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5TH ARMY GAINS IN MOUNTING DRIVE

A War Reporter's Notebook

By Hal Boyle

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 3—(Delayed) — (AP) — Well, girls, if your boy-friend in uniform has passed you up for another frill, cheer up — you can always become a "WABOC."

A "WABOC" pronounced "waybok"—is a member of the women's auxiliary of the "Brush-Off Club."

The Brush-Off Club is made up of young Army officers who were jilted by girls who forgot to remember. It appears, however, that not all the jilting has been done from the home front. Some of the boys in uniform have been playing traitor to Cupid, too.

This was made clear by Miss Irene M. Cosine of Santa Monica, Calif.

After reading a recent column I wrote on the Brush-Off Club, she sent me a letter to be forwarded to Capt. Howard Hammersley of Roanoke, Va., the club's founder, proposing a women's auxiliary.

"I agree that it is appalling to note the number of girls here at home who are forgetting all the soft-spoken promises they made before their men sailed," Miss Cosine wrote.

"But on the other hand, how many other girls have sincerely lived up to these promises, spending long lonely evenings writing long letters cheerfully, even eagerly; asking nothing but to be waiting when he (underlined) should return to put the mate to that diamond on the proper finger (only to have him (underlined) succumb to the charms of a girl who apparently has nothing better to do in this war but chase all over the country after your man while you are hopelessly tied to your full-time defense job at home?

"Yes something like that happens."

BOYLE

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Form Slav Government

LONDON — (AP) — A provisional government headed by the civilian leader of the red-starred National Liberation authority has been formed to rule Yugoslav areas liberated from the Germans, the Free Yugoslav radio announced today. The action was taken at a meeting of 140 delegates, it was said.

Dr. Ivan Ribar, who was the final president of the first Yugoslav constitutional assembly in Belgrade after the last war, was elected president of the newly-formed parliament and head of the liberated territories, the broadcast said. He was titular head of the National Liberation Authority before the formation of the provisional government.

A new constitution is to be drafted as soon as possible, the broadcast added.

Gen. Josip Broz (Tito), commander of the Yugoslav Army of Liberation, was raised to the rank of marshal by the new government and was appointed head of the committee for national defense.

The delegates elected three vice presidents, Mosa Pijde, a Serbian journalist; Ivan Augustincic, a Croat sculptor, and Josip Rus, a Slovene.

Push Wedge In German Defenses

British Forces Knife Forward

By NOLAND NORGAARD

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army has smashed a wedge into German defenses after the heaviest artillery and aerial bombardment of the Italian campaign had pulverized many strongpoints, and has driven ahead two miles along the Via Casilina toward Rome, headquarters announced today.

(The Algiers radio reported the Fifth Army had taken the important town of Calabritto, about seven miles south west of Mignano.)

On the Adriatic front, the British Eighth Army knifing ahead toward the "back door" to Rome, approached the outskirts of San Vito, sixteen miles below the port of Pescara, and also swept up the towns of Lanciano, Treglio Orsogna and Casoli, all in inland country beyond the Sangro Ridge. Orsogna, the farthest point of advance inland, is about eight miles beyond the Sangro.

British and American troops of the Fifth Army launched their full scale offensive on mountain positions guarding both sides of the Via Casilina, a main road to Rome, on Thursday night. It was disclosed. The assault, aimed in the direction of Casilino, drove the Germans from the important Camino and Maggiore Heights, west of Mignano, front line dispatches said.

These dispatches said the mightiest artillery barrage since Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery broke the German Africa Corps at El Alamein in Egypt bellowed from the throats of hundreds of guns as the Americans and British launched their offensive.

BITTER FIGHTING

Extremely bitter fighting continued yesterday and today as the thrust carried into the maze of fortified positions dotting the slopes of 2,800-foot Mount Camino four miles southwest of Mignano and deeper into the tough mountain country north and northeast of Mignano.

Considerable numbers of prisoners were taken as Clark's Headquarters reported that the onslaught was "proceeding according to plan," and the front-

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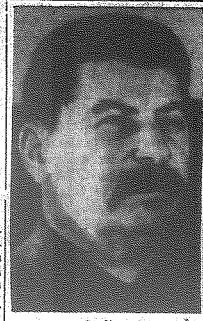
FBI Captures Bold Bad Man

WACO, Texas—(AP)—Captured by McLennan County officers and FBI men, O. B. Thompson, 25, today was in county jail. He and his brother, Randel, 26, escaped from the Steamboat Springs, Colo., jail last Oct. 8.

The Cleburne, Texas, brothers, object of a nationwide search by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were wanted in connection with the slaying of a sheep herder near Hayden, Colo., but O. B. was alone when captured twenty miles north of Waco last night after a three-mile chase by officers. Wounded slightly, he did not return the officers' fire.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on Nov. 25 announced he had sent out notices for the Throneberry brothers, describing them as operating in a typical Wild West, bad man fashion, and as extremely dangerous.



