

**Berchtesgaden, Hitler's Private Lair, Blasted**  
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movement of government offices from Berlin, or a buildup for the defense of Vienna. Hitler's retreat is at Obersalzberg (Upper Salt mountain) on the edge of Berchtesgaden. The previous attack on the immediate vicinity (other top Nazi leaders have homes in the area, too) occurred several months ago when a force of American heavies hit Salzburg, Austrian border town just across from Berchtesgaden. The Thunderbolts knocked out a locomotive and eight rail cars in the attack. At towns nearby they set fire to two passenger trains, destroyed a troop train estimated to have 150 soldiers aboard, and destroyed or damaged nearly 50 rail cars, some loaded with tanks.

(There was no indication that Hitler's retreat or Obersalzberg itself was attacked. Presumably Hitler himself is at Obersalzberg, although there have been on authoritative reports recently of the whereabouts of the Fuehrer.) **Key Cities Blasted** Nazi broadcasts today reported spearheads of two American formations were over Thuringia and Franconia, indicating another deep penetration of the Reich, possibly in support of the Russian armies. Today's assault, carrying into daylight the ninth successive day of the fierce aerial punishment of Germany, followed a 1,200-plane strike by the RAF against important targets. The main force of this attack, possibly 750 heavies, pummeled Dortmund, key communications center for the western front. Refugees crammed Berlin was struck twice. Other formations broke off in several directions, striking the much-bombed rail center of Mannheim, two oil refineries south of Duesseldorf on the Rhine, and other targets.

The glow of large fires from the attack on Dortmund could be seen through thin clouds and smoke rose to a great height, the air ministry said. Night fighters and intruder aircraft of the bomber command supported the heavies and attacked airfields. The RAF announced the loss of 21 planes from the night operations. The Fortresses were unchallenged by the Luftwaffe at Nuernberg, but flak was intense. Sixteen bombers, carrying 144 men, and 23 escorting fighters were lost. Mustangs and Thunderbolts shot down 14 Nazi planes, and destroyed 39 others on the ground.

**Russians, 38 Miles From Berlin, Pound Frankfurt**  
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sian press has yet placed the Russian troops to Berlin, did not give the point of the penetration, but indicated it was in Zhlukov's sector and possibly west of the Oder. "The purchasers of stolen property in Frankfurt on the Oder have fled to Berlin and no longer know where to go," said the review. **City Becomes Inferno** The bulk of Frankfurt's 76,000 population has fled and the city has been stripped for a death-stand defense as a bastion of Berlin, the German broadcast said. "Grenades are exploding in its streets and Russian planes are flying over the rooftops rattling their machineguns," he added. "Frankfurt has become a town without air raid sirens as the occupants are constantly on the jump. "Many streets are lonely and dead. Buildings are deserted and their occupants have fled to the west. Only vital enterprises are still open. The electricity supply has been cut down and street cars have ceased running. Street cars have been converted into anti-tank barricades.

**Goal of Guben Neared** Russia's First Ukraine army drove steadily westward toward the Neisse river stronghold of Guben and the southern end of Berlin's eastern defense wall along the Oder. Advancing as much as 10 miles through a heavily-forested region in the face of persistent German counterattacks, Marshal Konev's troops yesterday captured the hamlet of Schegolin, eight miles east of Guben and 57 southeast of Berlin. Four miles to the north Konev's right flank swept through Neudorf, on the southern bank of the Oder five miles west of captured Crossen, and rolled on toward the point seven miles away where the Oder is joined by the Neisse before swerving northward past Fuerstenberg, Frankfurt and Kuestrin. Capture of Crossen, announced in last night's Moscow communique, firmly joined Konev's northern flank to the southern end of the front held and steadily strengthened for two weeks by Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian army east of the Oder. Marshal Konev appeared about to draw up even with Zhukov by reaching the Neisse river.

In addition to Crossen, Moscow announced capture of two other large towns, Bobersberg and Christianstadt, and more than 80 populated places by Konev's troops. **Surrender Demand Spurned** The Germans announced that soviet troops had broken into the long-by-name and encircled Oder river cities of Breslau and Glogau but declared they were repulsed. Berlin said the Breslau garrison had spurned a surrender ultimatum. Gains of up to 13 miles were registered yesterday by red army forces driving through the Polish corridor toward the Baltic port of Danzig. Fifty Polish corridor towns were captured. In the mountains of Czechoslovakia some 60 miles due north of Budapest, red army troops opened up a new drive, capturing

**"Gorgeous George" Wagner Billed On Next Roseburg Wrestling Card**



George Wagner, above, former world and Pacific coast light-heavyweight wrestling champion and one of the greatest showmen in the grappling game, will make his Roseburg debut at the armory next Saturday night. The colorful Wagner, who boasts a trunk full of beautiful satin robes insured for \$5000, will meet Gust Johnson, the Seattle Swede, in the headline match. The announcement was made by Matchmaker Don Owen. Wagner, who toils on his turkey ranch near Eugene when not making the wrestling circuit, is known in mat circles as "Gorgeous George" because of his good looks and the fact that he never forgets how handsome he is. Despite Wagner's black hair and beauteous profile, the matman is a fundamentally fine wrestler. Fast and agile, he employs all of the spectacular holds like the drop-kick, flying scissors, Sonnebergs, etc. He

also used his fists to advantage, which has made him extremely unpopular with fans as well as his opponents. Johnson, who holds the coast junior heavyweight championship, will be no easy mark for Wagner. The talented Swede demonstrated his mat prowess here recently by defeating Buck Davidson. Johnson has lost few engagements in recent months and is considered one of the finest matmen in the business—and capable of handling Wagner a licking in "Gorgeous George's" initial appearance here.

