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Warsaw Is Liberated

British Gain Heavily Near Aachen

RED DRIVE NEARS SOUTH GERMANY

ALONG A 600-MILE FRONT from Budapest to the Baltic Sea, the huge Russian winter drive is under way with the main push headed for the ancient Polish capital of Krakow (1) and southern Germany. North of Warsaw (2) big offensives were reported from East Prussia and to the south. At the southern end of the push, pressure north of Budapest toward Vienna continues while (3) important gains were being made in the drive now penetrating Czechoslovakia. *(International)*

Dutch Town Taken Near Nazi Border

Icy Fog Both Aids And Hinders Push; Americans Advance

Paris, Jan. 17—(AP)—Fresh and rested British troops, in a resumption of the Allied offensive, have gained 1,000 yards, crossed the little Roode river at two points and driven into the village of Dieteren, 23 miles above Aachen, and still were progressing today through the icy ground haze.

Their attack started with a massive artillery barrage—Field Marshal Montgomery's military trade mark—apparently caught the Germans napping.

The British captured at least one bridge over the Roode intact as they advanced through a relatively soft spot in German defenses. British divisions in the attack had not been engaged in the battle of the Belgian bulge, now reduced to about a fourth of its original size.

The little Dutch town of Dieteren is two miles from the German frontier and six north of Sittard. The British appeared to be driving toward the Roer river on the left flank of the U. S. 9th army, which guards its banks from Linnich to Schmidt.

The fog which shrouded the attack of infantry and tanks also slowed the progress of the British, who could hardly see their buddies along the assault line. Roads were glazed with ice and sleet this morning. Underneath them all were massive German mine fields, planted during the three months lull.

The drive apparently was intended to straighten out a German wedge in Allied lines.

The German salient in the Ardennes was flattened back until nowhere was it more than 15 miles deep. The U. S. third army was battering relentlessly down from the north toward St. Vith, last main road gate back to the Siegfried line. A few German snipers were being hunted down in the ruins of fallen Houffalize.

The Maginot line battle north of the Hagenau forest, the U. S. 7th army had withstood three days of an increasingly powerful German attack against the village of Hatten, and was slowly beating the Nazis back from the town. Three-fourths of it was in Allied hands. Some 2,000 Germans, with flame-throwing equipment, were in the other fourth.

BATTLING SNOW AND ENEMY ON TWO FRONTS

ITALY'S SKY-HIGH GUERRILLA FIGHTERS PATROL FRENCH-ITALIAN BORDER

AMERICA'S WINTER-WHITE CAMOUFLAGED TROOPS MAKE WAY TO BELGIAN BATTLEFRONT

ACROSS THE BATTLEFRONTS OF EUROPE, the storms of Winter have blanketed roads, fields, forest and mountains—slowing up the tempo of war. But in the mountains of the French-Italian border where the peaks are snow-capped the year round, this is all old stuff to the hardy Italian guerrilla patrjots (shown above) who are shown literally ploughing their way through drifts in hunting down Germans and Italian Fascists. Below, Yank battlefield ghosts again are on the prowl in the Stavelot area of Belgium. They are with an artillery unit of the 30th Division, on duty as a forward observation section. *(International)*

City's Fall Announced By Lublin

Soviets Push Deep Across Poland On Toward Nazi Border

London, Jan. 17—(AP)—Moscow, in a broadcast recorded by the Soviet monitor, announced tonight the capture of Warsaw.

A Berlin broadcast tonight admitted the loss of Warsaw, saying it had been "evacuated."

The ravaged capital of Poland, once a proud and beautiful city of 1,300,000 fell to the first White Russian army group of Marshal Gregory Zhukov, Marshal Stalin said in an order of the day.

Great sections of the city lay in ruins. It was the tomb of thousands of Poles killed since the battle started last July.

London, Jan. 17—(AP)—The Polish provisional government at Lublin triumphantly announced today the liberation of Warsaw, the bloody and ruined city which was the first national capital engulfed by the Germans in this war.

The announcement, broadcast by the Polish regime established last December 31 at Lublin, and immediately recognized by Moscow, declared:

"Warsaw has been captured. Formations of the Red army and Polish army have occupied Warsaw, the capital of the Polish republic."

The last word from Moscow was that Warsaw had been outflanked on the southwest by Soviet winter offensives. But Moscow may have designated the Lublin government to announce liberation of Warsaw, scene of an one-time fruitless uprising by the Polish underground last fall.

The broadcast was heard by the BBC (GWI also recorded the transmission).

The Lublin announcement came as two mammoth Soviet offensives below the capital were advancing through Poland on a virtually unbroken front of 200 miles, striking to within 27 miles of the German Silesian frontier, and into the defense perimeter of Krakow, ancient capital in southwestern Poland.

