

THIRD ARMY WIDENS BELGIAN SPEARHEAD

U. S. Bombers Open Attacks In Force On Luzon Japs

U. S. Fort Dies Over Germany



A SOLID SHEET OF FLAME... U. S. Flying Fortress... on December 24.

Jap Vessels Sunk North Of Mindoro

Enemy Continuing Raids on American Island Defenses

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Jan. 2—(AP)—Land-based bombers on Mindoro have opened attacks in force to the far reaches of invasion-menaced Luzon island...

Today's communique, which listed the sinking of probably six or seven Japanese vessels...

The enemy is continuing to raid MacArthur's Mindoro positions established by an invasion December 15...

The Lingayen attack, representing the deepest penetration in strength of American bombers based in the Philippines...

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Sink Jap Warships



CAPT. BERTRAM A. SILLS



LT. RICHARD M. VAIL

OPERATIONS OFFICER Capt. Bertram A. Sills, 27, of Mineola, N. Y., led a group of B-25s that attacked a Jap task force off Mindoro Island...

Printing Savings Possible to State Commission Finds

Raleigh, Jan. 2—(AP)—A special gubernatorial commission recommended today that an expert study the State's printing bills and recommend ways in which money could be saved...

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N. C. SCHOOL BODY IN FINAL MEETING

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U. S. Drive Takes Heavy German Toll

Patton's Corridor Void's Nazi Effort For Further Gains

Paris, Jan. 2—(AP)—The third army has broadened to a mile and a half its arrowhead across the narrow waist of the Belgian bulge north of Bastogne...

American infantry, tanks and planes exacted a great and growing toll of Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's materiel...

Belux Bastogne, General Patton widened to six miles the corridor feeding his main offensive thrust by capturing the village of Houmont five and a half miles southwest of the road center...

Van Rundstedt's attacks against the United States seventh army and along the Rhine eastward to around Bitch and eastward to preliminary appraisal to have netted little gain...

The Germans and were throwing most of their strength into the Belgian bulge. They were seeking the hard defensive line of St. Hubert-Willy and persisting in counter-attacks around Bastogne.

The next moves in the gigantic test of men, strategy and machines were not yet apparent. It was plain, however, that Von Rundstedt has been hurt badly by sustained and heavy Allied air attacks...

The whole front from Linnich to Stavelot, at the north central part of the bulge, saw little activity Monday.

During the night, British Mosquitos ranged in a broad arc behind the main battle bulge, destroying or damaging fifteen tanks and 90 motor vehicles...

The U. S. 9th air force also claimed the destruction yesterday of 279 assorted transports, 211 rail cars and the disabling of eleven locomotives...

Pilots said 66 other vehicles and 182 rail cars were damaged.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and cold tonight; lowest temperatures tonight 22 to 18 degrees, except not quite so cold on coast. Wednesday fair and not quite so cold.

ARMOR RELIEF REACHES BASTOGNE



IN A SNOW-COVERED SQUARE of Bastogne, Belgium, vehicles of the U. S. Third Army's 4th Division...

Fall of Buda Seems Matter of Hours as Germans Fall Back

Nazi Garrison Fast Crumbles in Attack Of Invading Forces

London, Jan. 2—(AP)—Fall of Buda, western section of Danube-straddling Budapest, appeared to be only a matter of hours today as the Nazi garrison crumbled before attacking Russian forces...

A communique broadcast early today from Moscow said two greatly outnumbered German and Hungarian defenders had lost some 7,000 men killed yesterday in a battle...

A Cairo radio broadcast last night said all the Germans had been driven from Buda, but there was no confirmation from Russian or German sources.

The communique also said Soviet forces had occupied 200 additional blocks in Buda yesterday, bringing to 600 the number now under Russian domination...

Great mortars were brought into the capital on fleets of American-made trucks to blast street fortifications. Desperate German counter-attacks with tanks and self-propelled guns were crushed in the overwhelming Red army assault...

Other Russian forces captured 14 more planes and drove within two miles of Lisone, Slovak communications hub on the Hungarian frontier above Budapest.

Moscow reports said a huge offensive...

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B-29 RAID MADE ON MINDANAO ISLAND

About ten B-29s raided southern Mindanao Island, Philippines, December 29, Japanese time, the Tokyo radio said today in a broadcast intercepted by the Federal Communications Commission...

Army Cracks Whip Over Ward Group

Chicago, Jan. 2—(AP)—Major General Joseph W. Byron reported today that Montgomery Ward & Company personnel who refused to cooperate in army operations at seized properties in seven cities was being replaced and made subject to selective service reclassification.

Specifically the general named Sewall Avery, chairman of the board, and other representatives as having refused to operate the properties under presidential order Thursday...

Avery refused to recognize the seizure as constitutionally valid and said the company could not accept or obey it.

General Byron also announced at 10:30 a. m. today the army seized two warehouses in Detroit, necessary for effective governmental operation of the big Ward's stores in the Detroit area...

