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SOVIET TROOPS CONTINUE TO ROLL NAZIS BACK

Nazi U-Boat Base At St. Nazaire Heavily Bombed

Two Important Places Retaken During Week End

Arch Of Triumph In Libya



Through the Marble Arch—giant desert monument on the road to Tripoli—roll some of the British motor units that pursued German forces across Libya. The Arch is near El Aghella, Libya, and is the site of an advance RAF airfield.

Was Biggest Day Raid In Many Weeks

Nazi - Held Railways, Docks, Airfields Under Attack In Occupied Countries.

By ERNEST AGNEW (Associated Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, Jan. 3—(AP)—The heaviest bombers of the United States air force cascaded tons of explosives on St. Nazaire, France today in one of the biggest daylight raids in weeks.
With an escort of hundreds of Allied fighter planes which carried out a series of diversionary sweeps, the heavy bombers made a round-trip flight of almost 1,000 miles to the Bay of Biscay to hammer the port, one of the German's largest bases for repair and maintenance of U-boats.
While Fortresses were sweeping on that raid, other hundreds of B-24's, B-26's and B-29's, in the hands of the United States Army Air Corps, were attacking railways, docks and airfields. One plane was reported missing in that series of attacks.
An R.C.A.F. communiqué said Canadian Spitfire squadrons formed part of the fighter force which carried out sweeps over France and Belgium, supporting and covering the United States attack on St. Nazaire.
Heavy bombers previously smashed St. Nazaire Nov. 9, Nov. 14, Nov. 17 and Nov. 22.
Mosquito bombers struck at railway targets in northern France, the air ministry said, and bomber command aircraft, showed the way to an airfield in Belgium.
An airfield in Holland was attacked by ships of the army co-operation command in the broad sweep to harass Nazis in conquered territories.

War Situation Last Night

(By John M. Hightower, Associated Press Staff Writer)
A strategy of blockade and bombardment seems to be developing as the Axis Allied strategy for destroying Japan's military might, breaking down her home front and winning victory in the Pacific and East Asia.
This plan for victory is regarded by highly-placed military authorities as a cheaper method of winning the war in the Orient than an island-by-island advance climaxed by bitterly resisted invasion of the Japanese homeland.
There will be some island-by-island advancing, of course, but it will have the primary objective of wearing down Japanese forces rather than gaining territory. And certainly there will be an invasion of Japan, but probably not until Japanese resistance is weakened severely by other measures.
The Australian-American conquest of Buna, New Guinea, may be regarded as the successful completion of one initial move in fulfillment of the blockade and bombardment strategy. Buna, as a forward base for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's southwest Pacific forces, should serve somewhat the same purpose as Guadalcanal has in its role of forward base for Admiral William F. Halsey's south Pacific command.
Guadalcanal, for all it has cost in American lives, has been a highly profitable military investment. The Japanese, reluctant as ever to relinquish any point they have once held, made it profitable by throwing prodigious quantities of ships, planes and troops into the fight to retake it. They have lost at Guadalcanal about five times as many ships, planes and men as the United Nations.
It is almost five months since the United States Navy and Marines took Guadalcanal and no effort has been made to advance beyond there. Why? The best answer seems to be that the strategy primarily is not to advance but to destroy the Japanese army, navy and air forces. So long as that can be done from Guadalcanal, no great purpose is served by going elsewhere to accomplish it.

Rommel May Make Stand

8th Army Bringing Up Strong Forces To Wadi Zem-Zem.

LONDON, Jan. 3—(CP)—British armored columns nudged forward cautiously around the curve of the coast of Sicily in Libya today and Berlin-Rome reports indicated that Marshal Erwin Rommel might be ready to break off his long retreat and make at least a delaying stand in the Wadi Zem-Zem, 160 airline miles southeast of Tripoli.
An increasing threat to Rommel's southern flank was the motorized fighting French column of Brig. Gen. Jacques Le Clero from the Lake Chad area. A French communiqué said this force has driven several hundred miles into southern Libya and is continuing northward.
A Berlin report by D.N.B. said a large number of United States troops and a complete American tank division had arrived at the Tunisian front.
While the Axis claimed continued advances in Tunisia and heavy air action, allied dispatches indicated there was relatively little ground activity in that sector to Rommel's rear.
Slight Advance
Oslo headquarters said Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's British 8th Army troops were in contact with the enemy in the Wadi El Chebir-Buerat El Husn area Saturday, apparently a slight advance from the one previous contact described as west of the Wadi.
British dispatches earlier had reported the Germans digging in in the mountainous valley of Zem-Zem, about 20 miles beyond the Wadi Bel El Chebir.
Both the Berlin and Rome communiqués claimed their forces had broken the British forces with shell fire, indicating that the Axis may have concentrated considerable artillery among the gulches and hillsides.
May Not Stand Long
Rommel may not be prepared to make a prolonged stand there, however, for Berlin broadcasts nervously reported that Gen. Montgomery obviously was making preparations for a large attack in a few days.
This suggested that the British commander in the last few days of apparent inactivity had been pursuing his usual tactics of drawing up an overwhelming force when a line of enemy resistance is encountered.

