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RUSSIANS SMASH ON TO RUMANIAN GOAL

Foe in Flight Before Fire of Red Artillery

Strategic Czernowitz Falls; Heavy Toll Taken Of Germans, Satellites

MOSCOW, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Russian troops inside Bucovina appeared today to be strangling the communications of Czernowitz (Cernauti) from positions in that provincial capital's outskirts, while red artillery along 80 miles of the Prut river poured salvo after salvo into enemy ranks.

There was no positive indication that the Russians had crossed the Prut, which divides Bessarabia and Rumania proper. Nor was there any report of answering fire from German and Rumanian guns, indicating the foe was in flight toward Iasi (Jassy), headquarters of Marshal von Manstein's retreating army of the south. The Russians were ten miles from Iasi on the Prut at Skulany.

Street fighting was reported in Nikolaev, Black sea port on the Bug estuary, 215 miles to the east of Iasi. Nikolaev was reported ripe for imminent capture.

Nazis Face Death In Trap
Forty miles northeast of Czernowitz, the capture of the strong Dniester river base of Kamenets Podolsk and the town of Bozovits was swiftly fashioning a death pocket around Germans in a 1,400-square mile salient to the northeast. Main escape routes were snapped; the Germans could retreat only through a muddy corridor being closed from the north by the First Ukrainian army and from the south, by the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DISPATCHES from New Delhi (allied headquarters in India) indicate that the Japs attacking Imphal are meeting stiff resistance from us.

That is reassuring.

Other New Delhi dispatches tell us that our bombers are attacking a section of the BURMA-SIAM RAILWAY. That is NOT so reassuring, for it discloses that the Japs have built a NEW railroad connecting the Burmese rail system with the rail systems of Siam (Thailand) and French Indo-China, thus giving them safe INSIDE communication lines with their great bases all around the South China sea.

That is to say, they are in a position to get heavy troop forces and the necessary supplies clear up to within striking distance of the Burma-India front if they want to.

WITHOUT this connecting rail link, they were compelled to bring troops and supplies to Burma by the long sea route around through Singapore, and from Singapore on they were exposed to air and sea attack by our forces in the Indian ocean.

THE fact that our India-based bombers are attacking it suggests that the Japs are using this new rail link pretty heavily.

You must remember, of course, that WE are attacking Burma at the same time that the Japs are attacking us in India at Imphal. There are hints that the Jap attack at Imphal is intended as a diversion to slow up our attack on Akyab on the Burmese coast of the Bay of Bengal.

The little yellow men need to defend Burma as well as to attack India. This new rail link (known, of course, to our high command, but just disclosed to us) makes it easier for them to

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CORDON DECIDES TO ENTER CONTEST FOR U. S. SENATOR

PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Guy Cordon, of Roseburg, interim U. S. senator, announced today that he would run for the republican nomination for senator to fill the unexpired term of the late Sen. Charles L. McNary.

Cordon will be opposed in the May 19 primary by Former Governor Charles A. Sprague, who earlier announced his candidacy.

Cordon was appointed March 4 by Governor Snell to serve in the senate until the November election.

In announcing his candidacy, Senator Cordon issued the following statement:

"I am deeply appreciative of the hundreds of friends and well-wishers who have urged me to make this decision, but I must frankly say my final conclusion did not wholly rest upon that urging. I have a desire to serve my state and nation and I believe I have something to offer in support of that desire. When I accepted from Governor Snell the interim appointment, the people of Oregon became entitled to ask of me that I offer that same service for a longer term, for their acceptance or rejection. I make the offer.

Canvass Must Be Limited

"I regret that I shall be unable to make a thorough personal canvass of the whole state and see, meet, and talk with the people so they might have an opportunity for a personal appraisal of me as senatorial timber. I cannot do that. The interim appointment imposed an obligation to carry on the work of Senator McNary with as little break as possible. That shall be done at whatever expense to my personal political fortunes. To those who know me only as a name I say: 'Inquire of those who do know me, and I shall be content with their recommendation.'

More Gasoline On "B" Cards Coming

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Holders of gasoline "B" cards in all parts of the country outside the eastern seaboard area are going to get a substantial boost in their automobile-fuel ration very soon, and some similar concession may be possible for the east.

