

RUSS TAKE BACK MORE VILLAGES

Gain on Front West of Moscow; Rout 16 Nazi Divisions at Kaluga.

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (By Radio)—New Red Army gains on the Moscow front and bitter fighting on all fronts were reported in a Russian war communiqué.

Following yesterday's communiqué reporting Russian recapture of the important city of Kaluga and the routing of 16 German divisions, the Russian Supreme Command said today that numerous villages west of Moscow had been retaken. More than 600 Germans were reported "annihilated" in the latest fighting.

"Last night our troops fought the enemy on all fronts," the communiqué said.

"As a result of stubborn fighting in one sector of the Western Front our troops captured several localities and much booty, including one gun, 12 machine guns, 85 bicycles, more than 1000 shells and great quantities of other war material. Over 600 Germans were annihilated."

MOTHER HEARS FROM SON AT PEARL HARBOR

Mrs. Nancy E. Clark, 645 N. Hamilton Ave., has received an air mail letter from her son Clifford at Pearl Harbor, who was reported "lost in action" by the Navy Department. The letter was dated Dec. 23 and he acknowledged the receipt of three letters from his mother since the attack by the Japanese.

He explained that he was "fine" and wished her a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Mrs. Clark received the telegram from the Navy Department, announcing the loss of her son, Dec. 16. Her son has been with the Pacific Fleet for more than two years.

MAYOR APPOINTS TWO

Major Sullivan today announced the reappointment of Roger Lawton, Hatfield Electric Co. secretary, to the City Board of Electrical Examiners. He named Arthur Paetz, plumber, to the Board of Plumbing Examiners.



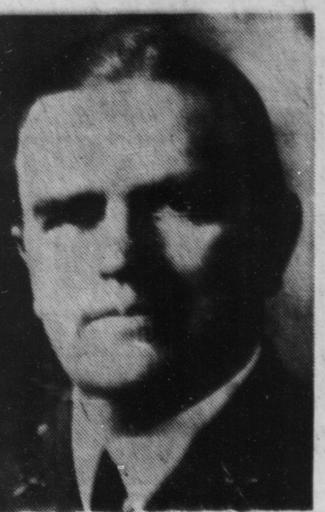
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Heads New Unit**THOMAS WARNS JAPAN OF TURN**

Nipponese - Speaking Utah Senator Pictures U. S. As 1943 Winner.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (U. P.)—The Japanese people today received from the only Japanese-speaking member of Congress, Senator Elbert D. Thomas (D. Utah), a New Year's warning that the "little temporary advances your forces have made will all be swept away by 1943."

Mr. Thomas' statement was broadcast by short wave to Japan last night and will be repeated Jan. 10, the Japanese new year. He lived in Japan for seven years as a Mormon missionary; has a daughter with a Japanese name, Chiyu, who was born in Tokyo, and is considered the best informed member of Congress on Far Eastern affairs.

He told the Japanese people that they have been betrayed by their war lords "who have sold themselves to Hitler"; that those war lords have presented the Japanese people with a strange New Year's gift—the enmity of the most powerful nation on earth, the United States.

Obligation to Philippines

As his statement was being read, other members of Congress of all shades of opinion on foreign affairs agreed that the United States has a moral obligation to recapture the Philippine Islands if they are lost to Japan.

Senator Joseph H. Ball (R. Minn.) who has supported Administration foreign policy, said the "gallant fight of the Philippine people obligates us to redeem the islands."

His words were echoed by Senator Gerald P. Nye (R. N. D.), formerly a leading isolationist.

Japan Must Be Conquered

"I would like to redeem the Philippines for the Philippine people. I would like to have the islands recaptured, if they fall, and then have the United States get out."

Senator Walter F. George (D. Ga.) and Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.) who have taken opposite sides on foreign policy issues, agreed that recapture of the islands, though desirable, would be only incidental to winning the war. Both asserted that Japan must be conquered before the Philippines could be recovered.