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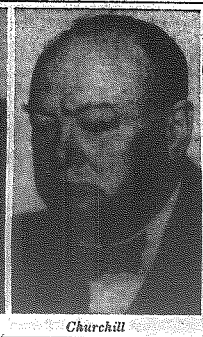

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Jap Jungle Post Totters

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS — (AP) —Wareo, strategic juncture of jungle trails forming the line of Japanese retreat, is tottering before Australian forces pressing a campaign to drive the enemy from the Huon Peninsula of northeastern New Guinea.

Aussie elements advancing from the south have reached a point within half a mile of the native village and old mission station after investing the outlying settlement of Kusiko.

Simultaneously, a second Australian force made fresh progress against Wareo, a mountain redoubt resembling captured Sattelberg, by pushing along a river bank from captured Bonga, five miles east on the coast. Wareo is more than ten miles northwest of Finschhafen.

HARD FIGHTING

Stiff fighting was reported by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters today. The Australians brought up artillery to blast defensive positions. Supporting the ground operations, a score of Mitchells and Marauders pounded the enemy supply area near Kaiapit Point north of Bonga on Thursday.

That same day, more than 50 Mitchells, covered by Lightnings, heavily bombed and strafed Bergen Bay on near-by New Britain Island. Flying in formations of six to nine, they set fires among barges and supply dumps with 63 tons of bombs.

In the northern Solomons, more than 100 Dauntless dive-bombers and Avenger torpedo bombers struck southeast of the American beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay at two airdromes which Japanese engineers had managed to get back in shape. Fifty-seven tons of bombs hit the Kara field on Bougainville's south coast and the near-by island strip of Ballale.

Red Troops Close In Upon Zhlobin

LONDON—(AP)—Red Army troops, sloshing forward through knee-deep snow and mud, were closing in from two directions today on Zhlobin, important German-held rail and communications hub at the juncture of the Gomel-Minsk and Leningrad-Odessa railways in White Russia.

Far to the south other Soviet forces plunged deeper into German lines west of their Dnieper River bridgehead below Kremenchug, and hurled back fierce counter-attacks aimed at the newly-won Soviet positions in the Cherkasy area, a Russian communique said.

There was no mention in the Soviet bulletin regarding developments in the Kiev bulge, where the Germans all astride newly-recaptured Zhitomir and Korosten on the Leningrad-Odessa line, but Berlin broadcasts said there had been no clash of major importance in that rain-soaked area for the past 30 hours.

HIT RAILWAY

Gen. Constantine Rokossovsky's white-clad troops were reported raising havoc with the German railway network northwest of Gomel, and the Army communique said more than 100 populated places were overrun in Friday's steady advance. Keypoints taken in this two-pronged drive, aimed at enveloping Zhlobin, were Sverjen and Dovsk to the north and Gollanovka and Staraya Rudnya to the southwest. The latter town is only nine miles from Zhlobin.

Dovsk is a junction on the Gomel-Mogilev and Rogachev-Roslavl railways, eighteen miles northeast of Rogachev. Sverjen lies seven miles further west. The Nazis, fighting tenaciously to hold these guardian strongpoints of their important rail lines, lost heavily, the Soviet bulletin said recording 700 enemy dead in one salient alone. An additional 800 were killed in fighting elsewhere in the area, while more than 10,000 Soviet civilians earmarked for slave labor inside Germany, were liberated, the communique added.

Urges Tax On Spending

WASHINGTON —(AP)— An anti-inflation program calling for greater taxation of spending, less taxation of savings, and compulsory savings through the purchase of war bonds was submitted to the Senate Finance Committee today by Irving Fisher, professor emeritus of economics at Yale University.

The well-known economist renewed his suggestion that the income tax law be amended "to tax only that part of an income which is spent on consumption goods and take off all taxes on the rest of income, that is, the part which is saved and invested."

"If we do not check spending and stop checking saving, we cannot escape drastic inflation," he told the committee, which is considering the new $2,140,000,000 tax bill.

If necessary, he said, he favored putting all private savings into war bonds and all corporate savings either into such bonds or into Government-approved war industry.

HITS PROVISION

Russell Smith, National Farmers Union representative, struck at a provision in the bill, already passed by the House, requiring labor unions, farm co-operatives and similar non-profit groups to file informational financial reports to the Treasury. Smith said the clause "strikes at the heart of co-operatives" and apparently was intended to gain information as the basis for future taxation.

Gordon G. Crowder, representing the National Coal Association, expressed opposition to a proposed increase, from 90 to 95 per cent, in the corporate excess profits rate. He also urged freezing of the present Social Security tax rates, and establishment of tax-free reserves for deferred maintenance.

