FIGI

Russians Moving Steadily

Closer to Heart of Reich-

ADVANCE IN SILESIA

LONDON, Jan. 24 (CP)—The

Russians battled today through

the streets of the prize Sil-

esian cities of Oppeln and

and Gleiwitz and hacked out

advances near Brieg and

Gosel, Oder River towns north

and south of Oppelin, a late

Moscow dispatch said. Reut-

ers News Agency said the Rus-

sians had "established at least

one bridgehead across the

thrown People's Army into the

battles to stop the Soviet push

on Breslau but the Russians

were massing along fifty miles

of the Oder and were heavily

shelling a wide area. In ad-

dition to further victories in

East Prussia and Poland,

Premier Stalin reported today

scored a new breakthrough

of 25 miles in CzechoSlovakia,

capturing Rozsynyo, 33 miles

LONDON, Jan. 24 ()-The Rus-

sians are rapidly completing a

miles from Berlin on the direct

ther Russian forces have added

to the peril facing German Eas

Prussia by stabbing to within 22

Biting half way across the

western end of East Prussia, the

Russians also seized Saalfeld.

only 20 miles below Elbing, Bal-

tic coastal town and last land

escape route for the Germans in

are about 50 miles southeast of

Berlin, in announcing that

er to the eastern front, said that

he had been clothed with blanket

powers "to make drastic decisions

and to guarantee their execu-

The Russians have unlimbered

their heavy guns today in a new

threat to imperilled German Sil-

esia with a breakthrough to the

the Oder River. Soviet artillery

has opened fire on German de-

fences west of the Oder River

which is the last natural barries

The Russians now have massed

their shock troops along 50 miles

of Breslau is threatened with en-

before Berlin.

in progress.

on the other side.

NAZI GENERALS QUIT

STOCKHOLM-Sixteen Ger-

be planning the setting up of

a "free" German government

in Koenigsberg to co-operate

with the Russians when they

capture the city.

Baltic coast.

Hitler had sent Heinrich Himm-

East Prussia. Soviet troops there

miles of the Baltic coast.

Stalin also announced the cap-

southwest of Kassa.

the Russians had

The Germans have

Advance is Unchecked

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Germans Withdrawing

Western

Tides (Pacific Standard Time)

Thursday, January 25, 1945

20.9 feet 8.6 feet 3.0 feet

FROME

IS BROTHER'S GRAVE-Attending a service for fallen Canadians in a Dutch town, Pte. E. astle. Montreal, finds his brother's grave in the cemetery where the service was held.

gents" Executed-

abotage Nazis

hteen "Anglo-Americans" e Put to Death in Slovakia ONDON, Jan. 24 (CP)-Germans reported today execution of eighteen iglo - American" agents

Slovakia to carry out tary tribunal and executed

irged with having been sent

he statement said that "inogation showed they had n given the task of organ- ment. g sabotage in Slovakia and aging in economic and polal espionage in Anglo-Aman interests. When caught agents were wearing civ-

EMY PATROLS OUT IN ITALY

n dress."

OME, Jan. 24 (P) — Enemy ols continuing active along Senio river in the British th Army's Adriatic sector e Allied Fifth Army patncreasing their activity as snow ceased falling, have defences, particularly south ologna, Allied Headquarters unced today.

monton Fair For July 16

MONTON, Jan. 24 - The of the annual Edmonton has been set for July 16, it nounced.

AV PREMIER FIES KING

ONDON, Jan. 24 (P)—A high king YugoSlav official said dnesday that Premier Suc and his cabinet, refusto recognize King Peter's on in dismissing them d depart for Belgrade a to join Marshal Tito in ew fusion government.

EMALES ARE DEADLY CRA, Gold Coast, (P)-Malis transmitted from one per to another by the bite of the pheline mosquito. But it is emale of the species that is ly—the male mosquito leads meless life and restricts his is to fruit juices.

Warns Against Fruit Growing

KELOWNA, Jan. 24 - Albert Miller, president of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, in annual convention here warned against encouraging service men to take up fruit growing after the war.

CLOSE ON MANDALAY

British Moving in from Two Directions on Important City of Burma

KANDY, Ceylon, Jan. 24 (9) British forces, closing in on Mandalay, have driven to within 25 miles of the city on the west and he Berlin radio said the 40 miles on the north, a comwere captured in the munique announced yesterday. of the German front, Despite heavy Japanese countersentenced to death by a attacks on bridgeheads east of the Irrawaddy River and about 40 miles north of Mandalay, the attackers enlarged footholds and moved in more troops and equip- were 32,000 radio receiving sets

CALLING OFF BY-ELECTION

Grey North Contest Would Be Automatically Cancelled if Parliament were Dissolved

OTTAWA, Jan. 24 (P) - Dr. Arthur Beauchesne, clerk of the House of Commons, said last night that if Parliament is dis- gigantic cut-off of all East Prussolved before February 5, the sia which will perhaps trap some date of the Grey North by-elec- 30 German divisions, Premier tion, the by-election automati- Joseph Stalin discloses. This ancally would be eliminated be- nouncement came after report cause it is being held to elect a from Berlin had said the Rusmember to a Parliament which sians had burst into Poznan, 13' then would no longer exist.

