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5TH ARMY LUNGES INTO OFFENSIVE

Great Air Battle Rages As RAF Slugs Berlin Again

NAZIS FACE "GIVE IN OR DIE" EDICT

A War Reporter's Notebook

By Hal Boyle

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Dec. 1.—(Delayed)—(AP)—The war correspondents corps has lost in Italy the reputation for immunity from battle deaths and injuries which it enjoyed in Tunisia.

Capt. Harry Rignall of the British Army films unit, a well known London newspaper photographer, lost a hand and suffered several abdominal woundswhen he was hit by two mortar shells during the Salerno landing. Plucky and cheerful, he survived until he reached a North African port, and then died apologizing for "being such a bother."

BOYLE

Correspondents were able to make the first historic junction between the British Eighth and Allied Fifth Armies without a casualty, but an official memorandum was issued reminding them that a newspaper man's job is to follow and report an Army's activities—not to lead it in the field.

Cpl. Joe Rosa of Naples, one Australian and two British correspondents were killed by fire from a German tank. They also were ahead of the Army. Now they rest in roadside graves, finished forever with headlines and deadlines.

In Naples, when a hidden German bomb blew up one end of the Post Office, killing more than a score of civilians and wounding Neil Sullivan of Pathe News suffered a broken leg when he was hit by a chunk of falling concrete, but he got up and kept grinding. For more than a week he tried to work on a leg held up by bandages.

TREGASKIS HURT

The latest casualty in the stormy

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Three War Writers Lost

LONDON —(AP)— Three war correspondents failed to return from last night's great RAF raid over Berlin — Lowell Bennett of International News Service, Norman Stockton of the Sydney (Australia) Sun, and another whose name was withheld temporarily.

Stockton, who reported the war in New Guinea and once served as deputy editor of the South China Morning Post, flew in the raid on the German capital with an Australian squadron of Lancasters.

Bennett was officially reported missing by the British Air Ministry when the bomber in which he was a passenger failed to return.

Young Bennett made the flight as a representative of the "American pool," and was to have written an eye witness account of the bombing of Berlin for the three American news service—the Associated Press, the United Press and International News service.

In announcing that Bennett was missing, the Air Ministry was able to furnish no details but said the Royal Air Force bomber command was making every effort to obtain further information.

Drastic Demand Reported Drawn Up At Parley

London Paper Says Stalin-Roosevelt-Churchill Meeting Has Taken Place

By E. D. BALL

LONDON — (AP) — The London Star said today a Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill conference in the Middle East has drawn up a final "give in or die" ultimatum to Germany.

"Stalin is at war parley, meeting with Churchill and Roosevelt: give in or die to Germany," was the way the afternoon newspaper headlined the article.

Earlier, Chairman Tom Connally of the U. S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee had declared in Fort Worth, Texas, that "another great conference is taking place in the Middle East" among the three United Nations leaders, and described the meeting as "of paramount significance."

"The Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin meeting, about which there has been so much speculation, has taken place," the London Star said.

"The three statesmen are now conferring somewhere in

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Says New Weapons Flowing To Soviets

FORT WORTH, Texas—(AP)—A conference of paramount significance which will result in strengthening the Russian Army is taking place in the Middle East with President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill participating, asserts Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In an address last night, Connally described as of "tremendous significance" the recently-concluded conference between Roosevelt, Churchill and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek at Cairo, and added:

"Another great conference is taking place in the Middle East between President Roosevelt, Premier Churchill and Marshall Stalin of Russia.

"It is of paramount significance.

"American and British arms, equipment and supplies have been going through the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf to the gallant armies of Russia, as they sweep on towards the Hitlerized boundaries of Germany.

"As a result of these conferences, the armies of Russia will be strengthened, her campaign will be buttressed and fortified."

He did not amplify the statement.

Connally also said the United States must acquire and fortify naval and air bases both in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans for the defense of our own lands for the preservation of the peace of the world.

To assure them remaining in our control, "better title" must be acquired to naval bases in the Atlantic now leased from the British, he said.

