east portion. Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

2 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT. Santa Claus & Reindeer Direction North! Buy Christmas Seals.

Stock Prices Are Irregular

New York, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Price movements were narrow and irregular in today's stock market. Issues showing fair resistance near the fourth hour included Chrysler, Goodyear, U. S. Rubber and Sears Roebuck.

U. S. Landing Craft Under Attack on Way to New Britain



Bomb bursts fill the scene as Jap planes attack American landing craft on their way to the beach on Arawe, New Britain. Two of the boats were sunk with light casualties. This is one of the first photos to be received in this country showing Yank troops invading the Jap-held island. Official U. S. Signal Corps (International Soundphoto)