

# GERMANS MAY EVACUATE ALL OF RUSSIA

## To Eliminate Uncertainty For Inductees

**Three Weeks Notice Of Induction To Be Given Men Drafted**

Washington, Jan. 7—(AP)—A plan for eliminating uncertainties among draft eligibles concerning whether they are physically acceptable for service, and to provide a minimum of three week's notice of induction, was announced by Selective Service headquarters today.

This will be done by: Abolishing the present system of "screening" examinations by local boards. Giving pre-induction (final) examinations at least 21 days before the induction date. Doing away with all post-induction turloughs, now three weeks in the army and one week in the navy.

The new system does not apply to registrants ordered to report for induction before February 1 but local boards will begin at once to order a substantial number of new men in class 1-A to report for the pre-induction examination, in addition to taking enough men in the old manner to meet their January quotas.

At first, these men may be inducted 21 days after passing their physical, but this interval will be gradually lengthened as a pool of physically acceptable men is built up. If a registrant passes his physical and still has not been inducted 90 days later, he must be given a new pre-induction physical before being called.

## Specialist Troops Of Allies Are Reported In Yugoslavia

THREE MEN ON A DONKEY



NO MATTER WHERE Yanks are, they manage to find some way of amusing themselves. A Fifth Army trio in Italy plays jockey on a donkey behind the front lines. The animal seems disillusioned about it all and would like a new freedom—complete freedom from work. (International)

### Allied Headquarters In Algiers Denying Reports of Landings

London, Jan. 7—(AP)—Roundabout reports reached Stockholm today that Allied specialist troops had landed at several strategic points on the coast of Yugoslavia.

Meanwhile dispatches from Allied headquarters in Algiers called "completely erroneous" a report that "crack Allied divisions" had landed in Yugoslavia. This account was carried by Reuters, quoting a principal Stockholm paper, which in turn was said to have credited its information of Zagreb, capital of puppet Croatia. A qualified unofficial source in London said the report "probably was planted by the Germans as a feint."

The story that Allied specialists had reached Yugoslavia also was roundabout, reaching Stockholm from Zagreb by way of Budapest, and likewise must be considered with reservations.

These reports gave no indication of the size of the forces, or whether they were American or British, but American and British officers and liaison missions have been reported active with Yugoslav guerrillas for several weeks. Some of these apparently are army officers.

The Reuters dispatch from Stockholm said the Americans and British were engaged in "heavy fighting" with German and Ustashi (Croat puppet troops).

Zurich dispatches to London yesterday said Zagreb residents were "suffering from invasion nerves" and mentioned a report circulating in the Croat capital that strong units of the British First and American Seventh Armies—neither of which has been engaged in active fighting since the invasion of Italy—were concentrating on the Italian east coast at Bari for a one highly placed British observer said, however, that these undoubtedly was considerable passage of Allied officers across the Adriatic as part of the close liaison with Marshal Tito but discounted the idea that there had been any troop landings in force.

The British First Army was commanded by Lt. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson, in Tunisia, and the American Seventh Army was commanded by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., in Sicily.

Previously, American and British officers have been reported leading Yugoslav guerrillas on the Balkan front.

## San Vittore Battle Still Raging While Troops Push Ahead

Americans Attack Three Strong Points; Storm Defenses Covering Town of Cassino

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 7—(AP)—With grenades, machine guns and small arms American troops fought over the drenched slopes of San Vittore and assailed three bitterly contested strong points in the fortified village today as the Fifth Army pressed its offensive all along the ten-mile front straddling the Via Cassina to Rome.

Forging ahead short distances through the snow-covered mountains, the Americans stormed the strong defenses built by the Germans to cover the key town of Cassino six miles ahead of San Vittore. The Yanks captured the 3,500 foot peak of Monte Maio about a mile southwest of Vitiseno, and five miles northwest of Venafro.

The seizure of Monte Maio under a hail of German artillery and mortar fire cut the German supply road from Cervaro to San Vittore near Vitiseno.

San Vittore is about two miles up the road from the village of San Pietro captured by the Americans December 18. It is one of the most bitterly and fiercest battles of the Mediterranean theatre.

While the Americans fought from one pillbox-converted house to another, the British on their southern flank at Rocca D'Evandro, capturing 79 more prisoners for a two day total of 126.

Cold weather with snow falling in the mountains and dense clouds obscuring the mountain tops impeded the movement of the Eighth Army on the Adriatic coastal front. Indian troops nevertheless made a short advance west of San Tommaso.

