

Partly cloudy and cold again tonight. Lowest temperatures in the east, 24 to 26. Sunday, partly cloudy and colder.

More American Forces Smash Way Into Reich

Reinforced German Divisions Fight Bitterly To Halt Drive Of Four American Seventh Army Spearheads; Other Allied Units, To The North, Inch Out Gains.

By EDWARD KENNEDY

Paris, Dec. 16—(AP)—The U. S. Seventh Army poured more troops into its four-pronged invasion of Germany today, seized the French border town of Lauterbourg only two miles from the Rhine and beat against the first pillboxes of the Siegfried Line in Bavaria.

German West Wall artillery reacted violently and a fresh Nazi armored division was flung in as reinforcements in attempts to stem the Seventh's thrust into the Bavarian Palatinate.

Two hundred miles to the north, U. S. First Army infantry and armor cleaned out more German pockets west of the Roer River and added to their holdings along a 27-mile stretch of the river's west bank.

The Germans demolished the remaining bridges over the Roer—a sign they have abandoned hope of holding anywhere on the west shore.

Heavy German artillery fire harassed the First Army front. The 95th division advanced 250 yards inside Emsdorf east of Saarlautern.

Nine miles east of Sarreguemines, doughboys moved half a mile beyond Eschling and reached the German border.

The 45th, 79th and 103rd divisions of the Seventh Army were battling into Germany at points along a 17-mile front, meeting heavy resistance. U. S. artillery thundered in a duel with Siegfried Line cannons.

Four crossings of the Nazi border were forged by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's veterans, with the 79th division entering the Reich at two points near Lauterbourg, a city only 20 miles from the Rhine.

But the 79th immediately ran into a stiff fight. The German command pulled a panzer division from another sector and flung it into battle to stop the threat to the chemical and industrial centers of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen 35 miles to the north.

Units of the 45th and 103rd divisions crossed at points west of Wissembourg, 11 miles west of Lauterbourg, and were closing on that gateway city to Germany from northeastern Alsace.

Both these divisions apparently made deeper penetrations of Germany. The 45th advanced six miles Friday after opening its attack in the morning four miles below it.

Third army troops farther west again began boring through the Siegfried Line defenses in the Dillingen and Saarlautern zones and gained up to 300 yards today. But German artillery drumfire increased. The Germans slammed 6,000 rounds into the Saarlautern area alone yesterday.

Battle Of The Roer Roars On



Arrows on this map indicate drives by the U. S. First and Ninth armies on the Roer river front in Germany. The heavy line denotes the approximate battle front. The First Army, which has been pounding at Duren, has begun new pushes on both sides of the Roer north and south of Mönchengladbach. The Ninth moved up in the mean time and took Vichthoven, south of Jülich. (AP Wirephoto Map).

Japs Claim Heavy American Losses

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS Japanese Imperial headquarters in an unconfirmed broadcast today said American and Japanese forces are engaged in "heavy fighting" on Mindoro Island and that Japanese planes inflicted heavy damage on the American convoy, sinking four transports and damaging others.

Recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, the broadcast said between Wednesday and Friday Japanese planes in a series of "suicide" attacks on the American convoy approaching Mindoro had, in addition to sinking four transports, "heavily damaged and set ablaze" eight transports, two oil tankers, three destroyers, two cruisers, two destroyers, six ships of unidentified category.

The Japanese in an earlier broadcast said a "violent sea and air battle" was unfolding in the Sulu Sea.

Acknowledging landing on Mindoro, the Japanese said that their paratroopers "accepted the enemy forces and fighting is now in progress." (American reports from the scene said the initial landings were virtually bloodless.)

SAYS TIME FOR PEAN TALKING

America Should Not Be A Silent Partner.

Washington, Dec. 16—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) called today for "plain speaking" by the United States in relations with Russia and Britain.

As Washington watched with obvious concern diplomatic developments abroad, and as it was confirmed that Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill will meet early in 1945 Vandenberg declared:

"The United States should not be the only silent partner in this commotion."

Comments on Prime Minister Churchill's apparent abandonment of the London Polish government, Vandenberg said if the United States has been consulted "the matter is a state secret" and if it has not, it is a "state scandal."