Berlin declared the Soviet blows in southern and central Poland had not yet reached peak.

Warsaw fell to the Germans September 27, [illegible] after a 20-day siege which left the city in ruins. But despite ruthless Gestapo methods and a huge garrison numbering untold thousands of Germans, underground resistance movements flourished through five years of occupation.

Berlin has reported Soviet offensives north of the capital, which with the Moscow-disclosed wedges below the city had put Warsaw in danger of encirclement. Moscow was silent also on the Berlin-reported Soviet offensive in East Prussia, which the Germans said had captured the fortress of Schlossberg.

But Moscow dispatches gave this picture of Red army breakthroughs below Warsaw:

Soviet vanguards are only 27 miles from German Silesia, east of Rosenberg.

The upper flank of Marshal Zhukov's army is 23 miles south of Warsaw, and Red army men are 16 miles southeast of the German lite artery.

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Legislature Studies Game Board Change

Acts on Request Of Governor; Seek Welfare Changes

Raleigh, Jan. 17—(AP)—The legislature carried out another of Governor Cherry's inaugural recommendations today and passed, under suspension of the rules, a joint resolution providing for appointment of a special commission to investigate the feasibility of divorcing the divisions of game and inland fisheries from the Department of Conservation and Development.

The measure, by Representative Stone of Rockingham, passed both the House and Senate without debate.

Speaker Gregg, Republican, and President Pro-tempore Jackson, Democrat, both signed it soon after it reached them, perhaps tomorrow.

The Board of Conservation and Development, completing its annual meeting here yesterday, generally approved the separation of the game and inland fisheries division, as now constituted, was in excellent financial shape and denied that the funds were being diverted to other purposes.

Governor Cherry, in his inaugural address January 4 said that he had reconsidered the matter and believed the appointment of a special commission would be preferred.

The resolution provided that the commission, to be composed of two senators and two representatives, report back by February 1 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Senator Blythe of Mecklenburg, introduced a bill to make records of juvenile courts available to the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, and to change the name of that board to "The State Board of Public Welfare."

Both branches received measures to amend the general statutes to eliminate private examination of

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Secondary Roads Repair Provided In Umstead Bill

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Representative Umstead of Orange presented a petition in the House today to appropriate not less than $16,000,000 from surplus highway funds to rebuild and repair secondary roads.

The petition was signed by more than a dozen Orange county citizens. Umstead said that unless something was done in the way of repairs to secondary roads in his county "we won't be able to travel in six months. We are in the mud over in my section," he added.

Middle Road Un-American Policy Urged

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Two southern members of the new House un-American activities committee called today for a "middle of the road" policy.

Representatives Bonner, North Carolina Democrat, and Peterson, Florida Democrat, chose a cautious approach to their new committee duties. Another member, Representative Rankin, Mississippi Democrat, in a racial address last night, named communist German Bund members and Japanese-Americans as "poison in the blood stream of our nation."

"Our job," Bonner said, "will be to maintain the status of our national government under the Constitution. I respect the right and privilege of any American to express himself, just so he does not interfere with the set-up of our government. I hope that whoever comes before our committee will have a fair, open hearing."

Bonner urged cooperation between the committee and the FBI, which he said is the "guardian angel" of the nation.

Peterson said he did not seek membership on the committee, and had no "pre-conceived ideas of its duties."

"I voted to create a permanent committee because I think we particularly need such a group to check subversive activities in these dangerous times," the Floridian said. "However, I hope it will function without fear, favor or prejudice to any group."

Rankin, in his speech, expressed dissatisfaction that committee members did not include more supporters of the former Dies committee and told his colleagues "it is likely to prove embarrassing if they attempt to block our efforts to rid this country of these un-American activities."

Prisoner At Butner Found Dead Tuesday

Durham, Jan. 17—(AP)—On the heels of a statement by the War Department that six German prisoners of war have been slain and two others forced by fellow prisoners to take their own lives in prisoner-of-war camps in this country, came the disclosure today that a German prisoner of war was found dead, supposedly having met a violent end, at Camp Butner yesterday.

The German prisoner at Butner was identified by army authorities as Kilian Kernberger, but the army declined to link it with Gestapo killings in other prison camps in this country, or reveal the manner in which the prisoner met his death. The authorities said that a military investigation is under way.

Officials at Butner, reportedly under instructions from the War Department, would answer no questions about the death of the prisoner. They, however, issued the following statement, which they said is all that they are permitted to say about the case at present:

"Kilian Kernberger, German prisoner of war, at Camp Butner, was found dead in a barracks at the camp late Tuesday morning. A complete investigation of the death is being made by military authorities."