The office of Col. Bryon Houston, OPA rationing administrator, said last night that action to increase the "B" allowance to a maximum equivalent to 720 miles of travel per month was in the books for the states outside the eastern area in about a month.

Present "B" allotments allow 400 miles of driving per month in the five Pacific coast states. The original "B" allotment subsequently cut was 720 miles, figured at 15 miles to the gallon.

"A" cards are not to be affected in the change-over. However, OPA is also working on a plan to abolish gasoline ration stamp expiration dates, as has already been done with food stamps. This may be made effective October 1.

Money Order Fee Boost Gives Banks Advantage

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Uncle Sam may have outfigured himself when he boosted the charge on postal money orders 66 2/3 per cent.

Banks throughout the country—selling money orders of their own—generally are expected to charge less than the government. This probably will mean more money orders sold by the banks, fewer by the government.

Congress did the raising, boosting all postal rates until six months after the war.

Japs Pressing One Drive In Area of India

Foe Meets Reverses in Other Regions; 13 Zeros Downed in Ponape Onset

NEW DELHI, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Japanese forces pushing through the Comra hills inside the Indian border are pressing home determined attacks in the vicinity of Ukhrul, 32 miles northeast of Imphal, Admiral Mountbatten's headquarters announced today.

To the south of Imphal, meanwhile, allied troops were reported continuing operations to clear the Tiddim-Imphal road, along which the Japanese have been moving steadily northward since crossing the border from Burma several days ago.

Near the Palei-Tamu road, where the Japanese are pushing upon Imphal from the southeast, a small enemy party was driven from one position, and a Nipponese attack was repulsed.

In northern Burma, American-trained Chinese troops stormed and seized a village in the Mogaung valley, killing a number of Japanese. The Chinese are astride the upper Mogaung valley road in contact with the enemy south of the village.

Japs Stage Suicide Attacks

In this same valley area, troops of Lt. Gen. Stilwell were wiping out Japanese suicide squads with bayonets and grenades after compressing the invaders between the Hkavnglaw river and Shaduzup.

Near the western coast on the Arakan front, allied operations went forward east of the Mayu range and in the west tunnel area between Maungdaw and Buthe-daung, with the Japanese suffering "heavy casualties in abortive counterattacks," the communiqué said.

Allied bombers blasted enemy supply dumps in the Kamalga area and lighter planes shot up the main street of Kamalga, 42 miles northwest of Myitkyina.

Fighter pilots reported a "highly successful" raid on enemy positions southwest of Buthe-daung.

Bob Krell Named Northwest Prexy Of Hi-Y Congress

Bob Krell, junior at Roseburg senior high school, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Krell, Roseburg, has been elected president of the Pacific Northwest area of the Hi-Y congress, which concluded its fifth annual convention at Portland Sunday.

Krell, a star of the school's football and basketball teams during the past season, is vice-president of the Roseburg Hi-Y chapter.

The Hi-Y organization is a branch of the Y. M. C. A. and is devoted to a program of good citizenship, Christian ideals and leadership, and civic welfare, both in the school and community. The Roseburg chapter, of which Bill Turner is president, has conducted good citizenship programs in the local school, has held regular assemblies for boys, has sponsored Easter Sunrise programs, and has cooperated with churches of the city in special events. The local organization has 25 members with five members new in the armed services.

Canning Sugar Requests Acceptable After April 1

Applications for canning sugar will be taken at the local OPA after April 1. L. V. Hammock, chairman, announced today. These applications may be obtained at the board office. Each person will be allowed twenty pounds of sugar for the season in addition to stamp 40 in Book IV. Spare stamp number 37 of each member of the family must accompany the application.

Advantage at Cassino Held By Germans

Ability to Shift Units Back and Forth at Night Prevents K. O. by Allies

LONDON, Mar. 28.—(AP)—With military authorities conceding the failure of the latest offensive the Anzio beachhead is regarded as virtually a liability under present conditions.

Nevertheless the situation in Italy was regarded today as looking more serious than it really is—because it is the only active land front held by the British and Americans in Europe. As other larger operations develop, it is expected, the Italian campaign will fall into its proper perspective and thus give a clear picture why its operations have been limited.

The ground situation in Italy is secure but extremely difficult from a military viewpoint.

At the Anzio beachhead the Germans are fighting over internal lines of communication. In a single night they can move a division facing the beachhead south to face the main Fifth army at Cassino, to beat off an attack there. Nights later they can move it back, if necessary to meet any beachhead thrust.