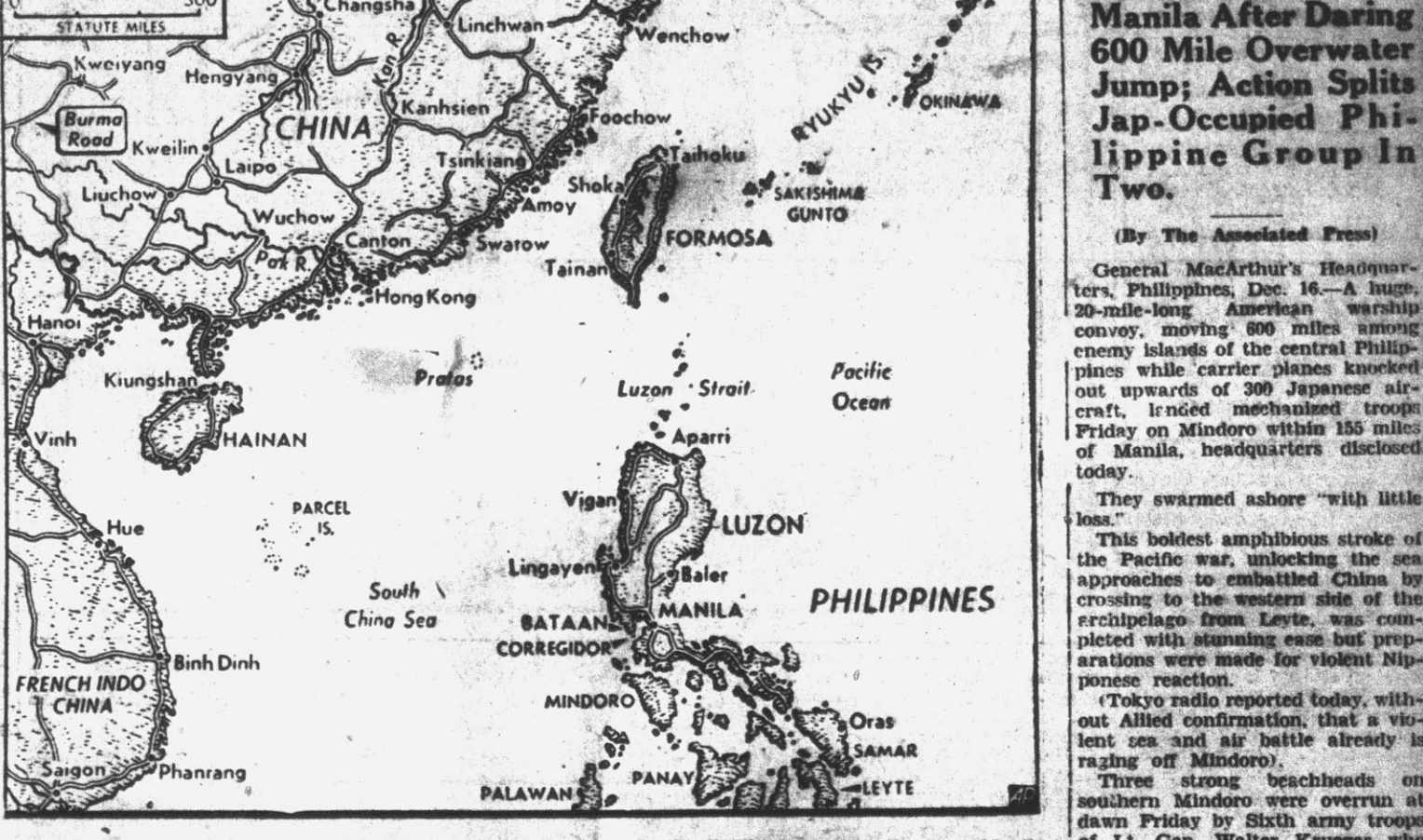
It should be no threat to military unity he asserted, "for us to speak plainly as our military allies." Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the Prime Minister's pronouncement means a big three meeting is necessary because the United States "must be consulted" on European boundaries.

That the big three of the United Nations will convene in late January or early February was confirmed yesterday by highly placed Washington officials.

Though the time has been set definitely, the site is a subject of speculation. The leaders probably will rendezvous outside the United States.

Yanks Make New Landings In The Philippine Islands

MacArthur Strikes Deeper Into Philippines



American mechanized forces yesterday landed on Mindoro, in the Philippines, 155 miles from Manila. MacArthur's forces are already in possession of Samar Island and are mopping up last Jap resistance on Leyte (arrow lower right).

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 16—A huge, 20-mile-long American warship convoy, moving 500 miles among enemy islands of the central Philippines while carrier planes knocked out upwards of 300 Japanese aircraft, landed mechanized troops Friday on Mindoro within 155 miles of Manila, headquarters disclosed today.

They swarmed ashore "with little loss."

This boldest amphibious stroke of the Pacific war, unlocking the sea approaches to embattled China by crossing to the western side of the archipelago from Leyte, was completed with stunning ease but preparations were made for violent Japanese reaction.

"Tokyo radio reported today, without Allied confirmation, that a violent sea and air battle already is raging off Mindoro."

Three strong beachheads on southern Mindoro were overrun at dawn Friday by Sixth army troops of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger who were greeted excitedly by Filipinos, the Japanese having fled inland under bombardment of destroyers and rocket ships.

Between that beachhead and the big, American base on nearly-conquered Leyte, Yank and Filipino guerrillas were disclosed today to have seized strategic airfields and ports on intervening Panay, Negros, Cebu and Bohol as well as a 125-mile stretch of coast on northern Mindanao.

The guerrillas, some of whom had fought the losing battle of Batuan, did their work so well that the huge convoy moving southward, some 100 miles from the rugged coastline of those islands.

"The operation has driven a corridor from east to west through the now definitely cut-in two and will enable us to dominate the sea and air routes which reach to the China coast," said MacArthur.

"Conquests of Japan to the south are rapidly being isolated, destroying the legendary myth of the great-er East-Asian co-prosperity sphere and imperilling the so-called 'imperial lifeline.'"

Employing new tactics, rocket-firing planes of a fast aircraft carrier task force of Vice Adm. John S. McCain kept Luzon's 100 airfields, including the network around Manila, under attack night and day for more than 24 hours.

Fliers Rescued After Eleven Days At Sea

Superfortress Was Forced Down Returning From Raid On Tokyo.

By VERN HAUGLAND 21st Bomber Command Headquarters, Saipan, Dec. 16—Via Navy Radio—Ten happy men who survived a B-29 water landing in returning from the Tokyo raid of December 3 and spent 11 days afloat on three rafts rejoined their unit today.

The airplane's co-pilot went down with the ship but the other ten escaped injury and weathered the long sea wait in such remarkably good condition that none was hospitalized upon return here.

They were picked up a destroyer, December 14, more than 300 miles north of Saipan almost at the same time that another destroyer was picking up 11 survivors from another B-29 crash about 300 miles away. This plane was returning from the Nagoya raid December 13. These eleven were brought here yesterday.

For five days the men in the three rafts kept their position and then gave up hope and started sailing toward the Philippines with the wind and the current, airplane commander Capt. Francis James Murray, of Brooklyn, N. Y., said.

"We rationed food and water. In ten days, five planes passed over very high without seeing us—B-24s. At 2:30 p. m. December 13, we heard a plane which turned out to be another Navy B-24, in navy terminology known as a PB4Y.

"Dean (left gunner) fired two rockets which the plane did not see, then he asked me for a third which had a punctured primer and would not work when we tried it before. This time it went off. The plane saw it and circled back.

"Everyone of us cried and we are not ashamed to admit it."

The PB4Y dropped rations and flares and departed.

Next morning at 8, a PBM (Martin Mariner) piloted from a base somewhere in the Marianas sighted the men and dropped a note saying that they would be picked up within an hour by a destroyer.

Fate Of Social Security Freeze In Doubt.

