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Lodz Is Captured By Russians

Drafting Of Nurses Now Imperative

Surgeon General Of Army Cites Growing List of Casualties

Washington, Jan. 19—(AP)—The army's surgeon general said today inadequacy of nursing care in the face of a 270 percent increase in battle casualty patients made it imperative that nurses be drafted.

Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk, four patients have increased from 260,000 to 450,000, while the number of army nurses has increased only 2,000.

Apparently before the House Military Committee, the surgeon general gave all-out support to the nurse draft proposal made by President Roosevelt two weeks ago in his state of the Union message to Congress.

"We are now receiving in our hospitals in this country, Kirk testified, from 30,000 to 32,000 patients a month, as compared with 8,000 in the first half of 1944. This is an increase of 270 percent."

"Approximately 15,000 leave hospitals each month. This loss represents double those replaced."

Kirk's testimony interrupted a committee work on work-or-leave draft legislation for men between 25 and 45. An anti-draft amendment to that measure is to be taken up by the committee at a later executive session.

The nurse-draft bill was introduced by Committee Chairman May, Kentucky Democrat, after President Roosevelt asked for it in his message to Congress January 6. It would require registration of every registered nurse between the ages of 18 and 45 and permit their induction as privates under regulation prescribed by Selective Service officials.

Kobe, Osaka Hit By U. S. Superforts

Washington, Jan. 19—(AP)—Superfortresses attacked industrial installations on the Japanese home islands of Honshu today and Tokyo said Kobe was the target.

The Tokyo radio yesterday reported an attacking B-29 over Osaka and Kobe. Some 200 miles southwest of Tokyo, Kobe and Osaka are among Japan's prime industrial centers. Their contiguous factory areas produce tanks, planes, guns and explosives and ships.

A city of 960,000, Kobe has large railway marshaling yards. No previous B-29 raids against this city have been reported by the 29th air force.

Possibly the Superforts were aiming for Kobe's plane plants. Aircraft plants are the highest priority targets in Japan.

No additional details were announced. The War Department will release another statement on the raid when operational reports are received.

Cotton Turns Some Higher

New York, Jan. 19—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 25 cents a bale lower. Noon prices were unchanged to 17 cents a bale higher. March 21.11, May 21.95, July 21.63.

	Pv	Close	Open
March	21.08	22.08	22.06
May	21.93	21.93	21.93
July	21.61	21.59	21.59
October	20.91	20.87	20.87
December	20.88	20.83	20.83

Rails, Steels Lead Decline

New York, Jan. 19—(AP)—Rails and steels led a further decline in today's stock market.

Conspicuous on the offside were Southern Railway, U. S. Steel and Douglas Aircraft. Resident were General Realty and General Electric. Bonds slipped and commodities were uneven.

CHALLENGE CIGARETTE CARD PLAN

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
44	No.	Date										1945	15		
43	The holder of this card is a patron of this establishment and is entitled to purchase cigarettes at OPA ceiling prices when and if we have cigarettes in stock. We reserve the right to allocate our supplies on a basis which we believe to be fair to all our patrons.													16	
42	(Retailer)													17	
41														18	
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38	57	58	(over)										59	60	21
37	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	22		
36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23		

SO THAT ALL CIGARETTE SMOKERS may get a fair share of their favorite smokes, the National Association of Tobacco Distributors at Chicago has proposed the above cigarette ration card to be distributed by dealers to customers. The plan has already created a great deal of controversy. Tobacco wholesalers, jobbers and retailers in New York City have condemned it as unworkable, impracticable and unfair. (International)

Teachers' Salaries Increased Sharply In Legislative Bill

Raleigh, Jan. 19—(AP)—Bills to fix a minimum salary schedule for public school teachers and to create a general statute commission which would advise and cooperate with the division of legislative drafting and codification of statutes were introduced today in the legislature.

The teacher bill, sent up by Representatives Gass of Forsyth, Bender of Johnston, Story of Wilkes, Cover of Cherokee, Goodman of Mecklenburg, and others and in the Senate by Melberry of Rutherford, would pay non-stand teachers a starting salary of \$75 a month and holders of masters' certificates with eleven years experience a top of \$290 a month.

Those a certificate holders would start \$125 a month to start, and \$175 if they have eleven years experience.

The range, therefore, is higher than the recommendation of the Advisory Budget Commission, which embodied the teacher salary schedule in its general appropriation bill for the first time in the State's history. The recommended top was \$175 for G-11 certificate holders for those with masters degrees who have eleven years experience.

Melberry estimated the additional cost under the bill would be \$2,200,000 a year.

