

# ARTILLERY DUELS RAGE OVER MANILA RUINS

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### Battle Nearing Outskirts of Berlin; Allies Shatter Westwall Bastions

#### Collapse Of Oder Line Has Nazis Panicky

Red Army Now 30 Miles From Capital of Reich; Gateway Cities Pierced

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A Finnish broadcast recorded by the British Broadcasting corporation said today that "Russian tanks have probed to the outskirts of Berlin."

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said today the "Oder line has been pierced and Berlin in panic is witnessing the crumbling of the last obstacle in its foreground."

A prior broadcast by an American chain commentator said Moscow was hourly expecting an official announcement that the First White Russian army had smashed across the river in force, "signifying the complete breakdown of the Oder line."

Berlin accounts said the Russians had hammered out seven bridgeheads on the Berlin front, one of them 30 miles northeast of the capital, and a dozen others

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#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MANILA is ours, all but the final mopping up. How long the mopping up will take and what it will cost in lives can't be predicted with any confidence from the dispatches as this is written.

We seem to have the bulk of the city EXCEPT the water front. There are suggestions that the Jap force is small but is fighting in the usual suicide, last-stand manner.

THIS question still intrigues us: If the Japs had large forces on Luzon, where are they? The nearest approach to an answer we can glean from the dispatches is that some of them have retired into the Bataan peninsula and others into the mountainous northeast corner of the island.

THERE are some curious angles. Billbird prison, with its captives, was ABANDONED. At Santo Tomas, Japs BARGAINED FOR THEIR LIVES. That is something new.

MACARTHUR says the fall of Manila ends one phase of the Pacific war and sets the stage for another. Our motto for the next phase, he says, is "On to Tokyo."

He adds: "We are ready in this

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#### Terrific Wind, Rain Storms Lash Northwest; Highways Blocked, Power Lines Ripped

(By the Associated Press) Flood danger was uppermost today, particularly in the Puget sound area of Washington and British Columbia, in the wake of heavy wind and rain storms throughout the Pacific northwest.

Heaviest winds yesterday were concentrated in the Aberdeen-Hoquiam area south to Astoria, Ore. Power and communications lines were torn out and logging mills and camps were forced to close down. The Columbia river bar, death trap for ships in heavy weather, was closed to shipping.

A navy weather observer at Astoria reported winds up to 80 miles an hour. At Hoquiam the gale touched 70 miles an hour, blocking highways with fallen trees and smashing store windows. The side of a small church was blown in.

Property damage was extensive, but only one fatality was reported. Jess Hoover of Raymond was killed when a tree fell on his car 11 miles south of Aberdeen. Farther north winds dropped late last night enough to preclude

#### Death Sentence on Anti-War GI Changed to Life Penalty; Wife Keeps up Fight for Him

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Pvt. Henry Weber was out of the shadow of the gallows today, his death sentence changed to life imprisonment, his wife continuing her fight for him.

The 27-year-old soldier, a shipyard foreman at Vancouver, Wash., before being drafted, was sentenced by court-martial to hang for refusing to drill, his case attracting nationwide attention.

Yesterday, by direction of the commanding general of the camp, the court-martial reconvened, revoked the death sentence, sentenced Weber to life imprisonment at hard labor, gave him a dishonorable discharge, and ordered his pay forfeited.

In Portland, Oregon, his wife conferred with an American Civil Liberties official. She declared life imprisonment for her husband is "still outrageous."

"I am more determined than ever," she said, "in fighting for justice for my husband."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) today introduced a resolution directing the senate military committee to investigate into the court-martial of Pvt. Henry P. Weber at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Wheeler said he was "not opposed to disciplining soldiers who violate the rules of the army" but he expressed the opinion the sentence was too harsh.

Members of congress and

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#### Girl Collapses During Trial on Murder Count

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Frequent fits of sobbing and a collapse necessitating a court recess yesterday marked the second degree murder trial of Virginia Ivey, 19, charged with the death of five-year-old Virgil Langley at Tappanish Nov. 22.

The defendant sobbed loudly as Deputy Sheriff Bud Burleson identified blood stained bedding and pillows as having been found at Miss Ivey's apartment where the boy's body was discovered.

Sheriff's officers said the girl has eaten virtually nothing in the past two days.

#### Lt. William O. Goodlow Missing in War Action

Lt. William O. Goodlow, son of Mrs. Florence Goodlow of Roseburg, is reported missing in action since January 8 in the Philippine war area, according to word received here. Lt. Goodlow's wife is the former Lucia Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Britton of Corvallis, former residents of Roseburg.

much property damage but rain continued.

