

US Bombers Strike Again At Frankfurt

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broadcast warnings tonight that allied aircraft were crossing southern Belgium toward Frankfurt, indicating that RAF bombers were bound for the reich.

While the Fortresses and Liberators were conducting this scientific bombing in this, the sixth day of a shattering aerial offensive and Thunderbolts and British Bombers, Mitchells, Mosquitos, Typhoons and Spitfires — plastered the nazis' Atlantic wall and targets slightly deeper in France in fine weather.

Some of the lighter planes operated under a tight umbrella of New Zealand and Belgian-piloted Spitfires.

In all these operations it was estimated that nearly 1500 US tons of bombs smothered German targets from sunrise to sunset, bringing the total delivered by both Britain and Italy-based allied planes since last Wednesday to well over 24,000 tons.

The Rome radio said allied bombers today raided Rome and northern Italy, including the provinces of Lazio and Tuscany, in a series of operations which it said cost 17 bombers.

About 250 US Marauders participated in the day's operations over France. One force hit the important railway center of Creil, 25 miles north of Paris, for the second time in four days, destroying a locomotive repair shop and sending engines and tracks tumbling high in the air.

The RAF pounded Frankfurt by night on March 18 at a cost of 20 planes, but the Americans had not hit the city since February 11. Frankfurt, an important industrial center and the largest distribution point in southwest Germany, always is well defended by the German air force when it can get fighters aloft.

Two of the four enemy aircraft destroyed today were bagged by Maj. James C. Stewart, a Thunderbolt ace of 122 Francis street, Corona, Calif., increasing his total kills to 12.

Eleanor Says GOP Would Be Good Neighbor

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 20 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today at a press conference that the election of a republican president would not alter the United States' good neighbor policy.

"This policy is firmly rooted in the hearts of the American people and once anything becomes firmly rooted in people's thinking it is not changed" if there is a change in presidents, she said.

Mrs. Roosevelt left later today after a 24-hour stay here. Shortly after her arrival yesterday at the Maiquetia airport she placed a wreath on the tomb of Simon Bolivar.

At her press conference she said that, from what she had seen, lend-lease money spent in Latin America had been "well spent and has brought good results."

Free Ukraine Nearly Certain

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and villages during the day, including the district center of Radzivilov on the Rovno-Lwow railway 60 miles northeast of Lwow.

Fifty other villages were taken in the westward push into former Poland, said the regular correspondents.

On the Rzeszowian fighting the bulletin merely said the Russians "continued to wage successful operations to expand the bridgehead captured on the right bank of the Dniester," a 31-mile sector between fallen Mogilev-Podolski and Yaniv.

Field Marshal Gen. Fyris Ersh Van Manastef's failure to hold the Russians at the Dniester probably means he has hopes of making a stand short of the first river, 45 miles beyond Mogilev-Podolski.

The Moscow newspaper Pravda said the Germans were driven to the verge of chaos, and that the time was ripe for decisive blows "from the east, west and south"—meaning an allied invasion of Europe.

The fall of Mogilev-Podolski, 65 miles from the southeastern tip of old Poland and 100 miles from the former Czechoslovakian border, gave the Russian second Ukraine army under Marshal Ivan S. Konev access to railways leading 25 miles west to Cernauti, Rzeszowian capital, and southward to Jas (Jassi), Ploesti, Bucarest, and the Danube.

Russian troops which took Sorok, west bank town 30 miles southeast of Mogilev-Podolski, on Sunday were only 15 miles from the Slobodzeya-Balti railway leading out of southwestern Russia, and within 35 miles of the major German escape route, the Odessa-Tiraspol-Iasi line.

Allies Invading Green Islands in Solomons



New Zealand troops go ashore from US navy landing craft for the invasion of the Green Islands, just north of Bougainville in the Solomons of the Pacific on February 16 for an occupation of the strategically located islands. This is one of the first pictures of the operations which was carried out against little opposition. (AP Wirephoto).

Police Busy Recovering Stolen Goods

The "lost and found department" of the Salem city police organization put in a busy weekend.

Dermond M. Foley's car, stolen Saturday night from his parking place behind his apartment, 153 South Commercial street, was recovered Sunday afternoon in the 200 block of Ferry street. The key was not in the vehicle at the time Foley left it, and the "borrowers" had no more consideration for the police; they left it locked. Police notified the owner.

O. E. "Mose" Palmateer, who early this month reported to city police the theft of his German Luger pistol and its holster from an Oregon resort, Saturday found the weapon, somewhat the worse for outdoor exposure, its holster mildewed, on the front porch of his residence in Salem.