Conversely the allies must move troops from the beachhead to the Fifth army or in reverse, by the slow sea route. It would be extraordinary if a division could be moved from one of these fighting forces to another in a week.

Bombing Insufficient.

Clearing weather, however, may give the air forces a chance to batter a hole in the German defenses just as they did in April and May last year in Tunisia.

The terrific bombing given Cassino fell short of expectations in two respects. In the first place a considerable number of Germans hidden in caves and tunnels escaped the bombing, came out of their hiding places after waves of infantry had passed and cut their lines of communication.

Secondly tanks moving up behind the allied infantry found they had to stay on the only two roads available because the condition of the ground on either side was too bad to allow other movement. Bombs cratered the roads badly and these craters im-

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Window Linking War and Religious Subject Assailed

WAKEFIELD, Mass., Mar. 28.—(AP)—A stained glass window showing the Virgin Mary with a destroyer escort in her arms is to be altered at the request of the chaplain at the Norfolk, Va., naval operations base.

Wilbur H. Burnham, designer of the window, said last night that the revision would have to be made before the window was installed in the chapel at the Virginia navy base.

Burnham said the window "has caused considerable controversy," but that he had "had no adverse criticisms from members of the Roman Catholic faith; in fact the window has received high praise."

The designer explained he had informed Rev. E. M. Conover, director of the interdenominational bureau of architecture, that "because the theme of the window has offended certain church groups" he had been asked to eliminate the destroyer escort in the arms of Mary and replace it by a figure of the Christ child.

Nazi Bases in France Given Heavy Blows

American Air Armada Answers German Raid On Areas of England

LONDON, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Between 250 and 500 U. S. bombers struck at German airfields in France again today.

The bombers attacked installations at Chartres, Chateaudun, Reims and Dijon in a follow-up to yesterday's blows at nine German airbases and the Tours freight yards by 750 to 1,000 bombers.

Accompanying swarms of fighters, perhaps as many as 1,000, were credited officially with destroying 38 Nazi planes, most of them on the ground since few German aircraft rose to intercept the attackers.

Four other fighters fell to bomber gunners, for a day's total of 42. Six American bombers and 10 fighters were missing, a supplemental communiqué said today. Five fighters previously listed as lost were found to be safe.

There was a possibility that some of the fields bombed today were those from which the Luftwaffe launched last night's foray against the English southern coast—a raid that cost the Germans at least 11 planes.

England Suffers Bombing

The German air force, in one of the heaviest aerial attacks it has launched on British targets exclusive of London in the past two years, scattered bombs over south Wales and parts of western, southern and southeastern England.

Berlin said the main target of assaults, which caused some casualties and considerable damage, was the big west coast port of Bristol.

British night fighters fought furious running battles with the raiders and ground batteries put up a heavy barrage. One anti-aircraft shell crashed through

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New Modernized Rainbow Grill to Open Wednesday

Completely new and modern, the Rainbow Grill, one of Roseburg's largest and most attractive restaurants, will open Wednesday afternoon at 120 S. Stephens street, opposite the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company office.

Mrs. Vivian Padelford, owner-manager of the restaurant, took advantage of a change in location to install an entirely new restaurant, which is situated two doors south of the former site in the Newland building.

The attractive interior design was created by the firm of Rosene and Lofton, Portland architects. The interior is finished in Philippine mahogany. Three horseshoe counters are fitted with chromium and red leather stools. Booths and tables are constructed of Philippine mahogany throughout.

The kitchen, occupying one corner of the dining hall, has a modernistic, curved facade with a slit type service opening. All kitchen equipment is new.

A refrigerated back bar in the main room provides sanitary food storage space and facilities for fountain service.

An attractive floor pattern has been secured through the use of asphalt tile.

Mrs. Padelford, owner of the business, has been engaged in the restaurant trade in Roseburg for the past 15 years, and states that she has made the new installation to meet the rapidly increasing demand for restaurant service in Roseburg. She is retaining the personnel employed prior to the change in location.

New Amsterdam Hotel is Razed in Incendiarism Orgy That Hits 2 Large Bay Cities

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Twenty-two persons died in an inferno set by a firebug today and more may die from burns and injuries.