Ellis N. Friedman, New York economist, also opposed the excess profits rate increase.

Parley Concluded At Iran Capital

Great Military and Political Decisions Believed Made at Conference of Roosevelt, Churchill & Stalin

By E. C. DANIEL

LONDON—(AP)—The Moscow radio announced today that the long-awaited Stalin-Roosevelt-Churchill conference has been concluded at Teheran, Iran, and in London it was expected that historic decisions applying both to the battlefields and to political questions would be made public very soon.

The declaration which will surely present faltering Germany the choice of unconditional surrender or certain bloody defeat by history's greatest land and air offensive awaited only completion of arrangements for its simultaneous release at all three capitals.

British and American authorities were understood to be in conference on the arrangements.

NERVE WAR OFFENSIVE

Moscow's broadcast that the conference actually has been held was the opening gun of what is expected to be the biggest barrage yet aimed by the Allies at the apprehensive Axis in a nerve war offensive.

As a result of the Thursday night broadcast by U. S. Senator Tom Connally and the subsequent Moscow announcement that the conference actually had been held, the decisions doubtless will be published earlier than originally intended.

Consideration for the safety of Premier-Marshal Joseph Stalin, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, the main reason for delaying an announcement, were obviated, by the Moscow radio statement. It said the heads of the three great Allied Powers met "a few days ago."

The announcement, made in an official Soviet news agency broadcast for provincial Russian papers, said:

"A few days ago in Teheran, a conference took place between the leaders of the three Allied Powers, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin. Diplomatic and military representatives took part in the conference.

"At the conference, questions on the conduct of the war against Germany were discussed as well as a number of political questions.

"Corresponding decisions were adopted which will be made public later."

The announcer introduced the statement thus: "I am about to broadcast a statement to be inserted in every newspaper." He read it at dictation speed twice.

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Great Offensives Appear In Offing

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Military action to shorten the war by weeks or months, and probably a dramatic ultimatum to the German people to throw off Fascism and surrender, or else face destruction, are the explosive results expected from the conference of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

This was Washington's reaction to the Moscow radio announcement that the "big three" had completed their extraordinary sessions at Teheran and that a statement would be issued later outlining the military and political decisions reached.

INTENSE INTEREST

Probably no pronouncement of this war has been greeted with such intense and widespread interest. For to the extent that it may shadow action on the fighting fronts and in the Battle of Nerves, it may furnish clear clues to the time and nature of the mighty blows now in preparation against the fortress of Europe.

A hint that even greater differences on the Russian front itself may be in the offing came from Chairman Connally, the veteran, Texas, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who said in a radio address Thursday night that as a result of the big three meeting "the armies of Russia will be strengthened and her economy will be battlessed and battled."

Beyond a doubt, however, one of the major topics of discussion was the projected Anglo-American invasion of Western Europe, which the Russians have been urging almost from the day that the United States was precipitated into war two years ago next Tuesday.

Those most familiar with the Russian argument, as already presented to Allied statesmen and military leaders, believe that Stalin and his military advisers stressed the necessity of invasion as the only means of forcing victory at a reasonably early date.

On the other hand, the Anglo-American position has been, and probably was at Teheran, that any attempt to open a second front would be suicidal without fully adequate preparation. This preparation must include the massing of overwhelming forces in Britain across the Channel and the bombing of German industrial, supply and transportation centers into a state of paralysis.

MAY BE PREPARING

The aerial onslaught against Berlin already has roused speculation that direct preparation for invasion may be underway.

When the time to drive across the Channel actually is at hand, however, this kind of bombardment softening up must be followed by concentrated aerial bombardment

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Reds Hail Conference

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Russian people were informed today that their Premier, Marshal Stalin, had left the country in the midst of the war and had held a momentous conference with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at Teheran in neighboring Iran.

The news of the conference, which was generally supposed to have dealt with the most far-reaching matters concerning not only immediate battlefields but also matters of high political import, was received with wholehearted welcome by the Russian people who acclaimed it as the best sign yet of ever-growing friendly relations among the three nations.

The announcement that Marshal Stalin had found time in the midst of his direction of the war to meet face to face with the chiefs of the two great Allied governments was conveyed to the Russians by the Soviet Press in a Tass dispatch from Teheran.

The press confined itself to this

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Form Nazis Execute 5 Young Danes

STOCKHOLM.—(AP)—Five Danes, ranging in age from 18 to 22, have been executed by German occupation authorities at Aarhus in an attempt to check a mounting wave of sabotage in Denmark, advices reaching Stockholm today said.

News of the executions coincided with reports that a machine shop in Copenhagen had been wrecked and a nearby shoe factory damaged by a heavy explosion last night. The blast was described as one of the most serious acts of sabotage yet committed in Denmark.