Long Pacific Fight Seen

CANBERRA—(AP)—Final victory in the Pacific must wait on events in Europe and there is no short cut to victory, Prime Minister John Curtin said today.

The Australia Government leader said he had just completed an important conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of Allied Forces in the Southwest Pacific.

In a press statement, Curtin said they had discussed the tri-partite declaration in Cairo for the defeat of Japan, adding:

"My discussions with Gen. MacArthur had particular reference to 'prolonged operations' and were conditioned by joint relations that final victory in the Pacific must largely wait on events in Europe."

The Cairo agreement, he said, "tells the Australian people clearly that there is no short cut to victory in the Pacific."

(President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek pledged to continue to persevere in "serious and prolonged operations" necessary to force the unconditional surrender of Japan.)

NEW WAR EFFORT PHASE

Curtin said the Australian war effort is now entering a new phase.

"The defensive stage has passed. The initiative has been gained from the enemy.

"Rabaul (New Britain), which was a focal point for the whole Japanese activities in the Southwest Pacific areas, has now become a precarious naval air base which the enemy uses at great hazard."

Oil Lost Due To Pipeline Break

HAMILTON, O.—(AP)—A break in "Big Inch," recently - completed transcontinental oil pipeline, spread an undetermated but serious flow of oil through a section of country near here today.

Initial reports said at least "40 miles of the oil have been lost."

Immediate efforts of engineers and repair crews were concentrating in staving off the hazard of fire. Oil was flowing into Dry Creek, a small stream. A wooden trestle of the main-line Chesapeake & Ohio railroad crossed the creek within the oil-soaked area.

Berlin Gets 5th Attack In 2 Weeks

New Fires Rage; 41 Planes Lost

By GLADWIN HILL

LONDON —(AP)— Britain's blockbusting armadas flew against Berlin last night for the fifth time in two weeks and fought their greatest battle yet in the relentless campaign to erase the Nazi capital.

Shooting toward a city already a third demolished, where fires still flared from the previous attacks, the squadrons of four-engined bombers drove through flare paths lighting the approaches to the city from as far away as 50 miles, pierced exploding walls of heavy antiaircraft fire and slugged it out with scores of night fighters which the Germans had massed over the arena.

GREAT FLAMES

The British announced the loss of 41 aircraft in this and other operations, but at the end they left great geysers of flame shooting up from the stricken city, the world's fourth largest, and billows of smoke and flame which climbed to heights of three miles.

The fierce attack lasted half an hour and was over by 8 P. M. During this time at least 30 four-ton blockbusters—which can obliterate everything for hundreds of yards around—hurled down among the bewildered defenders. The telephone lines to Sweden were knocked out almost at once, but they were shortly restored.

The bombers dropped nearly 2,000 long tons of explosives and incendiaries. This brought to about 15,000 the total dumped this year on the world's most-bombed city.

DISRUPTION TERRIBLE

The Germans in their broadcasts acknowledged that the attack blanketed the whole Berlin area, already in a great state of disruption with only a few transportation lines restored to service from previous attacks, with streets still filled with debris and the people living from hand to mouth from temporary stores established in cellars and street stands.

But the Nazis, who apparently had concentrated every available weapon and fighter they could muster for the "Battle of Berlin," claimed they had shot down 30 bombers.

Simultaneously with the Berlin attack, Mosquito raiders hit targets in Western Germany.

Indications were that the RAF had achieved a destruction in Berlin to the extent that it was now spreading out its attacks to avoid bombing what had been hit before.

This was reflected in the German reports that the raid extended over the whole metropolitan area, and corroborated by Swedish correspondents' dispatches which said new fires were blazing all through the north central and southern sections.

The wide-open fight to the death, one of the greatest night air battles of history, was fought in relatively clear weather in which the capital was only half covered by clouds and lit up by hundreds of searchlight batteries.

Sentenced To Hang For Slaying of Plant Guard

WAVERLY, Iowa—(AP) — District Judge T. A. Beardmore today sentenced Stanley M. Kaster, 35, an ex-convict, to die on the gallows Dec. 29, for the slaying of Glenn Winchell, 38, Waverly utilities plant guard.

