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U. S. Forces Dominate All Roads to Manila

High Jap Army Officers Believed Fleeing Luzon

Destroyers Sent To Rescue Them Are Intercepted

By LEE VAN ATTA
GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon—(INS)—The strangling grip of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's liberating armies closed inexorably on the Manila area today with Yank motorized and infantry columns actually racing toward the Philippine capital, part of which was already within sight of advanced spearheads moving over high ground.

The long suffering queen city of the Orient stood at the threshold of liberation from its hated conqueror as a strong possibility developed that high Japanese military officers, including perhaps Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita himself, had evacuated embattled Luzon.

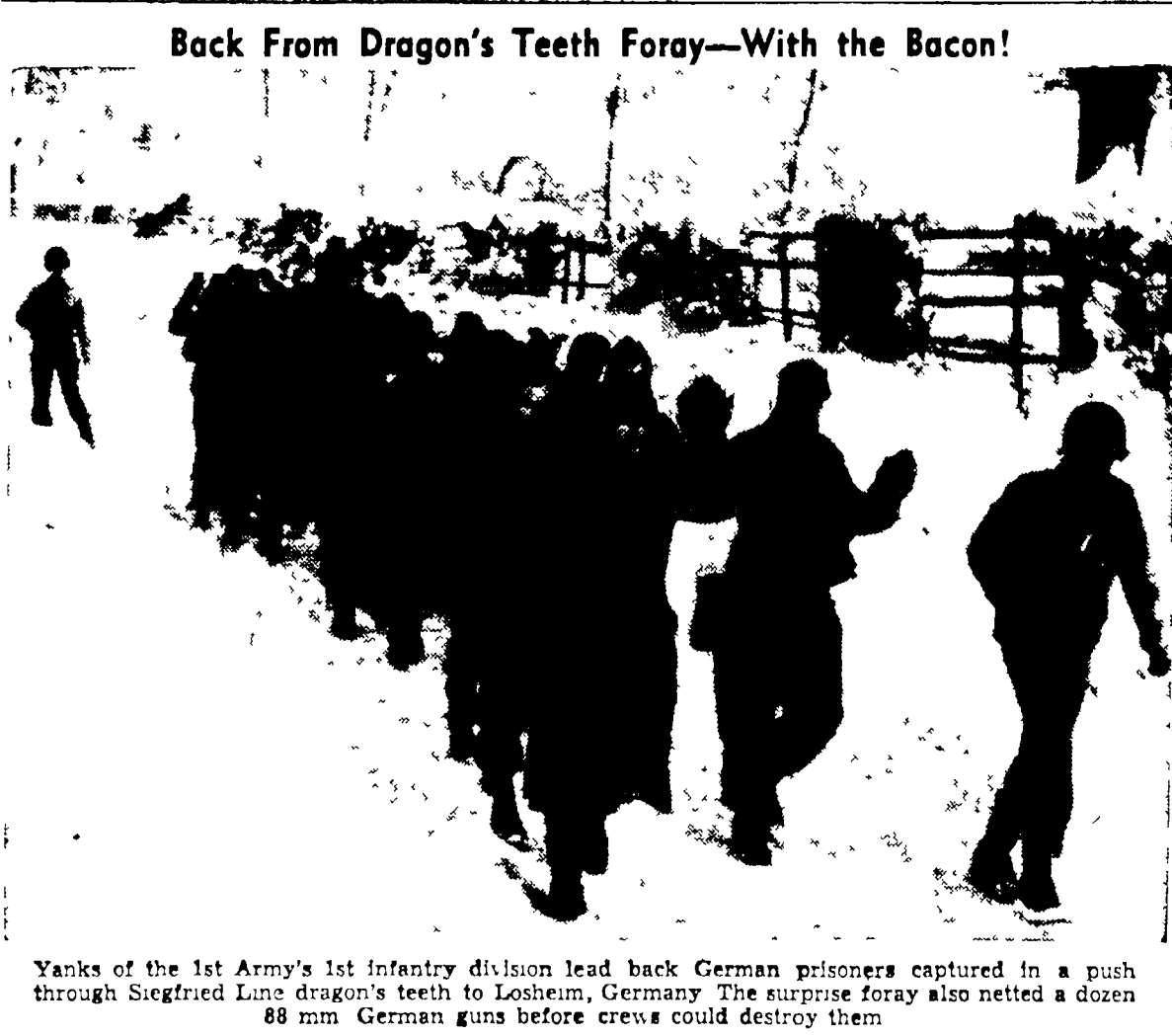
Four hundred Jap army, navy and air officers were believed to have been aboard three destroyers bombed by American airmen in the China sea, 15 miles south of Formosa. The destroyers had sneaked in and out of Aparri, Luzon's northernmost port under cover of darkness, but intelligence reports to Fifth air force headquarters arrived in time to prevent the ships from reaching what was to have been a safe haven for the top minions of the Mikado.

Altho strongly protected by fighter planes, one of the destroyers was bombed to the bottom, another was set afire and left listing and the third received hits which caused it to burst into flames. Five of the covering Jap fighters were shot down and two of our planes were lost.

