

RHINE BRIDGEHEAD WIDENED TO SIX MILES

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New Jap Reverse Dealt In Philippines and China

Foe Retreats From Bastion On Mindanao

Chinese Regain Former U. S. Airbase; Fires Still Blaze in Bombed Nagoya

21st BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Wednesday, March 14.—(AP)—American Superfortresses, bent upon destruction of Osaka's "hidden factories," put the torch to Japan's second largest city early today.

Osaka is one of the most important industrial and shipbuilding centers in the empire. Its industries include electrical equipment companies, shipbuilding yards, iron and steel works and oil refineries.

Japanese retreated before advancing allied troops on three Philippines and two China fronts today, abandoning two airfields and eight towns.

Forty-first division infantrymen on Mindanao in the southern Philippines and two China fronts four villages north of that ancient fortress and nearby San Roque airbase from which bombers can raid oil-rich Borneo. Japanese abandoned the strongest fortifications yet encountered in the southern or central Philippines, and retreated toward the hills.

Eleventh airborne division troops captured Los Baños, for-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WASHINGTON. Last night was the first Saturday night of the midnight curfew. It went off quite peacefully and happily here. As a matter of fact, it amounted to no more than the moving up of the clock when "war" time hit several years ago. People merely started earlier and quit earlier.

Washington hasn't done much complaining about the curfew. The squawks come from New York, where painting the town red is a leading industry.

HERE on the Potomac, it was all quiet and orderly — as such things go. The so-called night spots—meaning all places where food and drink and entertainment are provided—had previously posted notices around asking their patrons to begin leaving as near 11:45 p. m. as is consistent with the great American institution of night-spotting, and in the main the response was good.

By the witching hour of 12, the streets were filled with crowds that were somewhat less noisy than the average New Year's eve. Maybe they went home. The federal authorities aren't YET taking people home and putting them to bed and setting it down in the books when they got there and in what condition. So we

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Roseburg School District's Population in 1944 Highest In Ten Years, Census Reveals

Population of Roseburg school district No. 4 increased from 6790 in 1943 to 7479 in 1944 according to compilation based on the school census report, Paul S. Elliott, city superintendent of schools.

The school census recently was taken by H. B. Church and has been compiled by the school authorities. The current roll shows 1887 children of school age, of which

Year	Schools	Total
1935	1,716	6,801
1936	1,816	7,198
1937	1,676	6,643
1938	1,696	6,722
1939	1,702	6,746
1940	1,712	6,785
1941	1,690	6,698
1942	1,573	6,235
1943	1,713	6,790
1944	1,887	7,479

The school census is calculated by the U. S. Census Bureau to be 25.23 per cent of total population. The figures are given only for the school district and do not include other immediately adjacent areas, such as Edenbower, Superintendent Elliott points out.

A ten-year comparison of school census and population figures is given by Mr. Elliott as follows:

Rev. Burriss Jenkins, Noted Liberal Clergyman-Editor, Summoned by Death at 75

EL CENTRO, Calif., March 13.—(AP)—Dr. Burriss A. Jenkins, Kansas City minister and writer, died at his winter home here today, aged 75.

He was best known for his advocacy of liberal religion while pastor of the Linwood Boulevard church in Kansas City, Mo., where he introduced church dinners on prayer meeting nights and Sunday evening dances for youth of his congregation.

For two years, from 1919 to 1922, he combined his pastoral duties with those of editor and publisher of the Kansas City Post and was widely known also as a lecturer and author.

When the Linwood Boulevard church was dedicated in 1909, a Catholic priest, Jewish rabbi and ministers of various Protestant denominations joined in the services.

He conducted a psychiatric clinic in connection with the Linwood church, placed William Gibbs McAdoo in nomination at the 1920 democratic national convention at San Francisco and served by appointment of the governor of Missouri upon the state athletic commission, which had control of professional boxing in the state.

Previous to accepting a pastorate in Kansas City, Dr. Jenkins served successively as president of University of Indianapolis and president of University of Kentucky. He eliminated restrictions concerning with baptism for membership in his church, accepting all who would sign the roll upon expressions of faith only.

He is survived by his widow



Burriss A. Jenkins

and three sons, Burriss Jenkins, Jr., newspaper cartoonist; Paul Andrew Jenkins, publisher of a newspaper here, and Logan Hocker Jenkins, lieutenant commander in the United States navy.

