

## A5 BASTOGNE GARRISON WENT TO MEET THE ENEMY



ALONG A SNOWY ROADWAY and past a signpost march the gallant members of the courageous 101st Airborne Division during the period in which they were encircled in Bastogne, Belgium. When the photo was taken they were enroute to meet the enemy. At bottom some of the troops receive Holy Communion during services held at midnight on Christmas Eve. Signal Corps Radiotelephoto. (International Soundphoto)

# Belgian Bulge Partly Nipped Luzon Blasted By U. S. Units

## Navy Planes Join Attack Near Manila

No Mention Made Of Landings Upon Island Approaches

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Jan. 8.—(AP)—American troops were within ninety miles of Manila today but army and navy communiqués offered no support to Japanese claims the Yanks were actually preparing any immediate invasion of Luzon island.

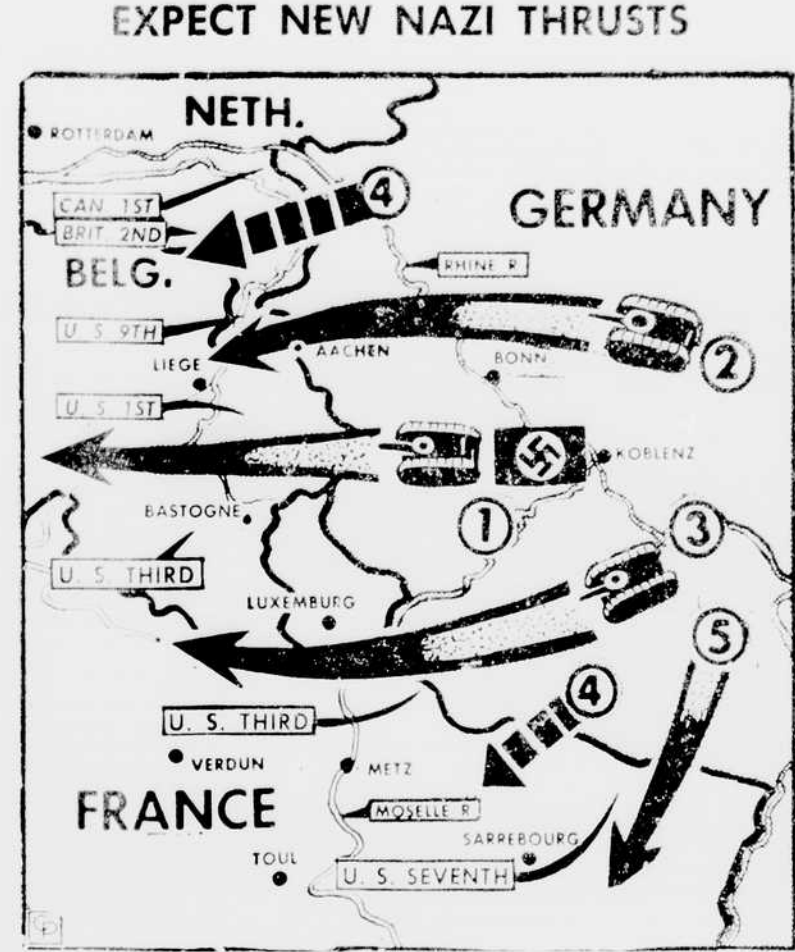
General MacArthur's Monday communique said his forces have moved up the west coast of Mindoro island to capture Palawan town. Palawan is 50 miles from Luzon. Manila is less than sixty miles further north.

Navy carrier planes also attacked Luzon. Admiral Spruance announced at Pacific fleet headquarters at Pearl Harbor that the attack was made Saturday. This was the same day general Douglas said that United States warships were in Luzon waters. The Japanese said the headquarters of the Japanese navy were in Manila on Sunday, and reported by an air plane to be on Luzon.

Abdual McLean, secretary of the Philippine Navy, said the Japanese captured the enemy on Luzon after a two-day raid on Formosa and Ryukyu.

A total of 15 planes destroyed was reported. The comparatively low figure, possibly all destroyed on the ground, seemed to indicate Japanese air power in Luzon was reaching a low ebb.

The new point of advance on Mindoro was taken by a sixth army force, which was landed on the island, down the coast. The seventh plane, which had the entire west coast of Mindoro in American hands.



MILITARY OBSERVERS believe that a new German offensive is being planned. It is thought that the German army is planning to drive into Belgium from the West and into France from the East. The German thrusts are expected to be in the direction of the Meuse river and the Rhine river. The German thrusts are expected to be in the direction of the Meuse river and the Rhine river. The German thrusts are expected to be in the direction of the Meuse river and the Rhine river.

## Nazi Supply Routes Cut To The West

Hour of Doom For Three of Panzer Units Approaching

Paris, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The western third of the Belgian bulge was all but nipped off today, with one of the last two German supply roads cut in three places, and the other brought within easy artillery range with the capture of Flamierge, only two miles to the south.

As these hard-driven wedges deepened, the hour of doom neared for three crack panzer divisions still tied to the battle-line at the "top of the stock."

