

850 US Heavy Bombers Blast German Capital

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the Rhine-Main area is to be expected.

US airforces headquarters announced that US reconnaissance photographs — first aerial war photos ever taken of Berlin by an American — showed fires and heavy smoke in the areas attacked, "high priority war factories."

The announcement said the toll of Nazi fighters would mount with complete tabulation of the score by bombers' guns, which "shot down dozens in the greatest air battle."

During the spectacular aerial battle which spread across Germany, the allied fighters shot down 63 German planes. The bombers also destroyed at least 40 others for a total of at least 123, but the exact number was not yet known.

The communiqué said "resistance from enemy fighters was encountered throughout the trip."

There was every indication that this new blow at Berlin was one of the most terrible and effective yet leveled at the German capital.

The announcement said "divisions of heavy bombers in great strength, escorted by a very large formation of fighters, attacked factories, air fields and other military installations in the metropolitan district of Berlin with good results."

An American air division normally numbers from 400 to 750 planes. One US pilot tonight estimated that between 800 and 900 US planes participated in this mighty daylight raid.

Unlike Saturday's thrust at Berlin by one formation of Flying Fortresses, the latest operation found the Nazi air force lying in wait for an all-out effort to repel the attack and the battle that resulted was perhaps the greatest aerial fight in history.

A record for enemy planes shot down by fighters was established, as well as a new mark in US losses. Previously the highest toll paid in an American operation over Europe had been 60 bombers — first in an attack on Schweinfurt last October 14 and again in a smash at Brunswick and other western German towns January 11. The record number of enemy planes shot down by fighters was 61 on February 20.

Even while the report on the tremendous daylight slab was being made there were indications that Berlin might be a target again tonight for RAF night raiders.

Telephone communication between the German capital and Stockholm was suspended, various continental radio stations left the air and one, at Frankfurt, warned that "enemy aircraft are circling over our town."

Travelers reaching Sweden said the American attack was delivered between 1 and 3 p.m. and concentrated on the northern and eastern sections of Berlin. One bomb, they said, dropped on Tempelhof airfield.

The Germans themselves acknowledged that the raid was made in great force and claimed in a radio broadcast to have shot down 126 planes, "mostly four-engine bombers."

The US communiqué said that it had been impossible to ascertain yet the number of German planes shot down by American bombers, but added, "one division alone destroyed at least 40."

This announcement said that the escort consisted of hundreds of fighters of both the eighth and ninth US air forces and of the allied aerial expeditionary force.

Some of the bombing was done through overcast, but the communiqué stated that "bombs were seen to drop on the assigned targets."

Some American fliers looking down on that city today said it still is far from flattened — even though the RAF has dropped it with 26,880 tons of bombs in 15 great assaults since November 18.

The German radio declared one of the greatest air battles of the war raged along the sky paths to Berlin.

The Germans sent up hundreds of fighters in a vain attempt to halt the formations of Fortresses and Liberators surrounded by battle-hungry knots of American fighters. Ground gunners threw up an exploding road of flak all the way from the coast and around Berlin maintained a barrage two miles long and 1000 feet thick.

But the bombers came through, all guns blazing, and dropped their bombs with almost automatic precision, spreading fires in areas testifying in smoke and flames to the failure of the best defense the Germans could offer.

By hurling the Luftwaffe up in strength, the attack also permitted gunners to get on with the important job of knocking out the enemy's airforce. The German radio commented that the American fighter force was "of a strength rarely seen before."

"The bombs went down over the target and you could see flame and smoke for at least 10 miles," said Fortresses cameraman Sgt. Chester Graham, of Milton, Ore.

Staff Sgt. Charles W. Ferry, of West New York, N.J., a waist-gunner.

"The fighter opposition was the worst I've ever seen," remarked Lt. H. L. Theophilus, pilot, of Columbus, O. "There were at least 200 enemy fighters up there and we ran into flak all the way from the coast."

Capt. L. G. Lewis, Pensacola, Fla., commented that "the city of Berlin is a long way from gone. We could see buildings, streets and rivers plainly."

It was the seventh operation of the eighth air force's heavy bombers in eight days.

During the day allied medium and fighter-bombers including US Marauders struck at northern France for the fifth successive day, possibly at emplacements where Prime Minister Churchill has said the Germans are setting up rocket and robot-plane catapults.

RAF Mosquitos attacked western Germany last night without loss.

City Offices Not to Merge

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ed that, while there was some agitation for such a parking regulation, there is opposition and there may be no necessity. "I am told," said Gille "that the one-hour limit we now have there is not enforced, that persons working in that part of the city, sometimes even employees of the banks park there all day unmolested. In that case a shorter limit would do no good."