Meeting Slated to Ask Ban on Nisei's Return

GRESHAM, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—A public meeting to seek congressional action rescinding the order permitting Japanese to return to their coastal homes before the end of the war will be held in Gresham tonight.

Oregon Property Owners Protective league, the sponsors, announced that speakers will include George Crandell, Seattle attorney, and state representative Warren Erwin, Portland. Erwin is co-author of a legislative memorial to congress opposing return of the Japanese.

Dale Bergh, Damascus farmer and chairman of the league, also will speak. He has appealed a circuit court ruling that the farm he had leased should be returned to its Japanese-American owner.

Drowned Man Brother Of Roseburg Resident

Oscar R. Farris, who was drowned yesterday in the Coquille river, was a brother of Mrs. Paul Dusseau of Roseburg. The body has not yet been recovered but when it is, Mr. and Mrs. Dusseau plan to go to Coquille. Mr. Farris was drowned while trying to recover a boat which became freed from its moorage.

Marquee Saves Man In Fall of Seven Stories

SEATTLE, March 13.—(AP)—An iron marquee broke his fall and saved the life of Eric Mackey, merchant seaman, who plunged from his seventh floor hotel room window early today. He suffered shock and head and back hurts. Police reported they found a bloody razor in his room.

Roosevelt Asks Billions for Navy

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress today to appropriate \$23,719,153,050 for the navy for the fiscal year 1945-46.

He requested additional contract authorizations of \$3,088,012,624, of which 1,513,012,624 represent new authorizations and \$1,575,000,000 is continued available from the current fiscal year.

Of the new budget, about four and one-half billion is to pay for contracts previously authorized. A \$259,103,700 four-agency supply bill—more than half of it for the rapidly expanding state department and a juvenile-delinquency justice department—received house appropriations committee approval today.

Its overall total was \$23,226,008 more than the same departments received for the current year.

2nd Lieut. W. O. Goodlow Killed in Luzon Combat

Second Lieutenant William O. Goodlow, son of Mrs. Florence Goodlow, 444 Ella St., Roseburg, previously reported missing in action, was killed Jan. 8 while in combat in Luzon, according to an official message received by the mother today. His wife, the former Lucia Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Britton, formerly of Roseburg and now located at Corvallis, is serving as a corporal in the Women's reserve, U. S. marine corps, stationed at San Diego.

Two-Year Extension of CCC Voted by House

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—The house voted Monday to extend the life of the Cornmodity Credit corporation for two years beyond June 30, and to increase its borrowing power from \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000.

The action came after the administration assured congress of prompt punishment for any CCC employees found to have given confidential tips to market speculators.

The legislation now goes to a senate-house conferees.

Fish Tax Bill Passed By Senate of Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 13.—(AP)—The senate yesterday passed a fish tax bill. It sets a tax of 8 cents per 48-can case on sockeye, red and king salmon and 4 cents per case on other varieties. It also raises the tax on hand-driven fish traps from \$50 to \$75 and on pile traps from \$200 to \$300, and ups the tax on fish taken over 100,000 from \$2 to \$4 for every additional 1,000 fish.

Tax Proposals For Voters Go To Senators

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The Oregon legislature's biggest piece of business—the four bills to call a special election June 22 to provide revenues for schools and new buildings for higher education and state institutions—was near final approval today, when the senate ways and means and taxation committee sent the house-approved bills to the senate floor with a favorable report.

The committees, however, recommended that only those bills be on the ballot, while the house had voted to put on the special ballot all measures referred by the legislature to the people.

The bills would levy a 2-cent per pack tax on cigarettes to give schools an additional \$2,000,000 a year, levy a property tax of 5 mills for two years to raise \$10,000,000 for the new buildings, and increase the annual amount of income tax surpluses given to schools from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000. This latter bill will not be on the ballot, and the property tax would be concealed by income tax surpluses.

Fish Board Item Pruned

The joint ways and means committee voted to introduce a bill to increase the state's share of pari-mutuel racing receipts from 3 to 4 per cent, and thus give the state a revenue of from this source of \$356,480 a biennium.

The committee also voted to give the fish commission, for expenses for the next two years, \$356,000, compared with the \$560,000 the commission asked.

The committee still has the bills to create civil service for state employees and retirement for public employees, the firemen's pension bill, and the bill to reorganize the state board of health.

