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WORST DISASTER OF WAR FACES NAZIS

ALLIES DRIVE TOWARDS CASSINO

Germans Tense, Expect Invasion

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (AP)—Allied preparations to invade Europe from the west were reflected in continued German tenseness today, as reported both in broadcasts from the German-controlled part of the continent and in dispatches of neutral correspondents. The circle of German nervousness ranged from the Atlantic coast to the Mediterranean, where the Nazis were said to fear a Turkish break from the non-belligerent ranks, to the coast of Belgium. The Stockholm Morgon Tidningen in a Budapest dispatch said that a tense situation prevailed in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, and that many feared Bulgaria may attack Turkey. The dispatch said Bulgarians maintain that they no longer can count on Turkish neutrality.

Nazi Flight In Ukraine Is Said Almost Chaotic

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 9 (AP)—The German army's westward flight across the Russian Ukraine "could almost be described as chaotic today," because the high command's plans for a methodical retreat went awry when the Red Army struck suddenly and swiftly in numerous offensives, Berlin correspondents said. A slow and organized retreat had been prepared but the swift Russian advances tangled German communications and caught them with insufficient air support and a shortage of fuel oil, the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet's Berlin correspondent wrote. German military spokesmen gravely admitted to Swedish newspapermen today that their armies are fleeing during "one of the decisive hours of the war," in a desperate battle upon which "the outcome of the whole war depends."

No Slackening In 5th Army's Offensive

ALGIERS, Jan. 9 (AP)—British and American infantry have punched one third of the way through the powerful six-mile Nazi defence belt guarding Cassino, it was announced today. Coupled with synchronizing Allied achievements in the Atlantic and Mediterranean theatres, Russian successes furnished an illuminating background for Russian-Allied year-end predictions that 1944 would be the "victory year" for the United Nations in Europe. No similar time forecast by Allied-Chinese authorities dealt with Japan, although day by day German successes in the Pacific, in India and in China held hardly less ominous portents for Japan.

Editor Of Winnipeg Free Press Dies Suddenly



THE LATE MR. DAFOE

WINNIPEG, Jan. 9 (CP)—John W. Dafeo, 77, editor in chief of the Winnipeg Free Press and a newspaperman for more than half a century, died today, it was announced tonight. He died of a heart attack while en route to hospital. The 77-year-old man was a newspaperman for more than half a century, died today, it was announced tonight. He died of a heart attack while en route to hospital. The 77-year-old man was a newspaperman for more than half a century, died today, it was announced tonight.

Cape Breton Village Has \$100,000 Fire

ST. PETERS, N. S., Jan. 9 (CP)—The entire business section of the southern Cape Breton community was threatened early today by fire that destroyed the 15-room Bay Croft Inn at an estimated cost of \$100,000. Volunteer fire-fighting groups of soldiers, civilians and Royal Canadian Mounted Police kept the flames from spreading to the telephone exchange and other nearby buildings.

New Addition To Invasion Staff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Maj.-Gen. Walden Smith has been appointed Chief of Staff to the Allied Supreme Commander, Dwight D. Eisenhower, the War Department announced tonight. Smith, until recently was Chief of Staff of Allied forces in the Mediterranean theatre. His former command post has been assigned to Lt.-Gen. James A. H. Gamble, former general officer of the Eastern Command of the United Kingdom.

Air Marshal Slessor Goes To Middle East

LONDON, Jan. 9 (CP CABLE)—Air Marshal Sir John Slessor, commander-in-chief of the R. A. F. in the Middle East since November, 1942, has been appointed deputy to Lt.-Gen. Ira C. Baker, commander-in-chief of Allied air forces in the Mediterranean, it was announced Saturday night.

Polish Premier To Confer With Benes

LONDON, Jan. 9 (CP)—Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk is expected to confer with President Benes of Czechoslovakia in the next few days, it was reported today. The meeting is expected to be held in Moscow, a spokesman said. "We want to see what it is."

Goering Forced To Move Air Ministry

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 9 (AP)—Reliable informants said Saturday night that bombings have forced Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, who boasted that the R. A. F. never could penetrate Germany's air defences, to move his command post to Berlin.

COMING EVENTS

- New Willshire District Lodge meets at North Milton, Wednesday, January 12th at 8.30. 1-8-21.
- Zion W. M. S. Pantry Sale at Holman's, Saturday, January 15th. 1-10-11.
- Due to arrive, bulk oats, bulk barley, bulk wheat. Book now. McGuigan & Boyle. 1-7-10.
- Dance in North Willshire Hall, Monday, January 16th in aid of Darlington Women's League. 1-8-10-21.
- Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying 10¢ market price. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. 1-8-11.
- Notice—Loading live hogs for Davis & Fraser at Summerside, Thursday 12th until 1 o'clock. Friday at Summerside until noon. G. C. Green, Emerald. 1-4-11.
- Annual Meeting Clyde River Farmers Institute will be held in school, Tuesday, January 17th, at 8 o'clock. K. B. Young, Secretary. 1-10-11.