An ordinance to allow the Chemeketa street USO to plant in its parking an illuminated sign was introduced and approved at the close of its third reading. A request for a street light at Broadway and Hickory was referred to committee. To committee also went the request of the Mennonite congregation for Sunday use of the building in Pringle park formerly used as a youth center.

The city recorder was instructed to call for bids for new linoleum for the floor of the fireman's recreation-dining room, and an alley running west of 23rd street in south Salem was formally vacated.

Outsiders Are Nearly Half Juvenile Cases

Of 74 cases handled by the Salem city juvenile officer during February, 35 involved children from outside the city, the report of Chief Frank Minto presented Monday night to the city council revealed.

Three cases of car larceny, six of other types of larceny, three sex cases, two cases of neglected children, three of vandalism or destruction of property were included among the cases. Seven girls were reported as lost or runaways and seven were returned during the month, while of 20 boys who ran away or otherwise disappeared only 18 were returned.

Colombian Cabinet Quits

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 6 (AP)—The Colombian cabinet resigned today with the explanation that its members wished to give Acting President Dario Echandia freedom to reorganize the government in accordance with public interest.

Echandia accepted the resignations and thanked the ministers for their services in a message in which he declared that "the country is facing events of the greatest magnitude and some members of the present cabinet will be called upon to serve in other fields of the struggle."

Dies in Lethal Gas Chamber

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murder in the Multnomah county circuit court and his conviction recently was affirmed by the state supreme court. Upon entering the execution chamber Cunningham was clad only in shorts.

The body was turned over to Coroner L. F. Barrick.

Prior to the slaying Cunningham was employed in a Portland shipyard for several months. He came here from Kansas City, Mo., early in 1942.

Admiralties General Given Legion of Merit

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP)—The award of the legion of merit to Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift, commanding the first cavalry division, part of which is now fighting in the Admiralty Islands in the southwest Pacific was announced today by the war department.

HOLLYWOOD
Last Times Tonight
★ Noah Berry, Anne Gwynne
★ "We've Never Been Liked"
★ Plus Joan Arthur
★ "The More the Merrier"
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Yanks Advance Over Isthmus Of Los Negros

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Guinea post, 30 miles west of Saldor.

The first cavalry division and reinforcements which have been constantly landing on Los Negros island since the invasion February 28 scored the first advance from Momote air field since beating off heavy Japanese attacks around the field Friday night and Saturday.

The dismounted cavalymen forced their way north along a trail skirted on the east by Hyane harbor and on the west by a lagoon, to gain a foothold on the seven-mile long peninsula which forms the northern neck of Los Negros island.

Reports from the fighting front said American destroyers and allied attack planes supported the troopers' advance with a blasting of enemy guns which still command the area northwest of the original American beachhead.

The amphibious landing west of Saldor was made against enemy shell fire. It put a nutcracker pressure on the Japanese caught between the newly landed troops and advance units of the main American force which have moved about 20 miles west of Saldor.

The landing, Sunday, supported by aircraft and navy PT boats, was made by a comparatively small force and was, in effect, a quick detour around difficult terrain which had been slowing the advance up the coast.

Seizing Yalau plantation, the Americans put themselves in the rear of Japanese positions at Mindir.

The whole operation is aimed at Madang, the enemy base up the coast about 30 miles from the scene of the new American landing. Australian troops participating in this campaign are nearing Bogadim, below Madang, from the interior.

The Madang area was hit by allied bombers which dropped 65 tons of explosives on the airfield at Alexishafen. Coastal targets were strafed and gun positions silenced, and naval units destroyed two barges.

Solomon-based bombers and fighters continued their blows on Rabaul, the enemy base in New Britain, striking with 181 tons of explosives in a midday attack Saturday. Direct hits were scored on gun positions and large fires started in the waterfront area. There was no enemy aerial interference with the raid.

Torpedo bombers and fighters hammered enemy shipping in Ataliklik bay, to the west of Rabaul, sinking two small cargo ships and starting fires aboard two other harbor craft. There was no enemy interception here.

German Dead Pile at Anzio

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below Rome forced the Nazis to alter their plans hurriedly.

In all, 19 Nazi divisions now are fighting on the two Italian fronts, and the 10 besieging the beachhead are requiring big replacements to make up their losses, an allied spokesman said.

That the Germans have been badly hurt in their three major assaults on the beachhead is attested by the falling off of their artillery fire in recent days, especially their shelling of Anzio harbor.

Allied officers are convinced the enemy has lost much of his punch. The enemy made only one brief offensive gesture against the beachhead yesterday, when about a platoon of Germans started a thrust against American lines near Cisterna. American artillery and mortar fire broke up this small push before it was well started.