The general said that at each property in Chicago, Detroit, St. Paul, Denver, Portland, Oregon, San Rafael, Cal., and Jamaica, N. Y., an opportunity was given to representatives of Ward's to conduct the business under my direction, with the least disturbance to the normal operation of the properties...

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House Speaker Will Be Named in Caucus Scheduled Tonight

U. S. GETS AZORES BASE OF PORTUGAL

London, Jan. 2—(AP)—A London dispatch broadcast today under a Barcelona date, said Portugal had ceded the United States an air-naval base in the Azores, and that the United States fleet air arm in mid-December had taken over a field on Santa Maria island, established by Pan-American Airways.

Drastic Job Legislation Is Possible

Washington, Jan. 2—(AP)—Drastic manpower proposals edging closer to the "work or fight" act, which lawmakers have long avoided, were thrown today into the battle on the home front.

Advanced by James F. Byrnes, the program would force 4-F men into war roles and put statutory teeth into manpower rules if present labor controls fail to spur the nation's armament output to needed levels.

The suggestions made by Byrnes last night in his first report as director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion are still merely threats. They are, moreover, at the mercy of a Congress which has shown reluctance to interfere with a man's freedom to choose his job.

Flatly predicting that larger draft calls in the next few months would aggravate the manpower shortage, Byrnes proposed stern measures for 4-F's not doing essential work.

BRICKS BLOWN INTO ROOF HURT PUPILS

Rocky Mount, Jan. 2—(AP)—Four high school students at Benevise high school in Nash county were slightly injured yesterday afternoon when high winds knocked bricks from the chimney and sent the bricks crashing through the roof into the class room below.

L. S. Insee, Nash county school superintendent, said that nine students were in the room at the time. The four hurt were Doris Tiller, Mabel Daughtridge, Gloria Frye and Mary Frances Fuller, all of whom were treated in a local hospital. Insee said the school would be closed until Thursday for repairs.

Hints Are Heard That Richardson May Be Unopposed

Raleigh, Jan. 2—(AP)—Each confident of victory in his race for speakership of the 1945 House of Representatives, Oscar Richardson of Union and George Uzzell of Rwan, the two majority candidates, today cast expectant eyes toward a House caucus scheduled tonight.

There was a possibility, however, that events during the day might preclude the speakership race going to the caucus.

Numerous supporters of the two candidates gathered in the capital yesterday as separate headquarters were opened at a downtown hotel with the two candidates grid for the final drive for election.

Meantime, both candidates reaffirmed their confidence in supporters whom they said had pledged enough strength to win. Richardson said he was confident of 71 votes, while only 52 are needed for election.

Uzzell, by the same token, said he had enough pledged votes to win.

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Treasury Disclaims All Byrnes Tax Suggestions

Washington, Jan. 2—(AP)—Tax law revisions proposed by War Mobilization James F. Byrnes were promptly disclaimed, though not criticized, today by the Treasury.

Byrnes, in a report to President Roosevelt and Congress, suggested immediate changes designed to stimulate private enterprise when Germany is beaten. At the same time he declared that any general relief from record wartime tax burdens is impossible until Japan also is knocked out.

A Treasury spokesman, emphasizing that Byrnes' ideas on taxes do not represent the official views of that department, said: "Secretary Morgenthau was not consulted and knew nothing about it."

Byrnes, whose report drew favorable comment on Capitol Hill, forecast no immediate prospect of softening the burdens on individual income tax payers.

Submarine Lost, With Other Ships, Navy Announces

Washington, Jan. 2—(AP)—Loss of a submarine, a medium landing ship and two motor torpedo boats was announced today by the Navy.

The 1,525-ton submarine Harder is overdue from patrol and presumed lost, a communique said.

The landing ship LSM-318 and the PT-300 were lost as a result of enemy action in the Philippines area and the PT-311 was lost to enemy action in the Mediterranean area.

The landing ship was sunk during a Japanese air attack off Ormoc December 7.

The submarine Harder was of a type which carries a normal complement of 85 men. The normal crew of a landing ship is 52, and PT boats from 11 to 15.

The announcement brought to 35 the number of United States submarines lost from all causes since the start of the war, and the total of miscellaneous craft to 132. The total of all naval vessels lost was raised to 243.

Byrnes listed three tax revisions to be effective at the end of the European war that "will not materially reduce revenues, but will greatly encourage new enterprise and the expansion of existing enterprise."

They are: 1. Increasing the specific exemption for excess profits tax purposes from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to enable many small and new concerns to become established during the transition period.

2. Accelerate depreciation to allow a larger tax deduction for depreciation in the early years of the life of business and industrial facilities, thus hastening the acquisition of new plant equipment.

3. Immediate availability of post-war refund bonds when the war in Europe ends, releasing to corporations a part of their refund and excess profits tax and reducing correspondingly the compulsory savings provision in the excess profits tax.