No defense testimony was presented for Kaster during the trial, but officers previously had quoted him as saying he shot Winchell when the guard refused to hand over his revolver and holster last Sept. 25. Winchell was on patrol duty around the plant at the time.

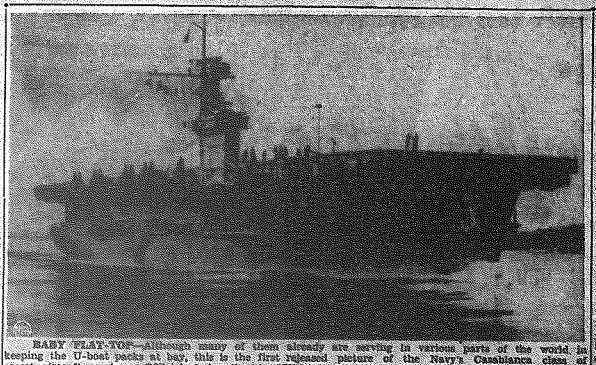
WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued mild tonight and Saturday.

Today's Temperature:

Today's Temperatures:

2:30 P. M.	67
Sunset Today	6:11
Sunrise Tomorrow	8:15



BABY FLAT-TOP—Although many of them already are serving in various parts of the world in keeping the U-boat packs at bay, this is the first released picture of the Navy's Casablanca class of escort aircraft carriers. Official designation is "CVE" but vessels are better known as "baby flat-tops."

Doubts FR Will Run

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Expressing doubt that any Democrat can win the Presidency in 1944, Democratic Senator Wheeler of Montana predicted today that President Roosevelt will not be a candidate for re-election next year regardless of the state of the war or "war or no war." Wheeler said in an interview, "a definite Republican trend has set in and the President will be able to sense this far more quickly than any of his advisers.

"Having had conferred upon him the greatest honor ever given a President of the United states (a third term) and having faced twelve long, difficult years, in my judgment the President not only does not want to run but will not run even if an attempt is made to draft him."

CITES KENTUCKY RESULT

Wheeler, who campaigned actively for Mr. Roosevelt in 1932 and 1936 but was silent in 1940, said he regarded the results of a special Congressional election in Kentucky, where a Republican won overwhelmingly in a traditionally Democratic stronghold, as indicative of a nation-wide trend toward the GOP.

"There are a great many Democrats of excellent Presidential timber," Wheeler said, "but I doubt that any of them can be elected in 1944. Certainly there isn't much hope of a Democratic victory unless there is a split in the Republican Party or unless Wendell L. Willkie is the Republican nominee."

While Wheeler, who has been critical of the Administration's foreign policies represents a clearly anti-Administration viewpoint in predicting that President Roosevelt would not run, Senator Mead, Democrat, New York, said he thought the President should be drafted as the party nominee.

"He is the most powerful Governmental leader in the world today," Mead declared. "He represents the most powerful country and his leadership and prestige insure an expeditious termination of the war and give the best possible assurance that we will win the peace this time."

"I know it is a tremendous sacrifice and a physical strain that we can hardly expect him to make," Mead said. "But in this crisis, it's every man for the task."

Mill Strike Continues

DANVILLE, Va.—(AP)—The strike of more than 300 weavers in the Riverside Division of the River-side and Dan River Cotton Mills continued today.

Twenty - seven hundred looms, warped for Government cloth, were idle.

The mill management spokesman said the company was waiting for some approach from union officials on the breaking of the strike.

Reds Surge Ahead On Smolensk Road

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW—(AP)—While German infantry and tank divisions, heavily reinforced by mechanized forces rushed from Western Europe, battered vain against the Russians' Cherkasy bridgehead on the Dnieper River Red Army troops carved out new gains yesterday northwest of Gomel where they captured more than 80 towns, a Soviet communique announced today.

Fighting continued with unabated ferocity all along the front, despite the prevalance of rain, slush, and snow, field dispatches said.

The Russian communique reported gains along the lower Pripet River, southeast of Zhlobin, and in the direction of Znamenka, a rail center southwest of Kremenchug and key to lateral communications between the Kiev bulge and the Dnieper bend.