All major roads leading to Manila were dominated by powerful American forces every important

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BERLIN AREA UNDER NEAR-RECORD ASSAULT BY U.S., SOVIET BOMBERS



Back From Dragon's Teeth Foray—With the Bacon! Yanks of the 1st Army's 1st Infantry division lead back German prisoners captured in a push through Siegfried Line dragon's teeth to Losheim, Germany. The surprise foray also netted a dozen 88 mm German guns before crews could destroy them.

5-Day Business Week Asked to Conserve Fuel

Gov. Lausche Recommends Closing Business Places One Day a Week

By International News Service
In the wake of Ohio's most severe fuel shortage in history, Gov. Frank J. Lausche today issued a proclamation recommending that all public offices and non-essential business establishments close at least one day per week, preferably Monday, until April 1.

While the order virtually puts into effect a five-day business week in Ohio for the duration of the fuel crisis and suggests Monday of each week as the day, Governor Lausche left it up to each individual community to select the closing day.

The order covers most retail stores, restaurants and other business establishments, but exempts hotels, hospitals and other institutions essential to the health and safety of the public.

The governor emphasized that his proclamation was based upon the recommendations of representatives of 21 state-wide trade agencies.

In a statement accompanying the proclamation, the governor said:

"The grave fuel crisis which prompted the conservation order and request by me as governor on Feb. 1, will remain acute. Supplies of coal gas and oil will be short thruout the winter and early spring. Every means must be used to keep war production at a maximum and to maintain healthful temperatures in homes. A long-range conservation program is therefore essential to prevent a complete breakdown.

"Since the situation will vary at different points thruout the state all mayors and local officials are urgently requested to call together other local officials and business and civic leaders at once to work out programs for fuel conservation.

The circumstances generally, and especially in northern Ohio reasonably indicate that public offices and business establishments should close at least one day per week, preferably Monday. The schools, libraries and art museums should do likewise. Details should be worked out thru local conferences of officials and business people.

Watch Out for These Fakes

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Washington, D. C.

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House Fight on George Bill Looms

WASHINGTON—(INS)—The George bill to divorce federal loan agencies from the commerce department threatened to go off its compromise track today with a house fight in prospect over proposed Republican amendments to the senate-approved legislation.

Democratic members of the commerce committee have indicated they will oppose an announced GOP move to tighten the bill in three ways to curb power of both President Roosevelt and Henry A. Wallace, when and if it becomes law.

Rep. Wolcott (Mich.) ranking member of the house banking committee said he would offer the three GOP-backed amendments in committee and resubmit them from the floor if not accepted by the banking group. They would:

1. Prohibit the president from transferring agencies other than those under the federal loan agency without congressional sanction. The George bill prevents shifting only the federal loan subsidiaries.
2. Require audit by the comptroller-general of all agencies and corporations in which the government owns 51 percent or more stock. Wolcott pointed out audit is now required on only those wholly government-owned.
3. Prevent the secretary of commerce from serving as a director of the export import bank—direct slip at Wallace.

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Mild Week-End, With Snow, Is Weather Outlook

By International News Service
Ohio's war production-hampering winter weather settled down today to what the weather bureau expected would be at least two days of near normalcy.

The forecast was for mild temperatures ranging from slightly below freezing in the northern two-thirds of the state to slightly above in the southern portion. Snow not exceeding five inches, was predicted for most of the state, with the possibility that it might turn to rain in the southern section.

Temperatures ranged from a low of five above zero at Wilmington this morning to 16 at East Liverpool. At other points the lows reported were Cincinnati 9, Columbus 11, Dayton 7, Toledo 6, Cambridge 16 and Cleveland 10.

Would Delay Senate Action On Labor Draft

Industry and Labor Demand Public Hearings on Bill

WASHINGTON—Spokesmen for industry and organized labor today demanded public hearings in an effort to delay action by the senate military affairs committee on the work-or-jail draft bill.

Ira Mosher president of the National Association of Manufacturers, telegraphed the committee urging that public hearings be conducted.

"In the opinion of industry, the May bill as passed by the house promises to slow down rather than expedite war production," he said.

"He said that there is genuine fear by industrial leaders that the measure may become known as a national slow-down bill."

Philip Murray president of the CIO, also strongly urged that public hearings be conducted so that industry, labor and the government can work out plans to remedy defects in the manpower situation.

The military affairs committee, however, went into session again on the bill with members predicting that it will be approved today but that the measure faces stiff opposition in the senate itself.

The military affairs committee is expected to tentatively vote 9 to 2 yesterday for the house-approved measure but final action was deferred both because of absences and because of demands for further discussion.

"We are told General Marshall, Admiral King and other leaders want this bill. We have a high regard for all of our military leaders. They are wizards in military and naval tactics but I do not feel they have sufficient knowledge of how to operate a farm or an industry. They are not trained in the production field."

