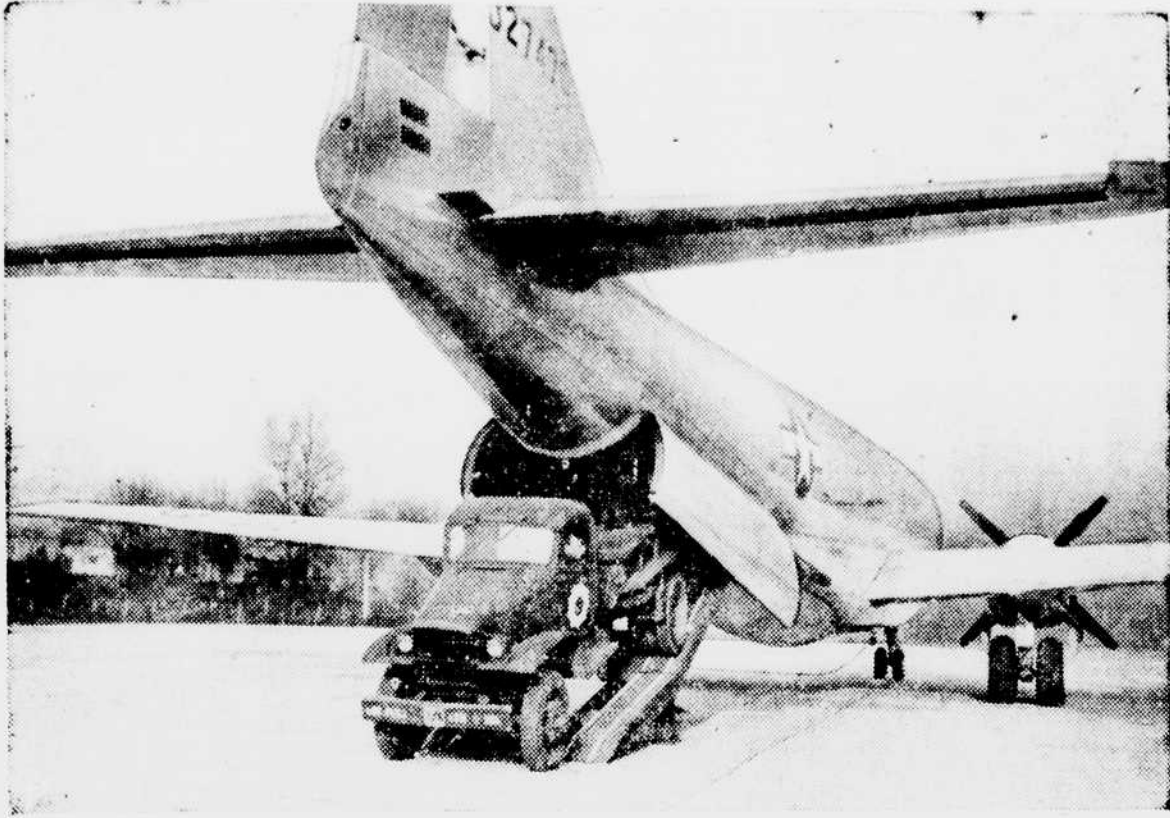


HERE'S THE ARMY'S NEW 'FLYING FREIGHT TRAIN'



A ONE AND-A-HALF TON TRUCK runs down a ramp leading from the fuselage of the new giant C-97, cargo-carrying copy of the B-29 Superforts...

YANKS TAKE HOUFFALIZE

German Lines Pierced In East

Reds Seize Large Town In Prussia

Krakow to Warsaw Rail Defense Lines Entered by Soviets

London, Jan. 16—(AP)—The German high command announced the fall of Schlossberg, 13 miles inside East Prussia, as Russian armies tore gaping holes today in Nazi defenses along 600 miles of front...

Nazi broadcasts said "major penetrations" had been made by the Soviets in the Vistula-Bug triangle north of Warsaw...

