

**Do little
Is Master
At Plane's
Controls**

By HAL BOYLE
EN ROUTE TO ITALY BY AIR
When—when—when—
Jimmy Doolittle as pilot, your
head in the clouds before your
stomach leaves you level.
The new head
of America's Brit-
ain-based Eighth
Air Force still
flies with the
same zip that
once made him
the Army's most
famous pilot.
He handles his
big ship as easily
as if it were a
Sputnik and he
isn't stony about
picking up aerial hitchhikers.
There were six of us in the
Martin Marauder that we picked
up on a North African field for
the takeoff—Major Gen. Doolittle,
his co-pilot, Colonel Kelly, Major
Columbus, Ga.; his navigator, Lt.
Gilbert Lawson of Hot Springs,
Ark.; his crew chief, Sgt. James
H. M. Lantz of New York City;
Col. Tim Manning of Oakland,
Calif.; a West Coast transportation
executive, and myself.
Just as Doolittle started to taxi
over to the runway, a jeep drove
to the plane.

**Pravda Hits
At Willkie**

MOSCOW—Pravda, the official Communist Party newspaper, attacked William Willkie today because of an article he wrote for The New York Times dealing with Russia and the situation in Poland and the Baltic states.
Dmitry Zaslavsky, a Pravda writer, accused the U. S. Presidential nominee of 1940 of "undoing the waters" in an effort to rescue President Roosevelt from persons who do not trust the Soviet Union as well as to win sympathy from those who do not.
"Such a political gambler," Zaslavsky said, "is to be expected to lose."
The newspaper added that the Baltic question was the business of the Soviet Union and that Willkie should not interfere.
NO HELP NEEDED
As if Finland and Poland, without mentioning the Balkans, were not free to do as they please, Pravda said, "the Soviet Union knows how to defend itself and does not need the help of Mr. Willkie."
The writer accused Willkie of playing a "very peculiar political game." Zaslavsky said that "under the pretext of attacking the conditions in the Soviet Union, Willkie used words and phrases with the purpose of inciting the masses." He said the article was written by "Mr. Willkie's candidate for President in the coming elections."
Willkie also attacked "Mr. Star" District of Russia" appeared in The New York Times recently in part he said.
"There are already forces at work in both parties preparing to use against Mr. Willkie every possible trick," he said. "The thousands of the Russian People's Party in the United States should be told and told often that they should not believe what Mr. Willkie says about territorial demands on the smaller nations and new frontiers. It is a vile and a vindictive and a reaction among Americans who understand the situation in their own country, from these states. They take the position that by adopting a policy of conquest against Russia the Republican Party can capture the minds of the people who are so ignorant about the situation in this world." He said that they will have to be told that Mr. Willkie is to be used to the advantage of the Republican Party.
"This kind of propaganda is dangerous and almost totally destructive."

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**Twinning Arrives
To Take Command
Of 15th Air Force**

**Will Hammer
At Germany**
BY LYNN HEINZINGER
HEADQUARTERS OF 15TH U. S. AIR FORCE, Jan. 5.—Major Gen. Dwight W. Twining, who formerly commanded American air forces in the Southwest, has arrived here to command the 15th U. S. Air Force which will hammer at Germany from the south in conjunction with blows from Britain.
Twining met correspondents in the main room of the headquarters of the 15th Air Force here. He is replacing Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle and said his job was simply that of increasing pressure on the German military establishment, hitting "strategic targets within our range."