Mozdok Recaptured In Caucasus; Major Leningrad-Vitebsk Railway Line Cut By Soviets.

LONDON, Jan. 3—(CP)—Russian soldiers steadily advancing in the deep Caucasus have captured the important town and railway station of Mozdok, 60 miles northwest of the Russian-held oil centre of Grozny, the Moscow radio announced tonight.
The midnight communiqué of the Soviet Bureau of Information, heard here by Soviet Monitor repeated an earlier brief special communiqué saying the Caucasus city was taken by "a sudden blow" along with the town of Malgobek, 15 miles southwest of Mozdok.
The capture of Mozdok as announced by the Russians apparently meant not only that the German push into the Caucasus toward the real oil wealth of that region had ended but that the Russians now are engaged in rolling back the Nazis and their Fascist allies in bitter winter fighting.
The Russians have broken the Nazi right spearhead thrust through Nalchik and the latest communiqué said the advance on the Caucasus front is continuing.
By HENRY C. CASSIDY (Associated Press Staff Writer)
MOSCOW, Jan. 3—(AP)—The Red Army, fanning out west and north of recaptured Velikie Luki, cut the Leningrad-Vitebsk railway today and pushed 14 miles along the Moscow-Riga line to Novosokolniki to a point 70 miles from the Latvian border, dispatches from the front said.
The two railways, vital to the Germans in supplying their siege army at Leningrad and the whole central front pivoted on Smolensk, cross at Novosokolniki.
The continued advance widened the breach in the main German defence lines from the Baltic Sea to the Caucasus.
(The Germans again asserted that Velikie Luki had not fallen, saying fresh Russian attacks failed. The communiqué said German attacks west of Kaluga, 90 miles southwest of Moscow, had overrun 95 strongholds and pillboxes.)
The midday Russian communiqué said that a strongly-defended German defence base north of Velikie Luki was occupied. The Russian drive was reported pressed against a 30-mile front north of that ancient fortress, one of the strongest German hedgehog positions on the central front.
Red Army forces driving southwest of Stalingrad continued their pursuit of the enemy 27 miles beyond Kolesnikovskiy on the Stalingrad-Kharkov railway across the Caucasus. The towns of Dubovskoye and Remontnaya, occupied Saturday lie close together 117 miles from the ruined Volga city.

Jap Ally Fails To Please Nazi Group

Hitler Replaces Ambassadors To Tokyo And Madrid And Minister To Sweden.

By LEWIS HAWKINS (Associated Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, Jan. 3—(AP)—Hitler has replaced and called home his ambassadors to Japan and Spain and his minister to Sweden in a diplomatic shake-up regarded by informed sources as a reflection of Nazi displeasure over the one-way course of the Axis ally, Japan, and the cool neutrality of Spain and Sweden.
The Berlin Radio announcement of the changes said they were made "within the orbit of a general retirement of German diplomatic representatives," and that Hitler acted upon the suggestion of Foreign Minister Ribbentrop.
Gen. Eugen Ott, Ambassador to Tokyo, Prince Viktor Zu Wied, Minister to Stockholm, and Eberhard von Stöcker, Ambassador in Madrid, were called home and "will be given new posts in the German Foreign Office," the announcement said.
Heinrich Georg Stahmer, German Ambassador to Japan's puppet Chinese regime at Nanking, is going to Tokyo; Hans Adolf von Mohle will take the Madrid post. Mohle will take the Madrid post. Charge D'Affaires at Washington, will take over the Nazi ministry at Stockholm.
Heinrich Erich Kordt, attached to the German embassy in Tokyo, will act as Charge D'Affaires at Nanking.
Informed sources said the mixed characters of the newly-appointed representatives gave no clue as to Hitler's motives, but it is no secret that many Germans are disappointed about the failure of Japan to hit Russia in Siberia at a time when Germany is taking heavy punishment from the Soviets in the west.

