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Third Army Moves Mile Into German Territory

Fresh Nazi Withdrawal To The East

New Drives Carry Into the Fringes Of Siegfried Line

Paris, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Troops of the third army drove nearly a mile into Germany today, capturing Wechenhausen and widening its new snow-dusted invasion bridgehead over the Our river to two miles.

Elements were thrown into the fresh invasion a little more than a dozen miles from the Siegfried pivot of Prüm. Nearby Stupach in Belgium also was taken.

With to the north, the Germans were executing a fresh withdrawal from Holland toward the Russian front.

Berlin said the Canadian army was heavily shelling their lines in the Hollandse Diep, which extends 15 miles south of the great Dutch port of Rotterdam.

Shelton said the British second army was trying to force the Roer and 25 miles southwest of Düsseldorf with major attacks.

The little German village of Wechenhausen is eight miles south of Stupach and was taken against stubborn resistance. The third army already has crossed the narrow, shallow Our river and in the outer fringes of the Siegfried line, the main work of which are two to three miles east.

The rugged terrain, deep snow and absence of east-west roads precluded any important gains in that area.

To the south, twin attacks by the American third and first armies drew up close to or into the fringes of the Siegfried line along forty miles of the Ardennes front, where the Wehrmacht was sagged dangerously thin to bolster its smug eastern front.

At two places, the third army invaded Germany anew.

At one place, snow-covered terrain of withdrawal and inflicted heavy damage on the railway centers of Munster, Paderborn, Detmold, Hamm and Cologne. Flight was in the worst possible weather.

Superforts Attack Japs All Around

(By The Associated Press)

The unannounced Tokyo radio broadcast today said 36 American Superfortresses bombed northern Luzon island in the Philippines.

The Federal Communications Commission said poor reception prevented recording of the rest of the broadcast.

If the report is true, it would be the first B-29 attack on the Philippines.

The Japanese commander in the Philippines is reported to have warned concentrations on northern Luzon.

OUTLYING JAP ISLANDS ARE BOMBED YET AGAIN

Washington, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Superfortresses continued their blasting of outlying Japanese islands today, and the army disclosed that a record number of enemy planes—119—were shot down or damaged in Saturday's raid on Tokyo.

The higher number was an upward revision from a previous announcement that 75 Japanese planes were destroyed or damaged.

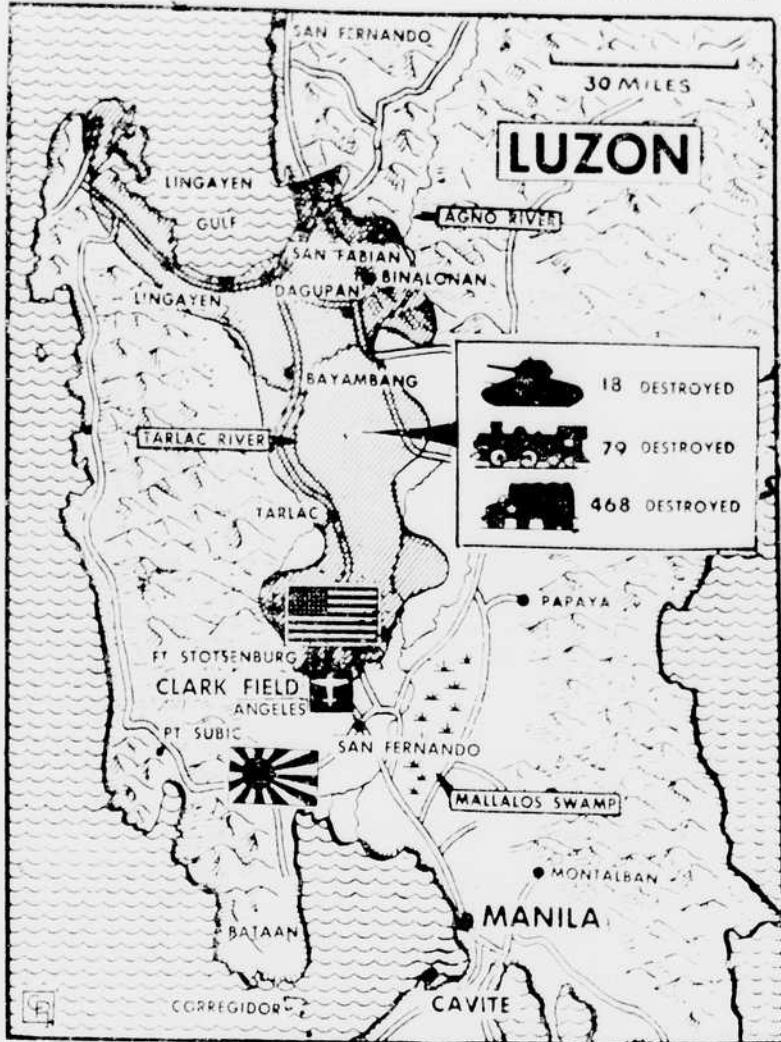
In the latest B-29 assault, enemy installations were attacked in daylight raids on the two Jima islands. The Japanese themselves reported an initial raid by B-29s on the Hachijo Jima in Izu islands, 200 miles south of Tokyo. They also said single Superfortresses made incendiary attacks on Tokyo Sunday night and early today.