By WILLIAM F. AROGAST

Washington, Dec. 16—(AP)—Trains and planes speeding from Washington held the key today to the fate of legislation pegging social security payroll taxes at one per cent.

On them were many House members heading homeward for the congressional Christmas holiday slated to start formally next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Backers of the social security legislation frankly were worried about the chances of overriding a possible presidential veto.

The President has until the middle of next week to act one way or another but there were some who expected a White House decision today.

While both Senate and House mustered more than the two-thirds vote necessary to override a veto when the legislation was passed in Europe, it's a field day for the Muscovites.

Thus Marshal Stalin at once gets approval of his claims and gains fresh recognition of Russia's vast and steadily expanding influence in Europe. It's a field day for the Muscovites.

Actually Mr. Churchill's concession doesn't alter the fact that the question of eastern Poland was settled months ago, although the exiled Polish government in London has stuck to its claims. To put it bluntly it was settled when Moscow said it was going to retain the territory in question. There would be only one way to dispute this decision effectively, and that would be by war.

While Mr. Churchill has given the exiled Polish government the brush-off, I don't take this as meaning that he has abandoned Poland. On the contrary he seems prepared to support a Polish government which will recognize the inevitable realistically and enter friendly negotiations with Moscow for the rebuilding of Poland by the annexation of part of German east Prussia and a slice of eastern Germany proper. (Continued on page two)

Draft Age Workers Must Produce Or Be Inducted

SOVIETS PRESS NEW OFFENSIVE

Drive Aimed At Smashing Way To Vienna.

London, Dec. 16—(AP)—Striking into western Slovakia for the first time, Russian troops today pressed a bold offensive from captured Ipolyzag junction, attempting to smash open the roads to Vienna, 115 miles to the west, and at the same time trap German divisions to the east.

Ipolyzag, on the Budapest-Bratislava-Vienna highway, was seized by Red Army spearheads which bridged the Ipoly River frontier from Hungary 34 miles northwest of beleaguered Budapest. Danube-straddling, skirted the 2,700-foot Borzsony mountains between the town and the big Danube River bend to the west.

Moscow announced that Ipolyzag fell Thursday after a bitter all-night fight in which 800 German soldiers were killed. It is a half-mile inside Slovakia. In taking it the Russians skirted the 2,700-foot Borzsony mountains between the town and the big Danube River bend to the west.

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The regulations do not apply to registrants who left their employment prior to December 12, but effective December 12, a registrant with a 2-A or 2-B occupational deferment who leaves the employment for which he was deferred is to be classified as available for service unless:

1. His request is granted for a determination that it is in the best interest of the war effort for him to leave such employment for other (Continued on page four)

BUSINESS BRAINS

Babson Discusses Our Public Schools

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 16—Brains—not wealth or military power—are the basis of national progress, including physical and spiritual as well as mental.

Unemployment and Federal Debt This country's postwar employment problem is really up to our educators. If there is much unemployment after the war, it will be because our nation's school committees have not properly backed their school superintendents and teachers. Whether or not \$300,000,000 of government bonds are to be paid, refunded or repudiated, will depend upon the attitude of the young people now in our public schools. Hence, the future of our huge federal debt depends upon our local school committees.

It is true that these educators like to pass the buck to us parents. Without doubt the homes are not doing their part toward a better America. We parents, however, are not brain specialists and are no more responsible for the city's educational plant than for its water, light and sewage systems. The education of our children is the responsibility of our school committees.

What Is Education? Education is the development of the brain which determines whether we think rightly or wrongly about everything. If a person neglects his health or judgment, something is the matter with his brain. If he fails to recognize the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, something is the matter with his brain. If parents are not properly bringing up their children, something is the matter with the brains of these parents. Juvenile delinquency is merely a symptom of brain deficiency. Everything, good and bad, in your community is the result of its brains. (Continued on page two)

Local Draft Boards Told To Induct 26 To 37 Year Old Group.

By KARL R. BAUMAN

Washington, Dec. 16—(AP)—Draft-age men in industry were told today to "meet their war responsibilities" on the production front—or face swift induction.

Translating the government's recent "produce or fight" edict into "you can" and "you can't" regulations, selective service predicted that a much larger proportion of men in the 26-37 age group will be inducted after February 1.

The war isn't a young man's war but everybody's war, said a selective service memorandum last night to local draft boards. The "critical situation" requires, it added, that civilians remain in war-supporting industries or obtain war-supporting employment if not already so engaged.

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Civilian Goods To Remain At Present Levels.

By STERLING F. GREEN (Copyright, 1944, by the Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 16—(AP)—The WPB, in a drastic new move to meet vital war needs, has ordered that all civilian production be frozen indefinitely at present levels.

The order, dated Dec. 7 and circulated within the War Production Board but not announced, is designed to discourage the movement of labor from war plants into peacetime activity while heavy demand continues for some vital weapons and material.

In effect a "hold-the-line" order on production, the ruling instructed the WPB staff neither to increase civilian goods production above the level of this quarter nor to relax existing orders if increased output would result.

The move was based on the theory that the volume of civilian goods now programmed is sufficient to meet "essential requirements" and avoid hardship on the home front.

Some slight leeway for expansion (Continued on page four)

The WAR TODAY

AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

British Prime Minister Churchill's virtual abandonment of the Polish government in exile, and his concession that Moscow is entitled to the territory it claims in eastern Poland, of course means many things to many people, but as I see it the main significance of his dramatic gesture to Russia lies in this declaration:

The world security organization to prevent future wars "will be fatally ruptured by a quarrel between any of the three most powerful empires which compose the grand alliance of the United Nations"

(meaning Britain, Russia and America.)

Tar Heel Heads Credit Agency

Washington, Dec. 16—(AP)—Frank Hancock of Oxford, N. C., today assumed direction of the Multi-Billion Dollar Commodity Credit Corporation.

The former North Carolina representative who is Farm Security administrator, was named to the new post yesterday by War Food Administrator Marvyn Jones to replace J. S. Hutson, who has been named assistant to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Hancock will retain his position with the FSA.

The CCC is the banking agency of the food administration and finances the WFA's foreign commodity price support programs. From 1930 until 1938, Hancock served as congressman from the Fifth North Carolina district. The 50-year-old Tar Heel has been an important political figure in North Carolina for more than 17 years.

