

# THE CAROLINAS

## Third Largest Nipponese City Under Attack

WASHINGTON (AP)—Heavy explosions and large fires were reported by 219 bombers who raided Nagasaki today.

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21ST BOMBER COMMAND, SAIJAN—(AP)—Nagoya, one of Japan's most inflammable targets, was bombed at mid-afternoon today by a force of B-29s equaling or exceeding the largest group yet to hit Japan.

In Washington, the air force refused to give an official figure, but authorized statements indicated that upwards of 100 B-29s took off on the bombing mission.

Radio reports from Tokyo, picked up by FCC, said "about 60" Superforts participated in strikes against the Tokyo-Tokyo area. The Nippon dome agency said damage was slight and that Japanese interceptors were believed to have caused heavy losses to the enemy.

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## Thousands More Jap Troops Die

10 Ships Of Nip Convoy Sunk

GENERAL McARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines—(AP)—More thousands of Japanese troops were drowned off western Leyte Monday and Tuesday in Philippines inland seas which have been mined in excess of 20,000 Nipponese soldiers, spilled to their death from bomb-blasted reinforcement convoys.

The latest losses occurred on American planes, attacking 36 boats, accounted for the transports and four destroyers of an eleven-ship convoy despite the terrific battle put up by covering Nipponese fighter aircraft. Night-boarding patrol-boats also blasted a ship transport, leaving only a destroyer of the convoy to get away unscathed.

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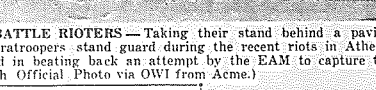
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## Budapest Siege

German Garrison Digs In To Fight

MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian assault forces pointed toward Budapest today from newly-captured Godollo, ten and one-half miles to the northeast, while artillery drew up in close formation at the northern and southern outskirts of the Hungarian capital.

Despite the close approach of the Red Army siege semi-circle no front-line units mentioned anything about the fall of the Hungarian capital.

The city's inhabitants have fled westward by the thousands as the German garrison was said to have held out until full destruction of the metropolis.

From the Russian positions many fires could be observed inside the city. The fall of Godollo defused a wide gap in the enemy's defense.

A message train, dispatched when location of the last Grafton-bound train near Ekkert was established early today, was also stranded in deep drifts, ten miles west of the city.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad said information reaching here revealed that the passenger locomotive had "died" for lack of water after being no longer able to push through the drifts.

## Appears Aimed Toward Rhine City Of Bonn

Seventh Army Slowed But Troops Within 3 Miles Of Palatinate

PARIS—(AP)—American First Army troops cleared the Germans from five miles of the west bank of the Roer River today. In a new drive southwest of besieged Duren they advanced up to two miles and captured three villages.

The new First Army drive was aimed toward the Rhine city of Bonn, fifteen miles upriver from Cologne.

In less than three hours, 11 German bombers put the town last night to Essen, home of the Krupp Armament works.

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## Two Trains Snowbound

CHARLOTTE, W. Va.—(AP)—A second rescue train was sent here today in an effort to reach a snowbound two-coach passenger train, lost since early yesterday in snow banks 35 miles east of here.

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## ELAS Troop Attacks Fail

ATHENS—(AP)—ELAS troops staged a bold but unsuccessful attack against the center of Athens during the night even while their leaders were debating British offers to cease fighting.

The strongest assault was aimed at a British barracks northeast of the heart of the capital on the Kifissos River.

A British communiqué broadcast from Athens said further British reinforcements had been sent into action, that some progress had been made against the ELAS forces, and that RAF planes silenced one ELAS 75-millimeter gun firing on Central Athens.

Major Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, still awaited a reply to his cease-fire terms to the ELAS, and there were indications the latter leaders were exerting the light to force the resignation of Premier George Papandreu.

Says Agreement Made On Spheres Of Influence  
LONDON—(AP)—Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labor, indicated today that Britain and Russia were establishing separate spheres of influence in liberated Europe.

The pact conference called on the Government to take steps to bring about an immediate armistice in Greece.

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The award in connection with the American Medal of Honor.

## Kentucky Burley Report Is Made

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A total of 8,533,773 pounds of burley was sold on Kentucky burley markets yesterday for \$3,501,137.25—an average price of 40.9 cents per hundred pounds of burley.

The lowest average was reported at \$39.25 per hundred pounds.

The board was too surprised to believe that the average price would be so high.

## Chinese General Tells Of Japanese Murders

Peking, Dec. 12.—General Pang Hsien-Chieh, commander of China's 10th Army, declared today that several thousand Chinese prisoners of war after taking refuge in the Ormeau corridor from the Japanese, would face the same fate of the troops already there.

General Pang, now in Chungking after his escape from the Fellen Hsin area, said the Japanese ignored his appeal to abide by international law and cease the massacres.

## F. R. To Make Usual Christmas Eve Address

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt will make his usual Christmas Eve address at 5:15 P. M. (EST).

The White House did not say from where he will speak. Last year, reporting on the CBS and Television was conferees with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

The Emperor's Palace grounds have been bombed by B-29 Superfortresses.

## Aim That Kayo Jap Industry 'Reeling In The Ring'

PORT WORTH, Tex.—(AP)—The B-29 planes on a Japanese industrial plant in the Ruhr area, the ring and labor management plan must put aside professional football to send the force of aerial bombs to a comeback.

The chief of the Army Air Forces said he hopes to "reduce the Japanese industrial arm to the same impotency we have the German," but added, in an interview with the Star-Telegram that it will be a "long, tough fight that will require ever-increasing production."

The sooner we destroy industry in Japan, the sooner we'll win the war, he said, adding that "They can't fight without those critical items which the air forces are able to get through the thick layers of smoke and fire."

Arnold asserted that on many occasions the Japanese have been able to get through the thick layers of smoke and fire.

## Propaganda Effort Japs Claim Emperor's Palace Grounds Bombed By Superforts

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Tokyo radio claimed the fires of propaganda today in a rather obvious attempt to whip up the homeland's fighting spirit.

Without any Allied confirmation, it said.

## Eisenhower To Cite Britisher

LONDON—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower visited London yesterday to present the Legion of Merit degree of chief commander of the "Old Man of the Sea" Sir Phillip Douglas. It was a photo Douglas.

The ceremony in a United States Army Headquarters in London was attended by a small number of Allied officials.

## WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued fog tonight and tomorrow. High 48. Low 42. Temperatures to night—22.