Approximately 2,900 Germans were killed in Thursday's battles, the communique said, and the Russians destroyed or captured 72 tanks and other war equipment.

NAZIS RESTLESS

The war bulletin said the Germans were throwing troops against the Russian lines "without consideration for large losses," especially in the Cherkasy sector, where 1,000 Nazis were wiped out in a series of futile counter-attacks.

(Both the Russian and German communiques were silent concerning the bloody fighting in the Kiev bulge east of Zhitomir and Korosten, where tank battles of unparalleled intensity were said to be raging.

German broadcasts, however, reported a fresh Soviet offensive surging southwest along the Smolensk Road toward Orsha and Minsk, capital of White Russia, at the intersection of the Moscow-Warsaw and Libau-Kharkov railways. Berlin said the Red Army drive had pierced the German lines in two places.)

Gen. Constantine Rokossovsky's drive for Zhlobin, in addition to killing 1,500 German troops Thursday, captured many prisoners and wrecked 28 tanks. Red Army artillery lent a covering barrage to the advancing Russians in this sector, further decimating the enemy's strength, the war bulletin said.

Boy Held Responsible For Death of Mother

MONTREAL —(AP)— A coroner's jury held fourteen-year-old George Webster criminally responsible today for the death of his mother in their exclusive home following an attack with a baseball bat three weeks ago.

The jury heard Miss Sylvia Cust of Australia, house guest of the Websters at the time, identify the youth as the person who struck her over the head with a baseball bat the morning Mrs. Andrew R. Webster was killed.

Long West Front Lull Ended With New Drive

8th Continues To Smash Germans

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army troops, after a long stalemate on the Western Italian front, have cracked forward through machine-gun-raked fields and barbed wire in the Calabritto area in the wake of a rolling barrage of artillery shells and aerial bombs, Allied Headquarters announced today.

The British Eighth Army also continued to smash the Germans back beyond the Sangro River and captured Castel Frentano, 9 miles northeast of Lanciano and pushed to within 5 miles of Guardiagrele, 7 miles northwest of Chieti, Eighth Army headquarters announced as the result of bitter fighting on the Army's extreme left flank.

LONDON —(AP)— A BBC broadcast from Berlin today said the Germans had withdrawn from Lanciano and Orsogna, 9 miles northwest of Castel Frentano, but that the evacuation was the result of big maneuvering on the Eighth Army's extreme left flank.

A lateral road west from the important German strong point of Lanciano and Orsogna to Guardiagrele, 7 miles west of Chieti on the Adriatic coast, and then 6 miles beyond Westward to Bucchianico. But Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's drive showed signs of slowing down.

Both the Fifth and Eighth Armies took prisoners in their advance.

The Air Force reported heavy attacks around San Giorgio, north and Cervaro, south of the Cassino front where the German Tenth is said to have "mounted guns on every strategic height around Cassino to dominate the plain."

HEAVY AIR BLOWS

Allied air attacks were the heaviest in many days and seventeen German planes were destroyed for a loss of eight Allied planes.

A force of Liberators escorted by Lightnings, pounded Bolzano, on the Brenner Pass line in northern Italy, while the Eighth Air Force's Marauders and Lightning Raider bombarded Nazi installations in the Albanian port of Durazzo at night.

The Liberators and Lightnings were engaged by strong formations of Me-109s and FW-190s and shot down four for a loss of three.

Fleets flying over the Fifth Army battle area reported "fierce fighting" and great clouds of dust rising over large areas surrounding the town of Calabritto, which is five miles

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Labor Will Make Fight

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Labor will demand shorter post-war hour standards without reductions in earnings, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, told the Senate Truman War Investigating Committee today.

Asserting that the Administration has "not kept its part of the no-strike agreement by adjusting wages to absorb increasing living costs," Green added:

"We shall endeavor to restore equity by insisting that peacetime hours standards shall be established without reductions in earnings."

URGES NELSON

Green endorsed Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board as the man most fitted to guide the post-war reconversion program.

"Because of his valuable training and experience," Green said, "Mr. Nelson is especially well-equipped for this job. I know of no man who has rendered a more valuable service during the war."