Today On The Home Front

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 16—(AP)—Uncle Sam may be paying out money until 2000 A. D.—which is 136 years from now—under the new pension law for survivors of World War I veterans.

The total payments will cost billions of dollars.

A demon statistician of the Veterans Administration which was doing the paying, has figured this could happen:

A World I veteran was 15 years old when he served. At 90 he marries a girl 15. To get a pension when he dies, she'll have to live with him at least 10 years. He dies at 100. She's 25 then. She begins drawing a pension. She draws it until she dies at 162 in the year 2060 A. D. "Think it could happen? It could. Probably will. Something like that. Here are two examples: Still on the pension rolls is one survivor—a daughter—of a veteran of the war of 1812 which was 132 years ago. The last pensioner daughter of a revolutionary war veteran died in 1911. Both these women received pensions by special act of congress. But the last pensioned widow of a revolutionary war veteran died in 1906. On the pension rolls are: 333 civil war veterans, 1,227 veterans of the Indian wars, plus veterans of the Spanish war, the First World War, and this war. Also on the rolls are survivors—



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Strength FOR THE DAY by EARL L. DOUGLAS

Immortality... As the great poet, Robert Browning, passed away, his last words were: "Never let anyone say that I am dead."

Browning's poetry, of course, has classed him among the immortals. He will be remembered as long as men speak and write English, because of his great literary achievements.

But this is a shallow idea of immortality. The persistence of life after death is something too grand to be explained by reason.

It is faith in the eternal significance of life which gives men courage to face their troubles and the motive necessary to continue to live after failure and defeat.

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Joseph R. Edwards Died At Hospital

Mr. Joseph Roy Edwards, 48, died in Pitt General hospital at 2:55 o'clock Friday afternoon after having suffered a heart attack a few hours earlier.

Funeral services will be held at the home in Simpson Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. C. B. Harris, pastor of the Methodist Church at Grimesland.

Mr. Edwards was born and reared near Hudson's Cross Roads. He spent his entire life in that community and in Simpson.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Amy Elks Edwards; a son, Joseph Roy Edwards, Jr.; four daughters, Mrs. LaRue Brazier of Bakersfield, Cal., Mrs. Annie Mae Hardee of near Chocod, Mrs. Sarah Menard of Cherry Point, and Miss Pansy Sue Edwards of the home; a grandchild, Susan LaRue Brazier of Bakersfield, Cal.; two brothers, Fred Edwards of near Chocod, and B. J. and R. L. Edwards of near Hudson's Cross Roads, and two sisters, Mrs. L. A. Hudson of Hudson's Cross Roads, and Mrs. Bertha E. Buck of Chocod.

Bury Sam E. Sutton Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Mr. Samuel Edmund Sutton, 47, of Vanceboro, who died suddenly at his home Wednesday night at 9 o'clock will be conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. J. Randall Bennett, Christian minister of Bridgeton, and burial will follow in the Spring Garden Baptist church cemetery near the home.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carrie Hughes Sutton; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Parrott of the home, and Mrs. Elwood Whitford of Bridgeton; a son, Earl E. Sutton of the U. S. army, stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.; five sisters, Mrs. Blanche Caravan, Mrs. S. H. Williams of near Vanceboro, Mrs. H. E. Wilcox of near New Bern, Mrs. Cora Brinson of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. L. B. Hill of Winterville, and two brothers, Cecil and Ira Sutton of near Vanceboro.

Claude Christopher Died Early Today

Claude H. Christopher, Sr., died at Pitt General hospital this morning about 2:30. He had been in failing health some time.

Funeral services will be held at the home in the Meadowsbrook community Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Wonderful News—"Only One Was Lost"



The Rev. W. H. Brunson, Christian minister and the Rev. Hayes Clark, Presbyterian minister, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Palbearers will be Ed Fuller, C. B. Rice, Johnny F. Taylor, Tom Smith, Clyde Landing, W. L. Brown, M. E. White and Fred Forbes, Jr.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Clara Sumrell Christopher; one son, Lieut. Claude H. Christopher, Jr., U. S. army, stationed in France; a granddaughter, Lina Claire Christopher; four sisters, Mrs. W. A. Murray of Durham, Mrs. S. K. Cole of Ash-tabula, O., and Mrs. Ed P. Kenarlew of Pascagoula, Miss., and Mrs. R. W. C. Wilkerson of Mebane, and two brothers, Dan Christopher and Clay Christopher of Mebane.

Mr. Christopher was employed as a mechanic at the Flanagan Buggy Company many years. He was held in high esteem by his employers and fellow workers, Mr. Graham Flanagan, president of the company, said.

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Will Furnish New Chapel For Marines

The officers and men at the Greenville Air Station across the river will believe that there really is a Santa Claus if people here are generous and donate furnishings for the new base chapel, and recreation room at the Marine airfield.

Persons willing to donate furniture or furnishings should phone Mrs. K. B. Pace or Mrs. J. T. Little.

The War Today ...

And while one quite understands the feelings of the Poles about losing cherished territory, it looks as though the lands which the Poles will get in exchange will be intrinsically far more valuable than the ones lost.

Just between you and me, it strikes me that the astute British premier probably is really anxious to give his support to a Polish government acceptable to the dominant power of Europe.

As a matter of urgent fact the world is waiting anxiously for statements from the big three not only about the status of the Atlantic charter but other vital matters.

There are a lot of angles to the Polish readjustment which must be settled. One of the biggest of these relates to the transfer of millions of German citizens from the territories which Poland will annex.

Robert St. John, noted correspondent and author of "The Land of the Silent People," will speak Monday evening at 8:30 p. m. in Austin Auditorium.

Robert St. John knows what it is like to see bombs rain from the sky, how it feels to be in a troop train strafed by a squadron of Heinkels, what it means to evacuate troops under heavy fire, to see death and destruction on every hand.

Today On The ... (Continued From Page One) Such a veteran must have served at least 90 days and been discharged other than dishonorably.

