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## YOUTHFUL NAZIS HAPPY OVER CAPTURE BY ALLIES



SEEMINGLY AS PLEASED as the onlookers, a couple of boyish Nazi captives—little older than the French children watching them—head for a prisoner-of-war camp after they had surrendered to Allied troops in the Lutzelhouse area. The soldier on the left holds a loaf of bread aloft. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

## Stettinius Out Flatly For Greeks' Political Freedom

## Byrnes Goes Into Action To Speed War's Output

### Only Partially For Churchill's Stand In Current Crisis

## Boys Not 19 Are Going To Battle Area

### Max Gardner Heads Important Advisory Board at Capital

Washington, Dec. 7. (AP)—James F. Byrnes and a new crew of assistants moved in on logging war production today to speed munitions to Yanks and tanks.

And while this campaign over-looked plans for reconversion, Byrnes nevertheless disclosed that Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, is chairman of the War Mobilization and Reconstruction Advisory Board.

Into the production campaign, Byrnes and his cabinet stressed efforts of all government agencies responsible for war output, the main point, supporting it and the transportation handling it. Spurring the director of war mobilization and reconversion and some newly selected members, he stressed the need for better, faster, more efficient production in big and little communities, radar for planes, cotton for tanks, laundry castings for tanks and B-29's for bombing.

And they had to find in some manner workers to bring schedules back to par.

## Berlin Is Again Bombed at Night, With Other Areas

London, Dec. 7. (AP)—RAF bombers blasted Berlin again last night and struck communications centers at Gumbach and Griesen, and Lemna, synthetic oil plants near Leipzig.

Approximately 1,300 planes took part in the operations. Berlin, bombed Tuesday for the first time in two months by an American aerial fleet, was a secondary target for the RAF, which struck its heaviest blows at the communications centers and refineries. U. S. Bombers only yesterday rained 3,000 tons of explosives on the Lemna refinery.

## Security Freeze Wins First Test Among Senators

Washington, Dec. 7. (AP)—Squaring off for a showdown with President Roosevelt, the Senate Finance Committee voted 13 to 2 today to freeze social security tax rates.

Chairman George, Georgia Democrat, said he would call the measure up tomorrow for expected Senate approval. The House voted 262 to 72 Monday in favor of keeping the levy at its present one percent rate on both employers and employees. Mr. Roosevelt repeatedly has expressed his opposition to halting a scheduled automatic doubling of the tax January 1.

## At Senate Hearing



WAR PLANT OPERATOR Vivien Kellens is shown as she testified in Washington before a Senate Post Office subcommittee investigating a "leak" in war-time censorship. She said she knew her correspondence with a German count in Argentina fell into the hands of a congressman and a columnist, but refused to reveal this information at public hearing. (International)

Washington, Dec. 7. (AP)—Secretary of State Stettinius today put the United States on record as favoring complete freedom of political action for the people of Greece.

He formally endorsed a declaration that the people of Greece should have complete freedom to form a government, either of the right or of the left.

But Stettinius deliberately refrained from endorsing another statement by the British prime minister dealing with the use of British troops to prevent installation of what Chinese officials called a "communist dictatorship in Greece."

This was the second time this week that the State Department has spoken out in favor of political freedom for the people of Europe. Earlier a protest against British intervention in the formation of a new Italian government. The British action had rejected Count Sforza as premier or foreign minister for a new regime at Rome.

At his news conference today, Stettinius headed registers this statement.

"I was interested to know that in his statement on the Greek situation on December 5, Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons his position as I have said, Greek people form themselves into an extremely clear. Whether the government of the right or of the left is for their decision. These are entirely matters for them."

"With this statement I am in full agreement. It is also our earnest hope that the people and authorities of Greece and any British ally will work together in rebuilding that ravaged country."

## Fresh Losses Are Admitted By Chinese

Chungking, Dec. 7. (AP)—The Chinese high command today admitted loss of Tushan, 70 miles southeast of the Burma road citadel of Kweiyang, amid indications that a Japanese offensive was in full swing toward Kunning.

Fall of Kunning would virtually hamstring the prospective new India-China supply route and deal the U. S. 14th air force a crippling blow.

In a special communique the Chinese said Tushan fell the morning of December 5. Its capture set up the possibility of a two-fold enemy drive northward on Kweiyang and westward to Kunning, 300 miles distant.

Meanwhile, it appeared another Japanese column was moving toward Kunning at the Yu river from captured Nalling, former advance base for American fighter planes, which fell to the enemy last week.

## ALLIED BRIDGEHEAD IN ITALY BROADENED

Rome, Dec. 7. (AP)—Allied troops have deepened their newly-won bridgehead over the Ortona harbor southwest of Ancona and all enemy resistance east of the river has been wiped out. Allied headquarters announced today.

# YANKS AT SAARBRUCKEN

## Superforts Blast Manchuria

## Japs Claim 15 Of Craft Are Downed

### Body Crashes Are Fatal To Five or Big Ships, Is Claim

21st U. S. Bomber Command Headquarters, Japan, Dec. 7. (AP)—Two Superfortress bombers on weather reconnaissance flights bombed Tokyo last night and early today, in separate strikes seven hours apart, the 21st U. S. Bomber Command announced today.

