

other hand, has been reduced substantially, with the Communists the only official representatives of the left in the new Government.

MAKEUP OF CABINET

Bonomi's new Cabinet includes the following members: Palmiro Togliatti, Communist, and Giulio Rodino, Christian Democrat, vice-premier; minister without portfolio, Manlio Brosio, Liberal; minister in charge of the co-ordination committee, Meuccio Ruini, Labor Democrat; foreign affairs, Alcide de Gasperi, Christian Democrat; agriculture, Fiasco Gullo, Communist; occupied lands, Mauro Scoccimarro, Communist; finance, Antonio Peenti, Communist; treasury, Marcello Soleri, Liberal; education, Vincenzo Arancio-Ruiz, Liberal; war, Alessandro Casati, Liberal; justice, Umberto Tupini, Christian Democrat; transport, Francesco Cerabona, Labor Democrat; and aviation, Carlo Scialoja, Labor Democrat.

Bonomi holds the interior ministry, and the post of navy technician was assigned to the non-partisan Admiral Raffaello de Courten.

'Severe' Quake Rocks Solomons

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A "fairly severe" earthquake, in the Solomon Islands, was recorded yesterday on the Fordham University seismograph, the Rev. Joseph J. Lynch, seismologist, announced.

BERKELEY, Dec. 11.—An earthquake which was recorded as "very weak" on the University of California seismograph lasted for two hours yesterday, beginning at 8:37 a.m. The quake was centered 5600 miles away, but the direction was not determined.

Nazis and Allies Flood Holland

infantry was buried under rubble heaps left in the wake of Allied air forces.

Eleven enemy counter-attacks have been launched in this area in the past two days. Three came at Dillingen before dawn today. In one of these 85 Germans made a charge shouting "Heil Hitler." Every Nazi was killed.

During Sunday, the 95th Division reported cleaning out 25 pillboxes, 30 fortified buildings and several dug-in tanks inside Saarlautern, which the Americans had won eight days ago. Patton's men also fought in the streets of Roden and Fraulautern beyond Saarlautern, and in Sarreguemines.

At Merken, the First Army was within 22 miles of Cologne and astride the main highway which the Germans call an autobahn. The road crosses the Roer three miles north of Duren, a key city of 39,000, and then debouches into lesser roads in the flat rolling approaches to Cologne.

On Patton's right, the Seventh Army was at grips with the Germans on the east side of the big French base of Haguenau, into which the 70th Infantry Division forced its way yesterday. Heavy fighting raged at several places in the Haguenau area, including the streets of Reichshofen, a mile south of Niederbronn.

The First Army slogged through Dorn, three miles west of Duren. The Germans had vacated this village as well as Obergiech and Hecht. Tanks played a prominent part in the new thrust.

To the north, other infantry formations still fought in the streets of Pier, five miles northwest of Duren, where the Germans had tanks. Enemy armor also guarded the approaches to Schopflochen, where American infantry last was reported 500 yards away.

The First Army opened a new pre-dawn attack at 1:30 a.m. from the vicinity of Lucherberg and covered 2000 yards, reaching the outskirts of Merken, where close to

ice regulations men of these ages not in essential jobs are liable to the draft, very few have been called for several months. Since last Spring the needs of the Army and Navy have been met largely with men under 26.

"As a result, older registrants have been drifting from munitions benches to peacetime jobs, WMC said.

The revised regulations which Selective Service expects to issue this week will put a stop to this, manpower officials asserted, and at the same time will send registrants who have left essential jobs hurrying back.

PART OF PROBLEM

These measures, however, will take care of only part of the manpower problem. They will have no effect on male workers over 37 or on women. And war production has been dependent to an important degree on both these groups as the draft-free backbone of the labor force.

A large percentage of the 300,000 additional workers needed for critical war programs must come from these classifications. Unless Congress puts "teeth" in the WMC regulations, they must be found and held on a purely voluntary basis.

The WMC discussion of the situation came with the fast scheduled meeting (10 a.m. Eastern War Time) at the White House of the new advisory board appointed by President Roosevelt last week to help War Mobilizer Byrnes with his tasks.

Processing of City Prisoners Speeded

Plans to revamp the booking and finger-printing system at the Oakland Central Police Station so that prisoners brought in will be pro-

Set Tokyo Afire

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flight engineer, First Lieut. Glenn B. Mullens, Laramie, Wyo., and said the plane was trapped in the beams for four minutes. He reported cities on Honshu Island were blacked out as the plane approached, and Tokyo was completely dark when the bombs were released.

Series of Raids Set Capital Ablaze

A series of superfortress raids on Tokyo over the week-end were reported by the Japanese radio, which said fires started by incendiary bombs "were immediately put out."

The newest attacks, said the broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, were made by small formations of B-29s Sunday night and Monday morning (Japanese time). The claims, made in a French-language overseas broadcast, were not confirmed by any Allied source.

"The air raid defenses of the city drove off the raiders before they could do any real damage," the announcer asserted.

Earlier the radio had said that two Marianas-based superfortresses had penetrated to metropolitan Tokyo at 8:30 p.m. Sunday (Japanese time), adding that heavy anti-aircraft fire drove the American super-bombers off.

"The enemy dropped many incendiary bombs and caused fires, but due to the active work of our air defense units, these fires were immediately put out," the broadcast said.

Tokyo also reported that B-29s had raided Western Japan at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, had appeared over Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands, at 10:30 a.m. today and had raided two points in Korea from 11 a.m. until noon.

