

# LAST NAZI LINE CRACKED-REDS

Germans Fleeing Along  
Road of Napoleon Retreat,  
Russians Claim.

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—German forces on the central Vyazma front, 135 miles southwest of the Moscow front, are retreating on capital on Napoleon's road of retreat, before a merciless Red army drive which has now broken the last stable Nazi defense line, dispatches from the front said today.

It was believed that the Russians already had driven past Mozhaisk, 63 miles southwest of Moscow, which was the key point in the German line, and it was reported that the city had been encircled for reduction at leisure as the main advance continued.

(Vyazma is only 95 miles short of Smolensk, where Adolf Hitler was reported to have established headquarters for a personal attempt to stop the German retreat.)

The Russian break through at Mozhaisk was reported to have accelerated a general German retreat along the central Moscow front, after the Russian capture of Volokolamsk to the north, and Naro Fominsk and Kaluga to the south.

## Kaluga Capture Important

Capture of Volokolamsk had permitted the Red army to strike southward in a flanking attack against German positions in the Mozhaisk sector, which had been defended savagely under powerful Russian frontal pressure.

Then the capture of Naro Fominsk and Kaluga presented the Germans with the threat of a flanking movement from the south, dispatches said, and they evidently accepted the alternative of a general retreat to the west rather than face a two-pronged encirclement drive.

There are main highways to Vyazma from both Kaluga and Mozhaisk, and thus the Russian drive was facilitated.

Kaluga was regarded as especially important because its possession permitted the Red army to strike northward while other forces struck westward from Mozhaisk.

Dispatches said huge quantities of heavy artillery were being massed behind the Russian lines to blast out any German forces which essayed a real stand.

## Push On In Crimes

It was asserted that the Russians had destroyed an entire German army, of upwards of four divisions or more than 60,000 men, in the Volkov area south of Leningrad, in a seven-day battle as the result of which the Russian 54th army advanced 30 miles.

Dispatches from the extreme southern front said it was believed the Russian army which recaptured Kerch and Theodosia at the eastern end of the Crimea, was merely the advance guard of a powerful force assigned to the relief of Sevastopol and the entire Crimean peninsula.

Last night's communique had reported the recapture of Staritsa, on the Kalinin sector northwest of Moscow. It said that in a single small sector of this area the Russians had occupied 22 villages after breaking stubborn German resistance.

## TOPS PLANE SCHEDULE

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The Boeing Aircraft Co. announced today it had surpassed its own accelerated delivery schedules of flying fortress Army bombers by 70 per cent during December.

# Butler Builds for Future



Butler University Religion Building... complete by February.

## NEW STRUCTURE HIGHLIGHTS '41

Ready by Next Semester;  
Fund Contributions  
Total \$270,000.

The nearly completed Butler University College of Religion Building highlights the university's activity during the last year.

The \$260,000 Georgian styled structure, situated in a thick grove of trees on the Butler campus, is expected to be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the spring semester in February. More than half of the funds for the building were raised from Christian Church members throughout the State.

William G. Irwin, Columbus, was responsible for a gift of \$100,000.

## Year's Events Reviewed

The University today reviewed the events of the past year. They were:

Contributions to all funds reached \$270,000. The largest single gift, \$120,000, was received through the will of the late Mrs. A. M. Robertson, former member of the board. The money will be used for a memorial chapel on the campus.

Two new board members were selected. They were Mrs. Minnie Spann and Kenneth Wooling Sr. When the war emergency arose, D. S. Robinson, president, appointed a faculty emergency war committee to co-operate with a similar student committee to co-ordinate existing war time activities and to propose new methods of aiding the war effort.

A second faculty committee was appointed to promote defense stamp and bond sales.

## Red Cross Units Formed

Branches of Red Cross, including first aid units, home nursing groups and knitting units were formed. The university conferred honorary degrees upon several prominent persons and the school was host to numerous convention meetings.