Farms, Schools Awash Early today the Canadian press at Vancouver, B. C., reported that the worst flood conditions in 10 years had submerged 23,000 acres of farmland in the Cloverdale district, 25 miles southeast of Vancouver. Heavy damage from wind and rain was reported throughout the lower mainland.

Farmlands were covered to a depth of from 18 inches to three feet and many farmers left their houses in boats. School children in some sections of the Cloverdale area were taken to safety by

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#### Truck Limit Issue Faced In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—While the senate prepared to debate tomorrow whether to extend temporarily increased length and weight limits for trucks for two or four years, the state highway commission said in its biennial report to the legislature today that the increased limits have caused no damage and no undue hazards.

The legal limits are 50 feet and 54,000 pounds, but the temporary limits now in effect are 60 feet and 71,250 pounds.

Tomorrow's debate will be on a divided report of the senate roads and highways committee, a majority recommending the temporary limits be extended for two years, and a minority favoring four years.

No member of the nine-man committee favored the highway commission's recommendation that the higher limits be made permanent.

2-Year Outlay Reported. The higher limits are in effect only on a select group of highways, but the commission said it would cost little to widen and straighten the other roads to make them safe for big trucks.

The commission also reported it plans to spend \$15,897,000 in 1945 and \$21,638,000 in 1946. This includes \$4,824,000 for 1945 fed-

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#### Tito's Yugoslavia Rule Boosted at U. S. Rally

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Senators James E. Murray (D., Mont.) and Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) called last night for support of the liberation government of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia at a meeting at which contributions of over \$500,000 to Yugoslavia relief were announced.

Mayor F. H. La Guardia officially toasted Tito at the "tribute to Yugoslavia" meeting, attended by about 1,000 persons.

Louis Adams, author, read a message in which Tito hailed the unity of the United States, Great Britain and soviet Russia as "the best guarantee to the peoples of the world that nazi horrors will never again be repeated."

He said that "every tenth Yugoslav" had perished in this war, and told the great need for relief shipments sent from American friends to Yugoslavia.

#### Trustees Flee Oregon Prison; One Captured

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Robert E. Mix, 29, received from Portland four years ago today to serve 15 years for assault with intent to kill, escaped from the prison last night.

A trusty, Mix and Eugene P. Shank, another trusty, left the prison annex in a penitentiary truck. Officers stopped them on the Pacific highway at Hubbard, 20 miles north of here. They took Shank into custody, but Mix headed for the brush.

The officers who stopped the truck had not known of the escape.

Mix was still at large today.

#### Man Shot in Fight With Officers Succumbs

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Percy E. Minor, 40, shot in a gun battle with sheriff's deputies at a shipyard dormitory Monday, died yesterday in a hospital.

Deputy Sheriff Lee Perkins said Minor opened fire when officers came to investigate a report that a man in the dormitory was beating his wife.

#### V-Missiles Deal New Blows in South England

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Southern V-weapon attacks on German England caused additional casualties and damage during the 24 hours ending at dawn this morning, the air ministry announced today.

Fired With Enthusiasm DENVER, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A probation member of a Denver fire department in a Denver suburb was too enthusiastic about his work, Sheriff Chick Foster reports.

The probationer admitted starting eight fires just for the fun of putting them out.



NEMESIS OF NAZIS—Lovely, but lethal, is Roza Shanina, above, senior sergeant in the red army. Despite her demure looks, she has been decorated for her prowess as a sniper, being credited with killing 54 Germans.

#### Farm District Posters Tell Japs to Stay Out

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 8.—(AP)—A movement is under way to prevent the return of Japanese residents to the Wapato valley, Sam Drury, lower Yakima valley farmer and spokesman for a group of neighbors, revealed last night.

A number of "no Jap" stickers have been posted on farms in the Wapato district, he said.

Meanwhile Murray S. Stebbins, district relocation director, told the Wapato chamber of commerce that citizens of Japanese extraction are free to settle where they please and asserted some Yakima valley farmers had called him, seeking a contract with possible Japanese tenant farmers.

#### Larceny of Bus Depot Funds Charged to Woman

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Salem police were advised today that Neri McFarlane, former ticket sales woman at the Greyhound stage depot here, is under arrest at Des Moines, Iowa, on a charge of larceny of \$3,446 from the Chadwick Hotel company, which operates the depot.

Mrs. McFarlane was indicted by the Marion county grand jury five months ago. She joined the women's army corps and was sent to Des Moines for training. The army has released her to civilian authorities.

#### Plans of Big Three Give U. S. Role in Settling Affairs of Europe, Marking New Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Big three plans for joint political action in Europe are expected here within the week.

Calling for active American participation in European settlements, they will mark the beginning of a new period in United States foreign policy.

The plans are being worked out by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin at an historic conference now believed to be at least half-finished some where in the Black sea area.