How will it work? This way: John Jones, World War I veteran, who had no war injury but was killed by a truck after his army discharge, died say 20 years ago.

Until now his widow was entitled to no pension. Now she can claim one. She wouldn't get a pension dating back to his death but from the date of filing the claim.

Any woman married to a veteran before yesterday can claim a pension any time in the future when he dies. But a woman marrying a World War I veteran hereafter must live with him at least 10 years before his death to get a pension.

The benefits cannot total more than \$74 to widow and children combined. A widow without children gets \$35 monthly; a widow with one child gets \$45, plus \$5 for each additional child.

Where 1 are are children but no widow, the first child gets \$18, two get \$27, three get \$36, and there is \$4 for each additional child.

Under this new law the VA expects to pay out \$37,400,000 within this next year. They estimate payments in the peak year—sometime between 1964 and 1969—will be \$308,000,000.

Here are the payments in pensions and compensations in all wars to date: Revolutionary, \$70,000,000; War of 1812, \$46,218,050.57; Indian, \$94,022,334.52; Mexican, \$61,611,719.06; Civil, \$5,110,656,730.58; Spanish, \$2,076,978,561.45; World War I, \$5,236,142,472.78; and World War II, \$183,018,023.55.

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Postlude: "March aus Flam-beaux." Sermon by the pastor. 5:00 p. m.—Vesper service. Play, "Eternal Life," presented by Wesley Foundation Players.

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Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.—Testimony meeting in the church edifice, 1004 Dickinson Avenue.

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Social and Personal

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
December 16, 1904

Though the weather was most disagreeable, there was a large meeting of farmers here today in the interest of the movement to hold cotton and not sell until the price is higher.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: That we will not sell any cotton within the next 30 days unless we get 10 cents per pound, and we pledge ourselves to exert all our influence to keep our neighbor from doing so.

Further, we resolve that we will reduce our cotton acreage next year 25 per cent.

Christmas season. Sunday afternoon the Out Post Mission Sunday school will meet as usual at Clifton Whitehurst's home on Falkland highway 43, west of Greenville.

Sunday afternoon at 5 p. m. the children of the church school, under the direction of Miss Agnes Lapsley, will present a special Christmas program observing the "Joy Gift" to be brought for aged ministers and their widows and children. The public is invited to attend this service.

Eight Street Christian Church. Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the Eight Street Christian church choir augmented by several splendid voices will present a Christmas cantata entitled "The Christ Child" by C. B. Hawley. The soloists in the cantata will be: Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, John Pickett, Miss Frances Brewer, Miss Marguerite Moye, James Ray Pittman, Geraldine Allegood, Miss Agnes Fulllove, Herman Gaylor. The choruses specially arranged are: "Arise, Shine," "He Shall Feed His Flock," "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," "Sing O Heavens," "Hosanna," "The Plains of Bethlehem," "Glory to God in the Highest," "Let Us Now Go to Bethlehem," and "O Praise the Lord." The cantata is under the direction of Mrs. Paul Davenport, regular organist-director of the Eight Street Church choir.

The Sunday school will have its Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 24, and the various departments will observe the day by departments instead of congregational assembly. Mrs. Lee E. Moore, Mrs. J. R. Carrington, and Mrs. L. B. Fleming will have charge of the beginner, primary and junior departments, respectively. The intermediate teachers will have charge of the program for the young people and adult assembly. An offering will be received from all the departments for the orphan and old peoples homes at Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla.

At the Sunday morning service a quartet will sing Barnby's "Thou Didst Leave Thy Home" and Dr. Haney has announced to speak on the theme, "May God and Man Be Merciful."

Christmas Program. The people of the Immanuel Baptist Church will have their annual Christmas program Sunday night, December 17, at 7:30. The program of the evening will be a Christmas play entitled "The Little Shepherd" produced by the members of the Junior Department of the Sunday School. Leading the cast of the regular Christmas characters will be David, a young shepherd, by Ralph Smiley, and a Little Girl, with Miss Margaret Fleming.

Also, White Christmas will be observed with gifts going to the Baptist Orphanage for Christmas. Everyone will be invited to have a part in this joy offering.

Mr. E. T. Staggs, superintendent of the Sunday School, has already announced that there will be a surprise awaiting the children of the Sunday School. All members of the

church and Sunday school are invited to be present for this fine Christmas program.

At the morning worship, Mr. Campbell, pastor of the Immanuel Church, has announced that he will bring a message on "Discipleship Denied." Special feature at the worship will be music presented by the High School Chorus under the direction of Miss Ona Shindler. All are invited to attend this worship.

Duke Alumni Dinner. The twentieth anniversary of the signing of the indenture for Duke University was celebrated last night by the alumni of Pitt county at a dinner held in the Greenville High School cafeteria.

Among the thirty-four present were delegations from Bethel, Grifton and Ayden. J. L. Kilgo, vice-president, presided in place of the president, R. L. Farley, who is in the armed services.

W. I. Bissette of Grifton, was elected president for the coming year. Mrs. E. R. Browning, teacher in Greenville High School and wife of Dr. Browning of the ETC faculty, is the new vice president. L. Andrews of Bethel succeeds Miss Mamie E. Jenkins as secretary-treasurer, and Miss Marguerite Austin, of the language department of the college, follows Mrs. Sam Underwood, a member of the Alumnae Council.

Pictures of the two football games played in the Duke stadium this fall were shown, the game with Georgia Tech, played on Homecoming day, and the one with Wake Forest.

As a representative could not be sent from the university, there were no speeches and the entertainment was informal. Duke songs, led by June Rose, were sung. The span of years in the responses to the "Who's Who" question, covered from the end of the last century to the year 1944, one of the students-to-be, The Bradshaw father and son, famous duet, "There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea," was an enjoyable feature. The father is Rev. R. W. Bradshaw and the son, Bobbie, another future Duke man.

Report of a Duke reunion "somewhere in the South Pacific" was given when a letter from Jim Slay, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Slay, of the ETC faculty, was read. In the list of those present was the name of the football star, Storer. The tables for the dinner, arranged in the shape of the Greek letter Pi, were decorated in Christmas and Duke colors. Red candles, with red berries and greens banked at the bases, were scattered along the tables and small Duke pennant stickers in the spaces between gave the touch of the Duke blue. Miss Jenkins and Mrs. W. P. Young had charge of the decorations. The four-course turkey dinner was served by Mrs. E. B. Ferguson.

