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NAZIS OPEN NEW DRIVE IN WEST

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
PARIS, Jan. 25 — (AP) — The Germans opened up a new drive in the west today with what may be their last offensive in the west, but it was slowed to a crawl by the American 7th Army counter-attacks after breaking across the new American Oder River line at four places.

The attack rolled out at dawn along a 20-mile front north of Strasbourg, with two crack armored divisions racing at least three others in an assault which nowhere gained as much as two miles.

Front dispatch said hard fighting raged tonight with the Americans inflicting punishing losses.

Striking under cover of thick weather as they did in the ill-fated Ardennes campaign, the Germans were battling southeastward as deep as 15 miles into Alsace. On their west flank they were 12 miles north of the vital Saverne gap supplying French and American forces on the Rhine.

The Oder River to which the Germans had retired under mounting pressure from an enemy breakthrough (Continued on page 7, Col. 7)

49 Air Miles North Of Manila

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ADVANCE COMMAND, Jan. 26 (Friday) (AP) — American infantrymen have captured huge Clark Field and adjacent Port Stoenburg in major triumph of the Luzon invasion, headquarters announced today. Clark Field is 49 air miles north of Manila.

Recapture of this aerial stronghold, within good bombing range of the China coast, came a little more than three years after the United States' main air strength in the Philippines was wiped out around there in one of America's chief setbacks at the start of the war in the Pacific.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst

Stiffening German resistance in the Pomeranian sector, last defensive redoubt on Polish soil in German hands, appeared last night to be slowing the Russian advance on Berlin along the shortest route but elsewhere on the Eastern Front there were ominous new developments for the foe.

Three primary objectives of over-all Russian strategy that has guided the massive Red Army sweep across the frozen Polish plains have been achieved.

In the light of this dark and incomplete picture of Germany's plight in the east, it is crystal clear that opportunity is knocking for the United Nations Allies. The chance that opportunistic resistance in Germany can be brought to an end within weeks instead of months cannot be ruled out by caution, nor is it possible that Allied Supreme Headquarters in the west is not straining every nerve to start rolling eastward to meet the Russian flood tide or at least aid its advance by pinning down German armies in the west.

With the Saar basin phase of the Anglo-American winter offensive abandoned when the United States 3rd Army was rushed northward to aid 1st Army comrades, operations in the Karlsruhe corner lost the strategic significance and much of their tactical importance. Strasbourg, the only Allied foothold on the German Rhine except near the Swiss border, lies now at the blunt apex of an Allied salient. A German trans-Rhine pincer attack threatens it closely from north and south.

To meet that threat the 7th Army has been pulled back to shortened and more easily defended positions out of the tip of the former Karlsruhe corner. There is indication that it has been reinforced in any considerable strength by American troops released from the Belgian bulge theatre.

That is a significant circumstance. It implies that Gen. Eisenhower before the Russian steamroller started across Poland. He was prepared to give ground at need in the Rhine-Saar salient rather than be diverted from his offensive purposes elsewhere else, presumably in the north where British elimination of the enemy from the Roer-Maas triangle was paving the way for greater events.

S'ide Delegation Waits On Gov't Re Public Health Centre

A delegation, representing the board of trustees of the Prince County Hospital, and the Summerdale branch of the Provincial Government at Charlottetown yesterday to discuss the possibility of establishing a public health centre at the new hospital which it is proposed to build at Summerdale.

The health centre would provide for chest examinations such as are now held, and for an additional work of that nature which might be undertaken later. The laboratory and x-ray facilities of the hospital would be available for the public health work.

No announcement was made as to whether any decision was reached yesterday but it was presumed that nothing definite was decided on.

The Summerdale delegation was composed of Dr. W. B. Howatt, a member of the medical staff of the Prince County Hospital, and Walter E. Darby and J. E. Dalton.

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Discuss Purchase Of Electrical Equipment

Possible purchase by the Prince Edward Island Government of electrical equipment at Mount Pleasant Airport was understood to be one of the matters discussed yesterday at a conference of members of the Government with Mr. J. B. Carswell, president of the War Assets Corporation, Ottawa. Mr. Carswell, who at present is making a tour of Eastern Canada, arrived in Charlottetown Wednesday.