**Baseball Travel to Be Slashed 25 Per Cent**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—The ODT today asked baseball to cut its 1945 travel 25 per cent—an action that would affect exhibition games, size of squads and possibly the world series. A statement issued after a conference between major league Presidents Ford Frick and Will Harridge and ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson said: 1. Games will be played only in the home city of one or the other competing teams. This means there will be no exhibition games except at army and navy establishments, where the military will provide transportation. Pre-season training will continue to be held at places in or near each team's home city. 2. Team rosters, when traveling, will be reduced to a minimum. 3. World series games will be held only if transportation and war conditions at the time permits.

**Veterans Aid Bill Passed by Oregon House**  
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ish War Veterans—would have a representative on the board. One of the other two board members must be a veteran of World War II. Wells said 130,000 Oregon men and women have gone into the armed forces. **Truck Bill Signed** Governor Snell signed into law today the bill extending the higher wartime truck weight and length limits for another two years. The house passed a senate bill exempting newspaper delivery men, insurance agents, and real estate brokers and salesmen from the unemployment compensation law. **Two Bills Killed** Bills to allow organization of mutual benefit insurance associations and to create a five-man state board of opticians were dead today after the senate had spent an entire day on the two measures. The insurance bill was killed 16 to 13 after a three-hour debate, in which opponents charged that the mutual benefit companies are not sound. The opticians bill drew the fire

**Artillery Still Hammers Wail Protecting Japs**  
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92,000 for the six weeks of the Luzon campaign as against American casualties of 12,929—2,676 killed, 245 missing and 10,008 wounded. This showed 24,000 Japanese and 3,246 American casualties in the last week a lone. MacArthur said a survey of Manila disclosed that the Japanese occupation army thoroughly looted all private possessions of value and apparently shipped the stolen goods to Tokyo. **Surrender Demand Rejected** Four hundred Japanese, trapped by 11th airborne paratroopers on a ridge southeast of captured Fort William McKinley yesterday, refused an ultimatum to surrender from Lt. Col. George Pearson of Sheridan, Wyo. The note was carried through the lines by a Filipino riding a horse. The Japanese commander read the note, shook his head in refusal and shot the horse, sending the Filipino back afoot. Planes and artillery opened on the enemy immediately and at nightfall many Japanese already were dead. Bombers attacked Formosa "in force" despite difficult flying conditions. Airdromes and industrial targets were bombed effectively. Fighters destroyed 15 locomotives and 50 rail cars in low-level sweeps. A 1,000-ton freighter was sunk

**Inter-American Conference Opens**

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21—(AP)—The inter-American conference on war and postwar problems opens today faced with the job of tailoring the broad outlines of the Crimea conference to the special needs of this hemisphere. President Camacho of Mexico will address the delegates at 8 p. m. His talk will be broadcast on an international hookup. U. S. Secretary of State Stettinius, who arrived yesterday, already has communicated the results of the Big Three conference to the assembled delegation chiefs. The United States delegation intends to sponsor at least two resolutions, one providing for freedom of information in the Americas and the other expected to give the pan-American union sufficient political and economic powers so that it can function as a subdivision of the world organization contemplated in the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

**Yankee Toll Heavy in Combat on Iwo Jima**  
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off the French Indo-China coast and another was damaged. Airdromes on the north and east coast of Borneo were hit with 80 tons of bombs. by the marines, with the aid of illuminating flares fired throughout the night by the American invasion fleet lying offshore. The flares exposed virtually every Japanese attempt at nighttime maneuvers. Naval guns, masses of marine artillery, carrier planes, tanks and individual marine units combined in pulverizing Japanese defenses which cover the entire volcanic island. But the marines still face an uphill fight. The northern mass of the island rises about 50 yards above Motobara airfield No. 2, which lies on a plateau. The marines had to climb slopes to approach it from any direction. **Japs Far From Beaten** Despite the initial American successes, there was no discounting the fact the Japanese on Iwo still have plenty of fight left. All last night, the skies over the embattled island presented the weird sight of bursting star shells, tracer bullets and flames flaring up from bursting explosives while aground sleepless marines scurried from foxhole to foxhole with ammunition for the advance. **Morrie Landsberg, Associated**

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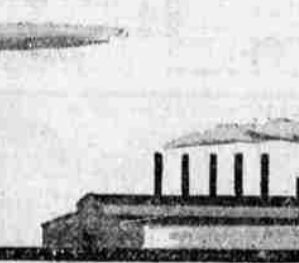
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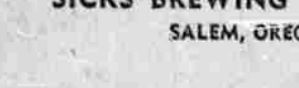
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