

Russians Pour Bitter Attacks On Desperate Nazi

Sweep Along the Don and Caucasus Fronts to Gain Much New Territory and Supplies.

Moscow, Jan. 8.—(UP)—Driving ahead with trip-hammer power, the red army stormed through town and village on the Don and Caucasus fronts during the night, smashed desperate German counter-attacks and closed on isolated German garrisons in annihilating operations.

The Russians on the Don and south southwest of Stalingrad front were reported within less than 60 miles of Rostov, gateway to the Caucasus, and 40 miles from Salsk, junction of the Stalingrad-Caucasus railroad and the Salsk-Rostov line.

Great German armies were fighting desperately against threatened destruction below the Don bend and in the Caucasus they were burning villages, blowing up bridges and mining roads, dugouts and block houses in a futile attempt to stop the Russians, leaving picked men behind them as sacrifice units.

The midnight communique announced the capture yesterday of 18 railroad stations, district centers and other populated places in the lower Don and 40 inhabited places of various size in the northern Caucasus.

In the lower Don region, the Russians took two towns during the night, the noon communique said, and several towns and villages in the North Caucasus.

The Germans threw tanks and motorized infantry into repeated counter attacks in the lower Don fighting during the night, only to have them utterly smashed, their men killed and their equipment destroyed, while the Russians, the noon communique said, swept on.

The Russians threw Stormovik dive bomber planes into action in one Don sector where the Germans made an especially determined stand. The planes shrieked down, hurling bombs on the enemy field guns and trench mortars. Battery after battery was silenced. Massed Russian tanks followed up the plane attack, destroyed eight remaining guns and captured the village which the enemy sought to hold.

In another lower Don sector the Russians stormed an inhabited place, took German survivors prisoner and captured four field guns, seven trench mortars and a wireless transmitting station, the noon communique said.

Hard Coal Strike

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 9 (UP)—A strike that has crippled production in Pennsylvania's anthracite fields and caused a serious hard fuel shortage in Philadelphia and New England, continued to spread today, despite pleas of union officials and war department interventionists.

The number of strikes was estimated at more than 23,000 with 20 of the more than 40 mines in the northern fields now closed.

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Re-Elect McNary

Washington, Jan. 8 (UP)—Senate Republicans in a brief caucus today re-elected Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon as the floor leader and endorsed assignment of one of their most active pre-war non-interventionists Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, to a committee on Foreign Relations.

McNary reported that in contrast to last night's stormy meeting of the Senate Democrats, the keynote of the G. O. P. meeting was complete harmony.

The conference also re-elected Senator Wallace K. White, Jr., of Maine, as Secretary of the conference and authorized McNary to nominate Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan for President pro tempore of the Senate if the Democrats again submitted the name of the ailing Senator, Carter Glass of Virginia.

Senator High A. Butler of Nebraska was assigned to the Finance and the Territories and Insular Affairs committees.

Recommend 54 Hour Week For All Industry

Minimum Recommended by The Heads of The "Big Four" Farm Organizations

Washington, Jan. 9 U. P.—A minimum fifty four hour work week for all industry with no overtime pay was recommended by the nation's "Big Four" farm organizations today.

They also formally began a drive to include farm labor costs in computing parity to rprice ceiling purposes.

The groups which fought bitterly against the administration's anti-inflation program last fall, completed a week of joint meetings yesterday. The meetings they said brought "substantial agreement" as to the policies to be followed by "a united farm front."

The four groups, the National Grange, American Farm Bureau Federation, National Council of Farmer Co-operatives, and National Co-operative Milk Producers Federation—re-affirmed their "fullest cooperation to the government in carrying out sound means of preventing inflation."

They said early victory demands the minimum effort of every individual in the nation and insisted that their conditions be met for the duration—while America's boys are giving their lives and fighting without regard of hours, and American farm families are working to meet the nation's food and fiber requirements without any limit as to hours.

New Postal Restriction Seen.

Washington, Jan. 7 (UP)—The large volume of mail and packages sent to troops overseas will make new early postal restrictions necessary, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, announced today.

Effective January 15th no package may be sent to a soldier overseas unless it contains an article requested by the soldier and the request has been approved by his commander. The only exception in the case of soldiers sent abroad while packages addressed to them were in transit. Magazines and newspapers may be mailed only by publishers. V mail will continue to be welcomed. Stimson said but ordinary letters bearing air mail stamps will be disregarded.

