

Soviet Battles Parisie Beaten German Armies

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The Russians, pursuing the beaten German besiegers of Leningrad, closed in to within six miles of the great rail hub of Krasnogorodsk controlling trunk railroads to Estonia and Poland today while other forces captured 30 Communist cities in the east where they were driving to free the major rail artery to Moscow.

More than 70 towns and hamlets were taken in the entire Leningrad area, said the Moscow broadcast communique received by the Associated Press. Less than 100 miles to the south where the red army was surging west from captured Novgorod, the last scattered remnants of German forces were being driven through the Pripyet marshes toward Pinsk.

The Leningrad fighting saw the greatest success in a powerful assault by General A. Gorodov's forces captured Kemolova and Zaitsovo, 40 miles northwest of Krasnogorodsk.

The Russians also officially announced the closing of a trunk railway from Leningrad to Moscow with the capture in the east. The German lines, Krasnoyarsk and Oymyatshe is a single track line, considerably less than the Pripyet.

With the fall of the long-held stronghold of Mga the red army had captured the last German fortification southeast of Leningrad and paved the way for the final drive to the city. A 60-mile stretch of the rail line, the last east and west line, was captured.

Russians Kill Thousands. This Nazi-held thousand runs along the coast of Leningrad to the Gulf of Finland. Liberation of the railway would provide a direct line to the city. The Russians, once again, used the efforts of the two greatest cities of the north.

From the southern shores of the Gulf, below topped Nizhny Novgorod, the Baltic coast, the German army was being to avert a major military offensive.

In many sectors their dead were being counted by the thousands. In the Leningrad area, 12,000 bodies of German soldiers were being moved through the streets. In the Leningrad area, 12,000 bodies of German soldiers were being moved through the streets.

It appeared that the Germans would not escape losses many more than the 40,000 killed in the Leningrad area. The German army had taken a strategic step in the east and west.

Photographs reaching Moscow from Leningrad showed German soldiers in winter equipment. The Associated Press Correspondent said that the German soldiers were in winter equipment. The Associated Press Correspondent said that the German soldiers were in winter equipment.

Trunk Railway Hub Threatened: Reds Drive Ahead On All Fronts

along the east-west railway between Mga and Ulyanovsk, where it crosses the Moscow-Leningrad line.

Southwest of Leningrad, below Krasnogorodsk, the red army units dealt a smashing defeat to a strong German force and those not killed were captured or fleeing, abandoning all heavy equipment, according to a dispatch from the government newspaper Izvestia.

Red Star observed that the capture of Mga, which Marshal Shalagin announced with a special order the day Friday, had lifted the last gate in the siege of Leningrad. The paper described the capture of Mga as the key to which for 31 months had made life something just short of hell for the people of the city, with artillery fire never relenting.

The fortifications of Mga, said Red Star, were as strong as the Mannerheim line. There were 15 lines of barbed wire and 15 miles of Leningrad. South and southwest of Leningrad the roads were endless lines of Soviet machines and guns pursuing the Germans.

Great Nazi Industrial City Ablaze After Mighty Raid

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The central German city of Magdeburg, destroyed by fire centuries ago, was ablaze tonight after a terrific hammering by the RAF which brought to a climax a mighty 26-hour aerial battle involving perhaps 3,000 allied planes.

Large sections of the city, a rail junction harboring a wide variety of war industries, were left in ruins by a barrage of more than 2,000 long tons of explosives and incendiaries dropped with spectacular effect in 34 minutes by planes which flew more than 500 miles to reach their targets.

Rece Star brought to at least 16,000 tons the total weight of bombs dropped and starting fires in areas in two nights and a day. An RAF assault on Berlin Thursday night, the RAF said, was a "rocketing" of the city.

While the RAF was pulverizing Magdeburg, capital of the Prussian province of Saxony, the RAF left bank of the Elbe 83 miles southwest of Berlin, smaller fires of 10,000 tons of bombs and incendiaries were dropped on the city.

Four Get Prison Terms In Asheville Trial

ASHEVILLE, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Four of the eight defendants who were indicted on charges of misappropriation of funds, aiding and abetting in the misappropriation, and conspiracy to misappropriate funds totaling approximately \$232,000 of the defunct Bank of Black Mountain today were sentenced to terms in Federal prison by Judge John J. Hayes in U. S. District court here.

The jury acquitted Edward Borshchewsky, former official of the Lumber company, who was charged with aiding and abetting in the misappropriation of funds, and failed to agree in the case of W. C. Hoberyuk, former president of the Lumber company, and former bank official.

The jury which received the case at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, deliberated until this morning, when it returned its verdict. Hoberyuk and Borshchewsky were sentenced to two years in prison, and the other two to one year.

Relatively Few Marines Come In Contact With Japs On New Britain

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER. WITH THE MARINES AT CAMP GUERRE, NEW BRITAIN, Jan. 22.—(By Wire)—As you move around among the marines who are steadily exterminating the Japs at this end of New Britain, you realize how few of our men are in contact with the Japs. Relatively few.

That is a thing about this war over here that is different from the mass fighting in Europe in the last few years. In the Pacific, the marines are in contact with the Japs in small parties of a dozen to 20 men, far ahead of the lines. One night a patrol came upon a small party of Japs. The marines were in contact with the Japs in small parties of a dozen to 20 men, far ahead of the lines.

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After selecting Chicago as the national convention and installing youthful Robert E. Hannegan, as new national chairman, the committee members roared approval for a candidate calling the "liberal spirit and far-sighted idealism" of Franklin D. Roosevelt "must be imprinted in the peace."

Death Rides Skies As Invasion Begins

By ROBERT VERMILION. ABOARD A BOEMER ABOVE ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Flak rattled through the fuselage of our B-24 Liberator as it flew over the scene of our amphibious invasion of the Italian coast today and a heavy flak made the air over the battle-ground an inferno through which our bombers and fighters were battling ferociously. We were shot down by the enemy's anti-aircraft fire, and our fighters were striking back to base to fight.

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Invading Force Only 16 Miles from City After Ecs Landings

By WES GALLAGHER. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Thousands of American and British troops landed practically without opposition on the beaches south of Rome and moved inland today in a daring, successful seaborne blow that completely surprised the Germans and deeply ousted the power of "Gustaf" and "Adolf Hitler" defences lines.

Heavy Surprise Blow At Capital Threatens To Trap 200,000 Nazis

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