From unofficial sources it was learned that the Government is considering purchase of the Mount Pleasant equipment at the start of the electrification of the rural areas of the Province. The generators at the station which will probably be closed down shortly, are said to be of sufficient capacity to provide for the rural electrification of Prince County.

Talks were only in a preliminary stage, it was said, as before the War Assets Corporation can dispose of the equipment it must be released to the Corporation by the electric utility.

Since Thursday is the day for the regular weekly meeting of the Government it is assumed that the purchase of the equipment will be discussed at the meeting.

If the Provincial Government wishes to purchase the electrical equipment from airports closing down in this Province it has several alternatives. It is possible that the equipment may be sold to the Federal Government requirements.

Coming Events

- Buying live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. Le-Ann & Fraser Ltd. 11-17-45.
- Loading hogs every Thursday for Prince Edward Island. Divino, Peakes. 1-23-45.
- Unloading oats at Mt. Herbert, No. 1 Quality, Russell Driscoll. 1-25-45.
- Cake Sale in aid of Basillea Allar Society, Saturday afternoon at Holman's. 1-24-45.
- Our store will be closed Jan. 29 and 30 for stock taking. Mc-Gugan and Boyle. 1-25-45.
- Notice — Will be unloading car. Green, Monday, January 23rd. G. C. Green. 1-23-45.
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- Notice — Loading hogs at Albany, Thursday 25th, from noon until 4 o'clock. Emerald. 1-25-45.
- Unloading bran, flour, shorts, middlings, oatmeal, feed oats. Friday only if fine. Milton, Norris Kilson. 1-25-45.
- Loading hogs for Davis & Fraser, Murray Harbour, Tuesday, January 26th. Emerald. 1-26-45.
- Murray Harbour Live Stock Shipping Club. Annual Meeting January 26th, in Murray Harbour Credit Union Hall, 8 o'clock. All members please attend. D. Ray Brooks, Secretary. 1-26-45.
- Do it now, order your chicks from Swift's Hatchery before the savings offered. Delay is money. Call or write immediately for particulars and price lists. Swift's Chick Hatchery. 1-25-45.
- Live Stock Marketing Board. Meeting during week of January 26th at regular stations and as follows: Monday, Murray Harbour, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Charlottetown, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, St. Peter's, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, St. John's, 10:30 a.m.; Friday, St. John's, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Charlottetown, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Murray Harbour, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, St. John's, 10:30 a.m. Your presence cordially invited. 1-25-45.

Says Immediate Appeal To People Under Consideration

(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 25 — The Toronto Daily Star said in a dispatch that the Government is considering an immediate appeal to the people in connection with the proposed dissolution of Parliament when it meets Jan. 31.

The Star story added that if this done the general election would be held as soon as possible — perhaps on April 2 or 3.

"It is known that such a course has been discussed by the Government and it is reported to be under discussion. The Cabinet is in session today and it is believed that the question of dissolution Wednesday Jan. 31 and an immediate appeal to the people is one of the main items of business before it."

"Dissolution of Parliament before Feb. 1 would cancel the Grey North by-election where Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Defence Minister, is the candidate. In his open letter to Grey North voters on Tuesday, Mr. King intimated that immediate dissolution of Parliament would probably be proposed. Naughton is opposed by official nomination of other candidates on Monday."

TORONTO HOSPITAL CROWDED

TORONTO, Jan. 25 (CP) — A survey of Toronto hospitals made today showed that accommodation is so scarce that reservations must be made weeks in advance and in emergency cases no assurance is given of private accommodation, though the hospitals are still able to give accommodation without delay in emergency cases.

Report Germans Adopt Scorched Earth Policy

LONDON, Jan. 25 — (CP) — Adolf Hitler tonight categorically ordered German commanders on the Eastern Front to scorch every inch of German soil they abandon, while Germany was forced to clamp a state of siege on populations of Prague and eastern Czechoslovakian cities rebelling as the Red Army approaches, the Moscow radio said.

The "scorched earth" order and other signs indicated the Germans may be despairing of stemming the Russian tide now reported only 125 miles from Berlin — or of making an early return to the yielded territory.

