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Reds Pushing Deep Into Poland

Gets Unique Honor



AMONG THE FEW fighting men who have had battlefields named in their honor is Marine Lt. Steve Cibik of Leechburg, Pa. He led a platoon which took Piva Ridge on Bougainville, making possible a Yank victory over the Japs at Empress Augusta Bay. Subsequently the ridge was named Cibik Ridge, USMC photo. (International)

Hearings To Begin On Prohibition

100,000 Petitioners Cause Hearings By House Sub-Committee

Washington, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Bowling to demands of more than 100,000 individual petitioners for immediate legislative action, a House Judiciary sub-committee will begin hearings next week on national prohibition legislation.

Chairman Hobbs, Alabama Democrat, said the hearings probably would start on Wednesday, two days after Congress reconvenes, with prohibition advocates as the first witnesses.

The hearings will be on legislation introduced last March by Representative Bryson, South Carolina Democrat, to outlaw beverages containing more than 1 1/2 percent of alcohol by volume, the prohibition to remain in effect until "the termination of demobilization" at the end of the war.

Its professed purpose is "to reduce absenteeism, conserve in proper and speed production of materials necessary for the winning of a war."

A bitter fight is expected to develop over the proposal, which has strong house backing.

Hitler Trial Unnecessary, Czech Says

Washington, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovakian foreign minister, predicted today that Hitler won't live long enough to be tried as a war criminal.

"He'll either be taken care of by the military or commit suicide," Masaryk told an interviewer.

People seem to forget, he went on, that their is cowardice behind the Nazi strategy.

Discussing the trial of war criminals by Allied nations after the war, he said there will be two kinds:

"The important ones will be taken care of quickly, the others may drag on longer."

Robbery Of Virginia Bank

Stuart, Va., Jan. 4.—(AP)—A bandit carrying a little black satchel walked into the First National Bank here today and, at the point of a gun, robbed the institution of between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

L. S. Rucker, cashier of the bank, said the bandit entered shortly before 10 a. m., and demanded \$500 in cash. When Rucker started to count out the money, the robber told him he was in a hurry and would take all the money in the drawer.

Rucker turned over everything in the cash drawer to the bandit who immediately fled the bank and entered a car parked immediately in front of it. He proceeded south on route 8 toward the North Carolina state line. An immediate hunt was organized by Sheriff F. D. Mays and Commonwealth's Attorney Frank P. Burton of Patrick county.

Early Start For 1944 Presidential Campaign Urged

Washington, Jan. 4.—(AP)—An early start for the presidential campaign with June conventions for both major parties was advocated today by Senator Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, to facilitate absentee voting by members of the armed forces.

Vandenberg, who supported the Senate-rejected Green-Lucas Federal ballot bill, told a reporter he is convinced that if servicemen are to vote in November, presidential nominations must be made by July 1 at the latest.

SUDAN GRASS VALUABLE

College Station, Raleigh, Jan. 4.—The new Tift variety of Sudan grass has proven itself resistant to rust and has given increased yields of superior hay in North Carolina, report research men of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

Two Jap Cruisers, Destroyer Are Hit By U. S. Bombers

Jap-Held Wake Hero



This exclusive photo of Lt. Col. James F. Devereux, leader of the U. S. Marines during their heroic stand at Wake Island, has just been received by his son Patrick, 10, along with a letter, the first he has received in two years. Col. Devereux is in a Jap prison camp in Shanghai. (International)

32 Planes of Enemy Are Destroyed Over Kavieng and Rabaul

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Japan's naval strength is weaker by two cruisers and one destroyer which were damaged, possibly sunk, by United States planes in an attack at Kavieng, New Ireland.

While the planes from a carrier force of the south Pacific command were hammering the enemy warships with heavy bombs and torpedoes, other aircraft from South Pacific bases were destroying 32 Japanese planes over Kavieng and Rabaul, big enemy base in northeastern New Guinea. Five American planes were lost in the two raids.

The attacks, reported in General Douglas MacArthur's communique today, occurred New Year's Day, and in extending unhappy holiday greetings to the Japanese the army and navy set a fast pace for 1944 operations.

American troops of the Sixth Army, 32nd division, have secured their objective at Salidor, on the north coast of New Guinea, where they made an invasion landing Sunday.

