

# Great Raids Hit Europe

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# Eisenhower Named Second Front Chief

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Discussing the selection of Eisenhower, the President said: "The Russian Army will continue to be our offensive on Germany's Eastern front, the Allies' main effort in Italy and the British will bring relentless pressure on Germany from the south, and now the reinforcements will be complete, as the American and British forces attack from other points of the compass."

**SPAAZ AIR COMMANDER**

"The commander selected to lead the combined attack from these other points is General Dwight D. Eisenhower. His performance in Africa, Sicily, and Italy has been brilliant. He knows by practical and successful experience the way to coordinate air and land forces. He will be under his control. Lieut. Gen. Carl D. Spaatz will command the entire strategic air force bombing force operating against Germany."

"General Eisenhower gives us his command to the Mediterranean to a British officer whose name is being announced by Mr. Churchill. He has pledged that he will command our air force in the Mediterranean, and will stand by his side until every objective in that bitter theater is attained."

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break of pariah thinking and false hopes. We were wrong, the Chief Executive said that "surely our first and foremost duty is to win the war and winning a just peace that will last for generations to come."

**PEACE CAN BE WON**

Yet, on this Christmas Eve, Mr. Roosevelt asserted, he was able to reveal certain facts that, though the cost might be high and the time long, "peace on earth, good will to men" can be achieved and would be realized and ensured.

Of necessity, Mr. Roosevelt omitted many of the details of the Middle East War councils, although he devoted a major share of his half-hour broadcast to the conference. He said he would have more to say about them in his annual message to Congress next month.

Perhaps hinting at a repetition of the strategy already used by the legislators, he warned that Americans at home had better understand the nature of the war and finally come home they would find full opportunities for education, rehabilitation, and employment and business enterprise and a Government which "will have had a full share in deciding."

**TO THOSE OVERSEAS**

To the millions of Americans scattered overseas, Mr. Roosevelt said, he sent his message on behalf of the American people.

"I am sure that you are all working hard for you and for all your comrades in arms who fight to rid this world of Hitler's tyranny."

"We ask God's blessing upon you—upon your fathers and mothers and upon your children—all your loved ones at home."

"We ask that the comfort of God's grace shall be granted to those who are sick and wounded, and to those who are prisoners of war in the hands of the enemy, waiting for the day when they will again be free."

"And we ask that God receive and cherish these Americans who have given their lives, and that He keep them in honor and in the grateful memory of their countrymen forever."

"God bless all of you who fight our battles on this Christmas Eve."

"God bless us all. God keep us strong in our faith that we will fight for a better day for human kind—here and everywhere."

Perhaps to still rumors of new assignments for Gen. Marshall and Adm. Ernest J. King, commanding the Navy, Mr. Roosevelt gave them elaborate praise at one point in his speech.

"To the members of our armed forces, to their wives, mothers and fathers, I am proud to affirm the great faith and confidence we have in Gen. Marshall and Adm. King who direct all of our armed might throughout the world. Upon them falls the great responsibility of planning the strategy of determining when and where we shall fight."

"We are proud to have already gained high places in American history, which will record the names of the great military genius that cannot be published today."

# Trumph Forecasts

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in an air determined but gradually weakening foe."

A dispatch from Chungking quoted Lt. Gen. Adrian Carton de Wiart, Prime Minister Churchill's special military representative in the Chinese capital, as predicting that the war in Europe definitely would be won in 1944 and that thereafter "we are determined to go through with the war against Japan and nothing will alter that."

**WELLS CHINA**

Carton de Wiart declared that in the meantime everything possible would be done to help China.

"We are much nearer that day when peace will be restored to the earth and we shall have good-will among all men," Holcomb added.

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# Convened Today

**NEW YORK (AP)—** The Japanese had convened in Tokyo today, according to Japanese radio and news reports received by U. S. Government monitors and reported to the OWI.

The reading of an Imperial rescript from Emperor Hirohito on the convening of the Diet was in order for today with the usual formal opening ceremonies scheduled for Sunday. The Diet is not in session tomorrow, Dec. 28, anniversary of the death of Emperor Ymeo.

**MOROLINE**  
PETROLIUM JELLY

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**WED** like to wish each of you all the joys of the Christmas Season because we feel deeply grateful to all our friends whom we have had the privilege of serving.

**THE MINUTE GRILL**  
MOREHEAD AND S. TRYON STS.

# 2 Rail Unions Won't Strike

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They will not be had news for Hitler and Hirohito."

Johnston said his order with respect to the strike call would not be issued tomorrow morning.

The two union heads reported about one-half of the 350,000 employees in the five operating units.

# Will Army, Eastman Or Before Gen. Boss' Job?

**WASHINGTON (AP)—** It was a recap in capital speculation today whether the Army, transportation director, or the secretary of the Interior would draw the lot of operating the nation's railroads should the Government take over all carriers to avert a threatened strike.

