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## Court Kills Anti-Labor Texas Law

### Says Free Speech Right Impinged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Texas legislation requiring paid labor union organizers to register with the Secretary of State before soliciting for members was today declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Justice Rutledge delivered the Court's 5-4 opinion. Justices Roberts wrote a dissenting opinion in which Chief Justice Stone and Justice Reed and Frankfurter concurred.

R. J. Thomas, Detroit, a CIO vice-president and president of the United Automobile Workers, challenged validity of the statute.

He appealed after being adjudged in contempt of court for violating a Texas Court's order which enjoined him from soliciting for union members without registering with the Secretary of State and obtaining an organizer's card.

The State Court sentenced him to three days imprisonment and fined him \$100.

The Supreme Court majority stated "that the State has power to regulate labor unions with a view to protecting the public interest as, as the Texas Court said, 'hardly to be doubted.'"

"They (labor unions) cannot claim special immunity from regulation," Rutledge's opinion continued.

"Such regulation, however, whether



HE MISSED CHRISTMAS IN PARIS—A wounded German paratrooper who parachuted into the German Dec. 16 break-through into Belgium and Luxembourg and in the snow awaiting aid after surrendering. He said he had been promised Christmas in Paris. His age—18. (AP Wirephoto)

## Philippine Action Americans Within 90 Miles Of Manila

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines—(AP)—American troops were within 90 miles of Manila today but Army and Navy communications offered no support to Japanese claims the Yanks were actually preparing any immediate invasion of Luzon Island.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Tuesday communique said his forces have moved fifteen miles up the west coast of Mindoro Island to capture Palawan town. Palawan is 30 miles from Luzon, Manila is 30 miles from Mindoro further north.

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## Japs Report Fleet Attack On Luzon

### Troops Expected To Make Landing

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Tokyo radio reported today more than 450 American transports "are streaming north towards Luzon" Island in the Philippines where Japanese broadcasts said more than 70 warships and swarms of carrier planes bombarded Lingayen Gulf, 120 miles north of Manila, continuously for two days.

The Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said that whether the transports would be "poured into Lingayen or in the vicinity of Manila remains a question, but in either case it is a surety that the enemy will play right into the waiting Japanese hands."

In the two-day duel between warships and more batteries at Lingayen Gulf, Japanese broadcasts said, the American fleet was "defeated" and the Japanese fleet "was victorious."

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## Allies Gain Control Of Key Highways

### Salient Waist Less Than 10 Miles Wide; Strasbourg Threat Lessens

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS—(AP)—Mile or more advances by the American First and Third Armies in the worst blizzard of the Winter narrowed the waist of the Belgian salient to less than ten miles tonight and caused Field Marshal Von Rundstedt to speed the withdrawal of his survivors from the western tip of the salient.

The German divisions thrust to Strasbourg was described officially as apparently lessened as the Allies hurried in counter-attacks against German armor which speared north upon the Rhine city from the Colmar pocket. The Allies wrested back some of the ground lost eight miles north of the city on the west bank of the Rhine.

The Third Army on the south captured Flammange, only two miles from the last German road leading from Strasbourg through Houffalize to St. Vith.

American and British assault teams on the 30-mile attack front on the northern side of the bulge kept up their slow, measured gains and the British Sixth Airborne Division, veterans of Normandy, kept three crack German armor divisions tied up in heavy battle at the toe of the sock.

Supreme Headquarters was silent concerning the German bridgehead of the Moselle, the "Meuse" River in Holland north of Venlo.

The most important gain on the First Army front was made by the 62nd Airborne Division, led by 27-year-old Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin. The air troops seized the Thierdun Ridge northwest of Salmchateau, which commands a key highway to St. Vith-Luxembourg.

The highway was under American control from Venlo, north of Salmchateau to a point beyond Dochem. The "Hell on Wheels" Division, which occupied Dochem itself. The highway was cut in numerous places and fought in the rest of the fifteen-mile gap.

OTHER ADVANCES  
Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose's Third Airborne Division completed the occupation of Jouberville on the highway three miles west of Salmchateau and fought into nearby Heersdorf.

Rundstedt's fight from the Roer area gave a clear indication that the German marshal had abandoned further hope of evading his break through of the Third Army front in his Christmas offensive.

Resistance was scattered and light at the western tip and many German forces, particularly SS panzer troops, were pulled from contact.

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## Nazis Begin Withdrawal

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PARIS—(AP)—German troops have begun withdrawing along the whole tip of their Belgian bulge under Allied pressure, giving clear indication that Von Rundstedt has abandoned hope of further exploiting his Western Front breakthrough.

The Third Army forces driving up from Bastogne were less than ten miles tonight from the Second and Third Armored divisions of the U. S. First Army. The last escape route, the Houffalize road junction, was under artillery fire from both sides.

Resistance was light and scattered at the western tip of the bulge and many German forces, particularly SS panzer troops, have withdrawn from contact.

Under cover of a heavy snowfall, the Germans apparently were giving up the western tip of the salient. There were indications, however, that the Germans were trying to stage a last defense line eastward from St. Vith with the design of making it as costly as possible for the Allies to push the rest of the way into Germany.

What Von Rundstedt may try to do next probably depends on how his panzer armies shape up when he gets them out of the bulge. He likely will be able to push the rest of the way into Germany.

SECONDARY ACTION  
Most communique look toward the German offensive in Alsace, a secondary operation designed to draw the American forces from St. Vith.

The Americans and French have scores of heavily wooded and mountain areas in which to fight costly delaying actions.

The Alsace area is the place on the front where the Germans would have to go the farthest to gain the last.

The closing of the pincers between Bastogne and Dochem was a key move. It was expected that Von Rundstedt is sacrificing his armor in order to get his SS armor forces out.

By closing of the pincers, the Germans were leaving the First and Third Armies to fight for other duties.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Charles C. Farmer, night club promoter, had a heady conversation with a man named Mohammed Ali Morocco and served him with a paper cup of beer.

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