Green suggested that Nelson function under a "top policy council" in which Congress, management, labor and farmers would be represented.

Referring to labor's part in the war, Green said workers have had to depend on longer hours to meet increased living costs.

Commenting on the committee's recent report urging labor to be "realistic" about wage adjustments in the post-war period, Green said downward revision would not be economically advisable.

"If industry adopts such a plan on a nation-wide scale, it will be cutting off its own nose," he asserted.

Scientists Discover "Important" Fossil

BERKELEY, Calif.—(AP)—A "long, white rock" used as a scouring soap by workmen excavating for a housing project at nearby Milibrae is in reality the eight-foot tusk of an elephant that died some 100,000 years ago, University of California scientists agree.

The find, they commented, ranks in importance with that of the famed Labrea fossil pits in Los Angeles.

Calls Milk Conference

HARRISBURG—(AP)—Governor Martin, calling an interstate conference on milk at Philadelphia Dec. 7, urged the Governors of eleven Northeastern states to join with Pennsylvania in the attack on what he said is a critical milk shortage.

"Milk production in Pennsylvania," Martin wired the other Executives, "has reached a point where it is actually critical, in fact may become so serious, due to not having sufficient milk to meet the demand, that I understand this serious situation prevails throughout the Northeastern states."

He said Chester Bowles, head of the Office of Price Administration, informed him adjustments in milk producer prices will not be made at present. Milk prices, however, may apply to large area (about twelve states).

Blows Hit Jap Ships & Supplies From Marshalls To New Guinea

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS — (AP) — Allied bombers, prowling the Pacific skies from the Marshalls to New Guinea, have sunk a troop-laden 10,000-ton Japanese transport and a large tanker, damaged two destroyers, blasted enemy bases with more than 200 tons of bombs, and downed 21 Nippponese planes in battles at both ends of the 2,400-mile arc.

These latest reports of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Adm. William F. Halsey and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz covered actions from Monday through Wednesday.

GROUND SUCCESSES

New successes also were scored on the ground. In the island jungles of New Guinea's Huon Peninsula, Australians are converging on Wareo, a Japanese stronghold more than ten miles northwest of

On the west-central coast of Bougainville in the Northern Solomons, where American forces since Nov. 1 have been widening a beachhead and establishing an air strip, more than 600 Marines made a two-day raid on a vertable arsenal inside enemy lines. They killed more than 200 Japanese, destroyed considerable supplies, fought off a force twice their size, and withdrew. Fifteen Marines were killed and 71 wounded.

MacArthur's reconnaissance bombers, attacking convoys in the vicinity of Kavieng, New Ireland the night of Nov. 30 and the morning of Dec. 1, set off explosions in the transport which was abandoned before it went down; they left the large tanker a mass of

with 500-pound bombs.

On the New Guinea end of the long battle arc, Liberators and Thunderbolts blew up fuel and supplies Dec. 1 in an 111-ton bombing assault on Wewak. The raiders were engaged in a furious battle by 40 enemy fighters, of which at least ten were shot down. Two Liberators were lost. Returning pilots told of seeing enemy fighters fire on parachuting crewmen of one of the big four-engined bombers.

On the Mid-Pacific wing, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported raids Nov. 30 by Army Liberators on the Taroa airdrome in the Maloelap atoll of the Marshalls and the following day on Mili atoll's airdrome. The Taroa raiders battled 35 Zeros, downing seven for certain and returning without loss.

Blizzards And Rain Turn Front In Russia Into Terrible Bog

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW —(AP)— Blizzards, wet snow and rain have left hardly a place along the long Russian front where ground conditions are not as bad as at anytime since the beginning of the Russian-German War.

This is my third Winter in the Soviet Union and I have never

year the temperature is well below zero and the snow has become hard packed. But this year, although the snow is beginning to bank in numerous places along the front, there have been no great freezes. Rain is still falling at other points.

The front today is hard on men, weeks ago. As the Russian soldier carries most of his equipment on his back the relatively good weather has meant an added burden for him.

While deep mud is hardly the only thing that slows up tanks, they as well as other mechanized equipment must be conditioned