Nehrbass' source, who frequently has access to White House information, said the Army would get the assignment.

Others however suggested that either OTT Chief Joseph B. Eastman or Secretary James Wood be placed in control.

Eastman has been operating two railroads for some time, the Toledo, Peoria and Western, and a line in Puerto Rico, which were seized by the Government. Ideas has had a number of years of experience as Government operator of the coal mines.

Some hint of the choice may come after Attorney General Biddle has to work on President Roosevelt's instructions to draw up the necessary legal papers for Government seizure. The White House has emphasized the wording of those instructions, obviously in the hope that the wage dispute involving both operating and nonoperating rail employees could be ironed out the same way without such a drastic step.

# Troops Make Pilgrimage

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where he was hailed to the Cross. Then in slices, dozens, and half hundreds they followed the old battle lines along the crest of the Judean hills. Six miles away across the Judean hills. There they saw the place where the Redeemer was born, and touched the large silver star that marks the exact site of his birth.

Many of the Americans carried newly-purchased Bibles here.

Guides busy and volubly led "HIT" tours. Stets, Britton, New Zealanders and other Dominion troops joined their American comrades in visits to hallowed landmarks, and the search for lodging which had become unobtainable.

There was virtually none of the traditional visual aspects of American Christmas in the city—no colorful lights along the streets, or Santa Claus or holly. In all Jerusalem, I found just one, which looked like it might be a nativity scene, in a room in a hotel in Erezkyn, Memphis, or San Francisco. It was in a pharmacy on Jullias Way and was owned by David Hotel, and its windows were a field of imitation snow against which "Merry Christmas" in red and green letters threw a glow of welcome to the passing throngs.

# Break Floods Buffalo Streets

**BUFFALO, N. Y.—**Four million gallons of water were lost and city's water supply was out off for two and a half hours last night before a break in a 60-inch main was by-passed.

Streets flooded so rapidly that John Arnold, 29, and his two sons were marooned in their automobile. They were rescued by Coast Guards in a rowboat.

Four fire alarms were sounded during the break, but firemen extinguished blazes quickly.

# City of Flint Skipper Dies

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.—**(AP)—The man who skippered the merchant ship City of Flint when it was captured from Norway in 1940 and is being taken by a German prize crew, is dead.

Capt. Joseph A. Gilmard, 55, U.S.N., died at the Naval Hospital yesterday. He was called away from duty with the Navy soon after he and his crew returned to the ship to this country. Subsequently he took command of Lockwood Training Base at Boston.

# The Weather

**WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE**  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dec. 24, 1943.

North and South Carolina: Partly cloudy and not quite so cold tonight. Mostly cloudy and warmer Saturday with rain in mountain in afternoon.

**Forecast from 6:30 P. M. (EWT) Friday, Dec. 24 to 6:30 P. M. (EWT) Wednesday, Dec. 29.**

North and South Carolina and Georgia—Rainy trends, with first of period. Little temperature change latter half.

**TEMPERATURE**

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| 12:00       | 22 11:00 | 25 |
| 1:00        | 28 12:30 | 25 |
| 2:00        | 28 1:30  | 21 |
| 3:00        | 28 2:30  | 21 |

Highest yesterday, 31; lowest this morning, 17; average yesterday, 21; excess for month, 62; excess for year, 51.

**PRECIPITATION**

Total for 24 hours ending at 8 A. M. 0; total for month, 72; deficiency for month, 5.18; normal for month, 28.8.

# Grandma Knew About Colds

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# Merry Christmas To Friends Everywhere

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**MERRY AMERICAN CHRISTMAS**

On This Our 27th Anniversary We Again Wish You Merry Christmas

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all OUR FRIENDS**

For many years it has been our custom to extend season's greetings to those whom we have the privilege of serving. It has been a custom to which we have looked forward with great anticipation as it always gives us an opportunity to tell you of our appreciation for your loyalty and patronage. These Christmas sentiments have been extremely personal with us because of the many contacts which we have had with our friends in the past.

Our greeting this year takes on added importance. We are fully conscious of your problems, your disappointments, of dreams unrealized, and in some instances personal sacrifices. It is with full knowledge of your experiences during the past year that we attempt to convey our thoughts in this message. When we say "Merry Christmas," we want you to realize that the sentiment is deeper than the words imply. We want you to accept this as a personal message especially for you, so that you may understand our desire to share your disappointments as well as your happiness.

It is for that reason we prefer to reflect the true Christmas spirit in order that those with whom we are associated may obtain a degree of happiness and understanding. Let us endeavor to make this a joyous season, employing the traditions of Christmas to their fullest extent with the thought in mind that in the not too far distant future, we will again enjoy an old-fashioned American Yuletide. Sincere Christmas wishes to you—our friends.

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