

ALLIED SMASHES NARROW GAP TO BERLIN

Fleet Still Hammering At Okinawa

Heavy Damage Dealt to Nippon Air, Sea Forces; Keramas Invaded, Claim

GUAM, March 29—(AP)—Okinawa underwent its sixth day's bombardment by the U. S. fleet's largest rifles as hundreds of carrier aircraft knifed into its remaining strongholds, fleet adm. Nimitz announced today.

Radio Tokyo held to its report that Yank troops have landed on the Kerama Islands, asserting a fleet of 20 to 30 transports is attempting to supply American invasion forces on the islands, 15 miles west of Okinawa. There was no confirmation from fleet headquarters of any of these reports.

Citing preliminary reports of damage inflicted on the enemy, Nimitz' communique said 33 aircraft were destroyed; 19 ships crippled including three destroyers or destroyer escorts damaged; five cargo ships damaged and many small craft wrecked. Military installations including submarine pens at Unten bay on Okinawa were heavily hit.

The totals make today's incomplete Pacific fleet score for the past ten-day carrier and battleship offensive read:

819 aircraft probably destroyed, 57 or more ships sunk or damaged, including carriers and a 45,000-ton battleship.

U. S. Warships Damaged
Nimitz acknowledged "some fleet units" suffered damage "under enemy air attacks" including "serious damage" to one destroyer, one "larger unit" and another ship, and "minor damage to several others." None of these ships was reported lost.

The fleet's assault on the Ryukyus by air and sea is probably the heaviest in the Pacific and imperial Japanese headquarters implied in today's communique the attack is continuing into the seventh day. Tokyo also reported

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EASTWARD from the lower Rhine rampaging American tanks roll out onto the north German plain through enemy lines that Eisenhower says have been broken in a massive defeat that the nazis can't afford.

He adds that Germany has no strength left to make another stand such as has been made but warns us not to expect an unchecked dash to Berlin. He thinks there will be hard fighting before we get there, but nothing like what we've been through.

THERE'S a touch of poetic justice in the situation. We're rolling swiftly TOWARD Berlin along the great military highways that Hitler built to move his armies OUTWARD to conquer Europe.

THE weather as turned cloudy as this is written, and our planes are hampered somewhat, but there is mention in the dispatches of tanks rolling forward over HOT, DUSTY roads.

One can't help recalling that the WEATHER turned against Napoleon at Waterloo, bogging down his hitherto indomitable armies.

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Catherine Barsch Named Aide to Atty. Gen. Neuner

SALEM, Ore., March 29—(AP)—Catherine Barsch, secretary to Supreme Court Justice J. O. Bailey, was appointed assistant attorney general today by Attorney General Neuner.

During the legislature she was legal clerk for the senate judiciary committee.

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Pork, Canned Asparagus, Peas, Hiked in Points; Baby Shoe Rationing Set

Margarine to Be Hiked; Some Fruits Lower

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—Point values go up Sunday for canned peas and asparagus, while at the same time the ration cost of sweet cherries, plums, prunes and tomato juice will be slashed.

These blue point program changes, announced by OPA today, will go into effect as households begin to pay more red points for pork and pork products, lard, shortening, margarine and salad and cooking oils. The red point increases range from one to three points a pound.

Prevailing point values on butter, beef, lamb and veal and most cheese will be maintained during April.

Peas were given a new value of 30 points and asparagus 20 points in No. 2 cans. Both items are being hiked 10 points because supplies have been moving too rapidly, OPA said.

Other Items Slashed

Movement of the three fruit products and tomato juice, on the other hand, has been behind schedule. This makes it possible,

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Meat Prices Not To Rise; Subsidy To Packers Looms

Blame for Situation Placed On Officials; Ceiling Chased For Cattle Feeder Advised

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—As OPA today posted new and higher April ration point values for two canned vegetables—peas and asparagus—as well as for pork, pork products and fats and oils, there were these related developments at home and abroad:

1. Any increase in meat prices to consumers—or any immediate increase in meat supplies for them—faded as possibilities of the senate's food investigation.

2. The American Farm Bureau federation's livestock committee contended pork and beef are scarce because "Washington officials planned it this way."

3. The British house of commons heard a protest that Englishmen could not be expected to "wear their belts any tighter" than Americans.

4. A new congressional food in-

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Footwear of Fabric Adult Supply Plan

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—All babies' leather shoes will require ration stamps May 1. As OPA announced this today, the Office of Civilian Requirements disclosed that it is seeking production of 150,000,000 pairs of "good" fabric shoes with synthetic rubber soles for adults to take out dwindling supplies of leather footwear.