The house sent to the governor bills providing that the gift tax shall not apply to persons who came under the 1943 community property law, which has been repealed by this legislature; and in-

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Fugitive From Reedsport Nabbed

Cecl Madison Myers, 35, who recently escaped from the Reedsport justice court, has been returned to Roseburg from Portland, where he was recently arrested. Sheriff O. T. Carter reported today.

Myers was arrested at Reedsport on a charge of having stolen property in his possession, the sheriff reported. During arraignment in the justice court he was granted permission to go to the lavatory and made his escape through a window and over an adjoining roof. Circulars were issued by Douglas county authorities and he was picked up in Portland by the sheriff's office there.

Sheriff Carter announced that in addition to the charge of possessing stolen property, Myers also will face a charge of jail-breaking. He was indicted by the recent grand jury, the indictment being held secret pending apprehension of the fugitive.

Fine of \$100 Paid for Attempting to Gaff Fish

Changing his plea from innocent to guilty, Cecl R. Harris, recently arrested on a charge of "pursuing and attempting to take food fish by means of gaff," paid a fine of \$100 in the Roseburg justice court. Judge Thomas Hartfield reported today. Harris reportedly was arrested while fishing illegally on Little river.

Traffic fines paid into the Roseburg court were reported by Judge Hartfield to include Floyd Beck, \$15, trailer overload; Roy V. Long, \$10, overload; Clell L. Alford, \$20, overload, and W. A. Sahr, \$15, overload.

Fala of First Family Daddy of Twin Daughters

RHINEBECK, N. Y., March 13.—(AP)—Fala is the father of twin.

Dr. Thomas Sheldon, veterinarian, announced today that two daughters were born March 9 at the Sheldon canine hospital to President Roosevelt's famed scottie and Buttons, owned by Miss Margaret Suckley of Hyde Park.



ON FISH BOARD—Rep. Earl Hill, above, merchant of Cushman, Lane county, and veteran Oregon legislator, who has been appointed by Governor Snell to the state fish commission, succeeding the late L. A. Cutlip of North Bend.

One Day's Wage Standard Set for Red Cross Giving

A standard of one day's pay for all employed persons has been set as the suggested contribution to the American Red Cross war fund drive, Tommy Atkins, county chairman, reported today.

"Before the war the Red Cross solicited memberships on the basis of \$1 per person," Atkins said. "In those days the Red Cross requirements were far less than in these times, when activities are being carried on throughout the entire world and war services are of vital importance everywhere."

The Red Cross is asking for \$200,000,000, more than 10 times its budget in peacetime days," Atkins said. "Consequently our contributions should be in proportion. The equivalent of one day's earnings for every employed person is a national suggestion and, if observed, would raise the amount needed by the Red Cross to continue its activities."

The Douglas county goal, Atkins states, has been placed at \$30,000.

West Coast Fruit Price Ceilings Discussed

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—(AP)—Fruit growers of California, Oregon and Washington today conferred with government agencies to determine an equitable price ceiling for their perishable 1945 crops.

The growers yesterday began discussions with OPA, War Food administration and National Advisory committee members to set the minimums and maximums on pears, apricots, plums, prunes, sweet cherries and table and wine grapes.

The sessions were closed to the press but findings will be forwarded to Washington for final ceiling fixing determination.

War Bonds Bind Culprit OGDEN, UTAH, March 13.—(AP)—A 16-year-old youth was fined \$50 on a charge of stealing government property.

The judge allowed him to pay the fine on the installment plan but only after he posted three war bonds as security.

Von Rundstedt Wounded, Out Of Command, Report; Chaos Said Prevalent in Germany

BERN, Switzerland, March 13.—(AP)—Frontier reports said today that von Rundstedt no longer was in command of the Germans on the western front, and one unconfirmed account said the nazi general had been wounded.

Advices from across the border reflected growing tension in the German homeland, particularly in Munich, where the nazi party leader was said to have warned all party officers to avoid circulating in worker sections of the city because the police no longer were strong enough to guarantee safety.

However, rumors of outright revolt in Munich were not confirmed.

Well informed observers here speculated that Hitler might stage some new surprise, such as the use of gas, or some other new weapon, to stem the allied tide, but agreed that whatever the fuhrer decides, it must be done quickly.

Throughout Germany, reports here state, there is confusion, resentment and outright resistance against new reductions in food, travel and cooking privileges as nazi leaders seek to slow allied advances in the east and west.