The meeting is on Russian soil in order to allow Stalin to continue his close supervision of the red army invasion of Germany.

A joint announcement late yesterday, evidently direct from the conference, was released in London and Moscow as well as at the White House. This finally put the open secret of the meeting officially on the record and confirmed the fact that political problems of Europe are a prime concern of the meeting.

War Unity Reaffirmed. Actually the discussions have fallen into two parts, the military and diplomatic developing

along these lines:

1. The military talks led off the meeting and resulted in "complete agreement" for joint Anglo-Soviet-American army operations "in the final phase of the war against Nazi Germany." The large military staffs which accompanied the three leaders to the Black Sea are now working out detailed plans.

2. As soon as the talk of fighting was completed, Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill took up "problems involved in establishing a secure peace." Under these they listed plans for the occupation and control of Germany, the political and economic problems of liberated Europe and proposals for the earliest possible establishment of a world organization to

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#### Rhine and Ruhr Areas, Dams On Roer Goals

PARIS, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The American First army drove clear through the last barriers of the double Siegfried line 15 miles southeast of Aachen today, captured bloody Schmidt and neared the Roer river dams and reservoirs which had been a major factor in checkmating the western front offensive last November.

(The German communiqué said "preparations for the big allied attack continue along the Roer." The enemy said a major offensive was imminent with Cologne, the Rhine and industrial Ruhr as objectives. American troops outside Duren are 20 miles from Cologne. Capture of the dams might pave the starting signal for the onslaught.)

Rhine Cities Are Goal. Farther south in the 70-mile active front, the Third army poured through a seven-mile breach in the Siegfried line to within a mile and a quarter of the fortress and communications hub of Pruem, 53 miles southwest of the large Rhine city of Coblenz.

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#### Medical Society Urges Pasteurization of Milk

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The state legislature was urged to pass laws immediately requiring the proper pasteurization of all milk in Oregon, in a resolution unanimously endorsed by the Multnomah County Medical society last night.

The doctors asked that pending dairy and meat legislation be referred for study to committees on medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy. The society demanded that legislators also place "the legaly constituted health authorities of Oregon" in control of health aspects of the meat and dairy industries.

#### Weather Aids Nazis to Seal U. S. 5th in Italy

ROME, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The limited offensive of American Fifth army troops in the mountains southwest of Bologna was stalled today against strongly fortified and heavily defended enemy positions, the allied high command announced.

The doughboys were halted after forcing their way forward up to 600 yards in two days of bitter fighting in weather conditions made difficult by a sudden thaw in the Apennines mountains.

Extra for the "Extras" OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 8.—(AP)—If T. W. Beckes, general counsel of the Union Pacific railroad, appears tired and pre-occupied these days, blame it on his "other" job.

When his 11-year-old son, Tom, became ill recently, the railroad executive took over the boy's duties—carrying a paper route.

#### Japs Cling to Southern Part Of City After Razing Bridges; Bataan Jungle Torn by Battle

(By the Associated Press) Artillery duels roared over the explosion-torn streets of Manila today as American armor and foot soldiers strove to wipe out Japanese who transformed the city into a battleground.

Nothing but fire-scorched rubble and blackened steel and concrete shells remained of five of Manila's leading theaters, two big hotels, five banks and the city's largest department store. This is only a partial census of the three-day demolitions by Japanese who still dominate the southern section of Manila.

Surviving Chinese poked through the charred remains of Chinatown, one of the most densely populated sections of the city, hunting for traces of missing friends and relatives. No official source has yet estimated the possible death toll in this and other burned out residential sections.

The destructive Japanese fight in Manila contrasted sharply with Tokyo's description of Manila as an unimportant phase of the battle of Luzon which "is fought for very high stakes."

Fire-jungle battles were under way on Bataan peninsula and at the gateway to northeastern Luzon, to which Tokyo said the puppet government of Jose Laurel had fled.

A record bomb load dumped on Corregidor indicated U. S. forces were preparing next to knock out this fortress guarding the entrance to Manila bay.

Jap Casualties Heavy. Tokyo belittled the military importance of Manila, but Gen. MacArthur said the Japanese have suffered 48,000 casualties so far in their defense of Luzon island, on which the capital stands. American casualties were placed at 7,076, including 1,609 killed, 5,276 wounded and 191 missing.

Jungle and Yank Rifle Squads. A jungle and Yank rifle squads, unfamiliar with street fighting, combed the northern section of Manila for Japanese snipers. This area is officially "cleared."

River Bridges Blown Up. Nipponese guns firing from south of the Pasig river endangered 3,700 released internees on Santo Tomas campus four days after they thought the war had ended for them.