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SEEK KNOCKOUT OF AXIS IN LIBYA**British Pressure Continues Against Tank Army Near Agedabia.**

CAIRO, Jan. 1 (U. P.)—British Imperials battling to knock out German and Italian forces trapped near Agedabia, 90 miles south of Benghazi in Libya, maintained steady pressure on the enemy although there has been some reduction in the intensity of the fighting. British General Headquarters for the Middle East said today.

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600 Prisoners Taken

The most successful British operation yesterday occurred at Bardia, between Tobruk and the Egypt-Libya frontier, where isolated Axis troops were left behind at the time of the retreat in order to tie up Imperial forces.

South African troops supported by British tanks and artillery attacked at Bardia, the communiqué said, and penetrated enemy positions in the southern sector of the Bardia defenses.

Several posts were captured and 600 prisoners, including some Germans, taken.

R. A. F. Keeps Striking

"Activity in the Agedabia (Agedabia) area was less marked during the past 24 hours than previously but our forces continued to harass enemy forces in that area," the communiqué said.

"Especially effective support was afforded by our air forces, which carried out many attacks on motor vehicles and troop concentrations at Agedabia. Enemy columns on the road west of Agedabia also were attacked by our air forces."

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JAPANESE STRIKING ANEW AT CHANGSHA

CHUNGKING, Jan. 1 (U. P.)—Fierce fighting raged today for Changsha, capital of Hunan province, south of Hankow, where Japanese troops were struggling to take the city which in two previous campaigns they have failed to capture. Chinese dispatches said that the "third north Human battle" had entered a critical stage after the Japanese threw 50,000 men into the fight south of the Milo River. The Chinese had held the Japanese along the Milo for several days but latest dispatches indicated the Japanese had fought their way across the stream.

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British Fight With Success Against Malayan Invaders

SINGAPORE, Jan. 1 (U. P.)—British Imperial forces on both sides of the Malay Peninsula are battling Japanese invaders with mounting success and British troops, withdrawn "successfully" from Sarawak in North Borneo, have established contact with Dutch forces. British General Headquarters for the Far East said today.

A communiqué said that the troops which had fought a delaying action in Sarawak now were in West

Borneo and it was indicated they intended to continue the fight against the Japanese in co-operation with their Netherlands Allies. Earlier, headquarters had conceded the Japanese occupation of Kuching, capital of Sarawak.

On the Perak River front, in western Malaya, British troops made contact with small enemy parties, headquarters said.

"There was some shelling and one of our companies supported by artillery, inflicted about 100 casualties on the enemy and destroyed a small enemy ammunition dump," the communiqué said. "Our casualties were slight."

The communiqué said that fighting continued in the Kuantan area of eastern Malaya, 200 miles north of Singapore.

There were a number of air raids on Port Swettenham Tuesday "with some damage to military objectives but no damage to the airdrome," it was said.

COUNTY PAYS STATE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

County officials are starting out the New Year right, at least insofar as the State is concerned.

Deputy State Auditor Ross Teckemeyer reported today that for the first time in eight years the county officials turned all the state-collected tax money due the state into the state treasury before yesterday—the last day for tax settlement.

Mr. Teckemeyer said he didn't know the reason for this unusual promptness, but that he was glad "to see it." The counties turned \$3,693,192 to the state for the six-month period ending last night—approximately the same amount as last year.

Men under the selective service age, and older men who cannot qualify physically for military duty but who have strong educational backgrounds, and **MORE AND MORE WOMEN** are urged to train for these important places. This is the

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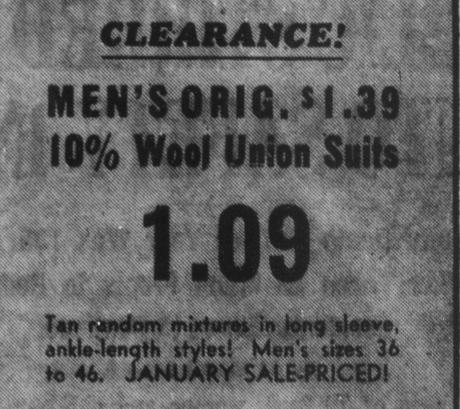
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9.75

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