

Seventh Army Wins Bavarian Gateway City; US Invaders Seize Railroad Town on Mindoro

Asks Jurors Visit Murder Site at Night

Hill Defense Questions Girl's Ability to Call Her Attacker a Negro; Prosecution Stresses Alleged Confessions

Defense counsel for Clarence Hill, Hamilton Township Negro soldier on trial in Mercer Court charged with one of the Duck Island trust slayings yesterday disclosed plans to have the jury visit the murder scene at night.

Frank H. Wimberley, of the defense staff, said he had proposed the nocturnal tour to County Judge Frank S. Katzenbach and had received tentative approval. The jurors, the 34-year-old defendant and his counsel were taken to the site Thursday afternoon. Wimberley's defense associate is Robert Queen.

Corporal Hill is charged with the shotgun killing of Mary Mytovich, 15-year-old Steamboat Street girl, the night of November 8, 1938. She said, according to witnesses who heard her speak before she died two days later, that her assailant was a Negro. The trial recessed last evening until Monday at 9:30 A. M.

Records show that variable weather prevailed that night. A full moon was visible shortly after dark, but clouds obscured it and rain beginning to fall before 9 P. M. The girl and her dead escort, killed instantly, were found about 8:30 P. M. The defense proposal for a nocturnal visit to the scene raised a question whether the frightened girl, attempting to flee, could have determined whether a white or colored person pursued her.

Confessions in Dispute

Prosecutor Walter D. Cougle opened a line of testimony yesterday directed to several alleged confessions of guilt signed by the

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View Former British Property



Lord and Lady Halifax at Old Barracks

Drive Started To Place Men In War Plants

Mayor Calls on All Not In Essential Jobs To Respond

Recruiting of hundreds of men now employed in essential activities for jobs in Trenton industries producing materials vital to the successful prosecution of the war will begin tomorrow under direction of the War Manpower Commission.

The drive has the wholehearted support of Mayor Andrew J. Duch, who, in a proclamation addressed to the men of Trenton and vicinity, called upon them "to heed this urgent call to duty."

"This is an obligation and a challenge that must be met," declared Mayor Duch's statement. "Thousands of our husbands, sons and sweethearts are serving with the armed forces, at home and overseas. Many have sacrificed their lives so that the ideals and principles of a free people might be preserved. We here at home, not already contributing directly to the war effort, are now afforded an opportunity to do so."

Many of Trenton's war plants are hard-pressed for men. One in particular is John A. Roebbling's Steel Company, which needs 600 men immediately to meet a production quota set by the armed forces. Millions of feet of wire are required and the Roebbling firm needs the men to produce it. Similar situations are faced by other firms here.

"Men of Trenton and vicinity," stated the mayor, "if you are not now employed in an essential industry, it may well be that you can fill a vital war job in one of our local war production industries and so contribute your share to victory over the Axis."

Halifax Is Told How Colonials Licked British

Ambassador Views Old Barracks and Wash- ing Crossing

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, and Lady Halifax paid an informal visit to Trenton Friday. It was in the nature of a pilgrimage. They wanted to see the Old Barracks and to look upon the site where Washington had crossed the Delaware.

The Ambassador had been scheduled to go to Princeton yesterday, there to present to the university a piece of stone from the bombed House of Commons. The stone was given by the British-American understanding.

When plans were completed for the trip, Lord Halifax commu-

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Pay Dispute May Bring Bus Tieups

Drivers Reported Fed Up With Failure Of Labor Board to Settle Issue Satisfactorily; Union to Meet Tuesday

Trenton again is facing the prospect of a breakdown in its transportation system. It was learned from a reliable source last night.

Their patience reported exhausted after 10 months of effort to settle the question of overtime pay, members of the bus drivers union—Division 540, Amalgamated Association of Street, Electrical Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America—have called a meeting for Tuesday at Bergen's Hall.

None of the union officers would discuss the situation, but it was learned that an appeal to the National War Labor Board, taken by the Trenton Transit Company from a directive issued a week ago by the Regional War Labor Board at Philadelphia granting the bus drivers overtime pay after 44 hours, is involved.

While a walkout is a possibility, it was believed the drivers on Tuesday would more likely vote to wind up their work week upon completion of 44 hours. That would mean that when a driver had put in 44 hours in any one week he would drive his bus to the garage and let the company worry about putting on another driver to continue his run. With that condition existing, the transit company's already hard-pressed schedule would face a complete breakdown.

