

# Russians Smash 7 Divisions in South, Cut Off 5 More



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## Greatest U.S. Air Assault Passes 10th Day

### New Drive On Nikopol Isolates City

#### 120,000 Nazis Wiped Out; Narva Outflanked; Coast Of Estonia Shelled

Russia's Third Ukrainian Army, opening a 100-mile breach in German lines deep in the Dnieper Bend, has smashed four infantry and three tank divisions and cut off more than five others around the manganese center of Nikopol, Moscow announced last night in a jubilant order of the day.

The new breakthrough, smashing still further the once-proud army of Marshal Von Manstein which only three days ago lost ten other divisions by encirclement west of Kirovograd, came at the moment Soviet mechanized infantry rolling through Poland reached the half-way mark between Kiev and Warsaw.

The new Red offensive in the Dnieper Bend, launched northeast of Krivoi Rog and northeast of Nikopol, was estimated by United Press to have wiped out at least 120,000 Nazis in four days' fighting—as many as were trapped last week west of Kirovograd.

More than 12,000 Nazis died in the Nikopol battle, last night's communique said. At the same time the Russians announced the eastern bank of the Narva River north and south of that Estonian junction city had been completely cleared of the enemy. The communique added that the encircling ring about the trapped ten divisions in the Dnieper Bend had been tightened further.

#### Two Towns Seized

In four days, Marshal Stalin's order said, the Red Army rolled forward between 30 and 38 miles and widened its breach to 100 miles. The Russians captured the town and large railway station of Apostolovo, 60 miles west of Nikopol, and the railway station of Marganets, east of the ore center.

After capturing more than 250 other places, the order said, they reached the lower course of the Dnieper not far from Nikopol, thus cutting that town off.

Approximately a hundred miles to the northwest, the remnants of Hitler's ten surrounded divisions west of Kirovograd were reported running low of ammunition and gasoline and facing starvation or early annihilation unless they surrendered. Prisoners said they had been cut to one meal a day, according to Russian reports.

In face of the loss of 73 Ju52 transports in one day, as claimed by the Soviet communique, the Nazi high command was said to be still trying to get planes through to bring in food and take out men. The Russians bombed and burned several large gasoline dumps in the pocket and their heavy artillery persistently shelled working parties attempting to build new landing strips.

#### Soviet Ring Unbroken

The Soviet ring remained unbroken in spite of a furious counter-attack launched from the west behind a tank spearhead in an effort to open up a rescue route to the trapped forces. Moscow said the Nazi commander threw in 20,000 men, but that closely packed Russian guns drove them back.

In Poland, Red cavalry and mechanized infantry rolled through captured Luck to positions northwest of the city equidistant from Kiev, 200 miles behind, and Warsaw, 200 miles ahead. The Russians were reported moving forward steadily behind the retreating Nazis toward the

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### Take a Powder on War, Gen. Seidlitz Tells Nazis

"You are surrounded, surrender!" Gen. Von Seidlitz, captured by the Russians at Stalingrad, told the 120,000 trapped Germans west of Kirovograd, in a weekend broadcast "in the name of the Soviet high command."

"Do not trust Hitler's promises of help," he said. "Hitler made the same promises to us at Stalingrad, but he never kept his promises."

"German soldiers, abandon Hitler—save your lives, which are needed by future free Germany."

### The SS Fails to Budge the Allies



Bitter fighting raged yesterday at Carocetto and Campo Leone, where the Nazis counter-attacked in an effort to split British troops advancing toward Rome.

## Allies Halt Nazi Thrusts On Bridgehead by Rome

German troops, including units of Hitler's elite SS troopers, boring steadily against the Allied bridgehead south of Rome, yesterday were stopped cold by strong British defenses, while American troops on the main Fifth Army front edged their way forward in a bitter house-to-house fight for Cassino.

Identified for the first time as fighting in Italy, the Nazi Stormtroopers' presence pointed to even stronger enemy attacks against the bridgehead than those already repulsed over the weekend.