Washington, Dec. 7. (AP)—Superfortresses attacked industrial centers in Japanese-dominated Manchuria today.

A brief 20th air force communique said a large task force of B-29's of the 20th bomber command "continued the campaign against Japanese war production with a daylight attack today against important industrial objectives in Japanese-dominated Manchuria."

General H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the 20th air force, said further details will be announced later.

A Japanese broadcast received by the Federal Communications Commission said the Superforts hit the southern sector of Manchuria, Tokyo said the raiders struck between 10 and 10:30 a. m. today—Thursday.

The Japanese claimed 15 Superforts were shot down, five of them "by body crashes by the Japanese forces."

Damage was admitted in Mukden and the west of Dairen, both in southern Manchuria. The Japanese claimed, however, "damage on important installations was slight."

## Churchill Faces Rising Criticism On Policy Abroad

## Chiang Snubs Proposals Of Communists

London, Dec. 7. (AP)—Swelling criticism of British foreign policy in Western and southern Europe threatened today to force an open challenge of Prime Minister Churchill's government as his supporters marshaled their forces for a full dress debate tomorrow on intervention in Italy and Greece.

There appeared to be no longer that his government would be overthrown, but urgent summons to attend the debate were sent out against the possibility that Socialist and Labor members of Commons might seek a divisional vote.

## Flank Drive Is Surprise To Japanese

## Sedition Trial Ends in Mistrial In Judge's Death

Washington, Dec. 7. (AP)—The mass sedition trial ended today.

Associate Justice James P. McHugh declared a mistrial after 22 of the defendants said they did not wish to continue their case under a new judge who would have to be appointed in succession to Chief Justice Edward C. Fisher, who died last week.

BUY WAR BONDS 17 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

### NAZI ROCKET LAUNCHER IN ACTION



AMID DEVASTATION stretching to the horizon, a Nazi rocket launcher fires a shell against positions held by Polish patriots during the premature uprising in Warsaw. This photo, which just reached the U. S., shows the rocket device in action for the first time. Attached to its side, and in a pile at right, are empty rocket crates. (International)

## Americans At Edge Of Steel City

### Mopping Up Action Under Way in Areas Of The Saar Basin

Paris, Dec. 7. (AP)—American tanks drove within three and a half miles of Saarbrücken today in a plunge to the outskirts of Forbach, French rail town and outpost of the Siegfried line.

Artillery of the third army bombarded the little Pittsburgh of the coal and iron region for the eighth consecutive day, while infantry was clearing the Germans from the last streets of Saarbrücken, French border town southeast of the Saar capital. Street fighting continued in Saarlautern.

The Americans extend their grip on the west bank of the Saar river to 22 miles.

On the state Ruer river front, the Cologne plan for the second successive night was bright with bright with German ground lights, suggesting that the enemy was working extensively to prepare defenses of the Ruer river, in anticipation of a forced withdrawal from the swift and swollen Ruer river.

The Ruer flows within eight miles of Cologne. It is 100 feet wide and paralleled by a canal. Along the Ruer the American first and ninth armies were no closer than 22 miles from the metropolis on the Rhine. Nowhere had the Ruer been crossed but the GI's were up to its banks in a wide front.

In some places east of the Ruer, ninth army troops observed the Germans strengthening their positions under cover of smoke. All of Linzack west of the river was in American hands, although a few snipers remained.

Swiss forces moved again on the northern part of the first army front. Lt. Gen. Hodges' troops, who cleared them several days ago, struck a mile and a half toward Pier, about midway between the citadels of Jülich and Düren. Patrols reached Pier's outskirts, and in one skirmish 100 Germans were captured.

North in Holland, German patrols crossed the Maas north of Venlo, but the British beat them back in every effort to probe their lines.

The last bits of Lorraine and Alsace were slipping from German hands. Already Lt. Gen. Patton's third army control, more of the Saar basin than the Germans retain.

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## Greek Leftists Slowly Yielding To The British

Athens, Dec. 7. (AP)—Major General R. L. Slesser, British commander in Greece, announced today that progress was being made in clearing the Athens-Piræus area of hostile forces is progressing steadily. By nightfall large areas had been freed and were being picketed by Greek and British regular troops.

Fighting, however, spread to Thessalonica.

British Spitfires died on nests of resistance as the pitched battle went into its second day.

Premier George Papandreu, whose government is supported by the British, told correspondents that the EAM was "plunging Greece into civil war."

In London, a British government spokesman said the outbreak had delayed elections by several months. He predicted that "unless this pitiful situation is solved immediately, Greece will be years in rising out of the chaos created by German occupation."

General Scobie, communique said: "The progress of clearing the Athens-Piræus area of hostile forces is progressing steadily. By nightfall large areas had been freed and were being picketed by Greek and British regular troops."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Cloudy and rather cold tonight and Friday, with rain tonight and Friday, beginning in west portion today.