The weather grounded most Allied aircraft, but A-26 raiders and P-40 Warhawks divebombed and strafed German gun positions and troop concentrations in the Cervaro and Aquino areas just behind the enemy on the Fifth Army front, and shot up the town of Fondi, northeast of Terracina, as well as motor convoys and train cars east of Rome.

An officer whose men are fighting in San Vittore described the village as a miniature Stalingrad with opposing troops neither asking nor giving any quarter.

## War Manpower Problem Believed To Be Past Crisis

By Central Press

Washington, Jan. 7—Word is going the rounds in official Washington that the manpower problem has already probably passed its peak and that from now on it may slacken a little until the collapse of Germany causes heavy war contract cancellations and wholesale release of workers.

Whether or not this assumption is correct, the War Manpower Commission feels it has now obtained a grip on the manpower problem, and that it has a working formula for solution of critical labor shortages.

As a result, talk of national service legislation is not expected to be stressed as much hereafter.

The formula used by the WMC in solving manpower shortages is as follows:

- 1—Determine what production and services in a given area are most urgent.
- 2—Establish manpower priorities, giving labor to industries and business establishments in relation to this urgency.
- 3—Guide workers to plants, having priority, that is, in case that any available labor is used where it is needed most.

WMC officials say that communities throughout the country are going

## McMullan Is Liberal On Benefit Law

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

Raleigh, Jan. 7. Attorney General Henry McMullan ruled today that the intent of the unemployment compensation act justifies a liberal interpretation of some doubtful sections, and that the court house rule of "burden of proof" should not apply in compensation commission investigations, but that the question of fairness should control.

The opinion was requested by Dr. W. R. Curtis, acting director of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, who asked for guidance in applying a 1943 amendment providing that persons would be ineligible to receive benefits if they "left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the employer."

There had been enough difficulty over the definitions of voluntary and involuntary without the addition of that "attributable to the employer" clause. Recalling discussion of the amendment at the time it was offered in the General Assembly, compensation officials understood that it was aimed especially at temporary workers who would work a short time in a war industry then claim compensation when they moved to another community and could not find suitable work. No objection was raised to that construction of the act. But there might be many occasions where the distinction between voluntary and involuntary would be very close and no action or failure of the employer would be involved.

McMullan suggests a liberal interpretation. For instance, accident, injury or sickness suffered by a worker but not attributable to his job might force him to quit work. That

## HOW RED 'TRAP DRIVE' GAINS



HERE ARE the latest phases of the terrific Russian drives to the west and south. As Cossacks advanced rapidly into Poland, near Olevsk, the all-important "trap drive" from recently captured Belgorad-Tserkov moved southward at the rate of 30 miles in a single day as Reds raced to cut off all Nazis in the Ukraine and the Dnieper River bend area, in particular. Meanwhile the smash to cut off the Odessa main line railroad supply-route approached the key rail towns of Vinnitsa and Zherminka in Berdichev, to the north, tottered. (International)

## Marauder Attack On Northern France Follows RAF Raids

Military Objectives Struck Without Loss Of American Planes

London, Jan. 7—(AP)—American Marauder bombers smashed at military objectives in northern France today, keeping the round-the-clock offensive rolling after RAF Mosquitoes raided western Germany last night for the sixth night in succession.

The Marauders returned from their cross-channel sweep in early afternoon without a single loss. The medium bombers were a part of the parade of Allied fighters and fighter-bombers, observed streaking across toward the French coast shortly after the Mosquitoes returned from their night raids.

The fleet plywood bombers killed into their targets and skipped away without losses at the hands of German anti-aircraft defenses or night fighters, an air ministry spokesman said.

In addition to bombing objectives in Germany, the identity of which was not disclosed, the Mosquitoes also stabbed at northern France and other RAF planes laid mines in enemy waters, the bulletin declared.

Apparently a considerable number of the hard-hitting Mosquitoes participated in the operations, for observers on the British southeast coast reported last night that they heard outward bound planes passing overhead for almost two hours. This at first gave rise to belief that the big bombers were again out.

Mosquito raids were accompanied by air alerts in Geneva and other Swiss cities, the German-controlled Paris radio said.

The previous night the Mosquitoes staged a diversionary raid on Berlin, causing the Germans to rush their night fighters to the defense of the capital while a great fleet of British heavy bombers pounded the Baltic north of Stettin with more than 1,000 tons of bombs almost unopposed.

Yesterday, the air ministry said, RAF light and medium bombers teamed up with fighter-bombers to attack military objectives in northern France. The light and medium bombers were escorted by Allied fighters.