Bitter battles still raged yesterday around Carocetto, three miles south of Campo Leone, where the SS troops were reported in action. Pushing down from the lower slopes of the Alban Hills, the Germans, supported by the 26th Panzer Division, made fruitless attacks on the advancing British.

The first strong German counter-attack, launched Thursday night, was driven back by the British, aided by American tank destroyers.

With the capture of Mount Albaneta, two miles west of Cassino, the Americans drew within a mile of the Via Casalina, only escape route for Cassino's besieged German garrison.

Despite the fall of the vital height, however, U.S. forces pushing into Cassino met bitter resistance from the Nazis who had fortified every house.

United Nations radio in Algiers reported that Marshal Kesselring had reinforced the Gustav Line bastion with fresh troops and ordered it held at all costs.

Northwest of the town French and American forces made slight advances. In the Terelle sector a series of German counter-attacks were repelled.

In the American-held sector of the bridgehead around Cisterna there were no reports of fighting yesterday.

## U.S. Women in Allies' Uniform May Transfer, Become WACs

The WAC has begun recruiting American citizens now serving with women's armed forces of eight Allied nations, and applications for transfer will be accepted through Feb. 29, it was announced yesterday by Maj. Anna M. Wilson, WAC director in the ETO.

The first group of applicants considered for transfer in this theater will be nine members of the British ATS, WAFF and WRNS. They were to report today to U.S. Army Recruiting HQ in London for interviews and examinations. Accepted transferees will not be sworn into the Corps until on or about March 1, it was said.

The transfers are made possible through reciprocal agreements with Great Britain, Canada, Australia, India, South Africa, New Zealand, Yugoslavia and the Netherlands, whereby non-declarant residents are given opportunities to serve in the armed forces of their country of citizen-

## Luftwaffe's Airfields Battered by Heavies

### Bombers, Out 9th Time in 10 Days, Pound French 'Dromes and Secret Targets; Opposition Reported Weak

American and Allied air fleets smashed Luftwaffe airfields deep in France and pounded secret targets along the coast in daylight yesterday as the U.S. heavy bombers carried the war's most intensive bombing assault to nine raids in ten days.

While Fortresses and Liberators were giving the Luftwaffe's invasion defense airfields their second battering in two days, almost endless relays of other warplanes shuttled across the Channel in daylong sweeps against military installations on the French coast. Some heavy bombers also hit the secret targets which may be emplacements for Hitler's rocket guns.

Combat crewmen who have carried the assault against the Luftwaffe

through six major attacks and three lesser raids since Jan. 28, reported generally weak opposition from the Luftwaffe's hoarded fighters as USAAF and RAF fighter formations sought in vain to lure the Nazi planes into combat. A few bomber groups reported brief but bitter dogfights, however.

From yesterday's American attacks, four heavy bombers and four fighters were reported missing. U.S. fighters claimed 13 enemy aircraft in scattered dogfights, and the bomber gunners claimed four.

The heavy bombers struck devastating blows at Nazi airdromes and depots at Evreux-Fauville, St. Andre de l'Eure, Caen, Chateaudun and St. Aubin, adding to the destruction left by Saturday's heavy daylight assault on six German-held fields in central France. At least 37 Nazi planes were reported destroyed on the ground in Saturday's blows at Chateaudun, Avord, Bricy, Tours, Chateauroux-la-Martiniere and Villacoublay, near Paris.

The Saturday attacks cost two heavy bombers and two U.S. fighters, while bomber gunners claimed four enemy planes and the fighters six.

The American daylight blows over the weekend, in which Marauders ran up their fifth mission since Jan. 29, were interspersed with RAF Mosquito attacks deep into Germany, keeping the Luftwaffe defenses upset. Friday night the Mosquitoes slashed at western Germany, and on Saturday night hit western Germany and Berlin, all without loss.

The weekend daylight attacks, which brought the long offensive to a peak, began with an assault in force on Frankfurt, in Germany, Friday. Twenty-one heavy bombers were reported missing and one of the escorting USAAF fighters, while bomber gunners claimed four enemy planes and the fighters eight.