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American First Wins Heights in Hot Battle; Reds Capture Kuestrin

Oder Crossed, Trap on Baltic Cities Closing

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—Soviet troops are attacking powerfully north of Frankfurt in an attempt to expand their bridgeheads over the Oder river, the German high command said today after Moscow announced capture of the east bank fortress of Kuestrin.

The nazi command said the Russian assaults were held, and declared Germans still were fighting in the southern fringes of Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin, 16 miles north of Frankfurt and one of the three biggest fortresses guarding the German capital.

Moscow still had not officially reported any crossings of the Oder, but dispatches said three red army groups apparently were being disposed for an assault on the German capital. Kuestrin, churned to rubble, fell after five days of hand-to-hand battle, the Russians said.

Field dispatches make it plain that the Germans have assembled a great concentration of fighting reserves west of the Oder. Minefields stretch for miles up and down the river on the Berlin side. The big highway and railway bridges at Kuestrin have been wrecked.

The German communique told of local breaches by red army troops beating toward Stettin

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Sergeant Jack E. Trew Killed in Italy Action

Staff Sergeant Jack Edward Trew, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Trew, 931 Fairfax, Birmingham, Michigan, and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ritchie, Roseburg, was killed in action in Italy, Feb. 20, according to word received here. He was a member of the 86th mountain infantry, which trained at Camp Hale, Colo.

He was well known in Roseburg and vicinity, having spent his summer vacations for several years on the Ritchie farm near Roseburg. He attended Oregon State college, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

His parents visited in Roseburg with Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie during February. Mrs. Trew and Mrs. Ritchie are sisters.

Handley Named District Attorney of Multnomah

SALEM, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Thomas B. Handley, appointed by governor Snell as Multnomah county district attorney to succeed James R. Bain, was sworn in by Secretary of state Farrell yesterday.

Handley has served for many years as chief criminal deputy in the district attorney's office. Bain yesterday became circuit judge, succeeding Judge Franklin C. Howell.

Tot Again Gives Year's Savings to Red Cross

REDWOOD FALLS, Minn., March 13.—(AP)—Mary Jo Zimmann's contribution to the Red Cross was her year's savings.

Mary Jo, who is six, counted up the pennies and nickels and dimes she had saved in a year and turned in \$7.10. The Red Cross got her savings of \$2.65 a year ago, too.

Bombers Destroy Dortmund, East Gateway to Ruhr

LONDON, March 13.—(AP)—Another German city in the path of the allied armies on the western front was written off as dead today after a shattering attack on Dortmund by more than 1,100 British bombers which dropped about 5,000 tons of explosives on that eastern gateway to the Ruhr in 29 minutes yesterday.

It was the biggest daylight attack ever staged by the RAF, which also kept the allied aerial offensive rolling through the night by sending its Mosquito bombers against Berlin for the 21st successive night.

Dortmund is the second largest city in the industrial Ruhr valley, and while previous bombings had just about knocked it out as a manufacturing center it was still serving as a major transportation hub. Nearly all troops and supplies bound for the western front passed through the city.

Five bombers failed to return. Up to 1,000 bombers of the U. S. 15th air force joined in the attack yesterday, dropping 1,650 tons of bombs on nazi oil installations in the Vienna area. Other Italy-based bombers attacked German rail communications in Austria, Yugoslavia and northern Italy. One Fortress was lost.

Dimes Comprise Reedsport Sign

A 16-foot board, bearing the words, "Reedsport, Oregon," in letters one foot in height, each letter being composed of dimes, was received in Roseburg Monday by Roy Sunderland, county chairman of the infantile paralysis fund campaign, from E. G. Dunn, March of Dimes chairman at Reedsport. The board contains 1,370 dimes, each placed heads up on the board which was designed and donated by Frank L. Taylor, Reedsport hardware merchant. The board is hinged in the center to facilitate shipment.

Representing 22 hours of labor in laying out the sign, pasting on the dimes, etc., the board is being prepared by Chairman Sunderland for shipment to President Roosevelt.

The Reedsport community raised a total of \$835 in the infantile paralysis campaign.

Professional Peons Put On 'Varsity' Auction Block

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., March 13.—(AP)—Some of the faculty members at Millikin university were put on the auction block at a "Slave" sale to raise money for the building fund campaign.

