

Manila Almost Entirely Freed

RED ARMY TANKS RUMBLE ALONG ROAD TO BERLIN



ALONG A SNOW-COVERED military highway in Poland, Red Army tanks push in the general direction of Berlin. A preponderance of heavy equipment like the weapons pictured above is responsible for the success of the Russian offensives. The Nazis are still unable to check the drives. (International Soundphoto)

Zhukov May Outflank Berlin

Large Guns Duel Across Oder River

Some Russian Units Push Near Stettin; New Nazi Defenses

London, Feb. 5.—(AP)—German and Russian guns duelled across the Oder today as Marshal Gregory Zhukov moved first White Russian army tanks to the river line along a front of 140 miles, threatening to outflank Berlin through north Germany, as well as in the South.

NOT EVEN AN 'A' CARD NEEDED



HERE'S A SCENE that should make an "A" motorist green with envy. Trucks making up the first convoy to run over the recently completed Ledo-Burma road, now called the Stilwell Road, fill up with precious gas at a station along the way. Gas-thirsty motorists will note that there are no meters to gauge the gallons poured. (International)

Thousands Of Internees Are Rescued

No Major Stand By Japanese Offered As Americans Enter

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The Stars and Stripes flew over half of Manila today and thousands of American and British prisoners were free, as Yank columns, including a paratroop regiment landed to the south, pressed against little more than sniper fire toward complete liberation of the Philippine capital.

First Army Almost Through Siegfried Line Fortresses

Wallace May Be Blocked Even From Commerce Job

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Prospects of Henry A. Wallace becoming secretary, even of a two-tailed commerce department, were darkened today by a developing situation in the House.

Now 13 Miles Deep Inside Germany as Other Units Gain

Paris, Feb. 5.—(AP)—American tanks and French Motorized mountain troops cut the Colmar pocket in two today, trapping elements of perhaps three German divisions in the Vosges mountains south of Strasbourg.

Paris, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The American first army fought 13 miles deep into Germany today within a mile of the Siegfried line towns of Gemund and Schleiden and was reported in battle dispatches to have broken clean through the last of a double row of fortifications between the fortresses.

Huge Supply Bill Lists Funds Of \$3,218,808,000

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A \$3,218,808,000 independent office supply bill was sent to the House today by the appropriations committee.

General Assembly Faces Session's Busiest Week

BY LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau Raleigh, Feb. 5.—The 1945 General Assembly, moving into its fifth full week Monday night, faces what many observers believe will be the busiest week of the entire session.

Just north of the main Siegfried line break, another changed to the Uffeln, within sight of the first of the River Rhine dams controlling flood levels of that barrier stream between Cologne.

South in Alsace the Colmar death pocket last week became just a memory. French and American troops, driving into the cross-line pocket south of Strasbourg, moved within eight miles of a junction that would split and dissolve the German front.

The German high command said violent Russian attacks were in progress against the Oder river fortress of Kustrin, 40 miles east of Berlin.

Latest official Moscow announcements told of the capture of Barzide, 28 miles northeast of the German capital, in an 18-mile advance which outflanked Kustrin on the north and placed Russian spearheads within 45 miles of the Baltic port of Stettin at the mouth of the Oder.

Zhukov's tanks, thrusting toward Stettin in a threat to topple that port and circle Berlin on the north, were traveling in silence, Moscow said, but were believed to be cutting behind enemy groups and causing great damage.

German reports, far ahead of official Moscow announcements in that area, told of Red army reinforcements in the area of Schwedt on the Oder, 23 miles south of Stettin, and the region of Pritzitz, 22 miles southeast of Stettin.

Sandwiched, Zhukov's forces in the Frankfurt bridge between the Oder and Warthe posed a southward flanking threat by the capture of Zichenau, 13 miles southeast of Frankfurt and five miles from the Oder.

German underground reports received in London said the Germans already were building flying bomb ramps fifty miles west of Berlin and facing the German capital for use against the city if it falls to the Russians.

Moscow dispatches failed to bear out reports of Russian attempts already made to cross the formidable Oder in the Frankfurt-Kustrin area, where it is nearly 1,000 feet wide, but said widespread mopping up was going on in numerous pockets along the river, stretching from the area south of Stettin to the Russian huge midway between Frankfurt and Breslau, where the first White Russian and first Ukrainian armies join.

Legislature Will Debate Money Bills

Raleigh, Feb. 5.—(AP)—North Carolina's education-minded General Assembly will begin its eighth week tonight geared for floor debate on appropriations and revenue bills, and awaiting the introduction of a measure on medical care and hospitalization.

Sponsors of the huge medical care bill have announced that it will not be introduced until the appropriations bill has been passed. It is expected to call for a four-year medical school at the University of North Carolina, together with a hospital of 400 or more beds and for a Statewide program of hospitalization.

