

WASHINGTON Calling

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this year; will find the honeymoon—which has permitted them to proceed almost without question—is over.

Good Neighbor Policy at Home

MEANWHILE THE STATE DEPARTMENT, which lately has left the lash of congressional criticism, is now trying hard to improve its domestic relations.

Secretary Stettinius has started a policy of keeping senatorial leaders better informed about our foreign policies. Look for more frequent meetings between them, and more frequent appearances by Stettinius before foreign relations committee.

If the good-neighbor-policy-with-the-senate succeeds, it should minimize conflict when the united nations organization treaty is presented to the senate.

That treaty will be a major subject on the agenda when the Big Three meet. After they agree, full-dress international conference will be called to do the actual treaty-drafting.

NOTE: Senators will be ready—if F. D. R. is—to discuss foreign policy with him before he starts for the Big Three meeting. They feel he can avoid pitfalls if he consults with them ahead of time, lets them know what he hopes for, listens to what they hope for.

Real Push on for 4-F Draft

ON WORK OR FIGHT LEGISLATION: Chances for national service act, which would enforce sweeping across-the-board powers over all workers, are slight. It would get more votes now than last spring, when congressional leaders convinced Jimmy Byrnes it couldn't pass, but still not enough.

But there's a real push on for legislation which would drive all physically deferred 4-F's into war battalions. It probably will follow lines of last session's Bailey-Brewster bill, with some changes to remove labor's objections.

Labor feared low-pay work battalions would be put in industry side-by-side with well-paid union men, might be utilized to lower wages and working conditions.

Plan now is to make work battalions thoroughly unattractive by denying members veteran status, encouraging 4-F's to go into war industry on their own.

Work battalions would be used in private industry only after agreement by management and labor that they are needed to meet critical war shortages, probably after certification by War Mobilizer Byrnes' office.

LOOK FOR DRAMATIC ACTION to correct the shortage of nurses for armed forces, possibly by executive action.

If congress is asked for legislation, nurses will demand they be given full military rank, other benefits enjoyed by WAC, WAVES, etc., and service.

At present, nurses have full rank for duration and six months, after that lapse back to "relative rank" which no one seems to understand.

Insurance Fight

ONE OF THE FIRST fights of the new session will be over proposal to exempt fire insurance companies from Clayton and Sherman anti-trust acts—a fight that insurance companies won in the house in the last session, but lost in the senate.

Chances are the house will pass the exemption bill again, without much fuss, but that there'll be a last-ditch fight against it in the senate, bolstered by recent supreme court ruling that such laws apply to insurance, too.

MOVE TO LIFT marginal taxes is being revived. Higher ration points for butter provide new argument, but dairy blob seems strong enough to repeat last session's defeat. Fight will center in house agriculture committee, which licks repeater bill by close vote last year.

CENSUS BUREAU plans to interview 300,000 families in 400 typical counties this year, to find out their income and how they spend it.

Sample census of manufacturing, designed to get cross section view of industry in peak wartime year (1944), will be conducted by questionnaires to 300,000 manufacturers.

TO PREDICTION that Senator Lucas of Illinois will get one of the Democratic seats on the senate foreign relations committee, add the prediction that other seats will go to Hatch of New Mexico, Hill of Georgia.

Canadians Get Plenty Cigarettes

OTTAWA, Jan. 6 (U. P.)—Want a cigarette?

The wartime prices and trade authority said today that Canada faced no cigarette shortage.

A WPTB spokesman said that

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OUR AD THURSDAY NIGHT

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1ST GAINS MILE ON WIDE FRONT

Nazis Show First Signs of Weakening in Battle Of Ardennes.

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miles northeastward by opening a fresh attack below Stavelot.

Front reports of the new attack, linked with the east end of the previous 1st army push, said there was news of its success.

Supreme headquarters reported that the Germans had suffered 100,000 casualties so far in the Battle of the Bulge which began Dec. 6.

A possibility was seen that the relaxation of enemy resistance on the north side of the bulge presented a combination of two factors:

1. The drain of our hammer blows against their flank.

2. A shattering bombardment before dawn today by the Houffalize transport turntable at the center of the Nazi positions.

Continued Gains

About 1400, U. S. 8th air force bombers and fighters followed through on the British night attack with a widespread daylight bombardment of Rhinehead rail and road bridges and communications centers.