Other American units in Alsace fought against a reinforced and stubbornly held German position on the west bank of the Rhine eight miles north of Strasbourg.

The Germans also reinforced their Colmar pocket to the south, captured Witternheim and Friesheim and drove north along the Rhine-Rhone canal, which is 18 miles of the city and reported being evacuated hastily.

Moreover in the extreme north the German bridgehead across the Meuse north of Verdun endured Allied attacks and supreme headquarters maintained a second crossing of the river 38 miles northeast of Antwerp. This holding was described as an outpost and General Eisenhower's communique called the engagement a "stopping action."

American counter blows were declared behind a German spearhead within ten miles of the Saverre Pass near the town of Strasbourg.

Units of the German drivers in the south had not been beaten back and perhaps not yet stopped, but these appeared primarily diversionary, at least none showed any indications of a major offensive.

Along the Belgian bulge, the United States army struck the Germans in a drive by striking the La Roche high-way, one of the main German communication routes at three places in pushes up to three miles.

In close coordination with the American drive, British tanks and infantry jumped off from behind a "stopping artillery barrage."

Tightening the squeeze from the south, General Patton's third army drove another mile along the front west of Bastogne.

Advocates of immediate formation of an international council to settle the European situation.

President Roosevelt's statement that this nation will not and cannot abstain from its political commitment could mean that policies set at the Potsdam Conference will be followed.

It is likely to press on the Polish issue, as Russia has already recognized the Lublin authorities as the provisional government opposed to the Polish government in exile in London.

Nevertheless, the President promised that this nation will use its power and influence to uphold the principles of the Atlantic charter.

# Essential Jobs List Reduced

## Assembly To Get Down To Work Soon

Budget Ready And Governor Has Given His Full Program

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Committee appointments probably will be read in the Senate tomorrow, thus completing organization of the assembly under the direction of Lt. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine and Speaker Oscar Richardson.

With the introduction of the appropriation and finance bills and Governor Cherry's budget bills scheduled for Wednesday, the assembly will be in position to start the grind which some members believe will continue until well in March.

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Raleigh, Jan. 8.—The 1945 General Assembly is expected to get down to serious business early this week, several days sooner than many members had thought possible a few weeks ago.

There are several contributing factors. One is the fact that two-thirds of the members are experienced in legislative procedure and the usual training period is not necessary.

Another is the comprehensive scope and specific recommendations of Governor Cherry's inaugural address. The course of the administration has already been charted and no member has to wait to ascertain what the governor thinks about important State issues.

A third contribution is the prompt delivery of the budget report with accompanying revenue and appropriation bills. These will reach the floor of the assembly Wednesday morning. Legislators and others have been profuse in praise of R. G. Deyton, assistant director of the budget, and his associates for getting this report from the printers so early. It required a lot of advanced planning and a lot of spurring up during the printing process. The manager of the printing house that had contract for the job (it was farmed

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**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Clearing and colder tonight; Tuesday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

## National CIO Asked To Halt Erwin Strike

At Little Rock, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The fourth regional war labor board today called upon national officials of the United Workers Union of America to halt the strike of 100,000 workers at the Erwin Ordnance Plant.

At the same time, M. T. Van Doren, regional planning manager of the War Labor Board has been asked to act immediately to end a strike which was reported to have virtually ended the production of the plant.

Van Doren said the board acted upon being informed that the mill workers voted 264 to 19 yesterday not to return to work as the WLB had requested them to do. Roy Lawrence, regional director of the union, announced Friday national officials were insisting that the workers return to their jobs.

H. D. Lisk, a representative of the national union, said James Odum, business agent of the local, not only failed to order his members back to work, but ordered army officials and United States labor counselors admission to a union meeting for the purpose of appealing to for an end to the work stoppage.

Army officials estimated that 33,000 yards of duck were being lost daily by idleness of the plant.

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Chicago, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The government asked the Federal court today to restrain Montgomery Ward & Company from alleged interference with army operation of 16 company properties in seven cities, including a situation existed which "threatens the outcome of the case."

Hugh B. Cox, assistant solicitor general, began the government's argument for an injunction in the court room of Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, packed with leading Chicago lawyers and virtually all the principals in the case.

At the outset, government and counsel agreed to defer temporarily argument on the merits of the case, in which the government seeks a declaratory judgment to establish legality of the seizure December 28.

Cox said the company contended it had given no physical inter-

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## Plan Is to Force Men of Draft Age Into Needed Work

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—To find a way of grinding the job control and manpower screws tighter, the government is reviewing the entire list of essential activities.

This may be the result, it appeared today, although no decision has been reached as yet.

1. Some activities now classified as essential will be dropped from the list.

2. Other activities now classified as essential will be put on that way.

3. Some activities, such as those mentioned, which have been listed not only as essential but vital.

The whole purpose of this would be to force men of draft age into essential work.

It would be a step in ridding down the government's intensified efforts to stop deserting and labor turnover.

The latest step in that direction came from sales of service, which fell draft boards.