On Friday the RAF kept up the assault on the Pas de Calais targets, losing one plane in light bomber raids.

While the heavies were pounding the six Nazi-operated airdromes Saturday, RAF medium bombers hit the Beauvais-Tille field, and the Marauders and Allied Mosquitoes and Typhoons kept up the offensive against the rocket coast.

Early Sunday morning, the Luftwaffe attempted a minor reprisal, sending a small force of planes against southeast

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## Lost Fort Nearly Lands At a German Airdrome

A FORTRESS BASE, Feb. 6 (AP)—The Fortress Elusive Elaine came within 200 feet of landing on a German airfield in occupied territory, it was revealed here today.

1/Lt. Jacob Kurtzburg, of Philadelphia, was hauling the B17 home from a mission when a combination of engine trouble, bad weather and a faulty compass caused the crew to get lost. Elusive Elaine started a glide toward an airfield, thinking it a British base.

"Tracers came up at us from all directions. We figured we were wrong," Kurtzburg explained after he had pushed all his power up to full boost and squeezed home to England with only a few bullet holes in the B17's tail.

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NEWS FROM HOME

# Nation Denied More Rubber For Auto Tires

## Synthetic Production Up, But Essential Needs To Take It All

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—Rubber Director Bradley Dewey told the nation today that there could be no diversion of synthetic rubber for civilian automobile tires, even though rubber factories had stepped up production of synthetic to 50 per cent more than their 1943 rate.

Announcing that nearly 50,000 tons of synthetic rubber were produced last month, Dewey said that essential requirements would consume the monthly production and prevent the manufacture of tires for private use.

Dewey predicted that synthetic-rubber production would reach 75,000 tons a month by the second half of the year.

### Sunday Work in Mines

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Feb. 6—Thousands of anthracite miners have agreed to work in the pits every Sunday in February to alleviate the critical coal shortage. Others are considering a plea of Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes to work a seven-day week. Union officials predict that all miners would cooperate.

### Suits Filed in Crash Death

SPARKILL, N.Y., Feb. 6—Six damage claims totaling \$450,000 have been filed against the city of Orangetown and Patrolman Max Friedman. The policeman's car struck a column of marching soldiers as he answered a black-out signal last November, causing the death of a lieutenant and injuring ten enlisted men.

### Slips That Pass in the Night

FORT MCPHERSON, Ga., Feb. 6—Earl Abney, 18, of Tallapoosa, was sent here by his draft board after he volunteered for service, but a medical examination disclosed a wooden leg, which he never mentioned to his board. Earl, a former high-school athlete, lost his leg in an auto accident.

### WLB Threatens Toolmakers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The War Labor Board has threatened to invoke penalties against the Mechanics' Educational Society of America for toolmakers' strikes in Ohio and Michigan and has directed the society's officers to appear tomorrow at a hearing here.

### Eccentric Dies at 100

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Feb. 6—Mrs. Annie Murth died here at the age of 100. Although a seamstress, she never accepted the electric light, and sewed by sunlight in the day and kerosene lamp after dark. When she was taken to the hospital last December she gave her age as "over 16."

### U.S. Has Gold For Sale

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The U.S. Treasury has an unlimited amount of gold for sale, Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau said. He described to the House of Appropriations Committee the shipping of U.S. gold abroad and added "we're glad to see it go."

### Ship Engine Plant Wiped Out

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6—One of the nation's largest Liberty Ship engine manufacturing plants, the Iron Fire Van Manufacturing Co. plant on Portland's downtown waterfront, was wiped out in a \$2,000,000 fire. Eleven firemen were injured.

### New Hampshire Prexy Dies

DURHAM, N.H., Feb. 6—Fred Engelhardt, president of the University of New Hampshire since 1937, died here at the age of 59. A native of Naugatuck, Conn., and a graduate of Yale University, he also served at the University of Minnesota and the University of Pittsburgh.

### Fight Elections Frauds

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 6—Establishment of a non-partisan permanent State Elections Fraud Bureau to assure untampered balloting in New York was recommended to Atty. Gen. Nathaniel Goldstein by Special Deputy Atty. Gen. J. Edward Lumbard.