As hordes of homeless Germans trudged miserably back to trench-digging Berlin, Propaganda Minister Goebbels wailed his old cry that Germany "now stands deserted and alone" against a Russian invasion.

Berlin disclosed a Czechoslovak state of siege and admitted German forces were retreating before Red armies driving approximately 125 miles from Prague, the old Czechoslovak capital.

Swiss reports by way of Moscow predicted the 25th anniversary of the chancellorship, Jan. 30, appealing to the Germans to "resist to the last drop of blood."

"There is simply no alternative," cried Goebbels. "We are forced to find a solution. How could we ask our enemies to show understanding?"

Will Ship Bag Fertilizer By Reefer Cars

A test has just been completed by Mr. J. E. McInnes, agricultural agent for the Canadian National Railways covering the shipping of bag fertilizer in refrigerator cars from Halifax and Windsor to Prince Edward Island and proves conclusively that it is entirely practical to handle fertilizer in refrigerator cars, according to Mr. J. P. Johnson, regional vice-president and general manager. This method will be used for the next two or three months as far as possible.

Mr. Johnson further stated that as the fertilizer is required to make potatoes grow and the refrigerator cars are required to keep the fertilizer cool, the two movements are complementary, killing two birds with one stone.

The idea behind the arrangement is that with ferrying possibilities limited during the winter months, for every loaded car of fertilizer in refrigerator cars, the movement of a car of potatoes to market is assured. It is estimated that the amount of fertilizer in position from Halifax and Windsor is something like 10,000 tons.

The Railway will supply the necessary heavy papers to insulate the fertilizer on the racks of the car, and Mr. Johnson is hoping for the co-operation of shippers and consignees.

Swift Retaliation If Nazis Attempt Gas Says Churchill

LONDON, Jan. 25 — (CP) Reuters' Prime Minister Churchill stated in the House of Commons today that if Germany used gas against Britain, Britain would retaliate tenfold against Germany.

The Prime Minister was answering a question by Reginald Purbrick, Conservative, who asked: "Whether in view of the possibility of the enemy now that he is being resorted to gas, we are prepared with sufficient 'machines and gas immediately to deluge Germany in the same manner after the enemy have started to use this weapon."

Mr. Churchill in a written answer replied: "Sir, if the contingency indicated by Mr. Purbrick were to occur, he may rest assured that tenfold retaliation could very easily be inflicted on Germany. It is no doubt a realization of this fact and not the moral scruples on the part of the enemy that has hitherto procured us immunity from this particular form of warfare."

Heavy Wind Whips Province Of Quebec

MONTREAL, Jan. 25 — (CP) — A heavy wind whipped across the Province of Quebec today, drifting snow across highways and railway lines, interrupting service out of Montreal. Buses bound for points south of Montreal were cancelled, while the Delaware and Hudson trains from New York City was cancelled today.

The New York Central train from Malone, N.Y. which was due in Montreal this morning, had not yet arrived at a late hour tonight. It was reported from Valleyfield that the train had become snowbound and had been struck in the rear by a rescue train coming to its aid. Five passengers and three crewmen suffered minor injuries.

Air travel was not affected by the storm with all planes at Montreal Airport reported on schedule.

Madrid Denies Von Papan In Spain

MADRID, Jan. 25 — (CP) — Officials of the Spanish Government today denied a report that Franz von Papan, former German diplomat, had arrived in Spain on a German peace mission. The Ankara radio broadcast the report yesterday.

German Declares Super Flying Bomb Completed

By THOMAS HARRIS
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 25 — (Reuters) — V-4 — new super flying bomb which the Germans claim can hit New York and other points on the eastern North American coast — now is in production and ready for launching across the Atlantic, a German engineer who was one of the principal inventors of V-weapons told correspondents today.

Until a few days ago he was head of an experimental station for launching across the Atlantic to Sweden. He first posed as a Danish refugee but after questioning by the Swedish authorities he revealed his real identity.

The V-4 is faster and more accurate than the V-2 — and V-3 which is only an improved version of the V-2 — engine said. It weighs about 15 tons, travels at 1.8 miles a second and attains an altitude of more than 120 miles.