Marshal Konev's big first Ukrainian army pounded westward toward Krakow in southern Poland, fought its way into the outer salient of defense of the Nazis' Krakow-Warsaw railway line...

This railway, connecting the Polish capital with Silesia's coal mining and manufactory industries, is one of Warsaw's chief arteries of supply...

Shoving westward without support of aviation because of fog, sleet and snow, Konev's armor pushed straight for the Warsaw-Silesian line on a sector twenty miles wide...

The Berlin radio declared the Russians had sprung a new offensive in the Jaslo area of southern Poland, about 85 miles southeast of Kielce...

This drive into the Warsaw-Kielce line was meeting the first mass of German reserves now, however, and progress may be slowed...

The battle of Budapest appeared definitely approaching an end. With the latest announcement of Russian advances, Red army troops now held some 90 percent of the battered Hungarian capital...

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy and rather cold tonight, followed by partly cloudy and slightly warmer Wednesday.

China Coast Bombing Is Bold U. S. Attack By Air

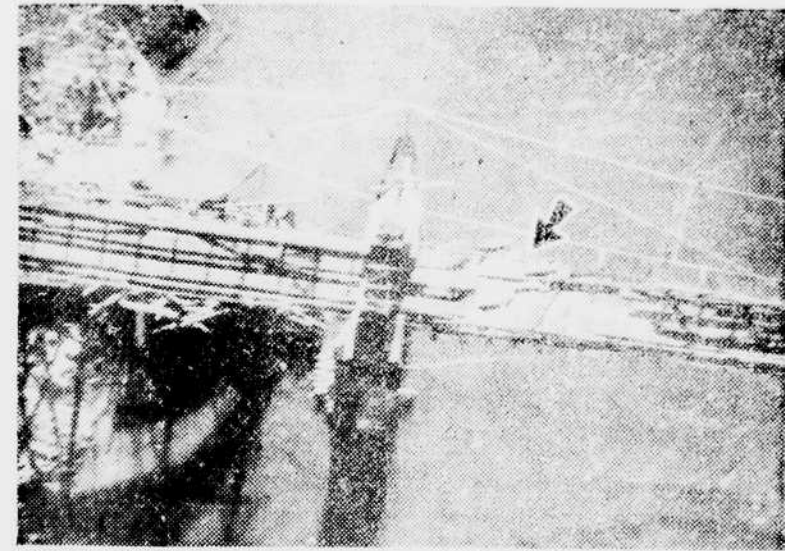
Upward Trend Helps Cotton

New York, Jan. 16—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 40 cents a bale higher, Noon prices were five to 20 cents a bale higher...

Pressure On Some Stocks

New York, Jan. 16—(AP)—Selling dried up to some extent in today's stock market, although pressure persisted on rails and various armament-related industrials...

BLASTING A BURMA BRIDGE



THESE PHOTOS display the accuracy of U. S. 10th Air Force bombardiers as they attacked the Hsaw Road Bridge, located between Mandalay and Lashio in Burma...

Great Bulge Center Left By Germans

Other First Army Units Now Nearing St. Vith Outskirts

Paris, Jan. 16—(AP)—American first army patrols have encircled Houffalize, communications center, which once was the heart of the Belgian bulge...

Formal occupation of the town in force by American armor was slowed only by the burned-out wreckage of German equipment which cluttered the road through the outskirts...

Other first army units were within six miles of St. Vith, a key enemy-held base only four miles from the German frontier...

General Hodges' troops were smashing the Germans' "last hope" stand short of the Siegfried line on the Salm river, north and south of Vielsalm...

To the southeast General Patton's U. S. third army had stabbed two miles across the German border in a drive down the Moselle valley to within four and a half miles of Trier...

The third army gained up to a mile and a half on a ten-mile front northwest and southeast of Bastogne. On the east, four miles northeast of Bastogne, was captured...

