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WORLD WAR II: JAPANESE SMASH IN THE PACIFIC: ALLIED COUNTER-ATTACKS

Allies Ride Out Storm And Hit Victory Trail

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON—(AP)—Axis forces, for many dark months could fight the war on and when they choose are at last being forced to the defensive along all the world's front lines, military authorities said today, and the United Nations, with armed might opposing to overwhelming proportions, are on the road to victory.

Chance To Smash Warships Muffed - Japs Had Opportunity to Destroy U. S. Seapower at Pearl Harbor

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy's revelation of the magnitude of the disaster at Pearl Harbor made clear today that the Japanese missed a prime opportunity to destroy immediate American seapower in the Pacific and perhaps seize Hawaii.

Japs Reveal New Ships

"Powerful Battle-ships" in Commission TOKYO—From Japanese Broad-casting.—The Japanese Navy's official spokesman declared tonight that a certain number of powerful battle-ships had been placed in commission by the Navy since taking of the Pacific war and that the Navy's main fleet sought out and engaged them. An invasion aimed at final execution of the crippled ships, might well have been successful.

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Heaviest Battleship Ever Built Launched

PHILADELPHIA—The mammoth battleship New Jersey, the heaviest ever built, was launched at 2:14 P. M. (EST) today at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Allied Offensive Has Striking Effect Upon People Of Europe

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS BERNE, Switzerland—(AP)—The growing offensive of Allied armies, on the Pacific and in North Africa, is creating a striking effect upon Europe and the hopes of Europeans for an end to war.

Advance On Rail Line Is Made By Russians

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW—(AP)—German resistance, stiffened by airborne reinforcements, was growing on the central front west of Moscow today, but the Russians announced they had battered down twenty counterattacks west of German-held Rzhev and killed 1,600 Nazis in a three-day advance along the important Rzhev-Vyazma railroad line.

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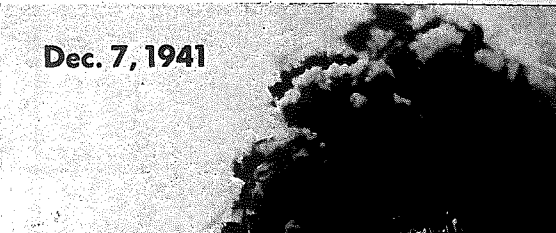
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AN END—AND A BEGINNING are marked by this first anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. One year of war has passed—a year in which the United States met many reverses, achieved a few major victories. On the home front have come rationing, bond sales, mighty production efforts. Above all else, the anniversary sees the tide turning, the United States and her Allies taking the offensive, the Nazi might on the wane. Ahead lie long months of war, with its heartbreak, deprivations and misery. But ahead, too, lies certain victory.

Might Be Big Allied Bid to Knock Enemy Out

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Guide to Good Reading

Picture Story OF WEEKS' LABOR Uncle Sam took on the chin today a year ago when he was hit by the first bomb that wreaked greater havoc than they know on our naval bases under the Pearl Harbor.

Shopping Days fill Christmas

Shopping days fill Christmas with a rush of people to the stores. The stores are busy with the holiday season.

Weather

Weather forecast for the day: Partly cloudy with occasional snow or sleet tonight.

Today's Temp.

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