The communique said the Americans easily overcame light enemy resistance, being aided by Liberators heavy bombers which dropped 126 tons of explosives in the area, from Helmholtz Point to Sic. Other bombers left 55 tons at Madang, the Japanese coastal base 55 miles north of Salidor.

Warned by reconnaissance planes that Japanese naval force of two cruisers and two destroyers was approaching Kavieng, where another carrier-borne plane attack had sunk an enemy destroyer and two big cargo ships Christmas day, the carrier force sped out to meet them.

Fighters and dive bombers hit the warships as they neared the harbor mouth. Bombs and torpedoes set the three vessels aflame while intense machine gun fire sprayed all the ships.

Weather unfavorable for later reconnaissance made it impossible to determine whether the cruisers and destroyers eventually sank. But a headquarters spokesman said that even if they survived the flames it would be a long time before they could be returned to service, even should they be repaired at the nearest enemy repair base at Truk.

Thirty Japanese Zero fighters streaked in to meet up with Hellcat fighters which downed 11 enemy fighters for sure and four more probables.

Large Increase In Coast Line's Revenue in 1943

Wilmington, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The monthly statement of revenues and expenses issued by the general offices here said the Atlantic Coast Line Company's operating revenues for the first 11 months of 1943 were \$149,342,637, compared with \$102,373,633 for the corresponding period in 1942.

The statement, issued last night, said the total for the first 11 months of 1943 was \$60,951,878.

May Attempt Pole-Russian Reconciliation

Washington, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull indicated today that the United States may make an effort to bring Poland and Russia together diplomatically and thus prevent any flareups now that Red troops have crossed the old Polish frontier.

Asked at his press conference about the forthcoming visit here of President Mikolajczyk of the Polish government in exile, Hull said the purpose of the visit could be inferred from the situation in Europe.

London reported that the Polish leader is coming to Washington shortly to discuss Polish-Russian questions.

Hull said this government turns its attention to all matters rising in connection with the Allied situation when it is practical and feasible. We do it in a friendly spirit, he added.

NEW REGISTRATION FOR NAVY AT HILL

Chapel Hill, Jan. 4.—The new Navy Army was the scene today for registration of both new and old students at the University of North Carolina. Classes will get under way tomorrow.

Registration is for civilian students only, since the Navy and Marine V-12 units and the ASTP trainees are running on trimester systems.

A number of new freshmen and transfer students took their physical examinations and placements yesterday in order to be ready for registration today.

INVASION JITTERS HIT BALKAN NAZIS



THAT THE GERMANS are fearful of an Allied Balkan thrust is shown in this photo just received here. Troops stationed on the coast of an unnamed country feverishly work to complete concrete fortifications while sentry on top of rock watches for guerrilla activity. (International)

Forts Wreck Ball Bearing Plant And Turin Rail Yards

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 4.—(AP)—United States Flying Fortresses knocked out the ball-bearing plant at Villa Perosa in northern Italy yesterday and battered the Turin railway yards, it was announced today, while ground Eighth Army Indian troops seized a hill and advanced inland from the Adriatic.

Soggy terrain stymied large scale land fighting, but American troops probed defenses of San Vittore guarding the Rome road, and other patrols also stirred up the Nazis.

Allied fliers wrecked or damaged dozens out of hundreds of German supply trucks found snarled in mountain passes, and bombed the Yugoslav port of Split.

The Fortresses of the 15th Air Force, soaring out for the first time under command of Major General Nathan Twining, wrecked the main building of the Villa Perosa plant producing eight percent of the output of bearings for the Nazis. Villa Perosa is 23 miles southwest of Turin.

(A Berlin broadcast declared a "terror attack" was made yesterday on the communications center of Pistoia, 21 miles northwest of Florence.)

On the Eighth Army front, Indian forces captured a hill a mile and a half from recently captured Tomasso, and advanced up the road from Ortona almost to Tollo, five miles inland.

The Nazis replied to American patrol stabs on the Fifth Army sector by shelling Mignano.

Military Objectives In France Hit In U.S. Raids

London, Jan. 4.—(AP)—U. S. Marauder mission bombers heavily attacked military objectives in the Pas De Calais area of France today in the wake of RAF Mustangs forays into western Germany. All planes returned from both operations.

