

ALLIES ESTABLISH BEACHHEAD NEAR ROME

Leningrad-Moscow Rail Link Opened With Capture of Mga

U. S. INDIANS MAKE HEAP TROUBLE FOR JAPS



VISITING A SOUTH PACIFIC FIGHTING AREA, Gen. MacArthur stops to pose with Indian members of the "Bushmasters." Especially trained in the jungles of Panama, the knife-wielding American Indians drove a hole into the Jap lines on the Arawa Peninsula during a recent offensive. Representing three of the 29 tribes in America are (l. to r.) Sgt. Virgil Howell, Pawnee, Okla., Pawnee; Staff Sgt. Alvin J. Vilean, Charenton, La., Chitimacha; Gen. MacArthur; Sgt. Byron L. Tinguine, Fort DeFiance, Ariz., Navajo; and Sgt. Larry L. Dokin, Copper Mine, Ariz., Navajo. U. S. Signal Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

Workers On Farms Have Pay Control

WFA Orders Program With \$2,400 Ceiling For All Farm Workers

Washington, Jan. 22—(AP)—In a move unprecedented in all American farm history, a wage control program agricultural workers, with maximum ceilings of \$2,400 a year, has been ordered by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones.

Aides of the administrator, who disclosed the plan, said War Food Administration's labor officers have been directed to set up state farm wage boards to hold hearings and establish maximum wages.

These groups would function much in the same manner of the War Labor Board in determining the ceilings for industrial workers. On the basis of the 1942 wage stabilization act, Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes put farm wages under the supervision of the WFA but officials did not consider it necessary to take any immediate general action toward control.

Now, however, farm wages have reached the highest point in 20 years. Many workers have gone into war plants. Those who have remained on the farms have repeatedly received what amounts to a blanket deferment from selective service. There are few restrictions on their transfer from one farm to another. Thus they are in a position to bargain.

This, it was disclosed, has played a big part in leading the WFA into the unprecedented wage control.

Soldier Killed In Whiteville Crash

Whiteville, Jan. 22—(AP)—An army airplane crashed at Sweet's farms three miles west of here, last night killing one soldier.

Two others escaped serious injury. The names were not disclosed here. The plane, said to have been from the army air base at Florence, S. C., struck a high voltage power line and crashed into a tobacco barn, demolishing it.

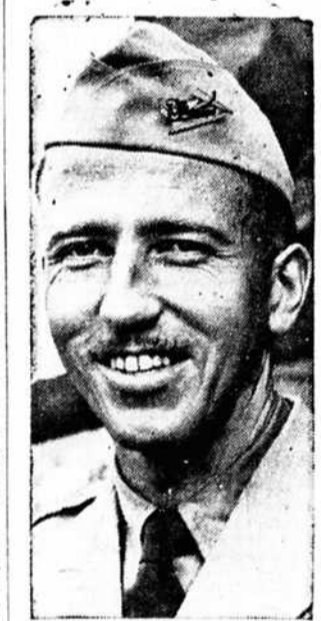
The cause of the accident was not known here.

Pfc. Coy J. Eaves Wounded In Action

Washington, Jan. 22—(AP)—Pfc. Coy J. Eaves, son of George W. Eaves, Henderson, serving in the Marine Corps, was listed by the Navy Department today as wounded.

Senate Committee Still Wants Higher Mustering Out Pay

Hits Jackpot



THE HAPPY YANK is Maj. James Howard of St. Louis, Mo., a Mustang (P-51) pilot. During last week's big American raid on Germany, in a solo battle with 30 Nazi fighters he shot down six. A former Flying Tiger, he blasted 6½ Jap planes in China. (International)

Cotton Futures Are Higher at Closing

New York, Jan. 22—(AP)—Cotton futures closed 39 cents to \$1.05 a bale higher.

	Open	Close
March	20.00	20.15
May	19.72	19.84
July	19.41	19.53
October (new)	19.07	19.12
December (new)	18.91	18.98
Middling spot 20.00.		

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy with little change in temperature tonight except not quite so cool in central portion. Sunday, partly cloudy with moderate temperatures.

Speedily Agrees to House Amendments On Payment Denial

Washington, Jan. 22—(AP)—Senate conferees gave ground today in their battle to retain a \$200-to-\$300 scale for service men's mustering out pay.

The House had slashed Senate allowances down to \$100 for men and women of the armed forces of less than 60 days in service and \$200 for those with a longer period in uniform and the legislation went to a conference committee of senators and representatives yesterday.

With the House standing pat, the Senate group quickly agreed to House amendments denying discharge payments to:

Service people drawing above \$200 a month base pay (above the rank of captain); service people eligible for retirement pay; and students at service schools, including the military and naval academies.