Fire Marshal Frank Kelly said the fire, which flashed through the New Amsterdam hotel in the industrial district south of Market street, unquestionably was started by an incendiary—the last of six incendiary fires of last night and early morning.

Twenty men and two women were dead, and so badly were the bodies burned that several hours after the fire only one of the victims was identified. She was Mrs. Maie Pulosky, 43, wife of a navy man. She jumped from the third floor to her death.

About thirty others were injured.

There were about 100 roomers in the three-story structure. They leaped into lightwells and perished in the flames; they piled into area ways and suffocated and burned, some jumped from windows and were injured gravely.

Fire Marshal Kelly said the entire arson squad was on the street during the night. There were five incendiary fires in the city Sunday night, he added, and six last night, climaxed by the New Amsterdam hotel tragedy.

Operator Among Missing
The operator of the hotel, a woman, could not be found immediately, and firemen expressed fear she might have been among those killed.

Three persons who jumped from windows landed in life nets spread by firemen. Many others made their way to safety on the roof-top of an adjoining garage from which firemen led them down ladders.

One woman was killed when she jumped from a second story window just as the first fire trucks arrived.

The fire broke out "too suddenly and swept through the hotel too quickly to have been of ordinary origin," Fire Chief Sullivan said.

Epidemic Evidences Arson
Three other fires of unknown origin had been reported within a radius of five blocks of the hotel earlier in the night. Last week 11 fires in small hotel rooming houses in Oakland, across San Francisco bay, were attributed to arsonists.

Several hours before the hotel fire police had broadcast a "pick up" warning on a man who had been seen in the vicinity of the earlier fires.

Rationing May go On When War Ends

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Those new automobiles, washing machines and radios that float through American dreams of the postwar world may continue to be rationed after peace comes.

From two influential sources now have come suggestions to the senate banking committee that rationing and price controls may have to be extended beyond the day of victory.

Eric Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, testified yesterday to a belief that controls will be needed "until the supply equals the demand."

Earlier, Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the federal reserve system, told the committee that while inflation can be kept within bounds during a war, the loosening of a great inflationary pressure of pent-up spending after the war could wipe out all the gains of stabilization. Eccles suggested controls for two years after the war. The committee is considering legislation to extend them one year beyond June 30.

Johnson expressed the opinion that it may be possible to relax some price controls as soon as Hitler falls, even though the war against Japan is then in full swing.

Civil Air Patrol Forms Reach Here for Signing

A meeting will be held at the office of the Roseburg chamber of commerce at 8 p. m. today to complete enrollments for the Roseburg wing of the Civil Air Patrol, it was announced today by Harold J. Hickerson, chamber secretary. The CAP enrollment blanks have arrived and all members are urged to be present at tonight's meeting to sign them.

Labor Unions Aid OPA To Battle Inflation

PORTLAND, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Oregon labor came out actively today in the fight against inflation.

The AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods were represented on a committee organized here to aid the OPA to keep prices from rising.

Spraying Against Prune Thrips Urged on Growers

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 28.—(AP)—Prune thrips are appearing in Oregon orchards, S. C. Jones, associated entomologist at the O. S. C. experiment station reported today. Thorough spraying is necessary if the crop is to be saved, Jones said.

Because infestation varies, Jones recommends that orchards examine 300 buds at random. If there is an average of nine thrips to 10 buds, immediate spraying is recommended as soon as weather permits. Spray recommended is nicotine sulphate 1 pint, lime-sulphur stock solution three gallons plus water to make 100 gallons.

Star to Divorce "Finest Husband in World"

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 28.—(AP)—Screen Actress Joan Fontaine, 26, has announced she will seek a divorce court termination of her marriage to Brian Aherne, 41-year-old British actor, whom she once termed "the finest husband in the world."

Blaming "regrettable misunderstandings," she told reporters last night that she could bring the action here within two weeks, probably charging cruelty, and that it would not be contested.

Aherne and Miss Fontaine were married Aug. 20, 1939, in Del Monte, Calif.

Father of 14 Children Asks Navy Enlistment

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Mar. 28.—(AP)—A 46-year-old father of 14 children, with his 17-year-old son, has applied for navy enlistment.

Navy recruiters said yesterday that Leo Thesler of Lowville and his son, Paul, would be given final examinations April 5.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Robinson
If this "scofflaw" trend isn't halted soon, we may ultimately see political bosses searching black markets for dark horses.