London Vehement In Denying Talk Of Separate Peace

Room and Bath



YIELDING to no man in proclaiming the superiority of all things Ameri-can, Pvt. Canner Madden of Evarts, * Ky., concedes that he has to hand it to the Italian mud. It's the sticki-est, clammiest in the world, he says. Note his bunk is only about three inches above the goo. U. S. Signal Corps photo. (International)

Setback For Service Act Suggestion

Action on Service Draft Indefinitely Postponed by Group

Washington, Jan. 18—(AP)—
President Roosevelt's recommendation for national service legislation
got a setback on Capitol Hill tdoay
when the House Military Committee voted to sidetrack it indefinitely.
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The action, Chairmna May (Ky., D.) explained after a meeting be-hind closed doors, does not preclude tuture consideration of such legisla-tion, under which the services of most men and women would be subject to government call.

"We decided to hold it in abey-ance for the time being pending further developmnets," May told reporters.

The Senate Military Committee, he explained, already has arranged for hearings on the legislation and the House group could avail itself of information gathered by that committee if it desires to consider the bill later. Indications were, May said, that the House committee would call for hearings later to determine the need for the legislation.

Mustering Out

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Japanese, strongly entrenched in their Pacific island strongholds, will be "smoked out" when and where the Allies choose to strike. Admiral support of the Fourth War Loan Drive which starts today. "The Japs are thoroughly entrenched in island archipelagos that remain to them in the Pacific," said the commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet in a broadcast address last night. "They are a vicious and resource-ful foe, but we will smoke them out, at times and places chosen by our-Senate Military Committee

Pravda Publication Of British-German Peace Is Denounced

London, Jan. 18 — (AP) — The British press minced no words in expressing indigna-tion over Pravda's publication of a British-German "separate peace" talk rumor, the London Daily Mail denouncing it as insulting and the Mannchester Guardain calling it a "slander-ous accusation."

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The morning papers generally dsiplayed the story on their front tages, emphasizing that the British foreign office had issued a flat denial of the truth of the report printed in Moscow by the Communist party organ. Not one London London afternoon paper published the Moscow story yesterday, although there was no censorship ban.

In the absence of any official explanation from Moscow, and in view of the wide circulation given the report yesterday by the Mescow radio, the Daily Mail said the British government "may deem it necessary in the near future to reassert in Commons their determination to abide by their agreements never to make a separate peace."

Continuance Of Big Army Is Advocated

High Point, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Warren Atherton of Stockton, California, national commander of the American Legion, says the only way in which fatture wars can be prevented is for this country to keep up "an American navy that can parel and defend the oceans adjoining our shores; an army that can take the offensive right now, and an air force that can rule the skies."

This, he said last night in an address before North Carolina Department Post officers here, means "training every boy and girl to take his part in a national crists."

Atherton said that enactment of the national service act could "shorten the war and save lives." He said the Legion had urged enactment of a universal service act for the last 20 years and essentially this was the same legislation the President said recently was needed to win the war.

Nimitz Says Japs To Be Smoked Out

Angel's Wings



CAPT. JUANITA REDMOND Wears the wings just issued to U. S. Army flight nurses. At the bottom is a close-up. Under the wings she wears her National Defense and Pacific campaign ribbons, both bearing stars of combat areas. On the right she wears the Presidential Citation for Bataan and Corregidor, from which she was evacuated before they fell to the Japs. U. S. Army Air Forces photo. (International)

Black Cat Planes Sink Jap Vessel

Planes Damage Two Other Cargo Ships In Six-Ship Convoy

Advanced Allied Headquart-

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 18.—(AP)
—The navy's Black Cats, famed for low losses and heavy enemy tolls, sank a 10,000 ton Japanese merchantman and left two other cargo ships allame in a six ship convoy off Kavieng, New Ireland, General Douglas McArthur's headquarters reported today.

None of the Catalina patrol planes—called Black Cats because of their paint and night flying habits, were damaged, the communique said. The convoy included four merchantmen and two warships, possibly cruisers, pilots returning from the Sunday night action stated.

The two damaged vessels still were affame next day.

While Allied Hiers battered enemy bases at Raband, New Britain, and along the northeast coast of New Guinea, Japanese bombers struck their heaviest blow at the expanding American invasion wedge at Saidor, New Guinea. The raid did little damage and cost the Japanese 17 fighter planes and a dive bomber, with two other fighters listed as probables, Allied P-40 fighters which intercepted suffered only minor loss.

Jap Counterattacks Repulsed in Burma

New Delin, India, Jan, 18—(AP)
—Affied troops fighting on the
Mayo peninsula in westren Burma
repused two Japanese counter-atteaks Saturday night, Allied headquarters amounced today.

The enemy thrusts were described as small and the communique
said Allied troops remained in control of the contested villages.