It reaches this height in just over two minutes after being fired at an angle of 75 degrees. Its great altitude and speed give it increased accuracy and range. At 360 kilometers altitude, the atmosphere is thinnest, so there is practically no friction to impede flight and thus reduce range.

Further, an object of this weight and travelling with this speed cannot easily be diverted from its course by forces such as wind or pressure when climbing or falling.

The great disadvantage of V-4, the engineer said, is that it is difficult to produce in quantity.

"The Germans could therefore only send a limited number of such devices," he said.

The Germans will probably reserve it for European targets until their final defeat, when sheer spite may cause them to attack North American cities, he said.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

EASTERN FRONT — Russian forces smashed German upper Oder River line on 125-mile front, besieging Breslau, and cut rail communications for some 250,000 German troops in East Prussia in thrust towards Baltic southwest of Konigsberg; people fleeing to Silesia, other German, Polish strong-points.

WESTERN FRONT — German attack in northern Alsace breaches U.S. 7th Army's Oder River line but assault in Metz sector checked; British 2nd Army advances to one mile from Roer River in Maas-Roer triangle.

PHILIPPINES — U.S. forces capture Clark Field and Port Stoenburg, advance to within 49 air miles of Manila on Luzon Island.

PACIFIC AERIAL — Naval U.S. naval task force and heavy bombers blast two Japans in Volcanoes, raiding the island of Iwojima, the reported British carrier-plane raid on Palembang, Sumatra.

CHINA — Japanese forces capture Yingtai, Lokehng in drive to seal inner China from coastal areas.

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Breaking into Elbing itself, 63 miles southwest of Konigsberg and 30 miles southeast of Danzig, the Russians cut the last railway serving the trapped German forces in East Prussia, which is an important food source for Berlin and northern Germany.

The Moscow communique tonight announced the capture of Nikolai, 30 miles southeast of Danzig and 23 miles south of Elbing.

At the end of two weeks of lightning war the German High Command said that Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 1st Ukrainian Army unit had crossed the Oder River at a point on both sides of Breslau between Stelman, 150 miles southeast of Berlin, and Cosel, 18 miles from the Moravian frontier of Czechoslovakia.

Moscow had not confirmed the crossing officially, but Soviet front dispatches did.

German City Captured

Gleiwitz, an important city of 118,000 in the southeastern corner of Germany, fell to Konev's troops who also seized Chranow, Polish coal centre 24 miles to the south-east. Premier Stalin announced in (Continued on page 7, Col. 6)



(By The Canadian Press)

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, Toronto, Jan. 25 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Vancouver 32, 44; Edmonton 18, 36; Regina 7, 29; Winnipeg 3, 17; Toronto 12b, 4; Ottawa 17b, 4b; Montreal 12b, 5b; Quebec 20b, 2b; Saint John 24, zero; Moncton 4b, 8; Halifax 10, 15; Charlottetown 7, 8.

FORECASTS

Lower St. Lawrence and Lake St. John — Fresh winds, fair and decidedly cold.

Gulf and Ba. Chaleur — Strong winds; partly cloudy and cold.

North Shore — Fresh to strong winds; moderate gales; mostly cloudy and cold in west portion; occasional light snow in east portion.

Maritime West — Fresh to strong winds; generally fair and decidedly cold.

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High tide this morning at 10:59 and tonight at 10:10.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:59 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:27.

Full moon January 26th, 2:43 A.M.

Has Severe Cold

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 — Riding on the tail of blizzard-like snows, the winter's most severe cold wave engulfed the northeastern United States today, plunging temperatures to record-smashing below-zero markings.

Seven deaths in New England and New York were attributed to the cold blast.

High winds, which accompanied the cold, whipped up snowdrifts in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and upper New York State, blocking roads, disrupting transportation, stranding automobiles and, in one case, marooning a school bus.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

- Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton
- Leaves Charlottetown 7 A.M. 11:30 A.M.; 5:15 P.M.
- Arrives Charlottetown 12:45 P.M. 5:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M.
- SUNDAY SERVICE
- Leave Charlottetown 11:30 A.M. and 4 P.M.
- Arrive Charlottetown 2 P.M. and 5:45 P.M.
- CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW
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IGHT BINDING