Jack Whichard managed the projector for the showing of the pictures of the games.—Reported.

New Books at Library. The Sheppard Memorial Library announces the addition of the following books to its collection:

Fries, Adelaide. Road to Salem. The story of Anna Catherine Antes, Moravian deaconess, born in Pennsylvania who went to the North Carolina wilderness in 1783 to join others of her sect in the settlement of Salem. Recently awarded the Mayflower Cup by the N. C. Literary and Historical Society.

Best, Herbert. Young'un. Upstate New York in the early 1800's forms the background of this novel. The main characters are 15 year old Dan'l and his 14 year old sister, Young'un. Deserted by their Pa, the two have quite a struggle to make a success of the farm. The story will have an appeal to the ones who read and liked "The Yearling."

Pyle, Ernie. Brave Men. A well-known war correspondent again gives us intimate human reports of our boys in action. This time he writes from Sicily, Italy, England, France and the "Bosch" who he actually lived with the soldiers. The book reads like a series of letters home from the boys at the front. He seems to come nearer than any other in bridging that

gap between soldier and civilian.

Graham, Gwethalyn. Earth and High Heaven. War-time Montreal is the setting of this well-written story of a man and a woman separated by both families and conventions. In addition to being a tender love story it is a powerful indictment of anti-Semitism.

Hartley, J. M. The Way. The story of a Roman centurion sent to Syria and Jerusalem to spy on the Wise Men in search of a Messiah. A good picture of both the Romans and the Jews and their distrust of each other. Will appeal to the readers of "The Robe."

Woolcott, Barbara. None But A Mule. Antics and growing pains of four sisters, nieces of Alexander Woolcott. Written by the third sister, Barbara, it is the story of a happy-go-lucky and quite unorthodox existence, filled with pets and tantrums, neighborly scraps, and encounters with backyard reality.

Taylor, Rosemary. Ridin' The Rainbow. An amusing follow-up to "Chicken Every Sunday." That was the mother's story but this is devoted to father, whose visionary schemes for getting rich were inexhaustible.

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Inter Se Club. Dr. A. D. Frank of East Carolina Teachers College, gave his analysis of current events and world affairs before the Inter Se Club Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Frances Fleming Harvey.

Dr. Frank discussed the progress of the war in Germany and the Philippines, conditions in Greece, the tenacity and endurance of the Japs and the Russian situation. He emphasized particularly the importance of making the home front the strongest link in our military effort. Dr. Frank also commented on the appointment of Stettinius as Secretary of State and doings in Washington.

At the close of this enlightening and instructive talk, an interesting round table discussion was held. During the business session the club voted to buy a Tuberculosis Health Bond. Mrs. Harvey, assisted by her mother, Mrs. V. C. Fleming, served a delicious salad course with coffee.—Reported.

Japanese Losses. San Francisco, Dec. 16—Radio Tokyo, in a broadcast heard by NBC, admitted Japanese army and navy losses of 162,159 in the Philippines since November 1, but claimed, without Allied confirmation, that a half million Americans had been killed in that period. Radio Tokyo made this breakdown of Nipponese losses: Army—33,748; Navy—78,411.



HUBERT C. HERRING

The ETC International Relations club will present Dr. Hubert C. Herring, author and authority on Latin America, in a special lecture on Latin American problems at 4:30 p. m. tomorrow in Austin auditorium. The Greenville Council of International Relations is cooperating in presenting Dr. Herring. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Professor of Latin American Civilization at Claremont College, Cal. Dr. Herring is executive director of the Committee on Cultural Relations with Latin America, and is a recognized authority on South American culture. He is on a weeks

lecture tour of North Carolina colleges under the joint auspices of the coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

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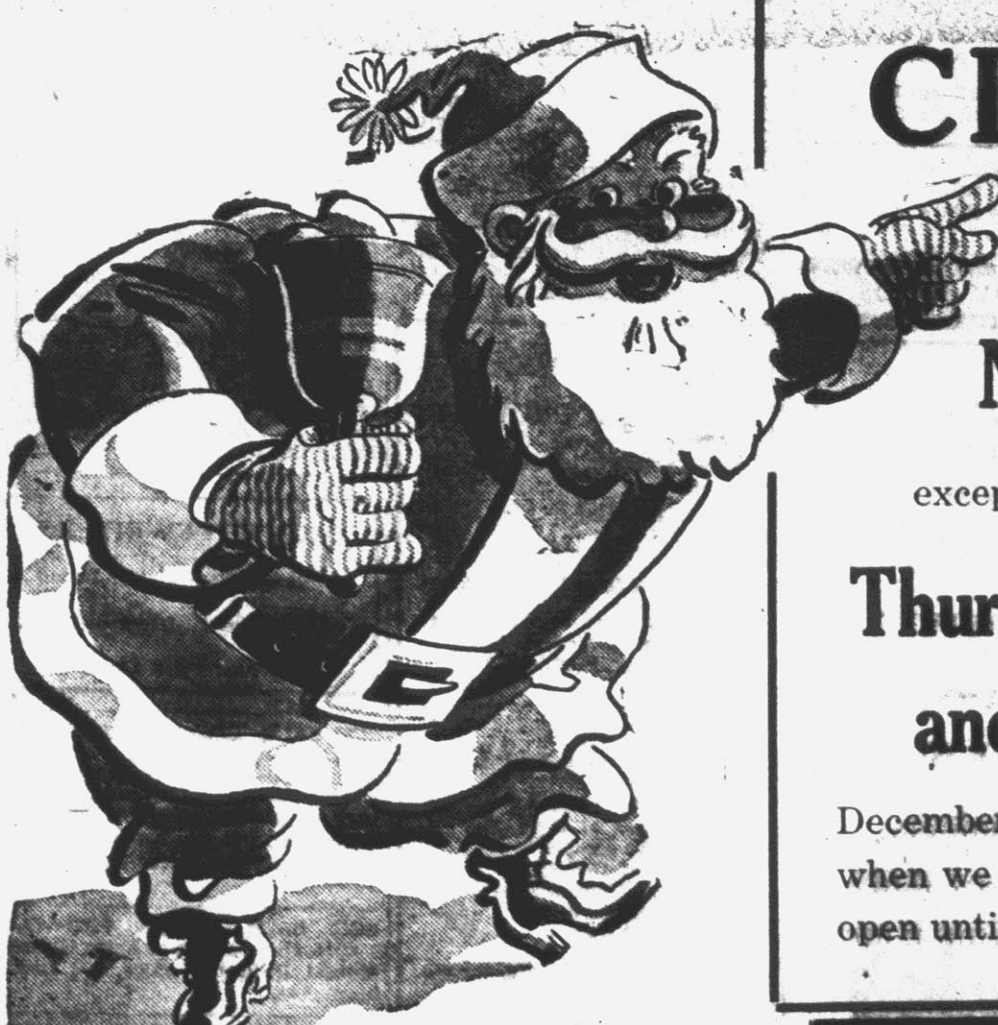
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Social Calendar

