

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

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Ukraine's Freedom Assured

Nazi Bases Fall To Reds on Bug, Dniester Rivers

By TOM YARBROUGH LONDON, Tuesday, March 21.—(AP)—Russian troops have captured the east bank German base and rail junction of Mogilev-Podolski on the Dniester river and hurled aside two Rumanian divisions trying to bar the Soviet surge into pre-war Rumania...

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Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia headquarters announced yesterday that the Japanese had crossed the Chindwin in force at several places, and today it was disclosed that a hard battle lasting two days had been fought in the Tiddim area on the southern flank of the Japanese thrust.

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Finns Reject Soviets Terms For Armistice

BULLETIN STOCKHOLM, March 21.—(AP)—The Finnish government announced today that it had rejected Soviet Russia's conditions for an armistice but declared that it still was trying to establish peace between the two nations.

LONDON, Tuesday, March 21.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm today said the Helsinki radio broadcast today a Finnish communique saying the government had found itself unable to accept Soviet Russia's armistice terms.

It was not immediately clear from the dispatch whether the Finnish communique closed the door to further negotiations or whether the Helsinki government was attempting to obtain more favorable terms.

Military Urges Trans-Arabian Oil Line Action

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—Military advocates of the proposed multi-million dollar trans-Arabian oil line are preparing to tell congress, it was learned today, that the project should be undertaken immediately.

These representatives of the war and navy departments and the joint chiefs of staff will base their contentions, it was understood, on these two points: 1. Delay might cost American companies their present complete domination of oil rights in the Rich and Saudi Arabian fields.

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Cassino Struggle Continues

Allies Advance House to House In Bitter Fight

By JOSEPH MORTON ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 20.—(AP)—Fighting with everything from bayonets to roaring 155s, British troops pressed forward in a furious house-to-house battle on the western fringe of Cassino today after blasting the Germans out of the ruins of the hotel Continental.

The fifth army men also retained the initiative in a death struggle on the lower slopes of Monastery hill, where the enemy had the advantage of high ground.

South Santiam Gets Big Snow

Eight inches of snow fell on Seven Mile hill on the South Santiam, Sunday according to information from the state highway junction relayed through Detroit on the North Santiam, last night.

The highway crews worked all Sunday night but almost all of the cars got through, the junction crews reported. It was considered a peculiar storm in that most of the snow fell below the summit.

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Hit Jap Ships



Lt. Henry Kortemeyer of Salem, who led a formation of Mitchells in the attack on Japanese ships in the four-day battle on the New Guinea coast.

US Bombers Strike Again At Frankfurt

By W. W. HERCHER LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—Fighter-escorted US Flying Fortresses and Liberators, thundering through pea soup clouds, bombed military targets in the Frankfurt area today in the major operation of a day which saw between 1600 and 2100 British-based allied planes of all types in the air against the Germans.

The formation which made the 400-mile trip to Frankfurt was described in a US army communique as "medium sized." It consisted of between 250 to 500 bombers escorted by even stronger formations of Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs of the US eighth and ninth air forces.

Navy Reports 2 Ships Lost

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—The navy today reported loss of a 2000-ton submarine rescue ship, the Macaw, and a 1300-ton destroyer escort vessel, the Leopold, first of its type to be sunk.

Bank Awarded Airport Bonds

City of Salem airport refunding refunding bonds, series 1944, totaling \$30,000 principle will go to the First National bank of Portland, which offered \$100.01 for each \$100 worth, maturing regularly semi-annually, those maturing from '45 to '49 to draw 2 1/2 per cent interest, those from '50 to '51, one per cent. The city is to provide records in evidence sufficient to meet requirements of legal counsel. There were three bidders for the bonds, which will be issued to recall two 1939 refunding series drawing higher interest.

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US Fliers Sink Five Jap Ships

Enemy Attempt To Reinforce Wewak Broken

By OLEN CLEMENTS AN ADVANCED NEW GUINEA AIR BASE, Tues., Mar. 21.—(AP)—In one of the hottest sea-air fights since the battle of the Bismarck sea a year ago, fast American bombers sank at least five Japanese ships and damaged others to break up an attempt by the enemy to reinforce battered Wewak and growing Hollandi farther up the New Guinea north coast.

Fliers who participated in the four-day running battle estimated that some 1500 Japanese were killed or drowned.

Tito Forces Slay 1700

LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—Yugoslav partisans of Marshal Tito (Josip Broze) have slain more than 1,700 Germans and Chetniks and taken more than 700 prisoners in recent heavy fighting, the fiercest of which has raged for six days in northwest Bosnia, a communique announced tonight.

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Former Partner Resists Invasion In Sharp Fight

Germans Prepare Last Ditch Stand Against On-Rushing Red Army

By Richard R. Kasischke LONDON, Tuesday, March 21.—(AP)—Sharp fighting between Hungarian and German troops was reported today as dispatches from neutral European capitals declared that Nazi armed forces had occupied Hungary in preparation for a last ditch stand against the on-rushing red army.

Advices from Stockholm declared that Hungarian leaders were attempting to rally nationwide resistance against the Germans and the London Daily Mail said Hungarian military authorities had broadcast this message via an unidentified radio station early this morning:

"We have suffered our first dead in the fight against the invader, our former ally. The fight must and will continue."

WLB Settles Labor Dispute At Starr Fruit

SEATTLE, March 20.—(AP)—Settlement of a dispute between Starr Fruit Products, Inc., of Salem, and the AFL Cannery Workers' Federal Union local was announced by the 12th regional war labor board today.

Curtin, Prime Minister Of Australia To Visit US

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources announced tonight that Prime Minister John Curtin of Australia would visit the United States shortly at the invitation of President Roosevelt.

US World Air Transport Proposed by Senator

By JAMES J. STREIBIG (Associated Press Aviation Editor) WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) proposed today that the United States enter the international air transport field with a billion dollar corporation open to participation by all existing airlines.

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The grey-clad divisions were reported to have marched in late Sunday night, despite Hungarian opposition.

An Associated Press dispatch from Ankara said a diplomat there, who declined to be named, positively confirmed the German occupation.

A Hungarian in Stockholm said the three Hungarian leaders were (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Pucheu Gives Own Execution Firing Order

By JOSEPH DYNAN ALGIERS, March 20.—(AP)—Declining to be blindfolded and himself shouting the command to fire, Pierre Pucheu, former Vichy interior minister, died at dawn today, sentenced by a special French military tribunal that found him guilty of treason.

A few hours later, a special tribunal condemned a young Tunisian native to death for treason and imposed prison terms on three other defendants. All were former members of the African phalange, which recruited and sent troops to the Russian front during Vichy rule as members of an anti-bolshevik legion.