Representative Mosley of Guilford introduced the bill defining the general statute commission. The commission is to be composed of nine members, with ten staggered from one to two years, also would advise and cooperate in preparation of a continuing study of preparations and publication of modern codes of law and submit reports of its work to the governor.

Cites \$6 Million Reserve Cities Have For Streets

BY LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Jan. 19—The cities and towns have abandoned their fight for a larger share of the State gasoline tax, at least so far as this session of the General Assembly is concerned, but they have gained a commitment from Governor Cherry that administration of the present \$1,000,000 fund set aside annually for the municipal street-highways will be both fair and prompt.

In a recent conference with representatives of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and acting Highway Chairman Charles Ross, Governor Cherry put his foot down on a proposal to allocate to the cities one cent of the six-cent State gasoline tax. This would amount to approximately \$4,500,000 annually. He also said he would favor no legislation giving the cities and towns the right to administer this fund themselves.

The meeting was not what you would call harmonious, and there were frequent exchanges between league officials and Mr. Ross not only as to the present administration of the municipal street-highway fund but as to a list of figures and arguments presented by Mr. Ross against the league's legislative program.

The acting highway chairman stated that, including Federal aid and money held in reserve for street-highways, the cities now have a backlog of some \$6,000,000 to be

spent under State administration. He said this was sufficient, and the governor agreed.

League representatives on the

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Labor Set-Up At Norfolk Held Shocking

Washington, Jan. 19—(AP)—Senator Ferguson, Michigan Republican, said today he, with an army sergeant and a Seabee, were put off an army cargo plane to make room for a dog with an "A" priority rating, consigned to Mrs. Faye Emerson Roosevelt, wife of Col. Elliott Roosevelt, the President's son. Leroy, given an emergency leave and a priority following the death of his father, said the dog took up three seats and that, he and his fellows were "bumped off" the plane at Memphis, Tenn. The former screen star, Miss Emerson, said the dog was sent from England by Col. Roosevelt and that since she and other members of the Roosevelt family did not rate any priorities she could not understand how the dog did it. (International)

Nazis On Defensive In West Berlin Says

Advances By British, Americans

Americans Retreat Slightly in Area Of Eastern France

Paris, Jan. 19—(AP)—German armies were thrown on the defensive today from the Holland and Rhine to lower Luxembourg, as British troops captured Hogen, three miles inside the Reich, and the United States third army took the border town of Rosport, six miles from heavily-gunned Trier.

Between those lines, U. S. first army troops were blocked four miles north of St. Vith.

In northeast France, the American seventh army lost its footholds in Herbitzheim and Sessenheim, but captured Achenheim and Leitzheim below Hatten, in the area where the Maginot line closes up to the Rhine.

Randstall was trying to catch his advance between Luxembourg and Holland, where American and British tanks ground up to two miles forward in some places.

Any of the thrusts by the three Allied armies in the north and center might burst at any moment to a full force onslaught, endangering Germany from the west as the Russians endangered her from the east.

The German commander had managed to get a few tanks and guns of his fifth and sixth panzer armies back out of the encircled Ardennes, but these constituted his only mobile reserves. Most of the units needed rebuilding, the reserve could not be before Düsseldorf, St. Vith and Trier at the same time.

The German radio said the Allies had opened a broad offensive on the northern flank of the Belgian sector.

Hogen, which fell to the British second army with American artillery support, is 33 miles from Düsseldorf in the Rhine. It lies about eight miles from the Roer river, along which the United States ninth army held its positions within 26 miles of Düsseldorf, an essential city of 540,000.

Along the British front, east of the German line, by Roermond, German defenses stiffened after the British had gained more than four miles and driven the foe from at least eight villages. The main Roer-Sittard road was broken. The B. 25 crossed that road from Ehl and ground into Schinberg.

Put Off Plane For Dog



SEAMAN LEON LEROY, USNR, 18, of Antioch, Cal., who stated that he, with an army sergeant and a Seabee, were put off an army cargo plane to make room for a dog with an "A" priority rating, consigned to Mrs. Faye Emerson Roosevelt, wife of Col. Elliott Roosevelt, the President's son. Leroy, given an emergency leave and a priority following the death of his father, said the dog took up three seats and that, he and his fellows were "bumped off" the plane at Memphis, Tenn. The former screen star, Miss Emerson, said the dog was sent from England by Col. Roosevelt and that since she and other members of the Roosevelt family did not rate any priorities she could not understand how the dog did it. (International)

HOW RED DRIVE FLANKS WARSAW



OPENING ONE HUGE OFFENSIVE after another, the Red army followed the seizure of Schosberg (1) in north Prussia with a giant drive from Warka and Pulawy to the fortress city of Radom (2) and thus outflanked Warsaw. Both north and south of Warsaw, as arrows indicate, the Russian drive moved ahead on a 120-mile front. Just to the south of the new offensive, other Red forces approached Krakow. (International)

Key Town Of Manila Road Is Seized By Americans

Churchill Is Winner With 340-7 Margin

London, Jan. 19—(AP)—An attempt to express censure of Prime Minister Churchill's interventionist policy in American tanks was beaten 340 to 7 today in the House of Commons.