The eleventh armored division, a new outfit commanded by Brigadier General Charles Kilburn, of Silver City, N. M., was disclosed as fighting on the third army front...

Third army battle reports said the Germans were using secondary roads from Houffalize in an orderly withdrawal eastward...

German Arms Mills Blasted

London, Jan. 16—(AP)—More than 600 United States heavy bombers swept into eastern Germany and hammered a Krupp tank factory at Magdeburg, an oil plant 70 miles south of Berlin...

First reports said they met no fighter opposition. The weather was bad. All four targets were within half an hour's flying time of Berlin. Some 650 Eighth air force fighters flew escorts...

The Krupp works at Magdeburg produces Mark IV tanks. Some of the four-engined bombers made round trips of more than 1,000 miles...

Bad weather hampered all operations last night.

Essential Jobs Divided Into Two General Units

Washington, Jan. 16—(AP)—The War Relocation Commission today divided its list of 35 essential activities into two general divisions, labeling one "critical"...

In line with the directive of War Mobilization Director Byrnes, registrations in the top priority list will be held on their jobs as long as possible to prevent disruption of war production...

Those at work in activities making up the balance of the list will be the first called to meet the quota for some 200,000 men on this age group by July 1. All jobs in seven general categories were designated as critical...

and accessories; production of ammunition; production of metal shapes and forgings for essential products; production of machinery; and production of essential rubber products...

Except for scrap salvage, all jobs in smelting, refining and rolling of metals were listed as critical. In the transportation services, coal mining and petroleum classifications, most jobs were rated as critical...

Classifications with no critical listings included agriculture and commercial fishing; finishing of essential metal products; and production of apparel...

Final 1945 Food Goals New Fixed

Slightly Over 1944, With Some Increase In Tobacco Amount

Washington, Jan. 16—(AP)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones called anew on the nation's farmers for all-out food and feed production this year, as he announced final agricultural production goals for 1945...

These goals represent the total of State goals recommended by farmers, farm leaders and State officials and are approximately the same as recommended by the WFA last November 15...

This year's crop acreage goal totaled 363,635,500 acres, nearly three percent more than the 1944 planted acreage and a little more than the 362,310,000 acres which had been suggested by WFA...

Goals for hay, seed, sugar beets and clover crop seed were increased substantially over 1944, while moderate increases were decided upon for acres for dry beans, potatoes and tobacco...

Legume hay seeds and soybean acres will be maintained at record 1944 levels, Jones said...

WFA has announced extension of the price support on hogs to March 31, 1946, to cover the period when the spring pigs of 1946 will be marketed...

The corn goal was fixed at 99,052,000 acres, compared with 98,722,000 acres planted in 1944...

Increased milk production also is called for in the final national goals...

WFA said the egg goal was increased by about ten percent over the preliminary goal and was fixed at 4,350,000,000 dozen...

S. C. Policy Is Hurting State Police Idea Here

Governor There Is Lording It Over Local Authorities

Raleigh, Jan. 16—News stories emanating from Columbia about the orders given the other day by Governor Ransome Williams of South Carolina who incidentally is the fifth governor our southern neighbor State has had in four years...

State Income Deduction For Federal Tax Sought

State Asked For Tobacco Study Funds

Raleigh, Jan. 16—(AP)—Proposals for a long-range tobacco research program in North Carolina were presented today by D. E. Brown, director of the State Experiment Station, at the first joint meeting of the Senate and House Agriculture Committees...

Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Alvin C. Eaves, of Wilson, presided at the meeting, where proposals of the tobacco agricultural systems in the State were discussed...

Dr. Eaves said that the special program to broaden tobacco research and to teach and extend the tobacco program had the approval of the extension services, the experiment station and the State Department of Agriculture...

Dr. Eaves showed how diseases have been combated through research in the State and explained that a broader research program is needed to control diseases, which spring on in various sections...

