

# REPORT FROM PACIFIC—By Clark Lee

## Collapse Of Japs Not In Sight

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**BOGGED DOWN . . .** U. S. troops use a tractor to drag a stalled truck from the surf in the Lingayen Gulf area. Clark Lee, International News Service correspondent, points out the current offensive cuts off Japan's source of supply. Wirephoto from AP.

By **CLARK LEE**

International News Service Staff Correspondent.

WITH GEN. MacARTHUR, Luzon, Jan. 19.—The American public, if it is as astounded as the Americans at Lingayen over the Japs leaving the gateway to Manila open to our landing and present advances, must be asking whether the enemy's demonstrated weakness means the end of the war is in sight.

First  
of a Series  
of Three  
Articles

Is this the beginning of a final quick collapse that will enable us to step with relatively little opposition through the chain of islands into Tokyo itself?

What has become of Japan's apparently invincible war machine that in 1941 and 1942 captured the world's biggest and richest empire in the swiftest

# NEW POLISH RUSH GAINS 50 MILES

# Reds Take Krakow

campaigns recorded in military history?

The situation in the Pacific today can be compared with some aspects of Europe early in September of 1944, when the Germans were driven out of the captured countries and reeled back to their own borders, apparently near collapse.

Developments showed the Germans were far stronger both in material and morale than was anticipated. Like the Germans, the Japs have lost a great



**MANILA-BOUND . . .** Troops of Gen. MacArthur's liberation army pass a bomb-shattered church in Binmaley on their speedy drive toward Manila. International News Soundphoto.

deal of their early gains, but the war out here isn't as far along in many ways as the European struggle.

So far, we haven't hurt Japan's war industry anything nearly as bad as Germany has been battered by air. We still are hundreds of miles away from the Jap's home soil, where the Imperial fanatics can fight at least as determinedly as the Germans for their sacred home soil.

What we have done—as MacArthur pointed out when he landed on Leyte and as it cannot be over-emphasized—is to cut off Japan from her stolen empire and her sources of vital raw materials.

When Adm. Halsey's fast task forces can, as they are doing presently, speed deep into the China Sea

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## Urges House Rush Draft Of Nurses

By WILLIAM THEIS

International News Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Appealing for immediate passage of a law authorizing drafting of nurses, Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army Surgeon General, told Congress today the flow of wounded from the war fronts to the States increased 270 per cent in the past year.

Gen. Kirk testified before the House Military Affairs Committee at a special hearing which interrupted consideration of the broader May "work or fight" bill to draft men 18 to 45 into war plants.

The Surgeon General told the committee 18,000 nurses are required at once to meet minimum needs, and "they can be secured only through extending Selective Service to include nurses."

450,000 PATIENTS.

Kirk declared the hospital patient load is increasing at double the rate of discharges. Since last May, he added, total personnel in the Army Nurse Corps had increased only 2,000, while the number of patients in Army hospitals has risen from 260,000 to 450,000.

The War Department's nurse draft bill would register for induction all registered women nurses in the United States, but would extend to them the privilege of volunteering for duty in the Nurse Corps where they would receive commissions as second lieutenants.

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## British May Ration Spuds

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP).—The Ministry of Food is considering placing potatoes on the list of rationed commodities to combat a shortage caused partly by frost losses, it was disclosed today.

## FBI on Alert To Foil Landing Of 3 Nazi Spies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP).—FBI Director Hoover today sounded an alert for three Nazi espionage agents who, he said, are under orders to enter the United States.

Hoover said the three men have been trained in sabotage and were associated with Erich Gimpel and William C. Colepaugh, who were arrested by the FBI in New York last month after allegedly landing on the Maine coast from a submarine in November.

He identified the men as Max Christian Johannes Schneemann, 44, formerly of Pereira, Colombia; Hanz Rudolph Christin Zuehlsdorff, 25, formerly of Bogota, Colombia, and Oscar Max Wilms, 37, formerly of Managua, Nicaragua.

Schneemann, who was employed in a glass factory at Pereira, Hoover said, is a former Nazi party member and SS man who reputedly went to Colombia to be a Gestapo agent and propagandist. He is reported to have been in Spain in 1943.

Zuehlsdorff was described as a commercial advertiser and sales representative for a German firm in Bogota who is reported to have engaged in English language propaganda broadcasts for the Nazis.

Wilms was described as a former partner in a German import-export firm in Managua.

## Churchill Wins By 340 to 70

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP).—An attempt to express censure of Prime Minister Churchill's interventionist policy in liberated lands was beaten 340 to 7 today in the House of Commons.

## Elliott Denies Any Request For Air Priority to Rush Dog

By CHARLES A. SMITH.

International News Service Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Col. Elliott Roosevelt, whose high priority plane-traveling bull mastiff has caused a furore in the United States, today disclaimed any responsibility for the dog's air flight to the West Coast, which caused the "bumping" of three servicemen from the plane.