Dr. Beauchesne made the route. statement after it had been suggested that Prime Minister Mac- ture of Bydgoszcz, southern kenzie King might cause Parlia- | guardian of the Polish corridor ment to be dissolved before the by-election is held.

WANTED BY JAPS

At the time of the Japanese invasion of the Philippines there on the islands.

Highights Of WAR NEWS and Daily Happenings

Canadians In Air Fight

LONDON-Canadian fighter pilots were out over the continent yesterday. By daylight R.C.A.F. fighter craft shot down at least eight Nazi planes and destroyed an additional eight in aerial combat. Eleven of the enemy planes destroyed or damaged were twin jet-propelled fighters. Canadian fighter squadrons also attacked ground targets in Germany. One locomotive was destroyed and four others damaged in daylight raids and fifteen freight cars were shot up. At night Canadian Mosquitos destroyed a Nazi bomber over the mouth of the Schelde and another east of Brussels.

ped up against strong Ger- New Burma Landing

KANDY, Ceylon-A new Allied landing has been made on the west coast of Burma southeast of Akyab. The landing, announced by the Southeast Asia Command, was made northeast of Meybon and southwest of Kangaw. British troops landed in Meybon Peninsula earlier this month shortly after the occupation of Akyab. It is also announced that British troops have invaded Ramree Island, fifty miles south of Meybon Peninsula. Indian troops have captured a town, Kyaukpu, at the northern edge of the island and have advanced more than three miles inland.

Raids On Jap Islands

WASHINGTON-American B-29 superfortresses have landed another punch on the nerve centres of Japan's air power. In a follow-up to yesterday's raid on Nagoya, B-29's from the Marianas today bombed two islands in the Volcano Group. The Japanese have been using Iwo Island as a springboard for air attacks on B-29 airfields in the Marinanas. Unconfirmed Japanese broadcasts indicate that American carrier plain raids on Formosa and the Ryukyu Islands have been carried into the third day. Enemy broadcast claim that six warships of the American Third Fleet were damaged in battles off the islands on Tuesday, Japanese Time.

Nearing Clark Field

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS-American patrols on Luzon Island are feeling out Japanese strength today near Clark Field. The barracks, hangars, and thirteen airstrips of the field are some of the prize objectives of the Philippine campaign. The main American force is driving on the town of Bamban, only six miles from Clark Field. A flaming artillery duel has been raging in the Bamban sector, and many of the enemy's big guns have been silenced. Meanwhile, a fierce battle may be shaping up along the Bamban Riverthe last natural defence barrier guarding Clark Field.

Cutting Off ARE INVITED TO TEHERAN East Prussia

Ill. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Premier Joseph Stalin Canadian Air have been invited to hold their next conference here as they did their last a couple of years ago.

Bulletins

PRISON CAMP FALLS

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUAR-TERS-The former Japanese prison camp of Camp O'Donnell on Luzon Island has been captured and bodies of thousands of Filipinos and Americans-veterans of Bataanwho died of disease, starvation and maltreatment, found. The Americans are threatening Clark Field, 50 miles from

NEW JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TOKIO-The Premier of Japan is setting up a new totalitarian government.

MANDALAY NEAR FALL KANDY-The fall of Man-

dalay, Burma, from the Jap-

anese to Allied forces within two weeks is predicted. WON \$7000 HOUSE VANCOUVER - Janet Rob-

inson, Vancouver nurse, has

won a \$7000 house in an Ed-

monton raffle. EXPECTS GENERAL ELECTION WOODSTOCK, Ont. - C.C.F.

leader M. J. Coldwell predicts that there may be a general election before the Grey North by-election is held on February 5. The C.C.F. leader said he based his opinion on a statement issued to the electors of Grey North yesterday in which Prime Minister King hinted that Parliament might be dissolved before the by-election takes place.

TRAINING SCHOOL CLOSED ST. THOMAS, Ont .- Operational training at Number Four Bombing and Gunnery School at Fingal, Ontario, will cease on February 2. Most of the personnel on the station will be posted either before or shortly after that date.

NEARING MANDALAY NEW DELHI -- One British force in Burma is within 25 miles of Mandalay from the west and another within 40 miles from the north.

AIRMEN RETURN MONTREAL - The largest group of Royal Canadian Air Force personnel to return from overseas is now on its way west through here.