Meetings are scheduled for 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. in order to have all drivers participate in the discussions.

The garage mechanics also are involved in the threatened breakdown. The RWLB has ruled they be paid overtime after 40 hours; like the bus drivers, taking the position that with no retroactive agreement reached between the company and the union they would have to wait months for the issue to be settled.

Troops Smash Inland

Carrier Pilots Bag 373 Foes to Back Up MacArthur's Invasion

LEYTE, Philippines, Sunday, Dec. 17 (AP)—American invasion troops, advancing inland seven to nine miles on a broad front, captured the airfield town of San Jose Saturday in a powerful push from their three Mindoro Island bridgeheads against negligible Japanese opposition, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

San Jose, five miles from the west coast and four miles inland from the American beachhead area on the southwest coastal region of Mindoro, is situated at a railroad junction along the Mangando River north of Mangarin Bay.

There was no indication in MacArthur's Sunday communique that the San Jose airfield had been captured along with the city.

San Jose fell quickly to the veteran American infantrymen as transports continued to pour men and supplies ashore under enemy air attack.

The Japanese claimed "fierce" fighting was under way but the Sunday MacArthur communique reported bluntly that enemy opposition to the American landings was "negligible."

The enemy was violently distracted from the Mindoro operations by a tremendous day-and-night attack by US carrier planes (Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the US Pacific fleet announced in Pearl Harbor that American carrier aircraft destroyed or damaged a total of 373 Japanese planes in three days of day and night attacks over the Philippines in support of the Mindoro invasion. The attacks lasted from Wednesday through Friday, and on the first day two Japanese vessels were sunk and 15 others left burning or damaged.)

Front dispatches said heavy artillery was coming ashore and that the beaches were being secured with anti-aircraft guns as the Americans expanded their threat to Japan's imperial life line through the South China Sea.

(A Japanese communique said troops were fighting "approximately" one division of Americans which came ashore "in the vicinity" of San Jose, largest town in southwestern Mindoro and located about five miles inland from the west coast of the island above Mangarin Bay.)

(Other Japanese broadcasts said that "violent" sea and air battles were raging in the Sulu Sea against the invasion flotilla, and that American planes were continuing to attack the Manila area "in waves.")

There had been no opposition as the first assault troops went swiftly ashore at 7:30 A. M. Friday from the 150-ship convoy commanded by Rear Admiral Arthur D. Struble, chief of staff of naval operations during the landings in

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Churchill's Error in Speech May Herald World Broadcast

Prime Minister Confused Wording of Atlantic Charter With Statement of Policy Drafted In 1940—Radio Review Tonight Probable

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Britain's Prime Minister, who through a "lapse of memory" wrote a sensational change into the Atlantic Charter while speaking on the Polish question yesterday, may "quite possibly" broadcast a full dress review of the war and political situations to the world Sunday night.

From the hushed and scrupulously correct precincts of 10 Downing Street, where Winston Churchill was believed laboring on a report to the world, came a frank admission today that the Prime Minister had erred.

In a voice charged with all the solemn augustness of his position, one of the Prime Minister's private secretaries explained that Churchill, while dealing with Polish territorial changes in his address to the House of Commons, had confused the wording of the Atlantic Charter with the British Government's statement of foreign policy drafted in September, 1940.

While both sides of the Atlantic were considering the portent of Churchill's statement that an insertion had been made in the Atlantic Charter, and mutually agreed on by the three great Allied powers, that territorial changes could be settled before the peace conferences, the secretary explained.

"Mr. Churchill was speaking from memory and just made a slip. What he attributed to the Atlantic Charter was actually in the British Government's statement of foreign policy laid down in 1940. Later, during yesterday's debate, Mr. Eden (Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden) pointed out that Mr. Churchill had erred."

He added that the prime minister had no prepared text for yesterday's speech. "He spoke

Draws Panzer Charge

Enemy Edges Back Into Belgium As Crack Reserves Come Up

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 17 (AP)—U. S. Seventh Army troops captured the historic Bavarian gate city of Wissembourg Saturday and crossed the Reich frontier at a third point but the Germans, launching a series of diversionary counter-attacks to the north, drove back into Belgium at a point 50 miles below Aachen.

The German command also hurled crack reserves including a Panzer division from another front against Lieutenant General Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army spearheads, which had invaded Bavaria to a depth of two miles in their crossings of the frontier between Wissembourg and the Rhine on a 12-mile front.