More than 300 acts of sabotage were committed last month, with 65 per cent directed against factories producing materials for the Germans, the Danish news service said.

No Atlanta Transport Strike

ATLANTA —(AP)— Atlanta trolley and bus operators, who ten days ago voted to strike on Dec. 24 unless the War Labor Board (WLB) reconsidered its disapproval of a contract wage increase, have decided to rescind their action.

The workers, members of Division 732 of the Amalgamated Association of Street Car, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America (AFL), voted at a special meeting last night not to go through with the projected walkout.

The strike was decided on Nov. 24 after the regional WLB rejected a four-cent-an-hour wage increase agreed to by the union and the Georgia Power Co.

Turks To See FR, Churchill

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Ismet Inonu of Turkey, accompanied by Foreign Minister Nusman Menemencioglu and Marshal Fevzi Cakmak, commander-in-chief of the Turkish Army, left today for a conference with Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt at either Tabriz or Cairo, the Berlin radio said.

London Hotels, Once Poor, Enjoying Boom

LONDON—(AP)—Anyone willing to take a chance could have bought one of London's big fashionable West End hotels cheap during the Blitz and realized a handsome profit.

Shares in one big hotel chain sold as low as 1 cent, others at 3 cents and another at 72 when a German bomb might have liquidated the investment. Quotations now range from 55 to 60 cents and upward.

Today the hotels are experiencing a wild wave of prosperity catering to thousands of troops. They sell cheap grades of wine for as much as $6.75 a bottle. A double whisky costs 92 cents, and the demand for accommodations is so great that Lord Portal, Minister of Works, had to compel certain hotels to reserve rooms for service men and civilians on business.

Although some hotels are showing profits ranging up to $1,125,000 annually, directors of most report that the enormous cost of restoration after the war will swallow earnings. Only one-sixth of normal expenditures are allowed now for replacements of equipment, and most of this goes for glassware and crockery, they report.

British Feint At Berlin, Then Throw Smashing Blow At Leipzig

By ROBERT STURDEVANT

LONDON—(AP)—The RAF Bomber Command, tricking the Germans with a well-timed shift of targets, sent Mosquitos roaring over scorched Berlin and heavy bombers feinting at the Nazi capital last night, then attack with devastating effect at the great German trading and railway center of Leipzig where 1,500 long tons of explosives were unloaded.

The deception drew off the great majority of German night fighters which rose once more to give battle when a part of bombers attack seemed about to break over Berlin, the major armadas streaked southward 90 miles and hit Leipzig, from where the Nazis have been trying to succor the capital with food and supplies.

The expedition cost 23 bombers, compared with the previous night when 41 failed to return from a 1,500-ton attack on the Nazi capital.

"First reports indicate the bombing was concentrated and effective," the bulletin said.

Speedy Mosquito bombers made a quick stab at Berlin in continuing the enemy airfields over a wide area.

Twenty-four bombers and one fighter were listed as missing in the night's operations.

Reports from Berlin through neutral countries said that three of Berlin's biggest bakeries had been destroyed in Thursday night's assault and that bread now was coming in from Leipzig and Magdeburg.

Berlin's Funkhaus (broadcasting house), situated in the far west end of the city, was hit, a Swedish dispatch said, and an eye-witness reaching Stockholm reported others

Report France Swept By Feeling That Allied Invasion Is Near

MADRID — (AP) — Paris correspondents of Madrid newspapers reported today that France is being swept by the conviction that an Allied invasion is imminent.

The correspondent of Pueblo in a dispatch to his newspaper cited "great movements of American and British shipping, troop concentrations and an increase of observation flights over France" as a basis for the belief.

This and similar press dispatches from Paris coincided with a reported increase in German military activity both along the Atlantic Wall and in the still incomplete defenses

New restrictions have been imposed on residents of these areas, confining them to their homes between sundown and sunup, keeping them out of areas which the Germans consider of military importance, and evacuating them from whole sections along the coast, where the Germans are mounting guns and sandbagging windows and doorways of buildings, these reports said.

One of the main reasons behind the new fear of invasion, the Paris dispatches said, was the news of decisions arrived at in Cairo by the tripower Allied Conference. Both Germans and French, they which Gen. Eisenhower presided. That fact convinced many Frenchmen that France might again be the scene of war.

The Pueblo correspondent advanced the suggestion that any invasion would take the form of a multiple attack along the Atlantic coast, preceded, perhaps, by a full-scale invasion feint at Norway or Denmark. Many Frenchmen and Germans, alike, he said, are convinced that the really decisive battle for Western Europe will be fought in France or Belgium.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild tonight and Sunday.

Today's Temperatures:

2.30 P. M.	66
Sunset Today	5:11
Sunrise Tomorrow	6:49

Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 2.