Many Attend Funeral

The funeral services for Frank E. Valley were held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the chapel of the Sattler funeral home, there being a very large number of the old friends of the family in attendance.

Reverend Clifford Schneider, pastor of the First Christian church, had charge of the services. During the service Raymond C. Cook, cousin of the departed gave two of the favorite hymns, "There Is No Disappointment In Heaven," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. Roy O. Cole was the accompanist.

The interment was at the Oak Hill cemetery and the pallbearers were Alvadore Tilson, Glen and Arthur Wetenkamp, W. A., Joseph C., and P. J. Wheeler.

W. C. T. U . . .

Next W. C. T. U. meeting will be with Mrs. Walter Probst Monday at 2:30 P. M. at which time plans will be made for the day of Prayer in the future.

Allies Continue Attacks On Beaches Off Lae Jap Base

Allied Planes Again Attack the Japanese Naval Formations and Troop Transports

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Jan. 9 (UP)—Allied Japanese planes attacked the beaches at Lae today, starting fires and killing many Japanese, after sinking the third of four transports in a Lae-bound Japanese convoy, damaging the fourth and destroying or damaging 73 enemy planes in a three-day battle.

Fighter and attack bomber planes led the beach-head attack against the one crippled transport, two cruisers and four destroyers which had reached Lae after suffering one of the biggest aerial attacks of the war.

"Such troop elements as were landed by the enemy are believed to have been fragmentary," Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said. MacArthur, returning to his headquarters after personally directing the victorious Papuan campaign in New Guinea, said: "The dead of Bataan should rest a little easier tonight."

He issued an order of the day on the campaign citing 12 high officers of his southwest Pacific campaign, six Americans and six Australians, for "extraordinary courage, marked efficiency and precise execution of operations" and awarding them the United States army distinguished service cross, "the highest decoration at my disposal."

MacArthur cited also the United States 32d and 41st divisions, made up largely of men from Wisconsin, Michigan, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana; the sixth and seventh Australian divisions, the Sixth Australian Independent Commando Unit, other Australian units and his Papuan Native Carriers.

"To the American Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force no commendation could be too great," MacArthur said. "Their outstanding efforts in combat, supply and transportation over both land and sea constituted the keystone upon which the whole arch of the campaign was erected."

The order revealed that Lieut. Gen. Robert Eichelberger commanded the United States ground forces in the campaign. He was until recently superintendent of the military academy at West Point.

MacArthur's communique reported increased patrol activities around Sanananda Point 2 1/2 miles from Buna on the north New Guinea coast, where the last tiny remnant of a Japanese army of 15,000 picked men holds out, and said that 32 enemy troops had been killed yesterday.

In the third day of attack on the Japanese convoy bound for Lae, up the coast from Sanananda Point, allied medium bombers sank the third of the four enemy troop transports and heavy bombers scored two direct hits on the fourth transport's stern.

Then fighter and attack bombers took up the attack, raking the landing beaches and installations at Lae with their cannon and machine guns.

They saw fires start, explosions burst, and fleeing troops drop under their bombardment, and the communique said enemy troop losses were heavy.

Arrest Striking Truckers

Portland, Maine, Jan. 9 (UP)—In a legal action, believed unprecedented in this section of the country, a tort capias writ was issued in superior court today for the arrest of ten striking truck drivers on a conspiracy charges as the result of a "wildcat" walkout.

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Asks Short Session

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—U. P.—In his second inaugural address Governor Dwight Griswold today made a direct plea to the Nebraska unicameral legislature for a short session.

He told members of the body that the legislature can do the people of Nebraska a real service by "just leaving them alone."

His paramount recommendation was: "In the name of common sense let us rise above this fad of regulation and leave our people free to work and fight for the victory which must be won."

It was the shortest inaugural ever delivered by a Nebraska Governor.

Griswold said Nebraska must prove that it can be operated in a business like efficient manner; that useless positions need not be created; that Nebraska is fully capable of making progress without making debts. By keeping standards of government high an example can be made for other states to follow.

Legislators Look For Norris

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 9 (UP)—With four days of the session out of the way, Nebraska legislators today settled down for a quiet week end in which they could look with some satisfaction on the progress already made to achieve a short session.

The legislators have gone through the second reading of 72 bills and assigned them to various committees. Two of the bills, LB 51 and 52, which concern the expense money and pay, were voted out by the appropriation committee yesterday afternoon, and will reach the floor Monday.