Manufacture at that annual rate, OPA Director William Y. Elliott said, would restore the two-pair-a-year standard which OPA dropped in December.

Objective of adding the smaller sizes of infants' shoes to the ration program, OPA said, is to help build up critically short supplies in the larger, non-rationed sizes.

The action puts sizes 0 to 4—those generally worn by babies before they learn to walk—on the same ration basis as other leather shoes.

OPA said the demand for smaller sizes, largely because they have not been rationed, "has soared out of proportion to actual needs" with the result that those sizes "have absorbed too much of the manpower and production facilities, and too much of the scarce types of leather suitable for making the much more urgently needed toddlers' sizes."

The agency predicted an increase in these sizes "within the next several months."

Only infants' leather shoes are

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Price Control's Extension Favored

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—Extension of the price control act for one year without change was approved today by the senate banking committee.

The decision was reached after OPA officials assured the committee they would try by administrative means to adjust policy practices against which some business groups have complained.

In approving an extension of the act without change, the committee not only turned down amendments asked by industry groups but a series of changes proposed by Price Administrator Bowles.

The OPA chief had recommended that he be empowered to place ceilings on movie tickets and barber and beauty shop charges. He also asked that rents for business establishments be brought under control.

Still another Bowles proposal was for action to halt what he called the inflation of real estate and securities. On this latter proposal, the committee sentiment was described as being that any action taken should be handled as separate legislation rather than included in the price control law.

Newsprint Price Upped For Third Time by OPA

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—An increase of \$3 a ton in manufacturer's ceiling prices for newsprint has been authorized, effective immediately.

Announcing the increase today, the OPA attributed it to below-normal earnings for the United States newsprint industry.

It is the third increase since newsprint was put under price control in March, 1942. The price of newsprint was \$50 a ton "port price" from Jan. 1, 1938, until March 1, 1943, when a boost of \$4 a ton was granted. This was followed by another \$4 increase Sept. 1, 1943.

Mileage Cut Mapped by Dairymen and Truckers

PORTLAND, March 29—(AP)—A plan to save 380,000 miles in transportation of milk products has been devised by dairymen in the Salem area, the Portland Office of Defense Transportation said today.

An industry sub-committee, representing producers, processors, and truckers, has suggested a re-routing of trucks which will save mileage without hindering service to customers, the ODT reported.

Coos Coal To Supply Veterans Facility Here

COOS BAY, Ore., March 29—(AP)—The Coast Fuel corporation will supply bituminous coal for the Veterans' administration facility at Roseburg for a year starting April 1, President T. C. Toon said today.

Toon reported R. C. Kidd, director of supplies for the Veterans' administration, had approved the transaction.

"Hour of Success" Near, Churchill Declares

LONDON, March 29—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill asserted today that the "hour of success" was near.

"The endurance of the British people and the steadfast devotion of the fighting services have at last brought us near the hour of success," he said.

Miners Vote To Strike At Lewis' Call

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—A thundering miners' vote to strike at his call today bolstered John L. Lewis' position in the deadlocked soft coal wage negotiations.

The present contract expires Saturday midnight, but the better than eight-to-one margin in favor of a strike does not necessarily mean Lewis will call one then.

Complete returns from the 90 areas polled by the National Labor Relations board yesterday showed 208,718 "yes" votes and 25,156 "noes."

This was the question: "Do you wish to permit an interruption of war production in your area as a result of this dispute?"

The wording was fixed by the Smith-Connally labor disputes act under which the ballot was taken.

Completion of the vote, biggest ever undertaken by the NLRB, cleared the way for Lewis to reply to Interior Secretary Ickes' request that the present contract be extended to May 1.

Efforts to reach a new agreement before the present agreement expires Saturday night seemed destined to fail, despite the aid and encouragement of Labor Secretary Perkins, who personally took a hand in the negotiations Tuesday.

Lewis, however, can withhold a formal strike call pending new

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1100 Yanks Freed From Horrors of Nazi Prison Camp

HAPPELHEIM, Germany, March 27—(AP)—Eleven hundred emaciated prisoners, including 290 wounded Americans so badly treated by their Nazi captors that they had lost an average of 35 pounds in weight, were freed from a German prison camp when the U. S. Seventh army infantry captured this town today.

Pathetically happy at their liberation, the men related how they had been subjected to filthy conditions and fed on a slow-starvation diet that made it virtually impossible for the wounded to recover and caused some to lose as much as 100 pounds in weight.