British Reject Greek Leftists' Bid for Peace

Offer Failed to Provide Immediate Cessation Of Resistance

ATHENS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Lieutenant General Ronald M. Scoble rejected peace proposals of the EAM (Left-Wing National Liberation Front Party) today because the Leftists' offer failed to provide immediate cessation of resistance and fighting continued in the capital.

A British headquarters statement said, "General Scoble must continue to insist upon satisfactory fulfillment of this condition."

Scoble, the British commander in Greece, has demanded that all ELAS (fighting branch of the EAM) supporters in Athens and its port, Piraeus, stop fighting against British and Greek Government troops and surrender their arms.

The tone of his reply to the EAM peace offer today, however, was regarded as hopeful.

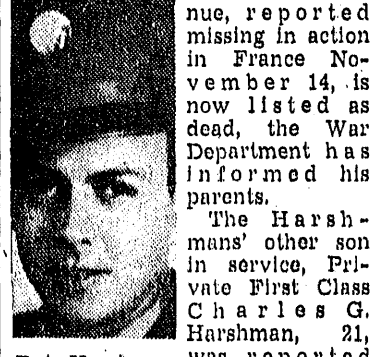
The headquarters statement said Scoble "does not believe there will be any difficulty in Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander's being able to initiate necessary steps to bring the turmoil to an end and restore to all Greeks, whatever their opinions, the enjoyment of their democratic liberties."

Scoble earlier had pledged that Alexander, supreme Allied commander in the Mediterranean, would take over the task of ending the conflict within Greece when the armed civil strife is ended.

3 More in This Area Are Killed Harshman, Wallace And Schubert Lose Lives In Europe



Pvt. Schubert Cpl. Wallace
Private Joseph L. Harshman,
19-year-old son of Captain and
Mrs. Charles F. Harshman of 904
Cherry Avenue,
reported missing in action in
France November 14, is now listed as
dead, the War Department has
informed his
parents.



Pvt. Harshman was reported
seriously wounded
on November 16. Both boys
were in the same medical detachment
with an infantry regiment.
In addition to his parents and
wounded brother, Joseph is
survived by a brother at home,
George Clarence. Captain Harshman
recently returned to the
United States after two years
overseas.

Also listed as killed in action are Corporal Edward C. Wallace, 19, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace of 159 Centre Street, Morrisville, and Private Otto S. Schubert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Schubert of Pennington, R. D. No. 1, formerly of Trenton.

Corporal Wallace, serving with an infantry unit, was killed in Germany November 24, the War Department has notified his mother. A memorial mass will be offered tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at Holy Trinity R. C. Church, Morrisville.

A graduate of Morrisville High School in 1942, he was active in athletics and was popularly known as "Whisper." He was employed in a Yardley produce store prior to entering the armed forces in May, 1943. After training at

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Reds Converging Upon Rail Centre

Shift Weight of Push In Southeast Europe To Czechoslovakia

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Red Army, shifting the weight of its offensive in southeastern Europe to Czechoslovakia, yesterday converged on the big Hungarian-annexed rail centre of Kassa (Kosice) from three directions, driving to within 20 and 22 miles of the city on the southeast and southwest.

While Moscow reported gains of up to five miles through forest and mountain country below the strategic 10-way road and rail junction, Berlin reported that other forces of General Ivan I. Petrov's Fourth Ukrainian army were

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Army Smashes Smuggling Ring Flying Contraband Into China

NEW DELHI, Nov. 21 (Delayed) (AP)—An investigation by US Army authorities has resulted in court martial and arrest of scores of American service men and civilians in the past year on charges of smuggling contraband into China over the famous "Hump" airline, it was learned today.

With the cooperation of British, Chinese and Indian officials, army investigators now have largely smashed an international syndicate which for three years dealt in stolen lend-lease supplies, Government property, gold currency and other goods flown into isolated and inflation-ridden China, it was said.

The army withheld all names. The Americans were declared mostly "small fry" in the operations—go-between who transported the goods under plans engineered by the syndicate, said to be made up of wealthy Chinese and Indian citizens and Greeks with British citizenship.

The inquiry was begun, one headquarters officer said, when it was discovered that "much of our supplies that took valuable space on planes were getting to the black market. In some cases bandits operating in the China hills had been known to rob American army supply trucks with American pistols."