(Continued rain on the beachhead and rain and snow across the original fifth and eighth army fronts held operations to a minimum yesterday, it was announced at allied headquarters).

Postwar Levy Vote Supported

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government at home and above all an 'established sound practice' in public finance. We hope that Salem voters will approve this cash financing for their postwar schools. We know that Portland and many other cities are watching. What has been called 'the Eugene plan' should become 'the Oregon program' and there is no greater contribution which Oregon could make to the United States."

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ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

When Mrs. LaFollette offered to provide some of her orchard's delicious peaches for Monday's chamber of commerce luncheon she very honestly was not trying to send a lot of dissatisfied husbands home to criticize the garbled green things their hausfraus canned last summer.

But when she calls for workers in those same orchards this summer she's going to find that a lot of people will want to take their pay in peaches, canned if the OPA will allow it, but if not they'll accept her formula.

The LaFollette orchards, known to most Salem residents, stand on the site of the old Lee mission. They are, then, like Salem, rooted in good soil.

Plywood Plant At Lebanon Changes Hands

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which today acquired the Lebanon, Ore., plywood plant of the Evans Products company of Detroit is a new Portland firm headed by M. D. Tucker, who recently resigned as vice-president of the Detroit concern.

Tucker was associated with Evans Products company for 24 years. He came to Oregon in 1932 and subsequently interested in the company in the manufacture of plywood. He came here from Marshfield.

The Lebanon plant is one of the most modern in the nation, with an average annual capacity of 120,000,000 square feet of 3/4-inch plywood.

In addition to the plywood mill, the purchase included logging operations in the Lebanon area and 42 houses erected recently in Lebanon for company workers.

Tucker said the plant, which employs 650 men, will continue operations on the same basis as in the past.

He predicted a great future for Oregon's plywood industry.

Russians Cut Escape Rail

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east with the capture of Narkevichi. The communiqué said the Russians also took the intermediate station of Voivotvsky, which is eight miles east of Volochisk.

Proskurov and Tarnopol, respectively east and west of Volochisk and junction points on the Odess-Lwow line, seemed to be immediate objectives of the soviet drive.

Far to the north on the Baltic front, small groups of Russian troops broke into enemy fortifications in the vicinity of the Estonian fortress city of Narva and killed 300 Germans in hand to hand fighting, the communiqué said.

It was on the first Ukrainian front, however, that the major fighting was reported, as the Russians were declared to have captured more than 200 villages and hamlets yesterday to bring to more than 700 the number of populated places which the Germans have been forced to relinquish in the three days of the drive.

In a recapitulation of the first two days of fighting, the war bulletin said that Russians killed more than 15,000 German officers and men and took more than 3,000 prisoners.

These Nazi casualties are from a German force of a dozen divisions—perhaps from 145,000 to 160,000 men—which has been retreating before the Russian drive.

During this period, the communiqué specified, the Russians destroyed 203 tanks, 250 guns of various caliber, 30 armored cars, 407 mortars, more than 600 machine-guns, more than 2,000 trucks and 20 military stores.

Added to this they were declared to have captured 120 tanks, 202 guns, 210 mortars, 260 machine-guns, an armored train, more than 1,000 trucks and 23 stores.

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Yanks Engage First Action In Burma Area

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Lashu Ga and advancing southward.

The Americans were about 70 miles northwest of Myitkyina, the northern end of the railroad from Mandalay, and 110 miles west of the salween river which in general forms the present fighting front of southwest China.

These Americans are led by Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill, a 39-year-old former buch private who has specialized in a study of Japanese military strategy during service in Tokyo, Manila and other posts in Asia. A veteran of Gen. Stilwell's famous retreat from Burma in 1942, Merrill hails from North Woodstock, N.H., and is considered one of the most brilliant soldiers in this theatre despite his youth.

His veterans, drawn from Puerto Rico and Panama as well as the southwest Pacific, and jungle-hardened by months of training in central India and northern Burma, have cut themselves off from roads and bases and depend upon the jungle and air transport for most of their supplies. They are equipped with the latest type jungle weapons.

Their method of operation is based largely upon the experience of the colorful British brigadier, O. C. Wingate, now a major general, who led an unorthodox raid deep into Burma last year.

In the last stage of their operation, the Americans hacked their way through jungle wholly without trails. Their first clash was about a week ago but mention of the campaign was not permitted until today. In a subsequent series of fights the Americans suffered only 11 casualties while inflicting 25 times as many on the Japanese, it was stated here.

Meanwhile, American engineers were said to be right at the heels of Chinese troops in the Hukawng valley with construction work on the new Ledo road. As elsewhere, Gen. Stilwell said at a press conference today, the Japanese have dug in like moles and the "Chinese go out to the holes and blast them out."