Whether they ever found the 40 light globes two out-of-Salem high school youths were reported to have taken from the marquee of a downtown theatre, officers did not report, but the boys were released from the county jail after they had put in a night there.

Still on the "missing" list Monday night was the car Frank Lukinbeal, 2427 Claude street, reported stolen Sunday night from the 300 block of North High. No arrest had been made in the window breaking at the J. C. O'Reilly shoe shop, 180 South Liberty street. Nor had police taken into custody the person or persons who sometime over the weekend took cash register and juke box from Alex Thompson's beer retail establishment on North Commercial street; cash contents of the two devices was said to be approximately \$25; value, \$250. Also missing: One case of beer.

Building Trade Men Needed

An urgent call for journeymen carpenters, nail-up men and material handlers from a firm engaged in the prefabrication of houses has been given a number one priority by the war manpower commission, according to an announcement made by W. H. Baillie, manager of the Salem office of the United States employment service.

Needed immediately to perform this vital war work are 40 full fledged journeymen carpenters plus 200 nail-up men and material handlers. The demand is particularly great for carpenters highly skilled in their trade, with apprenticeship and journeyman training behind them. Living quarters are available for all workers, according to the announcement.

A recruiting campaign is being carried on by field offices of the war manpower commission throughout the state. Qualified workers may obtain complete information regarding wages, hours and working conditions by applying to the Salem, or any other office of the US employment service in Oregon, according to Baillie.

Portland Roofing Plant Destroyed by Fire

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20 (AP)—Fire destroyed a two-block roofing plant, burned 10 Northern Pacific boxcars and threatened the Guilds' Lake war housing project here today.

B. B. Alexander, manager, estimated loss at \$400,000. All was covered by insurance. Flames roared 200 feet high, burning tarpaper fell on rooftops, starting several fires which residents extinguished with garden hoses.

Judge Dobson Files

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20 (AP)—Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson today announced his candidacy for renomination in the May primaries.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"Huddled pie," said the man with the dark mustache who sat next to me at the restaurant counter.

"Wha-a-t?" queried the waitress. When he had repeated the order she nodded understandingly. "Yuh mean jugged pie" — and when she brought it, was, guess what? Yep, choklut!

US World Air Plan Proposed By Senator

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stock would be subject to government approval. McCarran, opposing a pending bill to revise federal aeronautic law, said in a statement it omits provisions for studies of postwar aviation, the carrying of all first class mail by air, civilian pilot training and air carrier tax exemptions.

His bill provides for state control of intrastate air carriers and air contractors, exempts private fliers from all but safety provisions of federal air law, and would authorize experimental air route certificates under which an applicant would not be required to show economic feasibility. The present civil aeronautics board and the civil aeronautics administration would be replaced, McCarran said, so as to make possible "maximum efficiency in carrying out all aviation programs" and to eliminate "duplication of functions, effort and personnel." An independent air safety board would be established.

The bill would provide for a continuing survey of the nation's airport needs, and for a program of airport zoning.

River, Harbor Bill Favored

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—House consideration today of a bill to authorize a huge program of postwar river and harbor improvement elicited generally favorable comment, but opposition was aimed at some controversial items.

The omnibus bill (HR3961), the first of its kind in six years, embraces 271 projects estimated to cost \$420,675,000. The house rivers and harbors committee is expected to offer amendments tomorrow adding eight more items with a cost of \$28,405,135.

Today's debate brought forth strong opposition to the Tombigbee-Tennessee project by Rep. Dondero (R-Mich) and equally strong support from Rep. Rankin (D-Miss). The bill's aims, Chairman Mansfield (D-Tex) declared, would put America "in position to lead the world in trade and commerce" when peace comes.

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Cassino Struggle Continues

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cause they were not tough enough. Although the Germans recaptured hill 165, Indian troops still clung to a neighboring height after fighting off a strong enemy attack yesterday morning.

Allied artillery gave the attacking ground troops effective support, blasting German positions at almost point-blank range, while Warhawk fighter planes gunned Nazi infantry at times only 20 yards ahead of allied lines.

There were sharp local clashes on other sectors of the Italian land fronts. No change of positions was reported. Artillery fire alone repulsed a German patrol jab at the western flank of the allies' Anzio beachhead line.

Military Urges Oil Line Action

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turned over to him funds reported to total about \$20,000,000. The United States has assisted with lend-lease supplies approximately equal to the British payments.