If he had been in America at the time, the mastiff would not

have been granted precedence over any person, the President's son declared.

"All I know," the Colonel said, "is that Blaze (the dog) went back with me in my B-17. He was properly cleared from here and properly declared when he entered the United States."

"The Wickedest Woman in the World" and why you will never see her in the movies. See the 20-page Home Magazine with Saturday's Journal-American.

## Akashi Air Plant Fired by B-29s

21ST BOMBER COMMAND HQ., Guam, Jan. 19 (UP).—A strong force of U. S. Superfortresses hit the important Kawasaki aircraft plant at Akashi on Japan's main island of Honshu today in an effort to bomb that huge and hitherto untouched factory into ruin.

[The Tokyo radio said 80 Superforts attacked industrial objectives at Kobe, Japan's most important port, the manufacturing center of Osaka and elsewhere on the main Jap island of Honshu and admitted some damage resulted.]

B-29 bombardiers, armed with clear photographs of the factory—only 10 miles west of Kobe—bombed it in almost perfect weather.

Returning pilots said large explosions and fires were seen and that the Superforts bombed from a considerably lower altitude than usual from an upwind direction.

This indicated that Brig. Gen. S. Hansell's pilots were engaged in an all-out effort to knock out the factory which produces single and twin-engine fighters and other aircraft.

Pilots reported fighter opposition was slight to medium with flak "slight to moderate."

Roosevelt's friends denied that in flying the 135-pound dog from Britain to New York any "vital personnel" were displaced from the plane.

It was at Memphis, when Blaze was being forwarded under a priority to the Colonel's wife, Hollywood actress Faye Emerson, that the servicemen, traveling

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## Allies Attack In Belgium, Holland

By THURSTON MACAULEY

International News Service Staff Correspondent

PARIS, Jan. 19.—American and British assault forces in Belgium and northern Holland struck out in new attacks coordinated with the Russian offensive against eastern Germany today.

U. S. and French troops in the area around Strasbourg suffered a new setback, however. Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters admitted that the situation there had taken a turn for the worse.

German forces have now established a corridor from a point northeast of Haguenau to Gamsheim, 11 miles north of Strasbourg.

### REINFORCE CORRIDOR.

The Nazis are utilizing pontoon bridges and ferries to reinforce the corridor, a headquarters spokesman said.

Lt. Gen. Patton's 3rd Army, sending elements of two divisions across the Sauer River in the Luxembourg-Reich border area, advanced up to distances of two

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## Allied Casualties 55,421 in Bulge

PARIS, Jan. 19 (UP).—Supreme Allied Headquarters announced today that Allied losses in the Ardennes campaign from Dec. 16 to Jan. 11 were 55,421, of whom 18,416 were prisoners. German losses were placed at 120,000, of whom 40,000 were prisoners.

## Sleet and Rain Due, Weather Man Warns

Even as the sun came out, and was looking brightly all around today, the Weather Bureau warned—

"Tonight cloudy, with sleet and freezing rain, changing to rain. Lowest temperature 30 degrees."

This will constitute a 5-degree drop from today's high mercury mark. Saturday—rain, highest temperature 35.

## Reds Fighting Inside Lodz



**THE JUGGERNAUT . . .** Arrows locate the main Winter offensive of the Russian armies which, to date, have crashed through to Lodz, Poland's "Pittsburgh"; speared to German Silesia (the Germans reported Russian penetrations), and, to the south, captured Krakow. Shaded area is Russian-held; broken line the front.

AP Map, Jan. 19, 1945

LONDON, Jan. 19 (UP).—Marshal Stalin announced today that Krakow, ancient Polish capital, has been captured.

By NATALIA RENE,

International News Service Staff Correspondent.

MOSCOW, Jan. 19.—Premier Marshal Stalin today announced that a fresh, massive Red Army offensive has been launched in the Sanok area of lower Poland, throwing the Germans back 50 miles on the level approaches to the southern reaches of Nazi Silesia.

Driving along a 37-mile strip north of the Carpathians, the Soviets ripped huge gaps in the enemy lines.

Lightning-like Russian spearheads raced forward in a move which threatened to probe into Silesia from the south, while severing the lifelines into Vienna from the north.

Savage house-to-house fighting already was reported in Krakow, west of the advancing legions of this newest drive.

To the north, other Russian forces closed in on Lodz.

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THE WEATHER		TODAY'S INDEX	
Cloudy; sleet, freezing rain tonight.			
Sun rises, 8:17 a. m.; sun sets, 5:57 p. m. High tide at Governors Island, 1:10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.			
HOURLY TEMPERATURES.			
4 a. m.	20	9 a. m.	23
5 a. m.	19	10 a. m.	24
6 a. m.	21	11 a. m.	25
7 a. m.	22	12 Noon	27
8 a. m.	23	1 p. m.	29
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