An American lieutenant who, with a major, did all the surgical work for the American prisoners, said repeated protests to the German commandant had met with the reply that the nazis just couldn't get any more food for them.

Meanwhile, the Germans ate potatoes and fed the prisoners a thin soup made from the peels, the lieutenant added.

The Americans, one private said, received no Red Cross packages, although some French, Serbian and Moroccan prisoners got some. The Americans said the commandant at the camp, a German major who was seized hiding in the cellar when the American troops arrived, didn't like Americans.

"Oregon Province" Shelled Successfully, Jap Brags

PORTLAND, March 29—(AP)—A high-ranking Japanese officer at Cabanatuan camp in the Philippines bragged to prisoners that the "Province of Oregon" had been successfully shelled, a survivor reported.

The Japs also claimed they had bombed New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, said Cpl. Charles Joseph Hickey, 25, rescued from the prison camp Jan. 30.

Markets, Not Canneries, Get Huge Salmon Catch

ASTORIA, Ore., March 29—(AP)—Salmon catches the last several nights in the lower Columbia have averaged 400,500 pounds a boat, canneries reported today, and some gillnet fishermen have taken 3800 pounds.

April 1 marks the beginning of a month's closed season. A survey of canneries showed no efforts being made to pack the catch. Shipping direct to coastal markets has been prompted by high ceiling prices for fresh salmon.

Maj. Gen. Clay to Head Civil Govt. in Germany

WASHINGTON, March 29—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who has been with the Office of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, was designated today to take charge of civil affairs in Germany when that country is occupied.

President Roosevelt made the announcement.

Alva C. Marsters, Business, Civic Leader of Roseburg for Half Century, Taken by Death

Alva C. Marsters, retired Roseburg banker, the city's first mayor, following incorporation; former state senator from Douglas county and chairman of the state fair board for 15 years, died at his home in Roseburg last night following a long period of ill health.

Born Oct. 29, 1859, at LeSueur, Minn., the son of Dr. Stephen S. and Rebecca Marsters, he moved with his parents to Siskiyou county, California, in 1888. The family moved to Oregon in 1875, coming to Roseburg five years later, where Dr. Marsters, a practicing physician and surgeon, established the Marsters Drug company, now Roseburg's oldest business firm.

Following 12 years in the drug business, Alva Marsters became interested in banking in 1902 and in 1907 organized the Roseburg National bank, continuing as its president until sale of the institution in 1937. He also had extensive farm property and business interests.

Public Service Outstanding

He was the first mayor to be elected under the provisions of Roseburg's city charter, serving two terms. He was state senator from Douglas county from 1900 to 1904. He served as chairman of the state fair board under appointments by Governors Withycombe, Olcott, Pierce and Patterson, continuing in office until transfer of the state fair to the Department of Agriculture.

Throughout his entire lifetime he was an advocate of good roads and was one of the leaders in the state campaign for construction of the Pacific highway. He fathered the building of the



Alva C. Marsters

North Umpqua road from Roseburg to Diamond lake and was chairman of the board of trustees of the North Umpqua Highway

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Marine Convicted of Theft; Leniency Advised

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 29—(AP)—PFC. Herbert Daniel Stevens, 21, Painesville, Ohio, yesterday was found guilty of robbery while not armed with a dangerous weapon.

A circuit court jury, returning the verdict, recommended leniency for the young marine, who is stationed at the barracks here.

Stevens was accused in connection with incidents preceding the death of Karl Bold, 41-year-old Henley farmer, who was found unconscious behind a building here Dec. 6, 1934, suffering from head injuries which the state claimed resulted from an attack by Stevens. He died four days later.

Stevens was arrested as he entered Bold's car, which he admitted taking. On the witness stand Stevens said he struck Bold, but insisted the farmer made an improper advance which provoked the blow.

The marine will receive sentence Saturday.

One-Word Error to Cost State of Oregon \$200,000

SALEM, Ore., March 29—(AP)—The little word "and" will cause the state to lose an estimated \$200,000 during the next two years, the state land board estimated today.

The land board asked the legislature to pass a bill providing that national bank accounts which have been inactive for seven years shall go into the state common school fund.

The house passed it, and, on the last day of the session, the senate passed it, too.

But Sen. W. H. Strayer, Baker, found that the bill contained an "and/or" term that many courts have held meaningless. So Strayer got the senate to take the "and" out of the "and/or."

The bill then was sent back to the house for concurrence in the senate amendment. But the house had adjourned sine die, leaving the bill hanging in mid-air.