Also high on the list of probables for the week is a long expected bill calling for a liquor referendum. In line with administration policy, the bill probably will ask that the referendum be held six months or longer after the war, thus giving 300,000 North Carolinians now in service a voice in deciding whether their State goes wet or dry.

Floor debate on the record-breaking appropriations and revenue bills may begin this week, as the big joint committees on appropriations and finance report the bills to the assembly. The appropriations committee concluded its hearings last week and has a long list of requests for funds in addition to those recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission.

Service Bill Is Denounced By Senator

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Munro legislation ran into the prospect of indefinite delay today when the Senate Military Committee reversed an earlier decision and ordered hearings.

Chairman Thomas, Utah Democrat, said the committee called it to be for "limited executive hearings."

He explained that by limited it was meant only invited witnesses would be heard. He said that Secretary of War Stimson, Under Secretary Patterson and Navy Secretary Forrestal would be invited to testify tomorrow.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A Republican senator today labeled the pending work-on-light manpower bill a "definite move by the administration to seize complete control of the private lives and efforts of the people."

The senator, Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia, declared further: "I can't be brought to believe that enforced slave labor will produce more than free labor. I don't yet see how passage of this bill will produce more or better products for war."

President Roosevelt and the high command have asked for the legislation as urgently needed.

Dr. Meadows' Transactions Told To Jury

Greenville, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The State tried to show today that Dr. Edwin Meadows divorced college and student money in his private ventures while he was president of East Carolina Teachers College here.

He specifically is charged with embezzlement of more than \$10,000 and with false pretenses.

C. A. West, Greenville building contractor, testified that Meadows asked him last November to give him an estimate on work allegedly done on the roof of the Austin building. West, who helped construct the building about 1939, said he could not find where such work as Meadows described was done on the roof.

He said Meadows told him it cost \$2,100.

Hazel Ross, Greenville builder, who was in partnership with Kelly Smith, killed in an automobile accident in June, 1943, identified checks totaling \$2,091.77, which he said were given Smith in his presence for work allegedly done on Meadows' private houses here. The State charges that Meadows showed the money as a college expenditure.

G. C. Honeycutt testified that he was in partnership with Meadows for three years to raise logs, and that one year he paid Meadows \$130 for college work and for the other time he paid Meadows \$300 a year. The State sought to show that Meadows paid the college only \$75 a year for the work.

Cotton Makes Modest Gains

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five to 15 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were 25 to 35 cents a bale higher. March 21.35, May 21.70, July 21.32.

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Poland Takes Control Silesia, East Prussia

Warsaw, Feb. 2.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Boleslaw Bierut, president of the Polish National Council, announced at a press conference today that Poland is immediately assuming control of civil administration in German Silesia and East Prussia.

A representative of the Warsaw provisional government has already arrived at Oppeln, first large city on the Oder to be occupied by the Red army in its drive through Silesia, he disclosed.

He added that the question of the Teschen area, the rich coal mining district annexed by Poland from Czechoslovakia in 1939 will be taken up in "friendly negotiations."

Similar steps to organize civil affairs will be taken elsewhere, in shall order the placements.

Butner Gets Big Hospital

Durham, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The station hospital at Camp Butner has been temporarily converted into a general and convalescent type of hospital. The War Department has announced that the largest combination general and convalescent hospital in the nation, with reconditioning and vocational training offered patients to prepare them for their return to civilian life.

Peace Stocks Again Leaders

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Buying selectivity, centering mainly in stocks with good peace prospects, helped today's market keep its balance.

Favorites at 1944-45 peaks included International Telephone, Chrysler, Packard, Goodyear and American Rolling Mills. In front were DuPont, U. S. Rubber, Bethlehem, American Telephone and American Cable and Radio.

Franklin Corn Contest Louisville, Feb. 5.—Franklin county will have another corn growing contest this year, sponsored by the First Citizens Bank & Trust Company and the Franklin County Farm Bureau. Entry fees are now being accepted, according to County Agent W. C. Boyce of the State College Extension Service.

American Troops Take Jolo Island, Tokyo Radio Says

(By The Associated Press) An unconfirmed Tokyo broadcast today said 3,000 American troops landed January 18 on Jolo Island in the Philippines. Jolo is the largest of the Sulu group, lying midway between Mindanao and Borneo.

The broadcast claimed that up to January 27 the Japanese garrison on the island had inflicted casualties on the landing party amounting to more than 300, the loss of one mountain gun, three amphibious tanks and 20 bivouacs, which were demolished.

The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said the Yanks brought ten tanks ashore.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight, Tuesday partly cloudy and continued rather cool.