Dynamited bridges temporarily kept American infantrymen from crossing from the north while determined resistance from en-

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#### Farmer Draft Stirrs Demand For Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Two senators today proposed a congressional inquiry "to determine who is responsible for the wholesale inductions of essential farmers and farm workers where no replacements are available."

While the senate military committee was hearing additional demands for work-or-fail manpower legislation, Senators Tydings and Reed introduced a measure reaffirming the policy of the Tydings amendment to the draft act and calling for the inquiry.

The Tydings amendment specifies that essential agricultural employees shall not be drafted unless replacements for them are found.

Tydings told the senate that selective service "has attempted to brush aside" the amendment. He said Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey in effect told local draft boards to "go to it" if they desired to take farm workers for whom there are no replacements.

Labor Lack Stressed. WPB Chairman J. A. Krug said voluntary manpower placement "worked amazingly well" in the early stages of the war but is not sufficient now.

"Under existing conditions war production already is suffering badly from lack of labor," Krug said.

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#### Rayonier Buys Timber On Olympic Peninsula

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Rayonier, Inc., manufacturers of dissolving pulps from wood, announced today it had arranged to buy timber holdings and logging equipment of the Bloedel Donovon Lumber mills located on the Olympic peninsula in Washington.

Edward Bartsch, president of Rayonier, did not disclose terms but his announcement said the transaction would involve several million dollars.

The company said the purchase would permit early reopening of Rayonier's Shelton, Wash., mill which closed in August, 1943, because of a shortage of logs.

#### Salem Land Bought for State Building Project

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The state board of control announced today it has completed the deal to purchase for \$19,660 the property of F. T. Barnes, on the corner of Capitol and Chermeketa streets. The property eventually will be used for construction of a state building.

#### Drafting of Nurses Is Favored by Oregon Assn.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A draft for nurses as a forerunner toward selective service for all women has been endorsed by the Oregon State Nurses' association, Secretary Linnie Laird reported today.

She released letters from Portland nurses now overseas in a renewed appeal for nurses to join the services.

#### County's Revenue From Forest Sources Shown

Douglas county has received the sum of \$53,248.81 from forest rentals and timber sales, O. L. Johnson, county treasurer, reported today. Of the money received, \$39,993.91 has been distributed to the general road fund and \$13,331.20 to county schools.

Douglas county receives forest revenues principally from the Umpqua National forest, but obtains money also from the Rogue, Siskiyou, Siskiyou and Willamette forests, as parts of these reserves are within the county. Indicating the effect of the rapid growth of the lumber industry is the fact that timber sale receipts this year were more than double the sum of \$23,401.53 received last year. The county receives 25 per cent of all forest revenue.

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#### Japs Can't Afford Philippines Loss, Tokyo Agency Says

(By the Associated Press) Japan cannot afford to lose the battle of the Philippines and survive as a nation, Domei news agency said in a broadcast today.

"The Luzon battle is fought for very high stakes," it said. "If Japan is to survive and play a leading role in world affairs, she must snatch victory in this war."

"Gen. Yamashita can depend on the navy to protect his flanks and keep him in operational contact with Japanese-held islands to the south, if he plans to retire to the southern part of Luzon island," Domei continued.

"It is sheer nonsense for Americans to talk of having won the battle for the Philippines, or for Gen. Douglas MacArthur to be talking of Tokyo as his next goal."

Tokyo radio said today that more than 250 influential members of the house of representatives, concerned over "the critical war situation," have demanded that Premier Koiso convene a special session of the diet to create a "production army."

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#### Girls Harvesting Coin From Fake Sob Stories

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Fake sob stories from lovely young girls, such as, "I'm trying to get enough money to buy a ticket to visit my husband in the service," have given racketeering a new twist here, the Better Business bureau said today.

The bureau reported as much as \$40 a day had been obtained from servicemen by girls employing the old "working-my-way-through-college" and other routines.

Posters and literature warning against the petty schemers will be sent to all military installations in this area, said General Manager Iyle L. Janz.

#### War Casualties of U. S. Reach Total of 764,584

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP) American combat casualties since the beginning of the war have reached 764,584, the army and navy disclosed today.

Secretary of War Stimson placed the army's losses at 676,796 while the navy listed its total as 87,788. This represented an overall increase of 27,342 since last week's report.

The secretary said 865,000 Germans have been taken prisoner on the western front since the invasion last June.

#### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The "Horst Wessel" and "Die Wacht am Rhine" may soon be supplanted by a Kraut version of "Don't Fence Me In."

Not Double Talk CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 8.—(AP)—The son of Chester O. Ensign, Sr., WPB construction analyst, has been commissioned at Pensacola, Fla.

Now when Chester, Jr., is addressed it's—"Ensign Ensign."

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