### V-Mails Kisses to Lose Air Priority on Feb. 14

CHICAGO, Feb. 6—V-mail letters containing lipstick imprints will be dispatched until St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, but after that they will have to be sent as cargo mail, Maj. Kenneth H. Donnelly, postal officer of Sixth Service Command and in charge of the nation's largest V-mail station, said.

Maj. Donnelly said that as letters bearing lipstick kisses passed through the sensitive V-mail photographic equipment they smeared, making it necessary to clean the automatic letter-feeding machine before another letter could be processed.

## May Be Deported



Peggy La Rue Satterlee  
She Once Accused Errol Flynn of Rape

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 6—Deportation proceedings against Peggy LaRue Satterlee, 16-year-old showgirl who accused film actor Errol Flynn of rape—a charge on which he was acquitted a year ago—have been begun by the Immigration bureau, the Justice Department disclosed today.

Owen Cathcart-Jones, former RCAF squadron leader, who testified for Flynn and told the court he gave Peggy money and clothing while in Hollywood in 1942 as technical adviser to an RCAF film unit, was ordered deported last week for overstaying his leave.

## U.S. 'Betrayers' Scored by FDR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt, in a message to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in connection with the observance of Race Relations Day on Feb. 13, declared today that some Americans "have betrayed our cause and damaged the world's respect for our faith by acts of violence and prejudice, bigotry and division."

"Such men," the President said, "miss the meaning of America, as they are incapable of understanding the brotherhood of men in terms of the divine teaching and democratic living."

"Some such men deserve our censure, some are entitled to our contempt, all require never-ceasing reiteration of Christian and American faith in the dignity of all peoples and the right of all men to equal treatment in this land and on earth."

### White Horse Kicks Up

WHITE HORSE, Yukon, Feb. 6—A severe two-minute earthquake rocked buildings here Thursday.

## Holdup Starts a Bullet Battle, Sends N.Y. Citizens Scurrying

NEW YORK, Feb. 6—Two daring daylight robberies involving nearly \$35,000—one of them marked by a running gun fight in the streets of lower Manhattan—confronted police today with their most puzzling crime cases in months.

Six men, masked and armed, whipped a \$30,000 payroll out of the hands of a messenger entering a West Side iron works late Friday. A few hours later, two men robbed the safe of the Federal Savings and Loan Association in the same area and fled with \$3,500, leaving the office manager bound in a back room.

## Wallace Sights Fascism Peril

### Fears Post-War Clashes Between Labor, Business And Agriculture

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace warned in a speech here that the nation faced the danger of Fascism if a post-war struggle for power developed among "big business, big labor and big agriculture."

Predicting that a serious conflict could develop among the "big three" unless all recognized the superior claims of the common man, Wallace said that each of the blocs would be tempted "to profit at the expense of the other two when the post-war boom ends."

If directed wrongly, Wallace asserted, the disgust aroused in returning soldiers by pressure group politics could lead to a new kind of Fascism.

However, if directed rightly, he said, "this feeling of the soldiers may result in true general welfare for the first time in history."

Wallace foresaw a post-war fight against "every national and state government which puts human rights above property rights" by "big businessmen who put Wall St. first and the nation second, property rights first and human rights second."

## After 45 Years, Lake in Rockies Yields Sub Hulk

CENTRAL CITY, Colo., Feb. 6—A rusted 20-foot hulk of a submarine has been raised from ice-covered Missouri Lake high in the Rockies, ending a 45-year-old mystery.

Since 1898 this community has heard about an experimental submarine which sank on its first dive. Last summer, when the water was very low, two small boys noticed a shadow below the surface. It was the old submarine.

Last week it was dragged from its icy grave while the high school band played "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

The sub was built by a Central City contractor. Too much ballast caused it to sink. The city has not decided what to do with the raised hulk.