The university sponsored a garden school, a reading clinic, a rural church institute and jointly sponsored an NYA conference. The entire library of Mrs. DeMarchus Brown was added to the school library and the Indianapolis Panhellenic Association added a new reference library room.

## Young Salesmen Are Tops in Sand

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Tops in war profiteering turned up here today with the disclosure that a band of persuasive young salesmen had been selling common sand to gullible housewives at 50 cents a bucket.

The salesmen explained the sand was to put out incendiary bombs.

When the wiles of one salesman failed at a home he called down a wartime cure:

"If you don't get your sand, I hope you get a big bomb through your roof."

## MORGENTHAU TO SPEAK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr. will make a 15-minute nationwide radio speech Sunday night on "the job ahead," covering the public's role in financing the war effort.

## Plane Watchers Are Interrupted

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The world may be mobilized for total war, but a party line is still a party line.

Lieut. Ray Siegenthaler of the aircraft warning filter center said today that there is so much confusion on party lines when observers call in reports on passing planes that he has to appeal to listeners to get off the line.

"If you have to know what is going on," he advised the rural interlopers, "call the observer back after he has made his report."

## FURTHER CURB PUT ON ALIENS

Surrender of Firearms  
Follows U. S. Order  
Limiting Travel.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—The United States today tightened restrictions on the activities of 1,100,000 Axis aliens who, though considered "peaceful and law-abiding," have among them potential spies, saboteurs and fifth columnists.

In addition to greatly restricting the travel of Japanese, German and Italian nationals domiciled in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Attorney General Francis Biddle late yesterday ordered all enemy aliens to surrender firearms in their possession to local police authorities before 11 p. m. Monday.

Police stations already are storehouses for shortwave radios, radio transmitters and cameras, ranging from the inexpensive box type to the expensive precision equipment. Surrender of these began last week on the west coast and the deadline for the rest of the nation is 11 p. m. Monday.

## Biddle Urges Caution

Mr. Biddle cautioned police officials that "most of the persons" affected by the orders were law-abiding and loyal to the United States. For this reason he asked them to instruct all officers assisting in the work to "use as much care as they reasonably can in helping the affected aliens to comply with the regulations."

Axis aliens can travel beyond certain limitations only when authorized to do so by the U. S. Attorney of the District in which they live. Permission for such travel, he said, would be denied in cases where the U. S. Attorney considered it to be "potentially dangerous to public safety."

Permission is not required, however, for travel within the limits of the municipality in which the Axis alien resides, or between his home and place of business, churches, schools, state, local and Federal agencies. This permits the alien to engage in normal activities.

Japanese, German and Italian aliens were barred from traveling by air at the outset of the war.

Under terms of the travel regulations, the alien planning such a trip must apply to the U. S. Attorney of his district in writing a week in advance of the proposed journey.

## SLAYER OF FOUR ESCAPES JAIL

Police Block Roads as Two  
Slug Sheriff and  
Flee.

LITTLE FALLS, Minn., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Richard Dehler, 16-year-old farm boy who confessed killing four members of his family because he had "to work too much around the farm," was a model prisoner until he slugged a sheriff and broke jail, a deputy sheriff said today.

With Theodore Grest, 41, his cellmate at the Morrison County Jail, Dehler escaped a few hours before a psychiatrist was to examine him. Grest, who was believed to have planned the break, had a 20-year prison record.

Minnesota police were blocking roads in the northern section of the state where the fugitives were believed headed.

"He was behaving 100 per cent until the break," said Deputy Sheriff Henry Smith. "He was a quiet kind of a kid, but he'd talk about the shooting if we asked him about it. He didn't seem affected much. We didn't know whether he was callous or whether it hadn't soaked in yet."

Dehler was awaiting trial on charges of shooting his father, August, 50, his mother, his sister Anna Mae, 10, and his brother, Kenneth, 5, on Dec. 19. Captured the next day, Dehler told authorities that he placed the bodies in the basement of the home, set fire to the house, and went to a Christmas party.

