

# THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

## State Dept. Parade Stettinius And 'Team' Queried

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Edward R. Stettinius Jr. and his team of six prospective assistants told Congress today that a reorganized State Department is aiming at "a liberal and forward looking foreign policy."

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the jam-packed Senate caucus room, the new Secretary of State, Stettinius, had read statements and five assistants told how they intend to carry out their jobs if the Senate confirms their nominations.

**FIVE OBJECTIVES**

Five more than two hours of testimony was given by Stettinius, who outlined five major departmental objectives.

These included efforts to end the war quickly, to projecting the new revival, Germany and Japan from acquiring power to wage another aggressive war, establishment of a United Nations security organization, expansion of post-war world trade and encouragement of the democratic way of life in all nations.

Despite the Senate's action in sending back to the committee the nominations of Joseph C. Grew, Under Secretary, and Archibald MacLachlan, Relations Director, and W. L. Clayton, assistants, there was little pointed questioning of them by committee members.

When the committee recessed

## Fall When Yanks Shut Ormoc Trap

**U. S. Divisions  
Effect Junction**

**GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS** in the Philippines—AFP—Japan's bloody but vain defense of Ormoc took on the proportions of an annihilation today as headquarters reported thousands of crack Imperial troops wiped out in a deadly trap just south of the Leyte Island port city.

Elements of the 7th and Seventh Infantry Divisions effected a junction in such a manner that Ormoc on Monday and eradicated the 5th Japanese Division, headquarters in a refinery. The five captured street street Japanese landed on the coast below Ormoc on Thursday.

**ARMY DESTROYED**

Other units of the 7th Infantry had destroyed the entire garrison force of the Japanese at Ormoc. Douglas MacArthur announced in his communique today. The destruction of the Japanese force was a desperate character "all the way."

Annihilation of the Japanese force was reported by the southern command of the Visayas. The Japanese force was reported to be in the area of the Ormoc Bay on the north. The Japanese force was reported to be in the area of the Ormoc Bay on the north.

## Russians Roll Red Tanks Enter Budapest Section

**By EDDY GIULIARE**

**MOSCOW—(AP)—**Russian tanks rolled into the northern suburbs of Budapest today, while another powerful Soviet column drove westward past the great bend of the Danube above the city toward Bratislava and Vienna, Russian dispatches said.

The main body of motorized Russian infantry drove down the Danube upon Budapest, which was reported to be in the hands of the capital, and tank units ranged on ahead.

Heavily-reinforced German garrisons suffered heavy casualties in confused, short-range fighting, and there were increasing bayonet clashes in the outer anti-tank zone, it was announced.

The Soviet communiqué announced total gains of three miles and capture of the towns of Neuzersdorf and Szada both eight and one-half miles northeast of the city, and the town of Y. Malinovsky's Second Army.

Other Red Army troops edged toward the capital from the east, south and southeast.

Malinovsky's northern arm swept across the great bend of the Danube, extending to almost 30 miles. These advances put the Red Army groups within 25 miles of Bratislava, the Slovak capital, and 116 miles from Vienna.

On the front the Russian captured Budapest, three miles west of the rail junction of Dregelypalank, taken Sunday, and also secured Veszprém, eight and one-half miles southeast of Balassagyarmat, previously captured.

Front reports indicated that while the Budapest fighting was in the final stage there still would be much resistance.

The Germans are said to have thrown up virtually the last line of resistance along the Danube, as they did around Budapest. On the north it faces the big suburban town of Újpest and on the south on the town of Csepel on the island of the same name.

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## Hodges Closes In On Anchor Of Roer Line

**1st Army Bursts From Hurtgen Forest; 7th Army In Big Drive**

**PARIS—(AP)—**American First Army infantry and tanks moved today within a half mile of Duren, Roer Valley defense line, capturing six fortified villages on its approach and reaching the flooded river on a 1,000 yard front opposite the dark Hurtgen Forest.

The approach to the edge of the ruined brown city of 39,000, 20 miles southwest of Cologne, was at and around Mariaweller, which was virtually cleaned out.

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## Battle Of Greece Athens Shelled By ELAS Guns

**ATHENS—(AP)—**Left-wing ELAS forces sent shells crashing into Athens and continued their all-out attempts to break into the center of the city today.

An Athens spokesman said that the British military commander in the Mediterranean, Lord Alexander, had agreed to Abolition with Harold Macmillan, British minister resident in the Middle East.

ELAS reinforcements moving on the capital from Amfissa, five miles to the west.

**FIRE SPECIAL**

Several shells fell near the center of Athens some on British headquarters and houses, spread through numerous buildings. Fires in the market place threatened to spread to the center of the city.