LIQUOR RATION IS HALVED FOR MONTH

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Chairman Carl Williamson, of the State Board of Alcoholic Control, said today that a shortage of supply necessitated that ration allotments be cut in half next month.

That will mean that a look holder can purchase one quart, one-fifth or two pints of alcoholic spirits during February, according to the ration list of private stock whisky, gin and brandy.

YANKS RESUME DRIVE ON MANILA



Specimens of the American Sixth Army, headed down the central Luzon plain, have met their first appreciable resistance in the area surrounding strategic Clark Field. The stiffest opposition was centered near the main Manila Highway. Thirty-seventh and Fourteenth Division forces, despite slowdown, continued to move toward San Fernando, capital of Pangasinan Province, along parallel roads. According to latest reports, the Americans have captured Angeles, 44 airline miles from Manila. Gen. MacArthur announced the extent of the destruction of enemy rail stock by the period running from December 25 to January 26. The number of tanks, locomotives and vehicles knocked out by the American forces are shown in the box in the map. (International)

Further Regulation Of Small Loans Is Sought

Bank Fees Would Be Liberalized; U. N. C. Bill Is Presented

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Bills designed to regulate the small loan business in North Carolina and providing that brokers be placed under supervision of the state Banking Commission were introduced in the legislature today by Representatives Vogel and Messersmith, Hutton of Guilford and Clark of Lenoir.

The commission would be authorized to make its own rules and regulations for brokers to protect the public. It would be expressly directed to pass rules against excess interest rates on small loans.

Another bill by the three representatives would amend the present law to allow banks to charge fees of \$2.50 on loans of \$50 or less, and \$1.00 on loans of \$50 or more than \$50, and up to \$2.00. The present law allows only a one-dollar fee on loans up to \$250, no matter the amount.

The measures went to the committee on banks and banking.

Representative Caviness of Guilford sent up the measure, anticipated for several days, to create the office of chancellor of the Greater University of North Carolina and to make presidents of the three respective deans.

In the Senate, O'Berry of Wayne introduced a bill to allow counties to levy a tax for poor relief, directing that the county could render financial assistance to a person even though that person had not established legal residence in the county.

Another measure, by Representative Stoney of Burke, would authorize the division of game and inland fisheries to set up fish hatcheries wherever it thinks necessary.

Lt. Springer Gets 35-Year Sentence In Black Market

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New York, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Peace-rated stocks continued to motivate the principal bidding in today's market, although the armament group exhibited little weakness and generally led only small fractions.

The Russian drive toward Berlin and the feeling sensational developments might be at hand in Europe served as a cautionary influence for speculative and investment contingents and again caused considerable switching to companies that may encounter few postwar difficulties.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight and Wednesday.

Yanks Press Ever Nearer Upon Manila

San Fernando Taken In Newest Victory Of American Forces

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Armored sixth army units, rolling past captured San Fernando along the narrow, swamp-fringed home stretch to Manila, sped unchecked toward Calumpit, only 25 air miles from the commonwealth's capital.

General Douglas MacArthur, announcing the seizure of San Fernando in his communique today, said his advanced forces were "operating 'all in advance and to the flank' of that recaptured city of Luzon, and 'gateway to Manila'.

Yanks in the north, meanwhile, made progress toward Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines, and likely Japanese staff headquarters. They repulsed two enemy counter attacks less than fifteen miles from Baguio.

MacArthur announced Japanese casualties in Luzon had exceeded 25,000, against American casualties of 1,651, including 1,617 killed.

It was at Calumpit that American and Filipino fought a delaying battle with the Japanese invaders of Luzon in early 1942. Bridges which crossed the winding Pampanga at Calumpit were destroyed by American bombs shortly after the Luzon invasion January 9 to hamper Japanese attempts to rush reinforcements north from the Manila area.

In the northern sector, the first army corps seized high ground commanding the sea coast junction 14 miles south of Baguio.

The fight for San Marcel, 15 miles to the southwest, was virtually completed, as 25th division Yanks turned back a savage tank-led counter-attack Sunday midnight and annihilated elements of the Japanese second armored division.

Pick Jury To Try Meadows

Greenville, Jan. 30.—(AP)—A jury to try Dr. Leon Meadows on charges of embezzlement and false pretense in connection with his handling of student and other special fund, before he is indicted as president of East Carolina Teachers' College here, was selected in Pitt Superior Court today.

Presentation of evidence was expected to start after the noon recess.