Smith said Dehler attacked Sheriff William Butcher last night as Butcher was returning him to his cell after permitting him to call his home for clean clothing. Grest stepped out of the cell to slug the Sheriff with a blackjack made of a salt shaker and a stocking.

Both ran out of the jail in their shirt sleeves, although the temperature was below zero. They stole an automobile and secured a room at a farmhouse.

## HITLER REPORTED ON MOSCOW FRONT

LONDON, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Adolf Hitler was reported today to be on the Moscow front attempting desperately, by the power of his personality and the "inner call" which impelled him to assume command of the once invincible Wehrmacht, to halt the disastrous retreat of the German armies in Russia.

A report reached London from Stockholm, now a chief source of German news, that Hitler had flown to the front to direct in person the German Moscow front armies, establishing headquarters somewhere near Smolensk, 250 miles southwest of Moscow.

It was said that Hitler had decided upon the move when he learned of the smashing German defeat in the Kaluga region which threatened the position of the entire German Army on the vitally important front immediately west of Moscow, and that he had at once left his former headquarters at Kiev.

# WAR PLAN GETS AUSTRALIA O. K.

Offensive Begun Against  
Jap Islands; Home De-  
fense Steps Taken.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Prime Minister John Curtin has cabled Prime Minister Winston Churchill the assent of the Australian Government to a Pacific agreement which it was reported had been evolved at Washington for defense of Allied interests in the Pacific.

(No details were available of the document. Gen. Hain Ter Poorten, commander in chief in the Netherlands East Indies, had said in a New Year's message to his troops that "the British and Americans are preparing something which will be very unpleasant for the Japanese.")

As Mr. Curtin announced the approval of the agreement, Australian air force planes opened an offensive on Japanese bases in the Caroline Islands.

It was announced that eight new majors general would be appointed to commands in the home defense forces as part of a reorganization voted by the war cabinet at a secret meeting Tuesday.

Army Minister F. M. Forde disclosed that especially picked non-commissioned officers of the Australian imperial force are being called home from the Middle East to aid in intensive training of the national home defense forces.

Mr. Forde also disclosed that the Government would continue the ban against transfer of members of the national militia and home defense forces to the Australian imperial force for service abroad.

Maj. Gen. Iven Giffard Mackay, field commander of the home forces, in a New Year's message warned that Australians must rely on themselves for defense. He criticized the attitude of reliance on outside help, including American aid, in fighting "Australia's battle against the Japanese."

## 1000 ARE GUESTS AT ZARING PARTY

More than 1000 children were entertained this morning at the A. C. Zaring annual welfare party at the Zaring Theater.

Some 500 pounds of candy and as many bags of oranges and apples were contributed by local merchants and commission houses. Transportation was furnished by the Indianapolis Railways whose drivers contributed their services without pay.

The youngsters represented the Day Nursery, Flanner House, Jewish Federation, Flower Mission, Catholic Community Center, Children's Bureau, Fletcher Place Mission, General Protestant Orphans Home, Christamore House, Marion County Guardians' Home, Baptist Christian Center, Southwest Social Center, State School for the Blind, Lutheran Orphans Home, the State School for the Deaf and Sunnyside Sanatorium.



# Indiana Politics

By Vern Boxell

FOR SEVERAL years, the Democratic National Committee has been raising campaign funds with a series of big Jackson Day dinners all over the country. Indiana has played a leading role in all of them. More than 1200 Democrats showed up at the \$25-a-plate affair last February, and Indiana's contribution was the fifth largest in the country—largest on a population basis.

A few weeks ago, it was announced that the 1942 dinner would be held on Feb. 20. But since then, the Japanese stab-in-the-back has brought many changes.

Now Fred Bays, the party's State chairman, and Governor Henry Schricker agree that with a war raging and the nation hard at work on defense, this is no time for a high-priced political pow-wow to raise campaign funds.