Chief topic of interest at present is the planned visit of former Senator George W. Norris to the unicameral. Norris long has expressed a wish to attend a session of the one house legislature he established. He will be sure to be asked at least three pertinent questions: The legislators will want to know how to shorten the sessions; how to reduce bill introduction; and how the matter of leadership may be best handled in a non-political body.

Few controversial bills are among the seventy-two already introduced but of these the 140 page bill sponsored by the Legislative Council, which would change the taxation system, probably will draw the most bitter attacks and strongest support.

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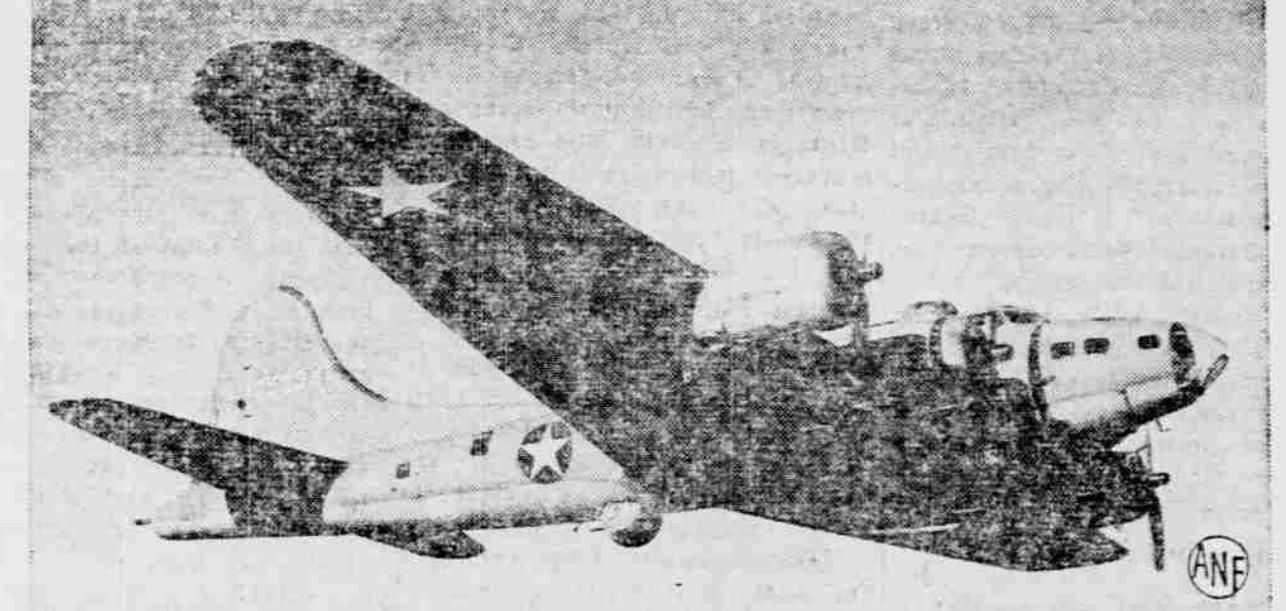
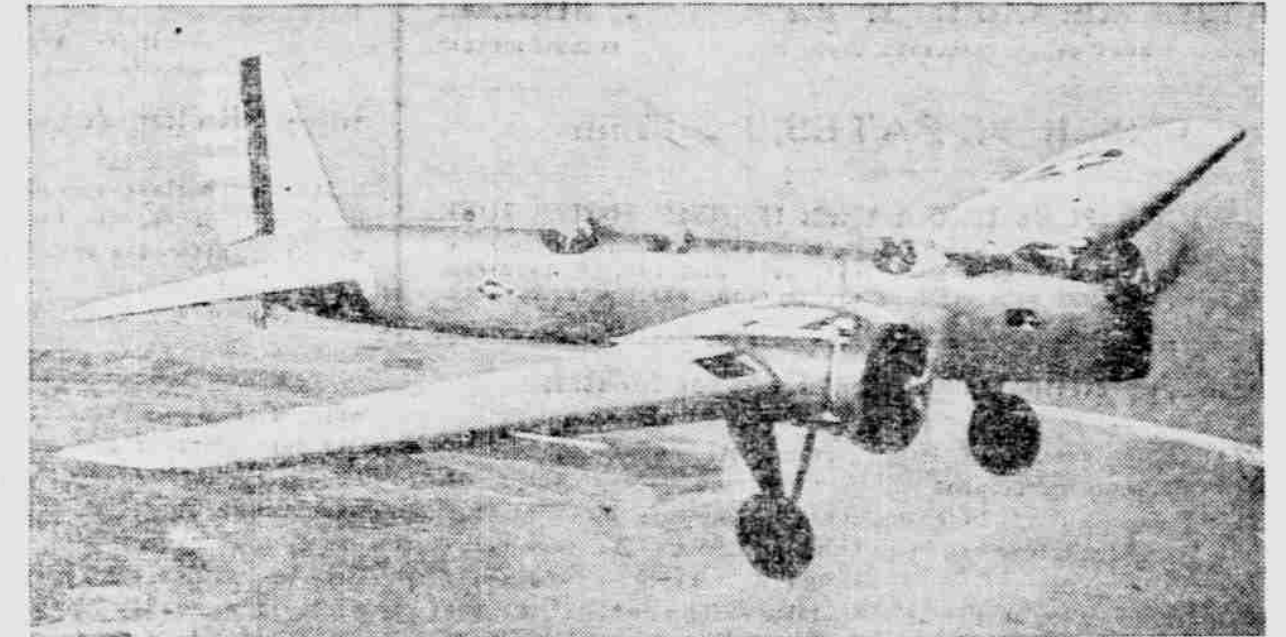
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Deny Plans For Regulation Of Lives Of People