Miss Elizabeth Travis, piano professor, was "sold" for \$3 to a sorority and must give a 15-minute concert; assistant Dean E. P. Ploenges has to press four skirts in the home economics room, and Dr. C. A. Godecharly has to bake a cake for a sorority.

Unfavorable Report on REA Nominee Turned In

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Senator Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, today filed with the senate an unfavorable report on the nomination of Aubrey Williams to be rural electrification administrator. The agriculture committee, of which Thomas is chairman, recommended his rejection.

This action paved the way for debate on the nomination beginning today.

City Manager Succession Repeated at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The city council has asked Robert E. Borland, 44, to accept city manager of Silverton, replacing Harry C. McCrea, who will become Coe Bay's first city manager next week.

Borland succeeded McCrea once before—as city manager of Haisville, Pa. The new manager is expected to arrive about April 1.

Cordell Hull Improves; May Attend Peace Meet

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Cordell Hull's physical condition has greatly improved in the last few weeks; he now definitely hopes to attend the San Francisco united nations conference.

Whether he actually makes the trip, however, will depend on continued improvement during the next month.

Penicillin Supply For All Northwest Received

PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—Enough penicillin to treat 2,000 cases has arrived here for distribution to physicians, hospitals and pharmacies in the northwest.

The wonder drug is now being produced in sufficient quantity to provide for civilians as well as military personnel.

Rhine Bridge Survives Hits By Nazi Guns

Patton's Third Narrows Enemy-Held Eifel Gap, Enters Coblenz Suburbs

(By the Associated Press) Lt. Gen. Hodges' First army tanks and infantry pushed north, east and south today from their Rhine bridgehead, with one force less than two miles from the six-lane superhighway linking the industrial Ruhr with Frankfurt on the Main.

The bridgehead, at least 11 miles long, has been widened to nearly six miles. The German high command, acknowledging loss of height east of the Rhine, said the bitterest fighting of the whole western front raged in the bridgehead area. The German communique spoke of operations by Marshal von Model, von Rundstedt's subordinate in the north, and apparently now his successor.

Bridge Survives Hits

The Germans estimated that from 60,000 to 70,000 U. S. First army troops were in the critical bridgehead area—30,000 more than their estimate yesterday. Swarms of rocket-firing planes were reported aiding the attacking American infantry.

A continuing news dimout obscured battle action menacing the Ruhr. East of the Rhine bridges head increasing resistance was being met, but enemy artillery fire at the Ludendorff bridge slackened. This fire had scored hits on the bridge but had failed to put it out of operation.

Hodges' first big attack east of the Rhine opened yesterday, gained 23 miles and brought the number of towns captured since the

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5th Repels Nazi Attacks On Captured Mountain

ROME, March 13.—(AP)—Fifth army troops have blasted the Germans from 5,900-foot Monte Spigolino, in the forbidding mountain country 14 miles northwest of Pistoia, and repulsed enemy counterattacks upon the peak, allied headquarters announced today.

The Germans farther west and along the coast sent artillery salvos into allied forward positions, and allied patrols made contact with the enemy in the coastal region.

A navy communique announced that PT boats operating in the gulf of Genoa engaged a convoy of eight lighters, sank two with torpedoes and hit a third.

Wallace Plans to Fly To Learn Aviation Needs

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Wallace told senators today he intends to learn how to fly "to find out what the private airplane business will amount to."

The former vice president, making his first appearance on Capitol Hill since he was sworn in as a cabinet member, told the senate commerce committee the aviation industry ought to produce annual revenues of \$1,700,000,000 and a "possible 400,000 workers eight to ten years after V-J day." He urged a federal aid program for building airports.

Boy Suffocates to Death Playing With Matches

PORTLAND, March 13.—(AP)—A three-year-old boy, one of 15 brothers and sisters, suffocated to death yesterday in a fire he set by playing with matches.

The other nine children at home at the time ran to safety; but small Dennis Collopy hid under a bed. His body was found there later. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Collopy, were not in the house, firemen reported.

Worker Falls to Death From Crooked River Cliff

REDMOND, March 13.—(AP) John Byrd, 50, Bend, tumbled 80 feet to his death from a cliff along Crooked river north of here yesterday.

Byrd was working on a flume, being built across Crooked river as a part of the north unit reclamation project.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Fortunate will be those foreign nations whose major troubles will be settled by the forthcoming world peace conference at San Francisco. Uncle Sam will still be left with John L. Lewis and James Pettilio on his hands.