The tobacco program will be presented as special legislation by the appropriations committee tomorrow night. Funds will be sought through the general fund rather than through the agriculture fund, Eaves said...

D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the commissioner of agriculture, presented the department's legislative program...

It calls for an amendment to the Fertilizer law requiring a minimum of 18 units of plant food, which is designed to eliminate all low grade...

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FDR Pledges Greek Help

Washington, Jan. 16—(AP)—President Roosevelt has pledged American aid in the rehabilitation of Greece, "in collaboration with our allies"...

A State Department announcement said the pledge was contained in a message to the prime minister of Greece. The message took note of promises by the prime minister that the end of hostilities in Greece "will not be followed by reprisals, but will be the prelude to early decisions by means of free democratic processes on the vexed questions which led to civil strife"...

"Mr. Roosevelt's message was in answer to a telegram from the Greek leader asking for American support in the reconstruction of Greece."

Host of Bills Are Presented During Legislative Meet

Raleigh, Jan. 16—(AP)—Representative LeGrande, of New Hanover, in the assembly's first move to change the tax laws, introduced a bill today to allow deductions of Federal income taxes in filing State income tax returns...

The measure went to the Finance committee, which holds its first meeting with the Senate Finance Committee this afternoon...

After comparatively short sessions, the session adjourned in memory of George E. Preedy, Jr., Greenboro's ace of the second World War, who was killed last Christmas day in action over Germany...

A measure by Senator Mitchell, of Iredell, would authorize the commission for the blind to cooperate with the Federal government under the Barden rehabilitation act for the blind, and to authorize the appointment of guardians for incompetent blind persons...

Senator Rogers, of Polk, sent in a resolution memorializing the United States secretary of state to appoint Francis Pickens Bacon, mayor of Tryon, as minister to Central or South American country. Bacon, a native South Carolinian, has held two ministerships. He is a textile manufacturer and has served two terms in the State Senate...

Measures by Senator Penny, of Guilford, would provide for the improvement of livestock, and provide for keeping of records by dealers in metals, leather, rubber and glass sold as junk and to allow the States, counties, cities and towns or other subdivisions to purchase supplies and equipment from the Federal government without having to advertise for bids or to sign contracts...

Service Act To Be Asked By President

Washington, Jan. 16—(AP)—President Roosevelt is preparing to send Congress a special message favoring national service legislation...

As a preliminary, he held a White House conference today with service chiefs and legislators concerned with the subject. It was not disclosed when the message would go to the Capitol. In his recent message to the state of the Union, Mr. Roosevelt came out emphatically for universal service and said he would communicate with Congress on it later...

Centering at the White House were General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff; Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the fleet; Chairman Thomas, Utah Democrat, of the Senate Military Committee, and Senator Austin, Vermont, ranking Republican in that group; Chairman May, Kentucky Democrat, of the House Military Committee, and Representative Thomason, Texas Democrat, and Andrews, New York Republican, members of that committee...

Bonds and stocks were uneven.

Nimitz Withholds Details in Latest Of His Communiques

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 16—(AP)—Swinging north from the Indo-China coast, where they sank or damaged 69 ships, U. S. third fleet pilots, yesterday, sank the first full-scale carrier raid on the way to these ports vital to Japanese lifelines...

Admiral Nimitz gave no details of his communiqué yesterday of the bold China coast blow, which took the Americans to behind the big Japanese base of Formosa, bombed away at the same time...

However, Nimitz disclosed that the venturesome third fleet pilots sank 41 Japanese ships and damaged 28 in wiping out two convoys of Indo-China on Thursday. His preliminary estimates of 25 ships sunk and 43 damaged had been reported Friday...

The overall picture was that of an audacious American carrier force sweeping like a huge part brush from Formosa, where more than 100 ships and 97 planes were destroyed or damaged January 3, down to Indo-China for the Thursday strike, and back to the China coast on Saturday...