Washington, Jan. 9.—Officials of government planning agencies said tonight they had no knowledge of any contemplated program for setting up regional authorities in a comprehensive regulation of the nation's economic, social and educational life.

Unspecific charges of Ralph L. Carr, retiring Republican governor of Colorado, that plans are in the making to establish "regional dictatorships" were received with surprise by the officials.

"I can't imagine what Carr can be referring to," one official said. "I know of no plan whatsoever for any kind of regional regulation on a national basis."

Officials of the national resources planning board said a study made years ago led the board to believe that any national regulation based on regional boundaries is impractical. At that time plans for "regional capitals," particularly to regulate and conserve the use of national resources were reported under consideration.

Platts To Meet Valley

By Bernard Ulrich
Plattsmouth will open their conference schedule Tuesday evening on the hilltop when they meet the colorful Valley squad.

Plattsmouth after a poor start has won their last two times out. No squad member stands out above the rest so this makes a scrap for starting positions. In scrimmage this week the squad members who have not been starting, Pike, Eaton, Evers, McMaken and Gradoville are working to crowd out the starting five.

Valley has three regulars back from last year. They opened with Omaha South and went down 16 to 9, but since that time have been rolling in championship style. Leading the tall Valley squad is "Buz" Hollins, their 6-foot three-inch center. Hollins is spending his fourth year as a regular for the Terriers. The starting guards are Don Eisenhart and Grant King. Both are great defensive stars and feed the fast forwards. Rich Rawlins, an all around sensation and Gene Rice who dunked in twenty-three points in one game. Graced with reserves Valley seems to be the best team in the conference at this point.

Valley is also expected to bring their second team for a battle with Coach Evans reserve tossers. This is one game the fans should not miss, there will be action aplenty when Hollins and Rankin try to outscore Plattsmouth's gifted five.

Program Over Munitions

Washington, Jan. 8 (UP)—The War Production Board is seeking in conferences with leaders of the armed services to put a temporary \$80,000,000,000 ceiling over the 1943 munitions program, it was learned today.

That expenditure, it was understood, would not include the cost of expanding or building new facilities. But it would cover the cost of all combat materials—planes, tanks, ships, guns and bullets.

The armed services originally wanted a \$90,000,000,000 program, responsible officials said. But it was reported that they were giving ground before WPB arguments that their demands should be limited to correspond with available supplies of materials and manpower.

Under the WPB plan, the pro-

gram would be enlarged in proportion to the increase in supplies of manpower and materials. The services would continue to say how many tanks, guns and ships they want produced in 1943, and WPB would continue to supervise production and scheduling.

Home on Furlough

This morning Pvt. Virgil Urish arrived home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lorene Urish and the other relatives and many friends. Pvt. Urish is now stationed on the west coast and likes his location very much. He is still in the mechanized unit that he was assigned to at Camp Funston when joining the army a year and a half ago. The visit of the young man home is a most pleasant treat to the family and friends and he will spend a busy time greeting as many as possible.

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