Churchill, the vote was on a war appropriation bill. Some critical Laborites announced beforehand that, although they opposed British policy in Greece and Italy, they would not vote against the bill on the grounds they might be accused of impeding the war effort.

U. S., Britain, Canada Press Coordination

Washington, Jan. 19—(AP)—The United States, Great Britain and Canada are agreed on continuing until January's defeat the machinery now coordinating the production of war supplies and food.

The joint agencies to be kept going after Germany collapses to insure an orderly filling of military and civilian essential needs are the combined production and resources board.

These boards, together with the combined chiefs of staff, the munitions assignment board and the combined shipping adjustment board, form one of the most closely knit inter-Allied relationships of the war.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Rain tonight and slightly warmer; Saturday partly cloudy and mild.

Berlin Says Budapest Is Evacuated

Poland's Great Industrial Center Falls to Russians

London, Jan. 19—(AP)—The German high command announced today that Russian troops have driven into Lodz, Poland's greatest industrial city, and foreshadowed the complete liberation of Budapest by declaring the German garrison had withdrawn across the Danube from the Hungarian capital.

Berlin said the "garrison of Budapest withdrew to the eastern bank of the Danube," a confirmation of Moscow's announcement that the entire German force in Pest, on the east bank, had been disposed of.

The language of the Berlin communique indicated, however, that the entire Budapest position had been written off in the high command's books.

With the German communique speaking of the "evacuating Russians" in that sector, it was evident that German forces in Buda, on the west bank, were resigned to Soviet occupation of all quarters of the city shortly.

Moscow dispatches said the roll of prisoners rose from about 60,000 last night to 65,000 this morning in Budapest. Less than three percent of Budapest was in German hands January 16, by Moscow accounts.

Budapest would be the 17th European capital to be freed from German domination by the Allies.

Berlin admitted that several key towns guarding the German border had been evacuated, and hinted that a general withdrawal inside the German border was under way.

A mighty frontal drive on Berlin's beginning to take shape, said Moscow dispatches. Lodz, at 250 miles from the German capital.

The troops of Marshal Zhukov and Rokossovsky, in the center and north were over-running the snow-covered countryside in a fashion hardly matched in this war, with Cossacks and Siberian horsemen spearheading the advance.

The Red air force, out in strength of 30,000 sorties in the last 24 hours, was reported master of the skies, and was sweeping German airbases just inside the Reich border, with massed raids.

The German high command said a battle of the "secret frontiers" was raging all along the Polish line from Krakow and Czestochowa to Lodz, Kutno and the Vistula.

Moscow dispatches confirmed German reports that Himmler's army group had been encountered on the frontier of Silesia, but so far Berlin was the only source of reports that Marshal Konev's first Ukrainian army had actually stormed to the Reich's border at the southern end of the Polish front.

The Russians were grappling with ever-increasing numbers of Germans in that sector, and Konev's breakthrough had been allowed. But Moscow dispatches said the fall of Krakow, capital of Poland's ancient troops, was imminent, and that Red army units might actually be across the German border.

east of Langvorn gulf, the Luzon Japanese made their first determined effort to stand and fight. The tanked American column encountered Japanese artillery and camouflaged armored vehicles hidden among the trees and shrubbery on the town's suburbs.

After bringing up equipment, the right wing took Paniqui on Wednesday to consolidate command of two western highways leading toward Manila.

Three Dumm Men Are Held On Harnett OPA Charges

Raleigh, Jan. 19—(AP)—District OPA Director T. S. Johnson said today Marvin Wade, Jr., Dunn business man, was charged today with conspiracy to rob an official of the United States government, and with conspiracy to rob the safe of the Harnett County War Price and Rationing Board.

Johnson announced last night that two other Dumm men were being held in the Wilson county jail in connection with the case. Both of the men, Johnson said, were employed by Marvin Wade, Jr., against whom the charges will be pressed, although he joined the navy only last Tuesday.