The ELAS, the militia of the leftist EAM or National Liberation Front, began last night the attempt to drive into the heart of Athens.

A BBC broadcast said the British had ordered the shells to be fired at the city seeking to force a decision before British reinforcements arrive.

British troops involved in the fight and ELAS forces threatened the town hall tonight a three-hour battle in the night. A tank intervened, firing on the hills around the town and starting a fire. But this morning the ELAS occupied the rest of the town hall and the adjacent streets.

British proposals were reported to have been up by rebel leaders, however.

## Budapest In Chaos

**By JOHN A. PARRIS, JR.**

**LONDON—(AP)—**Peeling Hungarian patriots and German soldiers through the barricaded streets of Budapest was reported here today as Soviet forces hammered at the gates of the capital.

Archebald Robert, brother of the pretender to the Austro-Hungarian throne, said the officers teaching him from Hungary described Budapest as "a city of chaos, with patriot forces emerging from underground and battling the Germans in various sections of the city."

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## Say Raiders Over Tokyo

**By ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**TOKYO** radio reported American Superfortresses dropped incendiary bombs in two or three places tonight, Japanese time.

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The broadcast, not confirmed by American sources, said one or two raiders from the Marianas flew in on Tokyo over the Ina Shobu Island group. They penetrated Tokyo about 10 p. m. Japanese time, said the raiders, on the fourth incursion, "fired toward the southern sea after dropping incendiary bombs on two or three places."

Between midnight and 5 a. m. Superfortresses from the Marianas made three incursions into Tokyo, said the broadcast.

The broadcast said that "all the planes fled southward, apparently without dropping any bombs."

After Radio Tokyo reported to the Japanese press that a small number of B-29's had "raided the Japanese mainland in several places."

About midnight, one or two planes appeared off the mainland and another plane came over the Tokaido district.

In addition, shortly after 3 a. m. one plane appeared over the Shinkwa prefecture area and another plane came over the Kiso area.

Kiso area was badly shaken up by last week's earthquake and a resultant tidal wave.

Highlights of the raid were reported for photographic purposes to establish the damage sustained.

## Blows At Germany Hundreds Of U.S. Bombers Attack

**LONDON—(AP)—**Almost 1,300 U. S. heavy bombers from Britain battered three German railroads and the Leuna synthetic oil plant at Merseburg today, while Flying Fortresses from Italy targeted Blechhammer, site of a huge German synthetic fuel plant.

The British Air Force heavyweights, escorted by strong fighter formations, hit railroads at Hamm, Aachenburg and Darmstadt.

The U. S. 15th Air Force Force from Italy bombed their target at Blechhammer in Southern Silesia by instruments. It is the second series of enemy synthetic oil production within range of the 15th Air Force, and last at night.

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## Two-Minute News Roundup

**Western Front**

American First Army troops are fighting in the forest area of Duren. German men have topped six villages on the approaches to the Roer River. British troops have reached a point one-half mile from the city.

Most German troops are said to have retreated to the east bank of the Roer, leaving only a few German troops in the area. The Germans are withdrawing to new defenses east of the city of Cologne, twenty miles to the west.

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**Air Warfare**

Britain-based American heavy bombers have made the first attack of the war on the main German synthetic oil refinery at Merseburg. The committee has ordered bombers and fighters to hit these railway centers behind the western front.

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**Eastern Front**

Canadian mounted columns have rolled into the suburbs of Budapest, and the main column of mounted infantry is said to be in the direction of Budapest. The committee has ordered bombers and fighters to hit these railway centers behind the western front.

**Two For East**

The Japanese radio has announced four flights over Tokyo by B-29 Superfortresses within the space of a few hours.

Berlin radio announces that Japanese military planes have been shot down by the British because of increasing B-29 attacks on the city.

The German said 2000 Soviet children and old persons would leave Tokyo today.

**Home Front**

In Washington, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has passed an outline of American foreign policy by Secretary of State Edward Stettinius. The committee also questioned six appointees to the State Department.

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## Japs Hint New U.S. Landing

**By ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Japanese Denial News Agency asserted today that Japanese planes had "attacked enemy forces on the western coast of Billiau Island."

The report was without confirmation by Allied sources.

Billiau Island is north of Leyte, some 100 miles west of 200 miles long.

The dispatch, intercepted by the British Communications Commission, said that the attack had been made on the afternoon of Dec. 10 and that the Japanese raiders had "heavily damaged enemy motor vessels."

No Allied report has indicated that Allied troops have landed on Billiau Island.

**WEATHER**

Partly cloudy and cold today, fair and continued cold tonight and tomorrow with lowest temperatures in the morning.

Temperature at 8:30 today: High & Low: 44 & 34. Wind: S. Rain: None. Clouds: Scattered.