Red Army Spearheads Within 11 Miles of Stettin, North of Capital

LONDON—(INS)—Francis German radio announcers indicated broadly today that the entire Berlin area and its troop-packed roads were under an unpre-



Berlin-bound Russian troops moved in strength on the Oder River anchor points of Kustrin and Frankfurt, as shown on above map, with more troops and equipment piling across the Brandenburg border in support of spearheads which had reached the river at points 38 to 49 miles from Berlin.

denied aerial bombardment from east and west by mass formations of American and Soviet bombers.

Achtung radio warnings, which reached an almost hysterical pitch, reported Berlin was rocked by three waves of U. S. bombers, apparently operating in near-record strength, while the eastern outskirts of the capital came under assault from Soviet planes.

Altho the first official American announcement said merely that the U. S. Eighth force was over the Reich, undoubtedly to hamstring enemy efforts to move troops eastward, the Germans asserted that Berlin was under terrific assault.

Warning followed warning over the German radio chains indicating that a fleet of US bombers stretching non-stop from Berlin to the Dutch frontier struck the refugee-packed capital shortly before noon, keeping it under attack for an hour. Many of the big planes were believed to be well in view of Soviet spearheads on the Oder shore, giving the Russian soldiers their first view of an enemy city under gutting assault from American bombers.

The German warning chain hinted also that Red planes also were roaring over the eastern outskirts of Berlin, pounding masses of buildings.

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Brenner Pass Bridges Bombed

ROME—Allied and German patrols swapped punches all along the Italian front today while Nazi commanders struggled to move supplies and equipment over communication arteries battered by Anglo-American fliers despite unfavorable weather conditions.

Medium bombers blatted railroad bridges along the main Brenner pass route and other important spans in north and northwest Italy yesterday. Fighters destroyed and damaged many parked enemy planes during strafing attacks on an important airfield in Yugoslavia while RAF and U. S. medium bombers flew supply missions to liberated areas of that once completely occupied land.

German troop columns, build-in railroad lines and transport convoys were hit hard by aircraft of the Balkan air force. Coastal air force planes struck at unspecified targets in northwestern Italy and Yugoslavia.

FIRE IN THEATER
FINDLAY, O.—Findlay Fire Chief D. E. Hays today estimated loss at \$5,000 in a fire which originated in the projection room in the Findlay Lyceum theater and spread between the floors, temporarily threatening the downtown business block. Firemen Dorsey Sim and Roy Beckwith were overcome by smoke and 80 patrons fled to safety.

Yanks, British Rip Thru Nazis' Siegfried Line

Heaviest Blows Delivered in Area South of Aachen

By Kingsbury Smith
PARIS—(INS)—To the accompaniment of terrific aerial assaults that tore savagely at Berlin and communications lines in Western Germany, American and British forces ripped thru some of the Nazis' major Siegfried line defenses today.

Heaviest ground blows were dealt below Monschau, 17 miles southeast of Aachen, where a wedge three miles deep was carved into the Reich.

Both the United States First and Third armies participated in the heavy assaults which resembled the opening stages of the full-scale all-out offensive predicted ever since Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower formally announced conclusion of a 24-hour conference with Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley commander of the Twelfth army group.

The twin pushes by the forces of the First army under command of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges and the Third command by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton got under way after preparatory assaults in which spearheads were thrust thru the outer defenses of the westwall.

The ground assaults were pressed behind shattering aerial assaults thruout the night and on into today, and there were indications that Yank airmen were engaged in one of the largest sky offensives of the year.

Frontline dispatches said the Third army pushed three to three-and-a-half miles inside Germany, clearing out a forest 15 miles northeast of the city of Luxembourg about a mile below the German town of Teltlingen.

Headquarters permitted announcement for the first time since Yank probing operations into the westwall were begun following collapse of the Ardennes salient.

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Mrs. George Hagans Dies Early Today At Her Home Here

Mrs. George W. Hagans, 68, died at her home 1536 Trade ave., at 10:30 a. m. today. She had been ill five months and critically ill four weeks.

Ada M. Rosewell was born in Knox county May 6, 1876, the daughter of James and Angeline Rosewell.

In 1899 she married George W. Hagans who survives also surviving are two stepdaughters, Mrs. Harry Zellars of Orville and Mrs. Orville Parrish of Ridenwood a nephew, John F. Hagans of Cincinnati, 26 step-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Rellie Jones of Millwood. Two brothers are deceased.

Funerl services will be held at the home of a niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Carlmer Hagans 605 John st. at 1 p. m. Monday in charge of Rev. John Root of Emmanuel Lutheran church. Burial will be in a cemetery near Millwood. Friends may call at the home on John st. after noon Sunday.

Tennis Star Killed When Plane Crashes
DAYTON, BFACH, F1.—Naval officers revealed today that Lt. Joseph R. Hunt, 26, nationally known tennis star, was killed yesterday when his single-seat plane went into a spin at sea about 19 miles east of Dayton, Pa.

LT. Hunt who was 1943 national men's singles tennis champion was making a run from 10,000 feet on a target towed by mother plane. His plane went into a spin and crashed and sank instantly.

THE WEATHER
OHIO—Occasional light snow and not quite so cold tonight. Sunday occasional light snow or rain.