They put over until today further discussion of the amount to be paid when it became evident there was no prospect of breaking the deadlock without separate consultations.

Chairman Reynolds (N. C., D.) of the Senate Military Committee told a reporter his group might seek a compromise on the basis of a top payment of \$400.

Chairman May (Ky., D.) of the House Military Committee has estimated that the House bill would cost \$3,600,000,000 and the original Senate version \$5,500,000,000.

Briggs, Key in Case Of Hopkins Letter, In New York Now

Washington, Jan. 22—(AP)—The whereabouts of George N. Briggs, key figure in the "Hopkins letter" case, was established today but even that adds one more contradiction to the confusion.

The 55-year-old assistant to Interior Secretary Ickes, named as the man who delivered the mystery letter to an author for use in an anti-Wendell Willkie book, turned up in New York when all Washington thought he was here in seclusion. The letter purported to carry Harry Hopkins' prediction that Willkie would be the 1944 Republican presidential nominee.

Briggs wired Federal Prosecutor Henry Schwinn that he would be in Schwinn's office at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Presumably he will testify before the grand jury investigating the letter which Presidential Advisor Early says is a forgery.

Red Landing On Shore of Lake Ilmen

Lend-Lease Supplies New Reach Leningrad From Murmansk Port

London, Jan. 22—(AP)—The German high command said today that Russian forces had landed on the southern shores of Lake Ilmen, but that Nazi counterattacks had smashed the bridgehead.

This Russian assault, perhaps over the ice of the lake, apparently was aimed at flanking Staraya Russa, Nazi stronghold and railway terminal south of the lake.

London, Jan. 22—(AP)—Soviet capture of Mga, key rail junction 30 miles southeast of Leningrad, has reunited Russia's second city by rail with Moscow for the first time since the city was laid under siege by the Germans two years ago. Moscow dispatches reported today.

At the same time Leningrad gained a permanent rail link to tap lend-lease supplies coming from the northern port of Murmansk, through Volkhov. During the siege Allied supplies had been reaching the northern city over a railway built on Lake Ladoga's ice and a highway wrested from the enemy a year ago.

Capture of Mga, hailed by Premier Stalin yesterday in a special order of the day, liquidated the tip of a salient long held by the Germans southwest of the former czarist capital.

Restoration of the strategic junction climaxed a new breakthrough on a 30-mile front from the Norva river southeast to the town of Vinyagolovo. It freed from German control the railway running from Leningrad to Moscow, 400 miles to the southeast. Under direct pressure from the advancing Soviet forces was the main Leningrad-Moscow trunk railway a few miles westward.

The two northern Russian armies were on the offensive along the whole length and breadth of the Leningrad and Volkhov front, the Moscow communique reported.

"Under continuous blows by Soviet troops the enemy is rolling back in a southerly direction and abandoning one fortified place after another," the war bulletin announced.

The Germans also were in trouble in lower White Russia. Here General Rokosssovsky's Baltic troops lured out and captured nine towns.

While the northern armies pressed their drive to recover the entire Baltic front from the invaders, the Russian people were experiencing a tremendous emotional life because the full liberation of Leningrad yesterday coincided with the 20th anniversary of the death of Nikolai Lenin, founder of the Soviet states.

Uruguay Not To Recognize New Regime

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 22—(AP)—The Uruguayan government has decided not to establish diplomatic relations with the month-old revolutionary Bolivian regime "while present circumstances persist," it was announced today.

The foreign office said yesterday that the exchange of information among the American republics on the Bolivian revolution has been completed and that each of the 19 countries which have been consulting since December were now ready to make known their individual decisions.

Argentina is the only Latin American country to recognize the government of Major Gualberto Villarroel who displaced Enrique Penaranda on December 20.

ON THE TRACKLESS 'BURMA ROAD'



A CARGO PLANE of the India-China Wing, Air Transport Command, speeds above clouds and treacherous mountains on a thousand-mile round flight to supply the 14th Air Force on China's war front. Planes of this Wing were recently raised by Gen. H. H. Arnold, air chief, for vital support of Allied bombing operations otherwise impossible, the Burma Road being closed. U. S. Army Air Forces photo. (International)

City of Madgeburg Crushed Last Night In Bombing by RAF

Railway Junction Is Attacked With 2,000 Tons of Explosives

London, Jan. 22—(AP)—The RAF's campaign to flatten German industrial targets crushed the city of Madgeburg in Saxony last night under more than 2,000 long tons of bombs as the major phase of a great aerial operation which included a smaller attack on Berlin.