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Rail Center

Fall of Key Junction Would Imperil Nazi Communications Line

Moscow, Jan. 18—(AP)— Troops of General Vatutin's First Ukrainian army were reported closing in today on Rov-no (in old Poland), key German communications center 110 miles north of Pinsk, another main objective of Vatutin's forces on the northern edge of the frozen Pripet

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Fall of Royno, junction of the Berdichey-Warsaw and Sarny-Lycowrailways, inevitably would imperit the German grip on a vast area of southern and southwestern Rossia, already threatened by Vatutin's left wing driving toward the Rumanian frontier.

Vatutin's center was driving on the rail hub from the east, northeast and north, constituting a traple threat which made its early capture a possibility. One column moving in from the northeast already has occupied Tuchin, 13 miles away, and is steadily beating down savage enemy resistance, a Russian commanique said.

Soviet engineers were called in to provide engineers were called in the provide engineers were the Horyn river, which flows westward through Tuchin's outskirts, and which has not frozen sufficiently for transport on the ice. Beyond the river there was a formidable four-mile wide swamp barrier extending to the village of Goringrad, strong point of Royno's outer defense system ten miles to the north, which also has to be negotiated by Valutin's forces.

The five-day old Russian offensive on the Leningrad front, meanwhile, continued to roil forward with the occupation of five additional localities, including a rail junction on the line connecting Velikie-Luki and Riga (the old Latvian capital.)

The Red army communique made no mention of the situation in lower White Russia, where Red forces were last reported battiing their way through the frozen Pripei marshand loward Pinsk 100 miles to t

Extra Newsprint To Be Alloted for February 29 Issue

Washington, Jan. 18—(AP)—Formal orders authorizing daily papers to increase their 1944 first quarter aewsprint quotas to meet the extra demands of publication on leap year day—February 29—will be issued this week.

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The War Production Board printing and publishing division said today the order had been drawn and
is now in process of clearance.

DURHAM LEAF FIRM PLANS EXPANSIONS

Durham, Jan. 18. —(AP)— Durham's unit of the Liggett and Myers Tobacco company is planning to expand its existing eigarette manufacturing gacilities here, according to the Durham Morning Hearld.

The expansion will take place in the postwar era, if not before, and will involve an expenditure of \$2,000,000 or more.

State Liquor Sales Decline

Reds Closing Churchill Back Home In On Rovno, After Pneumonia Attack In Middle East

POST-WAR POLICE FORCE? BELG. CZECHO FRANCE SLOVAKIA

THE AUTHORITATIVE Army and Navy Journal states that it was suggested during the Teheran talks that post-war Germany be occupied by Russia, Great Britain and the U. S., each nation garrisoning one-third of the country. The garrisoning of Japan by Chinese forces, the Journal nedds, was discussed at Cairo. Pres. Roosevelt hinted as much in his Christmas Eve radio address, when he said that unquestioned military control of disturbers of the pence is as necessary among nations as it is among citizens of a community."

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Yank Patrol Probes Nazi Gustav Line

American Withdrawal Across Rapido River

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 18,—(AP)—An American patrol crossed the Rapido river north of Cassino and probed the Nazis' strong "Gustav line" positions, headquarters announced today, French troops occupied Sant' Elia, three miles northeast of Cassino.

The doughoey patrol found the Germans entreuched in fortified positions 300 yards beyond the western bank of the Rapido, and withdrew across the river after a skirmish.

French forces advanced Louo yards to seize their strong point, and also captured the hamlet of Valvori tw omiles farther northeast as the arc tightened on Cassino, sentinel of the valley pathway to Rome.

Patrols were active elsewhere on the Fitth Army front, and the Allies continued consolidating recent gains.

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The Germans meanwhile quickly put last minute touches on their new

Canadians supported by tanks hawehed an attack on the Ad-riatic Hank on a 1,000 yard front in the Tommass area about a mile inland from the cuast. Despite stiff opposition from Germans holding high ground, they made some gains which in-cluded a footbold across the stream flowing into the sea. At last reports, the lighting was continuing with satisfactory re-sults.

After Nazi Skirmish

Statement On War Be Made Soon

Commons Is Cheering As Prime Minister Comes Unexpectedly

London, Jan. 18 — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill res turned to London unexpectedly today after convalescing from an attack of pneumonia in the Middle East and told a cheer-ing House of Commons that he expected to make a statement

on the war in the near future.

The Prime Minister, who looked slightly fired but happy, asked the House that he be given "some latitude" about the actual date for discussing the war, thereby indicating he planned a careful summary of counts in the western

Tito Rumored To Be Injured

To Be Injured

London, Jan. 18.— (AP)—A rumor that Marshal Tito of the Yugoshay partisans has been wounded in Montenegran fighting was broadcast today by the Cairo radio. There was no confirmation in the Partisan communique, broadcast carlier by the free Yugoslav station.

Two Soldiers

Drown Near

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Lamberton, Jan. 18—(AP)—Two servicemen were drowned, presumably, and another was an injured last night when their car crashed into a bridge spanning the Lamber river two miles east of here and then overturned into the river.

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