Exiled President Dies In Blaze

CLEVELAND, Jan. 9 (AP)—Antanas Smetona, 68, exiled president of Lithuania, was suffocated today in a fire which destroyed the home of his son, where he had resided since 1922. Smetona, 68-year-old wife of the tiny republic's first and only president, escaped injury in the blaze, which broke out in a room where he had been sleeping.

Still No Settlement In Montreal Strike

QUEBEC, Jan. 9 (CP)—A five-hour meeting between leaders of a strike of 2,000 Montreal white collar workers; the Provincial Cabinet and the Quebec Municipal Commission ended tonight without a settlement but will be resumed Saturday night.

War Situation Last Night

By Kihke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst
Dramatic developments on the Russian front implied with disaster possibilities for Germany, dominated the war news over the first week of 1944, but closely linked events in the Pacific, in India and in China held hardly less ominous portents for Japan. Coupled with synchronizing Allied achievements in the Atlantic and Mediterranean theatres, Russian successes furnished an illuminating background for Russian-Allied year-end predictions that 1944 would be the "victory year" for the United Nations in Europe. No similar time forecast by Allied-Chinese authorities dealt with Japan, although day by day German successes in the Pacific, in India and in China held hardly less ominous portents for Japan.

U. S. Congress Resumes Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (CP)—Fresh from a three-weeks vacation the 78th United States Congress starts its second and last regular session tomorrow with a mountain of work awaiting it. Political considerations always strong, will have a special part in the deliberations of the lawmakers this national election year, which Republicans count on to mark the end of 12 years of democratic administration in Washington.

Huge German Armies May Be Trapped

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The Red Army struck to within 33 miles of the main German escape railway between Odessa and Warsaw today with the capture of Zbornishche, threatening to inflict the war's worst disaster on hundreds of thousands of Germans in southern Russia. Two powerful armies under Generals Nikolai F. Vatutin and Ivan S. Konev swept through 110 more towns and hamlets, killed 2,300 Germans in two actions alone, beat off scattered enemy counter-attacks, and captured immense booty, said a Moscow communique recorded by the Soviet Radio Monitor.

Aachen Is Raided By R. A. F. Mosquito Bombers

LONDON, Jan. 9 (AP)—R. A. F. Mosquito bombers, maintaining the Allied race that has sent planes over Germany every night of the new year, roamed the western Reich for their eighth consecutive night Saturday night and the British said the ancient walled city of Aachen was among their targets.

Gun-Toting Desperadoes Are Arrested

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (CP)—Two Norfolk, Va., men who police said have admitted being the gay, gun-toting desperadoes who abducted two Washington persons and a Brooklyn cab driver and took them on wild limousine rides were trapped by an alert pawnbroker, police disclosed today.

Rocket Plane Handles Like Regular Models

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The United States army air forces indicated today that one of the most important uses of any new weapon against an enemy—the need for long training of personnel—has been overcome by the development of a jet-propelled combat plane.

Death Due To Violence

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 9 (CP)—Death of Mrs. Alice Halliday at her home here early Saturday morning was due to an "injury" which she had sustained, it was reported today.

Tito Calls All Yugoslav Patriots

LONDON, Jan. 9 (A P)—Yugoslavia's legendary patriot, Marshal Josip Broz (Tito), sent out a sharply worded call today to Yugoslav fighters and men to join up with his forces when he said were fighting a bitter major action around Banja Luka in the heart of the country.

Canadians In Italy Have Own Paper

WITH THE CANADIANS IN ITALY, Jan. 9 (CP)—Canadian soldiers on the Adriatic battlefield have their own weekly newspaper, edited and published from a mobile printing office a few miles behind the front line.

Is Acquitted On Negligence Charge

FREDERICTON, Jan. 9 (CP)—Proceedings in the first of three general court martial cases ended Saturday in acquittal of Capt. G. G. Allen on a charge of negligence in the medical examination of a man who died a few days after he was admitted into the army.

Near Sarny

Inside Poland the Russians were reported within five miles of Sarny, a junction on the Wilno-Rovno line, seizure of which would force the Germans to rely for North-South communications on railway meeting at Brest-Litovsk, 130 miles farther west.

WHEN A FELLOW HAS BEEN MADE THE GOAT HE STARTS 'BUTTING' AROUND



High tide this afternoon at 12:20 and tonight at 12:38. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:37 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:37. Full moon Jan. 10, 7 a.m. Summer tide 18 minutes late than Charlottetown.

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