GERMAN PRISONER IS TAKEN AT SMITHFIELD

Wilmington, Jan. 17 — (AP) — Twenty-year-old Ewald Grauer, German prisoner of war, was recaptured in Smithfield yesterday a few hours after he had escaped near Clinton from a motor convoy enroute from Camp Butner to Wilmington.

Opposition Of Jap Planes In China Is Weak

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Third fleet planes brushed weak Japanese air cover along 350 miles of the south China coast, sank or damaged at least 20 enemy ships and spread bomb destruction through the big Takao naval base on Formosa, docks at Hong Kong and the harbor at Canton, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Not a Japanese plane appeared over Hong Kong, a city of more than 1,000,000 people, as Helldivers and Avengers tore into the royal navy and Takao docks Monday.

Not a Japanese plane defended Canton.

At least 104,000 tons of enemy shipping was sunk or damaged. Among these a destroyer and destroyer escort were sunk and a tanker left listing.

Peace Stocks Lead Advance

New York, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Peace-rated specialty and industrial issues led a general stock market revival today as Warsaw fell and Russian troops extended their drive toward Berlin.

Moderately active at the start, the pace increased and passed that of Tuesday's million-plus volume.

A handful of radio equities provided the chief leadership. A sizable list of steel, rail, motor and rubber stocks also made gains of fractions to more than a point.

Bonds improved. Commodities were mixed.

Mild Counter Attack On Luzon Forces Beaten Off

American Invaders Are Third of Way Toward Manila Goal

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A small scale Japanese counter attack slowed the left flank of the hard Sixth Army sweep down the central Luzon valley today, but advance units rolling along a central highway already are one-third of the way to Manila, still finding only token resistance.

General MacArthur announced today the Yanks had reached Moncada, 32 road miles from Lingayen Gulf, Monday.

These mileage figures might put advance units well beyond Moncada, perhaps on the approaches to the important city of Tarlac.)

Another tank-led spearhead on the west side of the plain was past capture Camiling, moving south and east. The southern arm of this group was traversing a mountain road which joins the main highway at Tarlac, about 70 miles from Manila. Field reports said both columns were fighting nothing stronger than an occasional enemy patrol, which was quickly dispersed.

On MacArthur's left flank, however, American artillery pounded Japanese stubbornly holding bridges commanding the only north-south road in the Luzon plain still remaining to the enemy.

In this sector, south and southwest of Rosario, American progress toward Pozorrubio was slowed Sunday night by a Japanese counter attack in which small tanks were used by the enemy. U. S. artillery broke up this counterblow, the first of the week-old invasion.

Hamburg Section Is Again Blasted By U. S. Bombers

London, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Seven hundred U. S. heavy bombers battered oil plants and submarine works in the greater Hamburg area today a few hours after 1,200 RAF night bombers had struck three oil refineries and the industrial center of Madgeburg.

Some 350 fighters escorted the United States bombers, bombing the Rhenania oil refinery at Harburg, several oil installations and U-boat construction facilities in oft-bombed Hamburg itself.

Other bombers struck at freight traffic at Paderborn and other transportation objectives in northern Germany, an official announcement said.

Mighty Blow Is Struck Formosa By Superforts

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Giant Superfortresses pounded Formosa today in their third attack against this mighty Japanese island fortress since January 9.

The B-29s of General Lemays 20th bomber command swept their targets by moonlight. A brief 20th air force war bulletin said their objective was military installations, and did not give details.

Results of the mission will be announced when operational reports are received by the War Department.

Only Sunday some 100 of the mighty aerial battleships zoomed from their Chinese bases to pound Formosa, Nippon's main island stronghold, south of the homeland. Not a single Japanese interceptor arose to challenge the B-29s. Up to 40 Superforts had attacked January 9.

Before today's B-29 attack, Formosa had been viciously lashed by Admiral Halsey's carrier planes. Admiral Nimitz announced at Pacific fleet headquarters that Halsey's bold air raiders smashed the big Takao naval base on Formosa in sweeps along the China coast January 13, 14 and 15.

Fire Wrecks Three Stores In Asheville

Asheville, Jan. 17—(AP)—A six-hour fire early this morning left the J. J. Newberry store on Patton avenue almost a total loss. Damage to the remodeled building was estimated at $50,000 and damage to two adjacent stores was estimated at $125,000.

Seven fire companies fought the Newberry fire from 12:30 to 6:30 a. m. The flames, believed to have originated at the back end of the long lunch counter, whipped up an air vent to the upper floors. The Patton avenue floor, the second floor and the stock room on the third floor were swept by flames and water and smoke damaged all stock in the basement. A. A. Hubbell, manager of the store, said today.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Increasing cloudiness and continued moderately cold tonight and Thursday.