1. To draft men up to 38 if they change jobs without board permission.

2. Lower than usual physical standards for such job skipper, long much more was not designed.

3. To tighten up on the deterrents already granted.

4. Demands were made in Congress, meanwhile, that the administration make even greater use of its existing powers in boosting the war manpower problem while the legislature worked out new measures.

Congress proposed to tackle legislation to force I-F-E into war plants before considering President Roosevelt's other principal manpower recommendations.

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## FDR Favors Moratorium In Insurance

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt favors the general principle of legislation giving the insurance business a moratorium from the Sherman anti-trust act until March 1, 1946, except for acts of boycotts, coercion or intimidation.

The White House made public correspondence between the President and Senator Radcliffe, Maryland Democrat, in a January 2 letter, said such a moratorium as provided in the bill of Senator O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, would give the insurance business sufficient time to conduct itself to the Supreme Court decision holding insurance is "in commerce," and therefore subject to the anti-trust laws.

The President said the administration is not sponsoring Federal legislation to regulate insurance or to interfere with the continued regulation and taxation by the states of the business of insurance.

"But there is no conflict," he added, "between the application of the anti-trust laws and effective State regulation of insurance companies, and there is no valid reason for giving any special exemption from the anti-trust laws to the business of insurance."

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## Flock Of Candidates In 1948 Now Being Talked

Horton May Try Again for Governor; Bailey-Broughton-Umstead on Senate

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Raleigh, Jan. 8.—In countries with governments headed by hereditary monarchies when the old king dies and another ascends the throne the traditional cry has been "The king is dead! Long live the king!"

In North Carolina when one governor is inaugurated the pertinent question is "Who will be the next governor?" A good many people who attended the inaugural ceremonies of Greg Cherry here last Thursday wanted to talk about who

would be the likely candidates—and especially who will be the successful one—for governor in 1948. Under the prevailing gentleman's agreement the governor next time will come from the eastern part of the State, though there is no statute or other law requiring that he live in any particular section.

Several names were mentioned as potential candidates. They included Libby Ward of New Bern, Kenneth Royall of Goldsboro, Willie Smith

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## Outflanking Of Germans Above Budapest Sought

Sharp Gains Scored North of Danube as Other Losses Loom

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Russian forces have been ousted from the key Danube bastion of Eszpergom by powerful Nazi counter attacks bent on relieving the trapped Axis garrison at Budapest, twenty miles to the south, but have registered a 12-mile gain north of the Danube in an outflanking thrust to the attacking Germans, Moscow said today.

A spokesman for the Soviet command said that 1,400 Germans had been killed, 300 captured and 49 tanks and 16 armored troop carriers knocked out by the occupation of the town of Eszpergom, and reported German progress had been checked below the city, it was said.

It was said the Red army had crossed the Horn river to the north and had reached a point ten miles from Eszpergom.

In Budapest, the Nazi garrison launched twelve successive counter attacks in an attempt to cross the Danube, but that has resulted in heavy losses to both sides.

The Soviet communique said the Germans lost another 400 men in the attack, and that Russian troops reported captured another segment of city defenses.

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## Air Pounding Of Germany Continuing

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—British-led American heavy bombers struck Germany in daylight today after two great levels of RAF bombers, totaling probably more than 1,000 planes, bombed Munich here last night within two hours.

Today's raid was the 16th by Fortresses and Liberators of the U. S. eighth air force in the past 17 days.

Enemy reports indicated that the heavy bombers were again supporting Allied troops on the snow-swept western front by bombing supply channels behind Nazi lines. Yesterday more than 2,000 heavy bombers and fighters of the eighth air force dropped over 3,000 tons of high explosives on five freight yards, two Rhine bridges and six rail yards between Hamm and Karlsruhe in western Germany.

Nine bombers and one fighter were missing in yesterday's operations, carried out through blizzards and in temperatures of 50 below zero.

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## U. S. Foreign Policy Being Worked Out

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—American experts would today on the United States policy in Europe's diplomatic struggle, details in a new President Roosevelt only buried in his message to Congress.

The President laid down the outlines of the policies in his talk to the Congress, but he left many details to be worked out by the State Department shortly after his January 20 inauguration.

He withheld specific points—presumably to keep them in his hand for bargaining.

There was disappointment apparent on Capitol Hill that President Roosevelt was not more specific about where the United States stands on a host of world political positions. That issue may burst forth in the Senate Wednesday in what promises to become the most vigorous debate on foreign affairs since the Pearl Harbor tragedy deepened discussions.

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## Larger Social Security To Face Foes In Senate

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's forthcoming message urging an expanded social security program faces a jolt in the road the minute it reaches the Senate.

On the one hand, Senator Wagner, New York Democrat, and other reformers of far-reaching social reform favor immediate hearings and an expedited vote on amendments which would broaden the coverage and benefits.

On the other, Senator Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, is determined to press for a full study by the joint committee on internal revenue taxation, which, under a resolution he introduced Saturday, would not have to report back to Congress until October 1.

Promising a detailed recommen-

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