S. H. A. E. F. sources said Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery's armies were concentrating on consolidating their gains rather than moving ahead today.

Field reports showed considerable advances in several sectors.

U. S. armored columns, one from the northeast and the other from the northwest, struck over snow-covered fields to within 100 yards of the La Roche-St. Vith highway, a vital supply line to the Germans in the west end of the salient.

A front dispatch said the fall of the junction of that road and the Bastogne-Liege highway was expected within a matter of hours.

Armored units were advancing on it from captured Odeigne to the northwest and from the hamlet of Fraiture to the northeast.

The Germans retreated grudgingly before the allied counter-offensive in the north.

The Germans were lashing back furiously at the American 3d army on their southern flank.

Headquarters revealed that the American 2d and 3d armored divisions, the 84th and 83d infantry and the 82d airborne division were spearheading the U. S. 1st army attack in the north.

The 83d division was activated at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and trained there in 1942 and 1943.

Perhaps 400,000 men and massive armored forces already were committed on both sides.

Field dispatches said the Battle of the Ardennes was moving swiftly toward its climax.

Bid for Break-through

The allies were hurling their greatest strength against the northern flank in a bid for a breakthrough that would splinter the Nazi pocket.

More than 100 miles to the southwest, the Germans were embarked on a second dangerous gamble.

A twin drive into the Aachen corner menaced the entire 7th army front. The attack was countered effectively.

In that area, the Germans forced a crossing of the Rhine above Strasbourg.

They drove more than 10 miles through the 7th army front below Bitché to cut the important rail and road lines between Hagenau and Saarbrücken.

The German salient, now little more than half its original size, was compressing slowly under the converging allied blows.

The waist of the pocket was barely 12 miles wide between the 1st army spearheads in the Böle de Tave south of Grandmenil and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army on the north.

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Mystery Weapon

Developed by the U. S. navy, the mystery weapon was brought into action stem a German counter-attack at Béthune two days ago.

Within an hour the Nazis were in headlong retreat, leaving the battlefield littered with their dead.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops were locked in a furious struggle with counter-attacking German armored divisions in the Bastogne area at the center of the southern flank.

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BOTTLE HOARDERS HANDICAP DAIRIES

Housewives who are letting milk bottles pile up in their kitchens may be letting themselves in for a milk shortage.

Dairy owners today said failure to return bottles may seriously hamper the output of milk. They pointed out that no actual shortage of bottles exists, but that housewives are failing to return bottles to the store or milkmen.

The situation exists all over the Midwest, as well as in Indianapolis, and bottle factories are being flooded with rush orders for additional bottles.

Clogged-up trucking conditions make it impossible to transport the new bottles to all spots as soon as they are needed.

The tendency to allow bottles to accumulate seems to come with a cold spell, one dairy official said. He said that during the last week dairy owners have been forced to interchange extra bottles daily to keep up their regular output.

ATHENS IS CLEARED OF LEFTIST TROOPS

ATHENS, Jan. 6 (U. P.)—British armored forces, completing the occupation of Athens, pushed out four miles in three directions from the Greek capital today on the heels of E. L. A. S. forces fleeing through the hills.

The city was free from flying bullets for the first time in weeks and civilians began searching for food and firewood. Relief officials were rushing soup kitchens into northern Athens.

SGT. LIPUSZ is paralyzed from the waist down. He was sitting on the edge of his fox-hole on the Siegfried line writing a letter when artillery fire hit him.

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Those shells just won't tell

Gets State Post



Maj. Elmer W. Sherwood

SHERWOOD NAMED ADJUTANT GENERAL

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in 1918. In World War I, he fought in six major western front engagements with the 150th field artillery (Rainbow division).

Following the war, he was graduated from I. U. in 1921.

The author of several books and numerous newspaper and magazine articles, he was formerly editor-in-chief of the National Legionnaire magazine, official American Legion publication.

Maj. Sherwood is married and has a daughter, Joan, a student at Wellesley college, and a son, Robert, a pupil at Shortridge high school. They reside at 5009 Washington Blvd.

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