The army's criminal investigation division still is working on a number of cases, but the large-

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WEATHER

U. S. OFFICIAL FORECAST
Cloudy, Windy And
Colder Today
Auto Lights on at 6:05 P. M.

Yule Shopping Spree Hitting All-Time High

Christmas shoppers were in the midst last night of the biggest buying spree in Trenton's history. Stores were jammed with gift-seeking shoppers and the supply of goods was rapidly being transferred from shopkeepers' shelves to the thousands of homes in Trenton and suburban areas.

Merchants reported sales volume running far ahead of previous years. Their main concern was the insufficient supply of merchandise.

Several downtown stores last night were completely sold out of rayon stockings. The sheer variety, the flimsy kind which most women wear and males admire, was unobtainable and the heavier service weights were all that were to be had.

Pocketbooks everywhere appeared well filled with that green stuff which is decidedly useful in buying.

"Price is no object any more," one salesman of a downtown store said. "Most of the shoppers just pick up the most expensive thing in the shop and tell you to wrap it up. I've never seen anything like it."

Many items which have been standard Christmas gifts for years simply cannot be obtained.

Edge Remains Silent on Jobs; Plum-Seekers Downhearted

By Legislator

When it comes to creating suspense, Governor Edge excels the best mystery story writers.

His silence on appointments during the coming second year of

Today's Times-Advertiser

Consists of 40 Pages, Five Sections, as Follows:

- 1—General News and Editorials.
- 2—Social, Fraternal and Suburban.
- 3—Sports, Radio Chart and Classified.
- 4—News of Service Men, Book Reviews, Boys and Girls Page, Obituaries, Theatre, Builders and Daily Comics.
- 5—Color Comics.

Tower Fire Halts Trains 3 Hours

Traffic was tied up for nearly three hours last night on the main line of the Reading Railroad when a switch-tower a short distance from the West Trenton station crashed fire.

The blaze was discovered shortly before 7 o'clock and employees immediately sounded an alarm which brought out the Pennington Road Company and the Prospect Heights firemen.

The fire, believed to have started from an overheated socket, set fire to the panelling control boards from which the switches are operated. The cables were burned and this halted all traffic on the four lanes until about 9:30 o'clock.

Service was restored after emergency repairs were made.

Trentonian Listed In Bomber Crash

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16 (AP)—Names of three crew members aboard a B-24 bomber which crashed yesterday into Lake Pepin near Poplin, Wis., were released today by the 33d Ferrying Command.

They included Sergeant Edward Alexander Demski, engineer, son of Bernard Demski, 727 Plum Street, Trenton, N. J.

It was at first reported that two or more parachutes had been seen in the air before the crash, but a careful search has failed to locate any of them.

Sergeant Demski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Demski, of 727 Plum Street, enlisted in the air corps in February of 1942. He completed a course in aerial gunnery at Tyndall Field, Panama City, Fla., in January of 1943, and more recently he was graduated from the air mechanic school at Rosecrans Field, a base of the flying division, air transport command, near St. Joseph, Mo. He was then assigned to an air transport command base.

'Meet War Duties' Draft-Agers Told

Those Staying in Non- Essential Jobs Face Swift Induction

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 20-37 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 to local draft boards. The "critical situation" requires, it added, that civilians remain in war-supporting industries or obtain war-

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Mickey Palmer's Orchestra To Stage Kiddies' Fund Dance

Benefit Tuesday Night in Moose Auditorium; Times' Christmas Charity Is Far Short Of \$2,500 Goal

To help erase the deficit facing the Times Poor Kiddies Christmas Fund, a benefit dance will be held Tuesday evening in the Moose auditorium, East State Street, featuring Mickey Palmer's Orchestra and other talent.

Samuel F. Guidotti, the orchestra's manager, arranged for the musicians to donate their services with approval of Musicians' Local No. 82 and use of the hall was contributed by Trenton Lodge of Moose.

Two soloists have volunteered to be heard with the orchestra, in addition to Mildred Davies, the orchestra's vocalist. They are Al Cummings, formerly with Shep Fields, and Tommy O'Toole, Trentonian.

Mickey is a guitar-playing band leader. He recently completed three seasons on the Kate Smith Hour. He has appeared in movies "shorts" with Dick Stabile's and Nat Brandwynne orchestras; also playing with Larry Funk, Meyer-

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