## No Application Needed to Get 'Peace Bonus'

### However, Men Discharged Previously Must Submit Data to Authorities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The War and Navy Departments, in a joint statement outlining procedure for obtaining the \$100 to \$300 mustering-out pay voted by Congress, said today that servicemen and women who became eligible for the gratuity subsequent to its approval by President Roosevelt Friday would receive payment without the necessity of application.

Persons discharged prior to Mr. Roosevelt's signing of the measure would be required to submit an informal application accompanied by a copy of the discharge certificate.

Commissioned officers will be required to furnish evidence of the length and termination of their service. Navy officers will make application to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, and Coast Guard and Marine officers to their respective Washington headquarters. Army officers may make application to one of the various finance officers the War Department has in various cities.

### New Veterans' Hospital

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Feb. 6—The Veterans' Administration announced that a \$1,129,000 hospital for veterans would be built here.



"This ain't nothing—you oughta' see the Saturday nite crowd"

### Diane



### Male Call



### Blondie



### By Jean Baird



### By Milton Caniff



### By Chic Young



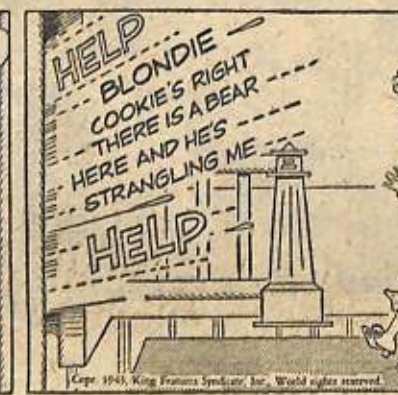
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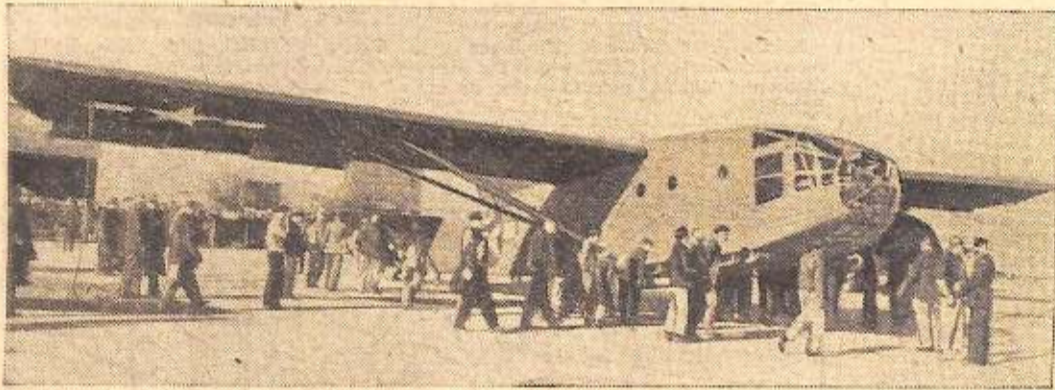


### Right Out of the Hat



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
With Charleen Russell and Beth Farrell of the USO-Camp Show 'Flying High' urging him on, Pvt. Robert Hess reaches eagerly for the stripes produced by magician Eddie Cochran.

### USAAF's New Sky Giant



Built to carry a greater tonnage than most twin-engined transport planes, this glider is being prepared for its test flight.

### Bullets Couldn't Stop 'Em



OWI Photo  
Two GIs who swam the Rapido River under fire get first aid and a welcome fag.

### Back From the Battle Zone



Associated Press Photo  
Some of the 776 casualties from battlefields being brought ashore at a U.S. port

### It's Your Move, Buddy



OWI Photo  
Like a pair of old-time sheriffs, a British and American MP battle it out over a checker game somewhere in Italy. The Tommy calls it "draughts."

### A Good Investment



Because her banker, who has an eye for beauty, told Hollywood about her talent, Rozanne King is a starlet now—nice picking, any way you look at it.

### It's in the Bag



Associated Press Photo  
A Naval officer gets transferred from a destroyer to a carrier in a Gilberts operation.

### Female Roughrider



Keystone Photo  
Lt. Elizabeth Orwig, A.N.C. on research work to find means of combating injuries suffered by Tank men.