At the southern end of the Burma front, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's communique today said comparative quiet prevailed except for shelling of allied positions north of Buthedaung in Arakan, 50 miles north of Akyab.

An allied patrol on the coastal plane caught a party of the enemy south of Maungdaw and inflicted casualties.

American and British planes included a large number of objectives in their forays, hitting locomotives, warehouses, runways, river craft, camp areas and bridges.

Service Vote Bill Revised

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP)—The compromise armed service vote bill underwent another revision at the hands of senate and house conferees today.

A new provision designed to permit absentee voters of New Mexico and Kentucky which now lack adequate absentee voting laws, to use federal ballots even if they are stationed with the armed forces in this country was written into the much-amended measure.

Although Senator Green (D-RI) said the bill probably will be called up in the senate Thursday, he called another meeting of the conferees for tomorrow afternoon.

"This time," he told reporters, "I hope we can finish our work."

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GRACIE—Gracie Fields, favorite comedienne of the British Tommies, gives out with her Lancashire accent and expressive gestures at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

County Drive Edges Nearer \$74,000 Goal

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participation: The Merritt Davis School of Commerce.

Justice George Rossman, Marion county Red Cross chairman, spoke in glowing terms of the work done last year by Chairman Charles Huggins, when \$55,000 was raised, although the quota was but \$42,000, praised also the chamber of commerce for its participation, other volunteer workers and Elton Thompson, chairman of this year's drive, who conducted the report portion of the program.

Rossman introduced the speaker, Dr. Hugh Grant, and Mrs. Grant, who had accompanied her husband here from Portland.

Average Cost of Fire Calls \$60

The Salem city fire department collected \$565 and has on the still-due list another \$15 for a total of 10 out-of-city runs during 1943, Chief Harry Hutton reported to the city council Monday night.

Florida Elects GOP Unpledged Delegation

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 6 (AP)—The Florida state republican executive committee today selected an unpledged, uncommitted delegation of 15 to the party's national convention at Chicago next June 26.

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Around Oregon

By the Associated Press

Seventeen Portland retail stores will keep their doors open one night weekly to enable shipyard workers, whose only free day is Sunday, an opportunity to shop.

Dr. Wayne S. Ramsey, Portland, was named public health officer of Deschutes county. . . . Richard Speer, Oregon City, won a district public speaking contest of the Future Farmers of America and will represent Columbia river district in the annual state tournament.

An "oleo and orange juice" generation, educated to better substitutes, is endangering the dairy industry's future, members of the Oregon Dairymen's association were told at their Eugene convention. . . . Command of Klamath Falls naval air station was turned over to Cmdr. L. H. McPherson by Capt. C. T. Simard, commanding officer of the Seattle naval air center, in commissioning ceremonies dedicated to a speedy allied victory.

It is five feet long, two feet high, two feet wide and weighs 750 pounds. It carries a 130-pound explosive charge. The fleas-tank is propelled by a two-cylinder gasoline engine. It has endless treads like a tank, and is steered like a tank, by braking on one tread. The brakes are applied through the electrical cable control. The new weapon overturns easily and so far has been wholly ineffective in this theatre.

Argentina Bans AP News

BUENOS AIRES, March 6

The Argentine government today banned reception of the Associated Press news report which is sent by wireless from New York and cancelled permission for the use of a leased wire between Buenos Aires and Montevideo, charging that both facilities were used in violation of the laws and rules of the country.

The resolution, issued by the director of posts and telegraph, followed similar but milder measures adopted Saturday against La Prensa Unida, Argentine branch of the United Press.

At the same time the postoffice forbade use of any means of communication to the Associated Press Argentine branch, La Prensa Asociada, and to the Asociacion Noticias Argentina, with which the AP has a news exchange agreement.

Rome Bombing Toll Over 400

BERN, Switzerland, March 6 (AP)

The death toll in the allied bombing attack on Rome Friday exceeded 400, a Rome dispatch in the Gazette de Lausanne declared today. The raid was called the most violent attack on the capital since last summer.

The dispatch said that one air raid shelter suffered a direct bomb hit which killed at least 200 occupants. Several other air raid havens were severely damaged.

All aqueducts in the city were reported smashed. Civilians were said to be standing in long lines to get water at the city's public fountains.

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Nazi Secret Weapon Solved

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, March 6 (AP)—Allied officers are unraveling the mystery of Hitler's new "secret weapon"—the miniature tank operated by remote control and designed to roll into enemy lines and then blow up.

It is not directed by radio as at first suspected, but by an electrical control cable 600 yards long which links it to its base.