MONDAY
6:30 p. m.—Rotary Club

7:00 p. m.—Lions' Club.

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m.—Chapter 149 of the Eastern Star meets.

8:30 p. m.—Christmas dance at USO Club. Formal.

THURSDAY
3:30 p. m.—Wesley Philathea Class of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church meets at the home of Mrs. Gladys Scoville for a Christmas party.

FRIDAY
6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Club meets in Rotary Club building.

Wesley Philathea Class. The Wesley Philathea Class of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will have a Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 21, at 3:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Gladys Scoville.

Birth Announcement. AM 3-c Leon I. Boone and Mrs. Boone announce the birth of a son, Danny Leon, on Friday, December 15, 1944, in Pitt General Hospital. Mrs. Boone is the former Miss Velma Tripp of Greenville.

USO Christmas Dance. The Christmas dance at the USO Club will be held on Tuesday night, December 19. The dance will be formal, with music by the Ninth Wing band from Cherry Point.

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Solo will be rendered by Mrs. Proctor, Misses Geraldine Allegood, Marguerite Moye, Blanche Ogden, Agnes Fulllove, Frances Brewer and by Messrs. James Ray Pittman, Herman Gaylor and John Pickett. The selections in this cantata are exceedingly inspiring. The text, selected and arranged by the composer, relates the coming of the Christ child. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Presbyterian Announcements. The choir will present special numbers at the service Sunday as follows: Anthem: "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach. Anthem: "O Saviour Sweet" by Bach. Solo: "Rejoice Greatly" from Handel's Messiah, Miss Josephine Gibson. Violin Solo: Mr. Karl C. Gilbert. Dr. Boyd will speak on the subject, "The Significance of Christmas." Text, John 1:14. This is about all John gives us about the birth of Jesus Christ, but it is a profound statement, as so many of John's statements are.

The public is most cordially invited to attend this rather special service as a preparation for the

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Misses Mittie and Irene Venters, Mandy Elizabeth Rogerson, Myrtle Dunn, Hattie Rue Manning of Greenville, Mamie Lee Little of Lanesland, and Edith Full Edwards of Chocod, will return to their respective homes December 21 for the Christmas vacation. They attend Herdberger's Secretarial and Business School in Raleigh.

Wesley Philathea and Wallace Roberson of Stokes, who are attending school at N. C. State College, are at home for the Christmas holidays.

Friends of little Geraldine Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Mills, 1302 Charles street, will be glad to learn that she is doing nicely following a tonsil operation.

Eustace Conway III, is home from State College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Conway.

Sgt. Jimmy Carr arrived last night from Murco Army Air Field, Calif., to spend a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Picklen returned today from New York. James Picklen, Jr., who has received his commission as ensign at Columbia University, returned with them.

Special Vesper Service. On Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock a special Christmas program will be given at the Presbyterian Church by the children and young people of the school, directed by Miss Agnes Lapsley. This program is in observance of the Annual Joy Gift to be made to aged ministers and their widows of the denomination. The service will be bright and Christmas-like in spirit, as only youth can make such programs. The public is most cordially invited to attend. It is fostered by the entire membership of the church, but given under the auspices of the Womens Auxiliary and church school.

Undergone Operation. Mrs. Hubert Joyner of Farmville, underwent a major operation last Monday in Moore-Herring Hospital in Wilson. Mrs. Joyner is well known in Greenville, being a former superintendent of nurses in Pitt General Hospital.

AMERICAN RED CROSS. Mr. Joseph S. Moye of the Pitt County Chapter American Red Cross, announces the appointment of Mrs. Fred B. Haar as prisoner of war chairman.

Mrs. Haar has invited the parents of prisoners of war to meet with her on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 19, in the Board of Aldermen room, City Hall, at 2 o'clock.

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LOCALS LOSE CLOSE GAME

Wilson Beats Phantom Basketeers By Score of 26 to 24.

The Charles L. Coon High School gymnasium was the scene of a pitched basketball battle last night between the Greenville High Green Phantoms and the Wilson High Cyclones. The Cyclones won by a narrow margin of 26-24. One basket's difference meant the loss to the Phantoms.

Although the Greenies outplayed the Wilson boys all the way and held a fourteen to nine lead at the half, the Cyclones managed by playing the breaks, to slip up on and pass the Phantoms before the game was over.

The G. H. S. boys all played well, however it was left to three of them to do the scoring. "Big Joe" Lupton was high scorer with ten points, Harrington followed closely with nine, and Futrelle ended the scoring with five markers. Although he was not high scorer, Billy Harrington was the stand-out for the Phantoms. Having practiced with the team only two or three times because of an ankle injury he received during a football game, Billy played remarkably well. He was mainly responsible for keeping the Phantoms going during the last half.

Futrelle and Lupton also played good ball, in fact all the boys did. The boys who saw action were: Billy Harrington, Dennis Fleming, Billy Mac Batchelor, Julian White, Jimmy Futrelle, J. T. Williams and Joe Lupton.