The Marauders were escorted by RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters. As the day advanced the German-controlled Dutch radio left the air followed by the Norwegian long-range transmitters at Oslo and Tromsoe. This sometimes is an indication that British or American aircraft are overhead in those areas.

Shortly after 10 a. m. a force of medium bombers, strongly escorted by fighters, swept and across the English channel, in the general direction of Pas De Calais, reported to be a site of equipments for Germany's "rocket guns."

The attack on western Germany last night by the speedy Mustangs was the second success since the night raid on the general area by these planes and was carried out without loss, the air ministry said.

Raleigh Hears Strange Talk About Reynolds

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Just when political writers began to comment on the fact that Cameron Morrison was making no speeches in connection with his contemplated race for the United States Senate, comes word from Alabama that the Churchie congressman will make a "non-political" speech there on Tuesday night, January 4. Occasion is the annual meeting of the merchants association. The speech may have no relation to any particular campaign, but it is expected almost too much to work for a non-political speech from Morrison.

Olevsk Taken In Advance Over Border

Demoralized Nazis Surrender to Reds By Whole Companies

Moscow, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Red army forces under General Vatutin, liberator of Kiev, were rolling over the flat terrain of old Poland today after capturing the former frontier town of Olevsk and smashing their way across the prewar Russian-Polish border.

Fall of Olevsk, and another strong point 12 miles to the south, was announced last night in a Russian communique which declared that 170 villages had been recaptured in the swift Soviet advance. Front line dispatches disclosed that Russian vanguards, pushing on rapidly from Olevsk along the Kiev-Warsaw railway, had crossed the old frontier a short time later.

The spearhead advancing from Olevsk, a former station 130 miles eastward of Kiev, was supported on the left by another column which had occupied Emlichino, 24 miles to the southeast.

The point at which the Russians crossed the old prewar Polish border was approximately 150 miles east of the frontier from which the Germans launched their invasion of Russia after the partition of Poland, and is about 300 miles from Warsaw.

(The Russians made no official comment on the crossing of the old border, which no longer is recognized by Moscow as an international boundary line.)

The southern wing of Vatutin's army, meanwhile, was planning on recapturing Dzerzhinsk, 35 miles southwest of Zhitomir, in a drive which Marshal Mamnsten's rear guards have appeared unable to check ever since eight Nazi tank and 13 infantry divisions were defeated in the battle of the Kiev bulge.

At no point along the 60-mile wide drive on old Poland, apparently, was Mamnsten able to rally his fleeing, demoralized troops for a stand against the slashing Russian offensive. More than 6,000 Germans were reported slain yesterday—the 11th day of Vatutin's unchecked onslaught. The Nazis, said the Russian communique, were surrendering by the hundreds, throwing down their arms and going "over to the side of the Red army" by entire companies.

Tremendous quantities of war equipment of every description was gathered up by the advancing Red army forces.

While Premier Stalin signaled the Red army advance by an order of the day after speeches of Vatutin's army were pushing toward the Hungarian border, slightly more than 50 miles to the southwest.

Front dispatches said these spearheads were within 50 miles of the main Warsaw-odessa trunk railway feeding the Dnieper bend, and were driving for Vinnytsa, 22 miles to the southwest.

Demands That Author Reveal Name Increase

Washington, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Demands were intensified today that the recent statement that Axis propaganda based on American rail and steel disputes had prolonged the war and cost Allied lives be supported publicly or recanted by the anonymous author.

Authorship of the statement was attributed to General George C. Marshall by AFL President William Green who said the chief of staff "was requested" to have made it, and he challenged him to prove it. There was no immediate comment from Marshall.

Following a white reference to the source by a White House Secretary Stephen Early as "a little bit more military" than President Roosevelt, a storm of protest arose over the statement and the propriety of it.

In Congress, one Republican, two Democrats and Senator La Follette, Wisconsin Progressive, joined in voicing a belief that the unidentified personage should assume the burden of responsibility for the statement.

REYNOLDS By way of Helen Reynolds' column in a Washington paper it is learned that reports about Bob Reynolds going into the real estate business of Miami after his retirement from the Senate "are not exactly true." Mrs. Essay met up with the Reynolds in Miami during the holidays and got the dope straight, she says. If it true they own good land along the beach that they may put up into building lots and sell. But as for any regular real estate business, there is great doubt.

RUMOR—Rumor persists that for

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight.