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REDS NEAR TWO VITAL RAIL CENTRES

Lively Aerial Action Along Canadian Front

BY DOUGLAS AMARON
WITH THE CANADIANS IN IT—Jan. 17—(CP Cable)—More Allied aircraft overhead yesterday than at any time in a month as fighters and bomber aircraft strafed and bombed German positions on the Aerial front.
The attack on the area less than a mile from the Canadian lines began in the early morning and continued until late afternoon.
The said was so close to the front that the Germans received little warning because their anti-aircraft guns were far back. Heavy bomber aircraft were driven on the enemy as well with none of the usual opposition.
Canadian artillery was livelier than normal while the German gunners, held close to their anti-aircraft guns, made only a feeble reply. Patrol activity continued.
Behind the lines but still near enough to hear the roar of the guns and exploding bombs, soldiers attended church services and memorial services for fallen comrades.
A service conducted by the padre, Maj. Roy Durand of the 1st Canadian Airborne Division, was held in an olive grove beside the church.
French-Canadian troops of the Royal 22nd Regiment from Quebec gathered in a clearing to observe a memorial mass commemorating the loss of comrades in December's Moro Valley battle.

Report No Fit Men Being Discharged

OTTAWA, Jan. 17—(CP)—Defense headquarters tonight issued a statement of policy tonight that men up to a certain medical standard for operational duties is being discharged from the Canadian Army.
The statement said that only in "very exceptional cases" would fit men be discharged, and then only when it had been determined that they were a burden on the war effort in a civilian capacity.
Mr. J. C. Caldwell, national leader of the C. P. E., recently criticized the defense department over the number of officers and men which, he said, now were being discharged and while tonight's statement did not refer to Mr. Caldwell's criticism, it was understood it was issued in reply to it.

Farm Committees Discuss Hog Grades

OTTAWA, Jan. 17—(CP)—Committee representatives of Canadian farmers were in session here today reviewing the application of prices to different grades of hogs.
The conference, called by Agriculture Minister Gardner, is expected to result in major revisions in the method of evaluating hogs by grade. Already the Dominion government has announced it will pay a premium of \$3 a head for "A" grade hogs and \$2 for "B" to encourage quality production.

COMING EVENTS

- Dance, Orwell Cove Hall, Jan. 17-21.
- East Royals rink tonight, Royals vs. Dunstaffnage. League 8-18-11.
- Due to arrive, bulk oats, bulk barley, bulk wheat. Book now, McGowan & Boyle. 1-7-10.
- Buying good second hand bags daily. Highest prices. Dillon & Spillett. 1-17-41.
- Blago and Dance in St. Andrew's Hall, Friday, January 21st. 1-18-11.
- Runner River farmers loading dressed hogs Friday. Secure butcher prices first. 1-17-41.
- Booking orders for car of re-labeled oats to arrive early in February. Also booking used bags daily. W. J. Bowman. 1-17-41.
- Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and turkeys. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. 2-26-41.
- Unloading car No. 1 Feed Cans Wednesday and Thursday, January 19th and 20th. Bring bags, sacks and spillet. 1-17-41.
- Loading hogs for Davis & Brown at Murray Harbor, Wednesday, January 19th. Murray River, Thursday, January 20th. Slated John J. Beck, Murray River. 1-14-41.

PRAVDA'S PEACE 'RUMOR' STORY SEEN AS ACCUSATION

London Denies Story; U.S. Circles Puzzled

BY HENRY C. CASSIDY
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—The United States Government stepped into the dispute between Russia and Poland today only to find itself buffeted by a new wave of misunderstanding between Moscow and London.
The latest upheaval in Russia's stormy relations with her European Allies was brought on by the publication in Moscow of "Cairo rumors" that two British officials had conferred with German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop on conditions of a separate peace.
American officials, puzzled by the way in which the rumors were played up in Moscow, kept silent. But Lord Halifax, British ambassador, said: "There is no truth to the story. People who believe it will believe anything."
About the hour that Lord Halifax spoke, State Secretary Cordell Hull told a press conference that the good offices of the United States had been requested by the Polish government in the interest of restoring diplomatic relations between Russia and Poland. This action was taken at the request of the Polish government.
The Poles have asked that Washington and London undertake to mediate the Polish-Russian dispute and participate in discussion of all outstanding questions involving the two countries. It had said that it could not accept a "unilateral" settlement from Russia.
To this Polish statement Moscow replied early today that the Poles evidently were unwilling to accept a settlement along the lines proposed by Russia some days ago and that the Russian government would not "enter into official negotiations with a government with which diplomatic relations have been interrupted."
Whether there is a link between this dispute and the Russian publication of a rumor that British officials had met Ribbentrop in London was one of the points puzzling to diplomats here.

10,000-Ton Jap Vessel Sunk, Two Set Afire

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Jan. 18—(Tuesday)—United States Navy patrol planes sank a 10,000-ton Japanese vessel and set afire two other merchantmen of a six-ship enemy convoy caught off the Japanese base at Kaigai, New Ireland, Sunday night. The newspaper headquarters announced today.
Left burning were a 8,000-ton ship and another of 6,000 tons. Enemy escort craft up ship to the aircraft fire but none of the raiders were hit.
An attack of the invasion area at Sidor, on the New Guinea coast, cost the Japanese 17 fighters and one dive bomber when the attack was intercepted by Allied fighters.

Three Dead When Home Is Destroyed

HULL, Que., Jan. 17—(CP)—Fire which swept through a small two-story frame house early today resulted in the death of a mother and her two children and injuries to the father of the family.
Mrs. Joseph McKinstry, 32, died in the fire with her daughter Isabelle, eight, and her sons Roland, nine, and Joseph, five. McKinstry suffered extensive cuts when he finally jumped through a window after an unsuccessful effort to save his home. He was taken to hospital where he is recovering.
Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Dussault and their 13-year-old daughter, Jeanne, who occupied a second apartment in the house, escaped when they heard Mr. McKinstry's cries.
The fire originated in the basement from the furnace and within a few minutes the entire structure of wood and tin was ablaze.
Mr. McKinstry said his wife awoke to find the smoke of a fire which he ran to that room but met a wall of flames. He then tried to escape to save his wife and infant son from his own bedroom. Surrounded by flames, he finally jumped through a window.

Deaths in 'Quake' May Reach 5,000

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 17—(AP)—An estimate that the death toll in the San Juan earthquake would reach 5,000 was contained in a dispatch from the San Juan correspondent of the newspaper Critica tonight and rescue squads actually had recovered 800 bodies in the quake-stricken town.
Fresh reports also boosted the toll of the injured from about 5,000 to more than 13,000.
The government press bureau said it was too early for an accurate calculation of the material loss but estimated it would reach \$75,000,000.

F. D. R. LOSES WEIGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—President Roosevelt, who has been recovering slowly from the flu, has lost about 10 pounds, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said today. The president's chief executive still has some bad days when he "has a letdown."

Leave Furs Under Existing Controls

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—Abandoning its announced plan to fix dollar-and-cent collars on certain furs skins, the United States office of price administration today announced that raw fur skins will remain under existing price controls for the present.
Lack of agreement within the industry as to practicable methods for fixing new ceilings, combined with "unforeseen and complex difficulties" in maintaining normal trade practices, was given as the major reason for dropping the new price plan.

Canada To Get Two Destroyers

OTTAWA, Jan. 17—(CP)—Building up its striking power as a fighting force, the Canadian Navy today announced acquisition of two new destroyers of the fleet type which can be used to fight alongside the two new fast cruisers and a pair of Canadian-manufactured Royal Navy "flot-tops"—four heavy ships which will be in service in "some months."
Heretofore Canada's navy has been a convoy escort organization with the emphasis placed on destroyers, frigates, corvettes and similar types equipped for this important job of protecting water supply lines.
Last Friday's announcement by Navy Minister Macdonald of vice-Admiral Percy Nelles' shift to London in preparation for Canada's part in the invasion and the new fleet additions indicated to some circles that Canada was shifting from defensive and protective operations to the offensive. These fleet would take time to develop but would probably be ready for action as a striking unit within a year, officials did not comment on this speculation.

Island Native Dies In Amherst

AMHERST, N. S., Jan. 17—(CP)—James Dillon Buchanan, 56, a native of Prince Edward Island who has lived here for 40 years, died today after an illness of two weeks.
Surviving relatives include two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Lloyd of Rosemeath, F. E. I., and Mrs. Frank McNeill of Cardigan, F. E. I.

Will Ask Closing Of Eire, No. Ireland Border

LONDON, Jan. 17—(CP)—Rev. James Little, a Conservative member of Parliament from Ulster, announced today that he will ask the House of Commons to close the border between Northern Ireland and Eire as an aftermath to his allegation that two parachutists were dropped from a German bomber into Eire early in December.
"We have an open border with Eire and if Germany is allowed to drop spies in Eire there is nothing to stop them crossing into Ulster (Northern Ireland) and injuring the people of northern Ireland," he explained.
Irish censorship closed down firmly on the story and a word about the charge has been printed in Irish papers.
The London Evening Standard printed an unconfirmed report that one of the parachutists was an Englishman who subsequently was handed over to British authorities and confined to the Tower of London.

SCHMELING RETIRES

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 17—(AP)—Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight boxing champion, has been released from German military service and has retired to a farm outside Cologne. Aforbladet's Berlin correspondent reported today Schmeling originally was a paratrooper and participated in the Crete action.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst
A new Russian break-through to cut the Leningrad-Odessa railroad north Novosolniki shapes up as the opening of the battle of the Baltic flank in the east even before the crisis is reached on the Black Sea wing of the front.
Russian forces astride the Novosolniki-Dno link of the railroad stand within less than 100 miles of Pskov. That is the vital supply and escape corridor south of Lake Peipus for all German forces on the Leningrad-Lake Ilmen-Lovot River front.
The site of the new operation, which Berlin estimates is backed by at least 1,000,000 fresh Russian troops, suggests that an attempt to roll up the Nazi Baltic wing from the south has started.
A serious Russian threat to Pskov must force hasty Nazi retirement from Leningrad, the Volok front below it, and from the Lake Ilmen-Strary Russia sector. German evacuation of all northwestern Russia to match the retreat from the Ukraine and White Russia to the south may be impending.
While the scope and direction of the Russian attack has not yet fully developed, there are indications that mark it as the start of the long expected major winter offensive in the north for which the Russians are known to have been preparing for months.
Moscow dispatches indicate that unusually mild weather has delayed Russian plans to strike the main winter blow in the north. Tank attacks. The section between Novosolniki and the south end of the Lovot swamps is the most vulnerable point in the outer Nazi defenses for the Pskov gateway.

Hopes Rome May Fall To Allied Armies Soon

ALGIERS, Jan. 17—(AP)—American and French troops, smashing at the Nazis' Gustav line along a 30 mile front, reached the Rapido River and other points favorable for launching an attack on the key-city of Cassino today as their new commander in chief, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, declared that the Germans would be hit wherever and whenever the opportunity offers on the Mediterranean front.
Some time in the immediate objective of present Allied operations in Italy, Gen. Wilson said at his first press conference at Allied Headquarters, adding that he was optimistic that the eternal city would fall to the Allies before long. He said other attacks might be expected along the southern front anywhere from its western extremity, the Pyrenees, to its Balkan terminus, where the River Marita flows to the sea.
Promising easier terrain for Allied troops once they break the enemy's present defenses before Cassino, Gen. Wilson has been nicknamed "Jumbo" because of his size said that given luck, the Allies might win a fight, but it this year is another thing," he added. He drew the parallel of a boxer who has had no wish to fight, whose opponent still is on his feet, who said there at one time had been a possibility of the war's extending into Spain, but said that possibility now had receded.
Another river battle appeared to be shaping up as American forces in Italy, Gen. Wilson said, were newly captured Mount Trocchio, just east of Cassino, and sent their forward elements to the banks of the Rapido River.
French troops fighting through the mountains reached a point less than 1,000 yards from the village of San Elio, roughly three miles northeast of Cassino.
Snow and rain swept the mountains of Italy, and action on the 8th Army front was limited to a short advance by Canadian 1st Division troops along the Adriatic and artillery exchanges.
Heavy United States bombers, based in Southern Italy struck a heavy blow Sunday at a Nazi fighting plane plant at Klagenfurt, Austria, southwest of Vienna, leaving the factory wreathed in smoke and flames.
Other bombers pounded a Nazi airbase at Villorba, 75 miles to the south in Italy, the Osoppo airbase in Northern Italy and the Yugoslav Adriatic harbor of Zara.

Good Prices For Furs At Auction

EDMONTON, Jan. 17—(CP)—Top prices of \$175 for silver fox and \$140 for cross fox pelts were realized at the first auction of district fur fox skins held here recently. It was announced today. Top price for ranch mink was \$34. Eastern and American buyers attended the sale.

Air Veterans Receive Gold Wings For Service

MONTREAL, Jan. 17—(CP)—Veterans of scores of raids over Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe were realized at the first ceremony of its kind in Canada held at nearby Halifax Royal Canadian air force depot.
Men from Halifax to Vancouver and British were praised for their gallantry and devotion to duty by Air Commodore Adelaar Raymond, Officer Commanding No. 3 training command, who made the presentations.
Among those receiving gold wings were:
Nova Scotia:
Ft. Lieut. G. B. Murray, Halifax, Quebec.
PO. H. F. Blair, Quebec.

Labor Congress Membership At 250,000 Mark

OTTAWA, Jan. 17—(CP)—The Canadian Congress of Labor repeated today its paid-up membership has passed the 250,000 mark, establishing a new record for Canadian Labor Union organizations.
Pat Conroy, national secretary and director of organization, in announcing the new figures, indicated the congress in addition to seeking further expansion in the labor field has under consideration plans for an alliance with farmers.
"The congress frankly aims at being the largest and strongest labor organization in the history of the country and is also aiming at a working co-operation with Canada's farmers whom it regards as the other, and equally essential, half of a stable and balanced economy," he said.
The congress was organized in October, 1940, with a membership of some 55,000. Official government figures at Dec. 31, 1942, showed the congress with a membership of 252,000.

Eisenhower Says Plans Going Well

LONDON, Jan. 17—(AP)—With confident good humor, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower declared today he had found the pre-invasion machinery rumbled briskly when he reached Britain, and disclosed that Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley was senior American General heading the mounting number of U. S. ground troops in the United Kingdom.
Gen. Eisenhower, giving his first London press conference as supreme Allied commander in the West, went no further in defining Bradley's role, but disclosure of Bradley's presence was widely accepted as tantamount to announcement that the zero hour would find Gen. Eisenhower in command of all American landing soldiers, just as Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery will head all British troops including the Canadian Army in Britain.

'Fool-Proof' Gas Coupons Coming

TORONTO, Jan. 17—(CP)—In an effort to halt an increasing flow of illicit gasoline coupons the oil controller's office will issue new "fool-proof" coupons April 1. It was learned here today.
The coupons, of paper especially manufactured for the department, will be colored according to the motorist's category and drivers will be required to write their vehicle's number across each coupon before the service station operator is permitted to sell gasoline.
The book will be bound in such a fashion that it is believed it will be impossible for any person to present a detached coupon.

Canadian Casualties In Italy Are Heavy

LONDON, Jan. 17—(CP Cable)—Canadian casualties in the Moro Valley and Ortona battles in December of 1943, and possibly were higher than in Sicily, it was learned tonight from reliable sources.
Canadian casualties in Sicily were 2,395—454 killed, 1,783 wounded and 158 missing.
In the Ortona battle it was believed the Canadians suffered heavily.

Fire Tragedy Claims Lives Of 3 Children

COUNTRY HARBOR MINES, N. S., Jan. 17—(CP)—Three children were killed today when their bungalow home was destroyed by fire. The victims were Stewart, Joyce, 2, and a one-year-old baby.
The three were in the house with their older sister, Theima, 6, who escaped injury. Her mother, who was visiting at the home of a neighbor.
Mr. Jay, who arrived too late to effect a rescue, was badly burned and cut about the face and hands in her frantic efforts to reach the children.
According to the eldest daughter, the fire broke out in the living room of the home where the children were playing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chorn when a physician was not available. Shortly afterward, Foy delivered a baby girl.
COAL BONANZA
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17—(AP)—A score of Philadelphia families struck a coal bonanza today. With the temperature at 19 above zero and the city in the midst of a severe coal shortage, several tons of anthracite cascaded down an embankment from the Pennsylvania railroad tracks after a chute on a coal car snapped. Neighbors scooped it up in baskets, buckets and children's express wagons.

Col. Drew Pays Tribute To British

MONTREAL, Jan. 17—(CP)—Premier George Drew of Ontario said in an address here today that no nation is more truly fighting the war than Britain at this hour.
Addressing the Canadian Club after a month's visit overseas, Premier Drew said that he based his opinion on what he had seen during a tour of Britain, and that at the same time he had no wish to detract in any way from the "magnificent fight of Russia."
Col. Drew paid high tribute to the work of the R. C. A. F. in co-operation with the R. A. F. in the steady pounding of Germany. Such mighty air blows, with such large numbers of men involved could not rightly be called "raids" but rather they were large scale attacks that were having a great influence on the outcome of the war.
"After watching those air armadas on their way, and after seeing clear photographs of the damage they have done," he added, "I am not prepared to admit that we haven't a second front now."
Premier Drew, who revealed in passing that he had made part of the return trip by air with Gen. Eisenhower, said he could find no evidence that the British people were war-weary, and "on the contrary, there is stirring evidence of all their hearts today of the tremendous vitality of their people."

NAME SHIP FOR NEWSMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—(AP)—One of four Liberty Ships now under construction at Houston, Tex., will be named for Keith Palmer, the magazine newsweek correspondent recently killed in a Japanese raid on Bougainville Island, the United States Maritime Commission announced today.

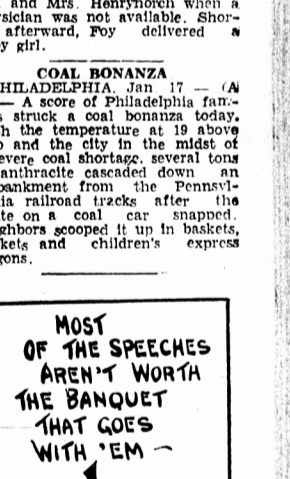
Nazi Retreat Is Continued At Many Points

LONDON, Jan. 18—(Tuesday)—The German retreat reported last night that the entire Russian front was aflame with battle, with an estimated 250,000 red army troops attacking along a 250-mile line running from Leningrad to the swamps north of Novol. Moscow dispatches telling of the great new offensive said Soviet forces were tipping German lines and intercepting their retreat.
A Moscow communique said the Russians had killed a total of 2,300 troops today, 1,200 of them in the reduction of five German strongpoints in the north where the red army's latest offensive had penetrated its fifth day.
The northern red army troops hammering toward the Latvian frontier 70 miles beyond the rail junction of Novosolniki today.
At the same time, the drive of Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's 1st Ukrainian army into pre-war Poland thickened upon the big Rovne (Rovno) rail junction with the capture of Tuchin, 20 miles north of Rovne.
Fierce German counter-attacks were reported continuing in the Uman region of the southwestern Ukraine. The Russians said their troops successfully repulsed all of them.
The capture of Tuchin put Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's forces of the first Ukrainian army only 14 miles north of the city. Moscow dispatches said Rovne's capture, an early possibility, would imperil the German grip on a vast area of southern Russia.
German broadcasts recorded by The Associated Press said the red army was using 250,000 men on the long northern front and one Berlin report acknowledged Russian penetrations north of Novol and southeast of Vitebsk—the upper White Russian base to the south which has been almost encircled for weeks by the Soviets.
A Moscow broadcast said that Soviet troops had broken through to an important railway west of Kalinkovichi, perhaps a section of the Bobruisk-Starynski line, and that fierce fighting was taking place on both banks of the Pripiet River.
Gen. Constantin K. Rokossovsky's troops were about 100 miles from Pinsk, but Gen. Vatutin's forces on the south were only 47 miles from that city.

STORK'S UNDERSTUDY

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 17—(AP)—Detective John J. Foy substituted for the stork today for the fourth time since he joined the police force eight years ago. Foy, with two other patrolmen, answered a rush call to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chorn when a physician was not available. Shortly afterward, Foy delivered a baby girl.
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MOST OF THE SPEECHES AREN'T WORTH THE BANQUET THAT GOES WITH 'EM



High tide this afternoon at 4:56 and tomorrow morning at 5:23. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:48 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:33.
Last quarter moon Jan. 18, 12:32 p.m.
DAILY AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 7:35 a. m. 12:00 noon. 4:30 p. m. 8:45 p. m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1:10 p. m. 5:45 p. m. 7:05 p. m.
SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Charlottetown 5:45 p. m.

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