The new blows against Germany, following up a heavy 2,200 long-ton assault on the capital the previous night, cost the RAF 55 bombers, one of the heaviest losses yet suffered.

They came while the Germans themselves were stalling at London and southeast England with two sharp raids by a force of approximately 80 bombers.

Madgeburg, a city of 300,000 on the left bank of the Elbe river, about 83 miles southwest of Berlin, is a junction point for the main railways to Leipzig, Kassel and Hamburg—all previously hit heavily.

Madgeburg itself was bombed exactly a week before by Mosquitoes while a big fleet of British bombers concentrated on the aircraft manufacturing center of Brunswick, 26 miles away, which some "neutral" sources now say "ceased to exist."

The RAF force which returned to Berlin, where fires still blazed from the 2,500 long-ton bombing of the night before, included both four-engine Liberators and the swift little Mosquitos.

At the same time other bombers struck unidentified targets in France, following up yesterday's 1,000 plane daylight assault on the so-called "rocket-rod coast" in the neighborhood of Pas de Calais.

The Germans, guided into making a counter-blow, sent one group of bombers across the channel before midnight and another in the early hours of this morning.

They operated mainly over southeast England, but about 30 of the invaders struck into the London area.

Rails Continue to Lead Stock Market

New York, Jan. 22—(AP)—Rail stocks and bonds continued to hold the buying play in today's market. Transfers approximated 500,000 shares.

Stocks ahead the greater part of the time included Westinghouse, General Motors, DuPont and Good Year. About even or a trifle lower were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, and Montgomery Ward.

Landings On Fifth Army West Coast

Berlin Says Landing Made About 16 Miles Southwest of Rome.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 22—(AP)—Powerful American and British forces of the Fifth Army striking by sea toward Rome landed on the west coast of central Italy before dawn today in a heavy attack to smash the Germans' flank and turned their winter fortifications into Gustav and Adolf Hitler lines.

The first landings were successful, winning a beachhead several miles long, and "the situation is developing favorably," Allied headquarters announced at noon. The announcement did not locate the invasion point.

Berlin declared the landing was made between the mouth of the Tiber, 16 miles southwest of Rome, and Nettuno, about 30 miles southwest of the Tiber and the same distance from Rome. Clark under attack from Rome.

The bold thrust was commanded the direction of the new commander of central Mediterranean forces in Italy, General Sir Harold Alexander.

Ending the slow process on frontal attacks alone, it was supported by blistering air and naval bombardments, and followed air attacks that have severed the Rome area from communications to the north. This left the Germans there with only their immediate reserves on the spot, air officials declared.

It was coupled with a general assault from General Clark's Fifth Army front farther south along a 15-mile line. American troops forced their way across the Rapido river near Cassino against "withering fire." French troops seized two mountains in the same area, and British forces captured more villages on the north bank of the Garigliano.

The Nazis launched several fierce counterattacks on this front, and indications that the great amphibious flank attack apparently had taken them by surprise.

American rangers and British commandos of the Fifth Army spearheaded the new leapfrog landing, the biggest seaborne attack in Italy since the invasion near Salerno in September.

Hannegan Is New Chairman Of Democrats

Washington, Jan. 22—(AP)—The Democratic national committee today elected by acclamation Robert E. Hannegan as chairman to succeed Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, who resigned.

Immediately after his election, Hannegan tendered his resignation from the internal revenue position and President Roosevelt accepted it, effective today.

No other names were placed in nominations for the chairmanship. Hannegan, appearing before the national committee to accept the chairmanship, appealed for "teamwork" and party harmony. He avoided any reference to a fourth term for Mr. Roosevelt.

Weeks Is Probable Candidate in May For Congressman

Washington, Jan. 22—(AP)—A fourth term nomination for President Roosevelt loomed so certain in the minds of many members of the Democratic national committee today that they began planning for what may be the only major battle at the projected July convention in Chicago—the choice of a vice-president.

Most party organization members, meeting formally today to hear Chairman Frank Walker offer his resignation and elect Robert E. Hannegan, 40-year-old St. Louisian in his place, gave only perfunctory attention to the routine business of the day. Their minds admittedly were on the tough battle ahead with the Republicans.

Almost to a man they were agreed that President Roosevelt must run again if they are to stem to resurgent GOP tide. Even the mid-west Democratic conference members recognized this with a resolution endorsing the fourth term.

PROMOTED

Washington, Jan. 22—(AP)—The War Department announced today the temporary promotion of Edgar Ellsworth Barton, 605 East Walnut street, Goldsboro, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant, and the appointment of Esther R. Casey, route 3, Goldsboro, as second lieutenant in the army nurse corps.