**Night Raids
Follow Big
Day Assault**

**SOME 3,000 SHIPS
IN VAST ATTACK**
LONDON—(AP)—RAF Mosquito bombers hit wrecked Berlin last night and other British planes pounded targets in northern France, following up one of the greatest daylight aerial assaults of the war by some 3,000 planes including U. S. smashers at Kiel and Danzig.
Not a single plane was lost in the night raids, which included Mosquito forays over Western Germany and midnight operations. The RAF also hit targets in the North Sea, and the RAF attacked the Kiel canal. The RAF also hit targets in the North Sea, and the RAF attacked the Kiel canal.
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**Allied Troops Move
Forward In Italy**

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGERIA—(AP)—Allied armies in Italy have seized the commanding positions in the Salerno area, and a number of British troops have been hurled into the fray. The British have taken the Salerno area and a number of British troops have been hurled into the fray. The British have taken the Salerno area and a number of British troops have been hurled into the fray.

**Lt. Gen. Leese New
Eighth Army Chief**

LONDON—Lt. Gen. Frederick W. Leese, 49, is a tank expert. He led the 10th Corps in the North African campaign.
Lt. Gen. Leese was formerly a battalion commander of the Coldstream Guards, a British unit that fought three times in that conflict, was awarded the DSO, and twice was mentioned in dispatches.

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**Splavs Regain Nazi Winter Line
Territory Split By Soviets**

LONDON—(AP)—Marshal Josip Broz Tito announced today that the German offensive in eastern Bosnia had been smashed and that Yugoslav forces had regained enemy-occupied territory, including the important town of Vlasovaca, on Sunday.
The spokesman was responsible for making no effort to hide the fact that the Russian offensive had rolled up the German defenses in the Kiev sector, splitting the lines into two fronts, one 300 miles and the other 400 miles long.

**Trapping Of
Huge Nazi
Force Goal
Of Russians**

BY JAMES M. LONG
LONDON—(AP)—German troops have evacuated the eastern section of Berdichev, railway town 25 miles south of Zhitomir, the once was German Ukrainian headquarters. The Nazi High Command announced today.
Loss of at least part of Berdichev was acknowledged. "The Army forces smashed down through the middle Ukraine, taking the fortress of Belaya Tserkov to isolate behind Kiev, in a drive seeking to trap more than 500,000 Germans in the great Dnieper River bend. German gains northward of Berdichev beat back Soviet attacks against other sectors of the front, but the German Command declared.
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**Poles Worry
About Reds**

LONDON—(AP)—As the Red Army advanced into old Poland, the Polish Government newspaper published in London asserted that the Russian thrust was "the most serious political and moral crisis" of the war and the "Polish Cabinet, after a meeting here yesterday, announced that the Government's attitude would be made public soon."
The newspaper said that Allied opinion "sees the danger which threatens. The man in the street in London or New York is asking himself whether the Russians are coming as liberators or invaders."
The European nations will form their judgment of the United Nations' handling of Europe according to Poland's fate—said the Polish nation in awaiting most anxiously assurance that she will ask that which . . . is due her on the grounds of right, justice, and the losses for the good of

Japs On Defensive—Almost On The Run—In Southwest Pacific Region

By WILLIAM F. BONI
Associated Press War Correspondent
SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA the Japanese were in retreat, observation of all three amphibious landings which Sixth Army forces (Curtain) Jan. 1 to 10. The Japanese are on the defensive throughout the Southwest Pacific and they are almost on the run. With the exception of one small island, they have been driven back by the Allies, which have been on the offensive since the last week of January.

**Guffey Predicts
F. R. Re-Election**

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—Sen. Guffey, Democrat, Pennsylvania, predicts President Roosevelt will only get a fourth term, but he will be re-elected and carry Pennsylvania.
That was the message he gave fellow Democrats last night at a banquet when he and State Chairman David L. Lawrence officially "bared the hatchet" after a six-week fight in the Senate. Guffey and Lawrence were among the first to get behind Mr. Roosevelt's bid for a fourth term. The Senator was the first to publicly espouse a third term. In the meantime, he and Lawrence have had a fight, having declared "only the grave" would end their friendship. The fight was over the administration of most of the cities in Pennsylvania.

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Weather

Forecast for Wednesday, January 5, 1944. Partly cloudy with light showers of rain. High, 65; low, 35. Wind, light variable.