Great Burst Of Air Activity Over Africa

28 Enemy Planes Destroyed, 34 More Damaged.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 3—(AP)—Allied air forces destroyed 28 enemy planes Saturday and damaged 34 more in a burst of aerial activity described as the greatest yet in North Africa.
Twenty-three of the enemy planes were shot down by Americans and five by the Royal Air Force.
In this tremendous activity, the Americans lost two planes. The R.A.F. lost five.
Ninety of the enemy planes were destroyed in a single encounter which involved flying Fortresses escorted by twin-tailed P-38 fighters on a sizzling raid over Tunisia and the Tunis harbor at La Goulette where bomb bursts were registered on two ships, docks, the powerhouse and oil tanks.
In this battle, the Fortresses brought down the biggest share of the bag—17 out of about 50 attacking German Messerschmitt and Italian fighters. Not a single Fortress was lost anywhere in the day's operations.

Make Plans For Commons Session

Five In Hospital After Digby Fire

OTTAWA, Jan. 3—(CP)—With the opening of Parliament less than four weeks away Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his cabinet start the new year with preparations for the fifth wartime session with plans for peace-time rehabilitation expected to be a feature of the legislative program.
The government carried on routine business almost without interruption through the holiday season although breakdown of communications because of severe weather conditions last week slowed up activities over the weekend.
It is now apparent that a number of House of Commons vacancies will not be filled when Parliament opens a new session on Jan. 28.
The wooden building, one of the oldest in this town, was used chiefly as living quarters for employees of the Government Printing Office. A working concern. Only a few people were in the building when the fire broke out, since most of them were at church.

First Man To Fly Spitfire Honored

New Allied Gains In New Guinea Area

LONDON, Jan. 4—(Monday)—(CP)—The King today conferred medals and decorations for heroism and devotion to duty during wartime upon 872 men and women who rarely if ever made newspaper headlines.
Some are schoolteachers, telephone operators, station masters, shipbuilding draftsmen, factory workmen. One is a farmer, decorated "for services in breeding new types of potatoes."
One of those listed today is the first man who ever flew a Spitfire. Flying Officer Jeffrey Kindsley-quill, chief test pilot of the Spitfire factory who took up the first machine June 18, 1938, received the O.B.E. (Officer of the Order of the British Empire).

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OTTAWA, Jan. 3—(CP)—The death of Senator G. P. Graham at Brockville, Ont., Saturday night raised to 13 the number of vacancies in the Senate. The standing now is as follows: Liberal 45; Conservatives 36; vacant 13.

Fatalities Injured

Coming Events

NORTON, N.B., Jan. 3—(CP)—Mrs. Francis Hayes, 73, was injured fatally when struck by an automobile here late Saturday afternoon. The car was driven by Mrs. Percy Crawford, Hampton. Mrs. Hayes was returning to the home of Mrs. E. T. Harmer, where she resided and was said to have crossed directly in front of the approaching auto. She was knocked to the highway and suffered various injuries, dying within a short time after being removed to a nearby house. Police and a coroner investigated and it was noted that an inquest was not necessary.
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Coming Events
**Dance Graham's Road Hall Wednesday, Jan. 6.
**East Royalty Rink tonight, Covehead Races vs. Royalty. 8-11.
**Kinkora Ball—Friday evening, January 8th, Bingo and Dance Orchestra. 1-4-6.
**Unloading car Barley Meal and Ground Wheat, January 11th, 4-5. T. J. Klekham.
**Annual Meeting of the Wilhelms Dairying Co., Monday, January 11th, at 2 P. M. Roland Easter, Secretary. 12-31-51.
**Buying live and dressed chickens and fowl every Wednesday. Paving top market prices. Phone or write Hunter River. 9-26-5-M-51.
**Emerald Hall, Monday, January 4th, dance, auspices Emerald W. I. 12-31-21.
**We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, paying top market value. Phone or write for prices. Island Cold Storage, Ltd. 12-15-17.

Probe Opens Into St. John's Fire

French Advance In South Libya

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 3—(CP)—Death toll in the Knights of Columbus service Hotel fire here Dec. 12 was set officially Saturday at 99 lives as a royal commission inquiry into the fire opened before Mr. Justice B. Duffield.
The official figure given by Attorney General L. E. Emerson tallied with the unofficial count made after the fire. The Attorney General said an estimated 400 persons were in the wooden building, most of them attending a dance, when the fire flared out.
Herodan of members of the armed forces—Canadian, American, British and Newfoundland—was instrumental in saving the lives of many women, the Attorney General declared. But he added the names of many heroes would never be known, for they gave their lives anonymously.
Col. Beretta of the United States army forces in Newfoundland, was still in the building when it was burning, he said it was felt reliable evidence would best be obtained by excluding from the proceedings all but the Commission. Its staff and counsel and the witnesses of the moment.
HELPER FOUND MISSION
PARRY SOUND, Ont., Jan. 3—(CP)—Mrs. George E. Hartwood, 76 of London, Ont., who helped to found one of the largest United Church Mission fields in China, died today in hospital here.