Kiwanians Enjoy Christmas Carols

Christmas carols featured the Kiwanis Club's program at the weekly supper meeting last night. The program, under the direction of "Tiger" Gardner, "Sweetpea," of Kiwanis minstrel fame, was as good as if Fred Ward had arranged and directed. The more than 50 Kiwanians and guests, Maj. Scott Berkeley of Goldsboro, Lieut. Bailey of Port Bragg, Capt. Jasper L. Jones and his two lieutenants, W. H. Woolard and Burt Greene gave high praise to Gardner and the two minstrels. The members of the double quartet, when they paused for the Kiwanians to sing "Silent Night," registered pleasant surprise and appeared to enjoy the Kiwanians' singing as much as they did the visitors' singing. Passing cars stopped to listen to the singing and a troop of Girl Scouts upstairs in the Rotary building getting ready for a social function, paused in their work to enjoy the songs. The program should be broadcast over the radio, music lovers said. Marvin K. Blount, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and a former president, presided.

Miss Margaret Moyer's solo, "O Holy Night" with choral obligato, was inspiring.

Members of the double quartet are Miss Margaret Moyer and Mrs. Roy Dall of Snow Hill and Mrs. James Ray Pittman and Mrs. Rivers Good, all of Greenville; Bill Lee, James Ray Pittman, Aubrey Tilley and

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"ABROAD WITH TWO YANKS" AT PITT



William Bendix and Dennis O'Keefe, a couple of wolves in she's clothing, with Helen Walker. Scene is from "Abroad With Two Yanks," at Pitt Sunday-Monday.

"Tiger" Gardner, Mayor Bruce Suggs introduced Major Scott Berkeley of Goldsboro, commander of the State Guard Regiment, and Lt. Bailey, U. S. Army. Major Berkeley spoke briefly in praise of the Greenville State Guard and said it one of the very best in the State. They were here last night to inspect the local company.

Guests of the club were William McDonald, ambassador from Scotland; Milo Smith, Dr. J. L. Winstead and R. C. Wiggs. Dr. S. M. Crisp will have charge of next week's program. It will feature the club's underprivileged child committee work.

The New York Stock Exchange, the world's largest, was founded in 1817.

Soviets Press . . .

(Continued From Page One) south. German troops reeled back into Slovakia along a 125-mile front from Ipolyzag eastward to Satoral-jaubely in the face of the increased tempo of the Russian drive.

Berlin reported the Russians also were attacking more heavily in the Debica-Tarnow area of southern Poland, and speculated these renewed thrusts may be the beginning of a northern envelopment movement against Slovakia as well as a winter offensive aimed at Krakow.

The stroke northward from Hungary by Second Ukrainian Army troops appeared likely to aid a fighting force of 25,000 free Czechoslovak troops.

Other Red Army troops skirted the northern Borzsony Mountains and reached positions leading downhill into the plains extending westward to Bratislava.

Moscow pictured the fighting along the Ipoly River front as a determined effort to break the stalemate at Budapest, where heavy rains had interfered with progress of the huge Russian pincers strangling the strife-torn city.

Yanks Make . . .

(Continued From page one) half-heartedly reported Marlin Spencer, Associated Press war correspondent aboard Struble's flagship in a Dec. 15 dispatch. "Later that day, Dec. 13, there was a second attack. But yesterday, which was considered the critical period because we were so close to key Japanese bases, passed without a single attack on the 20-mile-long convoy."

Spencer said the Japanese were so uncertain of the convoy's destination that lights on Mindoro were not blacked out until the warships were nearing shore.

Aboard a covering force flagship off Mindoro, Jim Hutcheson, Associated Press war correspondent, said: "The only hitch in the landing came when a warship signalled 'Beach in front of our bombardment sector is crowded with welcoming Filipinos and carabaos (water buffaloes). What shall we do?'"

Rear Adm. Russell S. Berkey ordered "withhold fire" until the Filipinos could seek safety.

Elmont Waite, Associated Press war correspondent with the assault forces, said the landing at 7:30 a. m. Friday on the northernmost

Says Time For . . .

(Continued from page one) relation to Poland," the Daily Mail said.

The London Times observed that the changes in the map of central Europe demanded by Russia and second yesterday by Churchill "might result in creating sounder political foundations, a stronger and more closely knit Polish nation."

The Moscow radio today broadcast a long extract of the Prime Minister's speech, but added no comments.

A German foreign office spokesman, in a broadcast today, described Churchill's speech as "a priceless contribution to Germany's war effort."

Draft Age . . .

(Continued From Page One) work; or 2. The local board finds that there were adequate reasons involving the registrant or his immediate family which justified the registrant in leaving such employ-

Order Freeze . . .

(Continued from page one) was left, however, by two mechanisms provided in the order, which was signed by Samuel Anderson, WPB's program vice chairman.

First, the office of Civilian requirements or other agency speaking for a segment of the domestic economy, may seek an increase in production by making a "positive demonstration" that a program is clearly below "essential requirements." Even so rejection will result unless the increase can be made "without serious threat of interference with more essential production," the order states.

Second, the "spot" plan for consumer goods production by individual factories which are not needed for war work is continued in effect and made the sole method of increasing output of any article above the officially approved level.

This might mean an increase in "spot" authorizations in areas which have relatively plentiful labor supply, but the government recently banned new spot approvals for 90 days in some 120 cities of acute labor scarcity.

More Americans . . .

(Continued on page four) mans since D-day. Allied planes spotted heavy German transport movement in the Ruhr by road and rail, presumably indicating strong efforts to reinforce that great industrial area.

German patrols seeking information raided a British outpost east of Venray in the southeastern corner of Holland.

Ninth air force planes supporting the 3rd army wrecked or damaged 170 railroad cars and seven locomotives. Black Widows at night punished a road convoy between Saarbrucken and Homburg.

Congressmen . . .

(Continued from page one) the veto and remaining here to vote, the opposition must produce two offsetting ballots.

"We will have enough votes to override," predicted Rep. Jensen of Iowa, a Republican leader.

Jensen and other Republicans admitted that some of their votes had left but believed the defections were equally strong in opposition.

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