At the 30 special venue term questioned, one was excused because of physical defects and 13 had expressed an opinion unfavorable to Meadows.

The defense used only four of its six challenges and the State only two of its four.

It was understood the State would submit the testimony of a score or more of witnesses.

In the meantime, the defense lost its motion before Judge Clawson L. Williams yesterday afternoon to quash the indictment against the former college official.

Nazi Loses Wings

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Elliott Gets His Promotion

Washington, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The promotion of Colonel Elliott Roosevelt to be brigadier general was approved unanimously today by the Senate Military Committee.

The nomination goes to the Senate Thursday for a vote.

The committee action came after the Washington Post said today that Elliott's sister, Mrs. Ann Boettiger, had arranged for his dog Bluz to be flown to California in an army cargo plane.

The dog flight on an "A" priority is being investigated by a Senate military sub-committee because three service men were put off the plane at Memphis, Tenn.

The newspaper said it had learned from an informed source that the President's daughter, who lives at the White House, called Col. R. W. Ireland, of the air transport command. The latter, the Post account continued, made the necessary space available, and "it was understood, then ordered the dog dispatched on his own authority."

Soviet Armies Plunge Forward In Blizzards

YANKS BLEND WITH TERRAIN



WEARING THEIR SNOW CAPE UNIFORMS which blends with the snow-covered terrain, American troops are shown advancing on a narrow road near Faymonville, Belgium. U. S. First Army forces have launched a surprise offensive in the midst of a heavy snowstorm against the Germans north of St. Vith capturing a number of towns. (International)

Spearheads Far Inside Of Germany

Great Pincers From North and South On Berlin Threatened

London, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Soviet armored spearheads, fighting forward in a blizzard, drove today to within 85 to 90 miles of Berlin, in a huge three-pronged Red army assault toward the Reich capital, Moscow dispatches reported.

Russian columns pushed five to eight miles inside Brandenburg province, due east of Berlin, and 15 to 20 miles inside Pomerania in a push striking northeast of the German heart city, a direct dispatch said.

South of these blows by Marshal Gregory Zhukov's first White Russian army group, tanks and infantry of the first Ukrainian army were striking westward from bridgeheads flung over the Oder river in Silesia.

The Danubian and Silesian offensives threatened a great pincer from north and south on Berlin, in addition to Zhukov's offensive beating in from the east in Brandenburg.

Today's German panzergruppe declared Zhukov was attacking bravely in the Oder river sector due east of Berlin, and said the Soviets had made "further gains to the north" around encircled Schneidemuhl.

"The hellish air counter attacks in lower Silesia had broken through to the Russian-surrounded garrison in Steinau on the Oder's west bank, 32 miles northwest of Breslau.

In East Prussia, it added, German fighting westward trying to break out from a Russian pocket reached the Elbing bridgehead after a 10-day main German naval forces were thrown into "the defense" of Königsberg, East Prussia capital, and helped stem Soviet attacks, the Berlin communique said.

Moscow dispatches said the Germans were executing attacking forces being to form an evacuation from Elbing to East Prussia. Soviet forces said three German transporters.

Zhukov's northern army bit deeper despite blizzard snow after toppling Duesen and Waldenburg 93 miles northeast of Berlin, and 57 miles from the Baltic port of Stettin. This campaign threatened to cut off northeastern Germany, as well as pull around on Berlin from the north.

FDR's Birthday Observed As Big Three Meet Nears

War Conference Is Near, According To Every Indication

Washington, Jan. 30.—(AP)—With dimes and dollars, America said "happy birthday" to President Roosevelt today.

But the event was secondary or a calendar on which another big three meeting is looked "soon."

At parties and balls over the nation, thousands are observing the 63rd birthday of the man at the White House and planning in millions to party on the holiday.

What the birthday sign in the national calendar means, war-time officials and foreign correspondents would not say in any of the public halls here.

Mr. Roosevelt will not give a public address today, but he is expected to appear in the White House and attend the birthday party.

A report of the diplomats, including a Soviet European capital by Harry E. Hopkins, has announced the possibility of a meeting, London dispatches have declared Hopkins' presence there in Paris and in Rome in preparation for the conference.

Details have been permitted by Washington officials since from the country of James F. Byrnes' departure of war mobilization and reconstruction.

Secretary of State Stettin, has announced acceptance of a presidential invitation to attend the British-American conference.

For a week, Joseph C. Green, has been acting secretary, and the State Department explains merely that Stettin is "out of town."

The White House wasn't saying anything about Mr. Roosevelt's personal plans for his birthday, but when asked, the press secretary said the whereabouts were not disclosed.

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Made Ward Ruling



FEDERAL JUDGE PHILIP L. SULLIVAN (above), of Chicago, issued the momentous decision which declared illegal the Army's seizure of Montpelier Ward properties on order of the President. (International)

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New Standards Of Weights Asked In Legislative Bill

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