Prominent Liberal Senator Passes

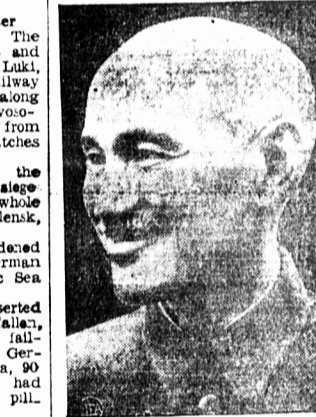
Bishop Leaves Hospital

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Jan. 3—(CP)—Hon. George Perry Graham, Liberal member of the Senate since 1928 and former close associate of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, died at his home here last night after a long illness. He was 85.
Senator Graham entered public life 52 years ago after a distinguished career as newspaperman for 25 years was a prominent figure in the Liberal Party. He entered the Senate at the age of 67 and became an important member.
Often replacing the late Rt. Hon. Raoul Dandurand as Liberal Leader.
Funeral services will be held here Tuesday.
Senator Graham was born in Enniscorthy, near here. He married the former Carrie Southworth of Morrisburg in 1882. His two sons, Capt. William and Perry Graham, died early in life.
BISHOP LEAVES HOSPITAL
OTTAWA, Jan. 3—(CP)—Dedication of the new St. Basil's Hospital today that the Archbishop of Ottawa, Cardinal O. G. Bourne, will be the first man to fly a Spitfire.
Flying Officer Jeffrey Kindsley-quill, chief test pilot of the Spitfire factory who took up the first machine June 18, 1938, received the O.B.E. (Officer of the Order of the British Empire).

Spectacular Fire In Ottawa

\$50,000 Loss In Halifax Blaze

OTTAWA, Jan. 3—(CP)—A spectacular fire in lower town Saturday night destroyed a two-story building, burning up the contents of a brewer's warehouse and driving 24 persons from their homes. Damage was estimated at nearly \$100,000.
One fireman, Valmore Bolvin, suffered a gash under the left eye when hit by the end of a ladder in the smoke-struck building. He was allowed to go home after treatment at hospital.
Hundreds of old job bags in a Government Printing Bureau office also were destroyed. The gutted building was at the corner of Dalhousie and Murray Streets.
\$50,000 Loss In Halifax Blaze
HALIFAX, Jan. 3—(CP)—More than 50 persons were made homeless by fire which swept two downtown Halifax buildings Saturday night. More than 100 persons were in a building at the corner of George Street and Bedford Row. The flames spread rapidly, trapping six persons, who were brought down ladders by firemen.
The stubborn blaze was brought under control after a four-hour battle. Damage was estimated at approximately \$50,000 in the two buildings gutted. The ground floors were occupied by two restaurants—Duff's Spa and Sarantos Cafe.
ADMIRALTY CHANGES
LONDON—(CP)—Cmdr. C. F. Goodwin has been appointed assistant controller of Research and Development in the Admiralty. Sir Stanley V. Goodall, Director of Naval Construction, has been appointed assistant controller for Warship Production.



Five and a half years of war against Japan have greyed Chang K'ai-shek's hair, but have not dimmed his smile. This new photo of the Chinese generalissimo just arrived in the U.S.

Flood Wall Saves Portsmouth, Ohio

Spectacular Fire In Ottawa

PORTSMOUTH, O., Jan. 3—(AP)—A five-mile wall of concrete turned back the rampaging Ohio River today and saved this manufacturing city once more from disastrous flood.
The river, which already has routed 50,000 persons from their homes and shut war plants up and down the meandering Ohio Valley, reached its crest at 60 feet, just 1 1/2 foot shy of the top of the 62-foot dike and 8 1/2 feet above flood stage.

THEY DO SAY SOLOMON'S WIFE WAS ONE GIRL IN A THOUSAND



High tide this morning at 2:54 and tonight at 9:15.
Sun sets this afternoon at 8:31 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:38.
New Moon Jan. 6, 8:37 a.m.
Summer time 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—10:35 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.
SUNDAY SERVICE
(May 3 to Dec. 27 Inclusive)
Leave Borden 9:00 a.m., 6:45 p.m.
Leave Tormentine 10:15 a.m., 8:04 p.m.
DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m.

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