## 600 Jap Dead In Battle On New Britain

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 7—(AP)—In the bitterest kind of jungle warfare, Japanese defenders of New Britain island have lost another 600 dead in their stiffening resistance to the Marines who landed at Cape Gloucester twelve days ago.

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Japanese forces cut off in the coastal jungle by the Saurer landing are being steadily driven into a shrinking pocket by Australian veterans on the Hain peninsula of the American allies at Saurer.

## Inquire Into Complaints Of Alcohol Blend

Washington, Jan. 7—(AP)—Acting on complaints that petroleum interests are retarding the development of blended gasoline utilizing grain and wood alcohol, Senator Gillette, Iowa Democrat, disclosed plans today for an exhaustive congressional investigation.

Gillette declared that preliminary inquiries by the agriculture subcommittee of which he is chairman indicated American petroleum companies benefited the alcohol blend in this country while "handing its merits abroad."

The committee, seeking to stimulate production of alcohol from farm and wood products to meet synthetic rubber and other war needs, Gillette said, has run up against what he called the antagonism of "monopolistic interests" during the two years of its existence.

## Noon Values Of Cotton Higher

New York, Jan. 7—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 25 cents a bale lower. Noon values were 53 to 70 cents a bale higher, March 19.95, May 19.69 and July 19.46.

	Prev. Close	Open
March	19.55	19.51
May	19.56	19.53
July	19.32	19.23
October (new)	19.06	19.03
December (new)	18.95	18.90

## Reds Strike Deeper Into Old Poland

Giant Red Offensive Along Whole Front Appears Under Way

Stockholm, Jan. 7—(AP)—A Berlin dispatch today quoted a German military spokesman as saying there was a possibility of the German army being forced to withdraw entirely from Russia in the face of what he declared appeared to be a giant Soviet offensive along the whole front from Leningrad to the Black Sea.

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## FDR Works On Budget Advice

Washington, Jan. 7—(AP)—President Roosevelt, still confined to his quarters after an attack of grippe, worked today on his budget recommendations for the fiscal year beginning July 1. He continued work, however, on his annual message to Congress.

Not until he consults with congressional leaders will the President fix the date for presenting the annual message, in person if he feels like it, Secretary Stephen Early said the message would not go to Congress on Monday, the date it resumes.

## Patrol Ship Believed Sunk In Atlantic

Philadelphia, Jan. 7—(AP)—A Navy patrol ship was believed sunk in the Atlantic Ocean 60 miles south of Cape May, N. J., following collision with a merchant ship, the Fourth Naval District announced today.

The two ships collided shortly before midnight last night and it is not known whether any of the crew members were injured, a naval spokesman said. The Fourth Naval District previously had identified the two vessels as tankers.

Two Coast Guard patrol boats were dispatched to the scene following a radio distress signal from the merchant ship, the naval district said. Six other vessels were sent out from various Coast Guard stations a short time later. Survivors will be located at Coast Guard stations in the area.

## Rails Lead On Stock Market

New York, Jan. 7—(AP)—Buyers turned to rails and specialties in today's stock market.

Mild irregularity prevailed at the start but prices stiffened here and there around midday.

In the advancing column were Woolworth, U. S. Steel and Goodrich. Occasional losers included Chrysler, Westinghouse, General Electric and Sears Roebuck.

Bonds were steady. Grains pushed upward.

## DUKE MEDICAL MEN DRAW COMMISSIONS

Durham, Jan. 7—Commissions were given by both the Army and Navy recently to a majority of the graduating class of Duke University Medical School.

Graduates who were attending school under the army specialized training program or the Navy V-12 Program received commissions and were placed on inactive duty until their internship is completed. Army graduates were commissioned first lieutenants and navy men were made lieutenants junior grade.

## Train-Bus Wreck Kills 27 Soldiers

Kingman, Ariz., Jan. 7—(AP)—Twenty-seven soldiers were killed and eight critically injured in the collision of a Kingman army air base bus and a Santa Fe freight train at the entrance to the gunnery school about 9 o'clock last night.

The air base public relations officer said all of the dead but one were aviation cadets who had been on a night gunnery mission at a range across the railroad tracks from the base.

Army officials said C. L. Hickey, Needles, California, engineer of the freight, said his train was going at the "usual speed of about 35 miles an hour" when he saw the flagman at the crossing wave down the bus.

Hickey was quoted by the public relations office as saying the bus appeared to stop then went out of control.

Bodies and wreckage of the bus was scattered for about 100 feet along the railroad right of way. The bus was carrying 36 passengers, none of whom escaped injury.