Nazis Evidently Endeavouring To

By Pole Gov't

LONDON, Jan. 24—Air Marshal L. S. Breadner and Air Marshal Robert Leckie of the Royal Canadian Air Force have been awarded the Grand Officers Cross by the Polish government in appre

Tremendous Movement of Transport Taking Place Even By Daylight — Badly Mauled From Air — Allies Resuming Offensive

PARIS, Jan. 24 (CP)—Indications are mounting today that the Germans have begun a mass withdrawal of troops and armor from the western front, perhaps to bolster their sagging defences in the east. Royal Air Force bomber pilots tell of a tremendous movement of German road and rail transport —

streaming back into Germany from the Ardennes battle zone. On roads and rail lines they are attempting to move in broad daylight in spite of terrible punishment from the air. Allied airmen have lost no time pounding those German supply trains, now crawling along the three main railways leading to Hanover and Dusseldorf. Onehundred and sixty-five German trains have been bombed and strafed in the past forty-eight

With the enemy moving out of the Ardennes salient, American First Army troops have resumed the offensive, striking out from the captured Belgian town of Saint Vith. British troops continue on the move north of Aachen. Two more towns-Saint Joost and Obstringen-have fallen to the British forces which now are nine miles inside Germany, near the Cologne Plain. LONDON. Jan. 24 ()-Great

In Alsace, resurgent Francis troops have uncorked a new offensive, aimed at relieving Ger-

wounded and incapacitated civilians are available for repat- Indignant-

riation, the British government has found the Japanese government "completely uninterested," Mr. Eden said. Efforts to effect the exchange of 17,000 civilians are continuing, however,

Accuses Conservatives and C.C.F. of Blocking Reinforcements

OTTAWA, Jan. 24-For security reasons, a spokesman of the OWEN SOUND, Ont., Jan. 24 Department of National Defence (P)—Defence Minister McNaughdeclined to give detailed infor- ton has accused the opposition mation regarding absenteeism parties of blocking the governand desertion in the Canadian ment's plan to provide overseas Army. From the Regina military reinforcements on a strictly district comes word that 50 men voluntary basis. In a campaign have been apprehended. In Van- speech in Owen Sound, Ontario, couver 15 men gave themselves General McNaughton declared that if it had not been for the campaign by the opposition political parties, the reinforcement The trees of Norway include problem would have been solved by men volunteering in reply to Minister King.

> The Liberal candidate in the Grey North by-election said that, when he agreed to become Minister of National Defence, he realized the most important task was to get reinforcements overseas. But he said that as soon as appeals were made to the men of the Home Defence Army, the opposition political parties began to campaign against the government's efforts.

Apparently referring to disorders in Home Defence camps after the government's conscription policy was announced last November, General McNaughton said there was a time a few months ago when he feared for the peace and security of the country. Now, he said, the hard core of men who caused the trouble among the draftees are fugitives from justice. He added that the government believes it has public opinion behind it to deal firmly with these men who are absent without leave. He said that any member of the Home Defence Army who, being warned for overseas service, overstayed his leave for more than twenty-four days, would classed as a deserter and with accordingly.

Bolster Up Sagging East Defences

Heads Honored

ciation of their war services.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 24 (CP) — The Nazi

brain trust has directed every able-bodied German male to remain at his post to fight with 'unparalleled fanaticism" against the advancing Russians, Swedish correspondents reported

Berlin's situation was reported to be growing "more critical." Columns of refugees from the east are moving westward through the capital city.

JAPS REFUSE

TO EXCHANGE

the Foreign Secretary added.

OTTAWA IS NOT

GIVING DETAILS

HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Major Cecil Fitzgerald Back in CVILIANS
Prince Rupert—Spent Year in CVILIANS Britain

Major Cecil Fitzgerald, who Britain is finding great diffiat the outbreak of war was a culty in arranging the exchange subaltern with the local of civilian prisoners with the Searchlight Battery and, after Japanese government, Fcreign man pressure in the Strasbourg service here and elsewhere on Secretary Anthony Eden report- sector. this coast went overseas to ed to Commons today. In spite spend a year in Britain, is back of the fact that thousands of McNaughton in Prince Rupert and is receiving a warm welcome from many friends. Major Fitzgerald is now attached to Pacific Command at Vancouver and will be here for the next week or so on instruction duties. While he has been away, Mrs. Fitzgerald and family have

been residing at Campbell River but they expect to move to Vancouver. Before the war, Major Fitz-

gerald was local manager of Home Oil Distributors Ltd.

Housing Loans Due Next Week OTTAWA, Jan. 24-Loans un-

der the new federal housing act will become available next week. it is announced.

Local Temperature

Maximum Minimum

146 inches.

up yesterday. NORWEGIAN TREES

Rainfall for the 24-hour period pine, spruce, birch, willow, aspen, across Canada after passing to 5 o'clock this morning was rowan, ash, elm, lime, oak, beech appeals by himself and Prime and black alder.



A MARIANA CHRISTMAS FROM THE BOY'S DOWN THERE—Aviation engineers working on a B-29 base in the Marianas, pause in their work long enought to wish folks back home a Merry Christmas. Left to right are T/4 Charles Fischer, of Clayton, Mo.; Pfc. William K. Visner, of Rochester, Mich.; T/5 Dale Peterson, Boy River, Minn.; and Cpl. Angel Delago, of San Francisco, Californa.