Film "Ripping" U. S. Flag Wins Jap Award

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29—(AP)—After announcing the merger of four of Japan's leading motion picture companies, radio Tokyo said that the Japanese film "Rip Down the Stars and Stripes" was judged one of the "masterpieces" of 1944 and its makers received a government award of 5,000 yen—about \$1,200—at the prewar rate of exchange.

Gambling Loser Sues Under Oregon Law of '67

PORTLAND, March 29—(AP)—Louis De Cicco, Portland, has filed a bankruptcy petition in federal court through which he reports to an 1867 Oregon law allowing a losing gambler to sue for double his losses.

The petition listed liabilities of \$24,246.16, all gambling losses, and assets of \$48,484.32—exactly twice the sum De Cicco said he lost at a Portland club.

Nazis Reeling At All Points In Ruhr Region

Montgomery's Forces Reported Lunging Over Plains of Westphalia

(By The Associated Press)

Marshal Montgomery's British-American armored teams roared through a wide break in German lines north of the Ruhr today and were reported in a field dispatch to be menacing Muenster, Osnabrueck and Hannover, the latter 142 miles from Berlin.

At the same time Lt. Gen. Hodges' First army tanks and shock troops smashed to within 207 miles of Berlin, and the armor of Lt. Gen. Patton's Third lanced to within 214 miles of the German capital, as the nazis reeled all along the front.

Behind the sweeping advances in the north, Ninth army troops captured Duisburg, great Ruhr port on the Rhine, and to the south Frankfurt on the Main was virtually cleared.

Gen. Eisenhower's armies fought 145 miles inside Germany as a portentous news blackout covered Montgomery's drive across the Westphalia plain. The blackout was imposed "because of the rapidity of present operations" as tanks raced through disintegrating German lines. The British Second army moved ahead at a speed matching Patton's.

Numerous cities were within the grasp of the advancing allies.

Ruhr Trap Impends

Hodges' armor was 95 miles southeast of Muenster, in a position to throw an iron ring around the outflanked Ruhr basin and trap its defenders.

The First army had pierced Beilhausen, 73 miles east of the Rhine. It seemed likely that the First and Third had joined in the area, closing a huge sack on Germans trapped in the rear, after bursting through all fixed defense lines.

Hodges' troops were 152 miles west of Leipzig, Germany's fifth city, and 255 from Russian lines. Patton's men had all but cleared Frankfurt on the Main. The Fourth armored division crashed along the Frankfurt-Leipzig highway.

Nazi Losses Enormous

The Germans have lost 262,000 as prisoners in the west since the first of March. Added to killed and wounded, this was equivalent

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Reds 39 Miles From Vienna; Fall Of Danzig Looms

LONDON, March 29—(AP)—Russian troops have crossed the Austrian frontier, the Free Austrian and the Brussels radios said today. The Austrian radio said several border villages in Burgenland province had been seized.

LONDON, March 29—(AP)—The red army, lacing through the shattered defenses of the Bratislava gap in the Danube valley, has reached places along the Austrian frontier, it was reported from Moscow today.

At one point it was only 39 miles from Vienna.

In the north a German communique announced the evacuation of Kahlholz cape, their last foothold on the East Prussian mainland except north of Konigsberg, and said they had withdrawn to a narrow sandspit extending from Danzig almost to Konigsberg between the sea and the Frisches Jargon.

The Russians reached the center of Danzig, left alone by the fall of the rival Polish port of Gdynia nearby, and the Germans were giving up in large numbers in the city's main streets and squares.

Population Eats Dogs

The Germans said the great city's port and harbor installations were destroyed and only the old fortress area was being held. Moscow dispatches said most of the commanders had abandoned their troops, escaping by sea, and a few submarines were still lurking about hoping to rescue more of the officers. Fall of the city seemed likely to come abruptly.

A German plan to evacuate Gdynia was broken up yesterday when the Russians rushed in and captured 9,000 Germans standing at the docks.

The early fall of Konigsberg, capital of East Prussia, also was probable. The population was reported reduced to the meat of dogs and cats for food.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

After mopping up the krauts in Europe, Lt. Gen. Patton's next chore, we presume, will be to swim the Pacific and take on the Nippons.

PART OF 300,000 NAZI PRISONERS BAGGED BY THIRD ARMY—An endless stream of German prisoners who surrendered to Third army troops east of the Rhine are marched back to the river bank for transport across the river to an internment camp. Among the Nazi captives was the 300,000th prisoner taken by the Third army in its western campaign. Informed of his high number, the German remarked glumly, "It's incredible." Signal corps radio-telephoto.