But they are discussing other plans to keep party interest alive and healthy for the 1942 campaign. One idea they are considering seriously calls for a big "Victory" banquet on the original Jackson Day date, with unity and defense as the theme.

The price still would be \$25 a plate, but those who attend would get more than a meal for their money. With each ticket would go a \$25 defense bond, which would cost the State Committee \$18.75. After deducting the price of the dinner and other overhead from the price, the remainder of the fund would be turned over to the U. S. O. or some other service organization to provide athletic equipment or any other entertainment needed for Hoosier soldier boys.

It's just an idea, but most Democratic leaders believe it is a good one. Mr. Bays believes he could sell \$50,000 worth of defense bonds that way and turn over a few thousand dollars for the service boys, too.

As for the National Committee's campaign fund, the party leaders would just go out and raise their quota the hard way.

For Congress

Any day now you can expect the candidates for Congress to start popping out of the bushes in the 11 State districts.

Up in the Third District, it's reported that Lewis Murphy, South Bend attorney, is anxious to go after the Democratic nomination. He is a former national commander of the Disabled Veterans and active in the American Legion. Organized labor, a strong factor in that area, favors him and probably would support him against Rep. Robert Grant, the Republican incumbent, if he were nominated. The Third District organization hasn't made up its mind yet, but Mr. Murphy is expected to come out soon.

Two Bloomington men already are in the Seventh District Democratic race anxious for a chance against Rep. Gerald Landis, the Republican incumbent. They are Circuit Judge Donald A. Rodgers, who is believed to have the edge now, and Floyd F. Cook, the Monroe Prosecuting Attorney.

Down in the Eighth, the opposition to Rep. John Boehne, Democratic incumbent, is said to be dying down and he is not expected to encounter much trouble. His Evansville friends have been saying for some time that the only opposition they heard against him was in the Indianapolis newspapers, which was interesting if not true.

# HELP ON WAY, MALAYA TOLD

Provinces Given Hope All  
Will Not Be Sacrificed  
To Save Singapore.

SINGAPORE, Jan. 2 (U. P.).—A communique issued by the Malaya Command at the Kuala Lumpur base in the west coast defense area said today that "considerable help is en route for the armies defending Malaya."

It was believed here that the communique was meant to indicate that Sir Henry Pownall, new commander in chief in the Far East, intended to ally any feeling in the provinces that everything was being sacrificed to the defense of Singapore.

A previous communique had reported that Japanese reinforcements had been landed in Perak province on the west coast, and that fighting had been intensified both there and on the main front.

The Malay Mail, a newspaper, published a Kuala Lumpur communique, evidently issued at the Federal capital, which said that "it is intended to fight every inch of ground down the peninsula."

The communique warned the populace to pay no attention to enemy broadcasts or to leaflets dropped by Japanese planes.

The Malay Mail said "the peoples of the Malaya peninsula will welcome with unfeigned relief and gratitude the fighting tone of the communique."

A Japanese air attack on Singapore island during the night did little damage and caused no casualties, it was said.

British planes bombed a Japanese airbase in Kedah province, up the west coast from Penang island. Fires were left burning in buildings and two planes were set afire.

## FIVE ARMY AIRMEN KILLED IN CRASH

NEW HYDE PARK, N. Y., Jan. 2 (U. P.).—Five Army fliers were killed yesterday when the light bomber in which they were making a routine training flight lost altitude and crashed into a sand pit.

The dead were identified as: Lieut. Charles W. Van Eswen, of Allendale, Mich.; Cadet Earle W. Ray, Kings Mills, Ohio; Private Edwin A. Onufrowicz, Ipswich, Mass.; Private Joseph W. Gallik, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Lieut. James J. Orr, Chicago.

## BAR DEFENSE GROUP TO MEET TOMORROW

City, State and County defense officials will attend a meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association's Committee on National Defense at the Claypool Hotel tomorrow noon. Jerry Cadick, committee chairman, expects the organization's defense plans to be worked out in detail.

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