But this represents only a portion of the king's prewar income and unless he can look forward to considerably increased royalties from oil production in the next two or three years he may decide to cut in non-American interests on the concessions now held exclusively by Standard Oil Company of California and the Texas Co.

Lumber Strike Still Possible

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20 (AP)—An official of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union said tonight the possibility of a strike has not been ruled out if the west coast lumber commission again refuses wage raises at a re-hearing opening here Wednesday.

"We intend to use all government facilities to correct the situation, but failure by the commission to reach a satisfactory decision will leave the door wide open," Doyle Pearson, assistant secretary of the northwestern council's executive committee said in a statement to the press.

"We are not saying we will strike, or that we will not strike but we feel it is up to us to force an increase in lumber production. Industrial associations and government agencies have failed to fully recognize and adjust conditions.

"We feel it is patriotic to force increased production. Lumber production in this area has fallen off 20 per cent and manpower in the industry 22.5 per cent since Pearl Harbor."

Pearson said a statement he made previously to the effect the union's 65,000 workers in the northwest would keep faith with their no-strike pledge of December 8, 1941, "was intended to mean that strike action was not contemplated at the present time."

Hungary Resists Invasion

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summoned to Hitler's headquarters Friday and that they turned down requests for more active military aid against the Russians—for "participation in the war without reservations." They were then prevented from returning to their country, he said.

From Berlin came indications that the nazis were preparing to seize control of other southeastern Europe satellites.

A Reuters dispatch from Stockholm said Hungarian troops resisted the German march in, made from both Germany on the north and Rumania on the south, but had no details.

The Germans were said to have made their sloop while Regent Nicholas Horthy and Gen. Ghegy, Hungarian commander in chief, were held virtual prisoners after conferring at Hitler's headquarters.

The Hungarians were widely reported during the day to have balked at Hitler's demands they resist the Russian advance, which is threatening to inundate Hitler's Danubian storehouse and his Balkan allies, and neutral sources said the invasion was also designed to thwart any Hungarian peace bid.

Turkish sources said the German action was inspired also by fear of an allied landing in the Adriatic, a fear raised by the American bombing of the Hungarian trans-Danubian rail centers.

The Bulgarian assembly was scheduled to meet Wednesday, simultaneously with a slated Hungarian parliament session, said an Ankara report, which added: "The announcements of these twin meetings created speculation whether the Hungarians and Bulgars are planning some common action."

OWI said the Sofia radio announced that the Bulgarian reGENCY conferred today with Premier Dobri Bazhulov.

Earlier an Associated Press dispatch from Ankara had said the report of the German occupation of Hungary "appears confirmed."

Bidders Flock To Tax Sale

Marion county's smallest tax foreclosure sale in recent years brought out the largest number of enthusiastic bidders, and brought in good cash returns, members of the county court declared Monday afternoon, when 11 of the 31 pieces of foreclosed property had been sold at sheriff's sale as follows:

Two and a half acres, Fargo, to William Faubert, for \$480 or \$180 above minimum price set by the county court; 1 acre, Wisacres, to George Wadsworth, \$100; fraction of an acre to Knute Knutson, \$150; 1.25 acres, Garden home tracts to A. R. Sherfield, for \$750, or \$450 over the minimum price; lot 11, block 8, Compton's addition to Salem, to William Reed for \$250; lot 30, block 7, St. Alex's addition to Butteville, D. E. Green for \$100; lot 5, block 1, Walnut Grove addition, to Salem, to L. L. Little for \$325, \$200 over minimum price; lot 6, block 1, Walnut Grove addition to Salem, to A. R. Walker for \$300; 5 acres five miles southeast of Scotts Mills to B. J. Minden for \$100; lot 8, block 1, Walnut Grove addition to Salem, to R. R. Boardman for \$300 and lots in Minto, near Gates, to D. R. Haun for \$350.

Forty persons attended the sale.

Oscar Cutler Stricken With Heart Attack

Oscar Cutler, temporarily in charge of the state highway department tourist bureau here, suffered a heart attack in Portland Sunday and was taken to a hospital there for treatment. Officials said his condition was slightly improved Monday.

Cutler has been employed by the state highway commission for many years.

US Fliers Sink Five Jap Ships

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transport and three armed escort vessels, probably corvettes. (The triumph was announced in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Tuesday communique.) But the men who manned the more than 100 Liberators, Bostons and Mitchells say that was not all.

They claim that at least one more Japanese merchantman was sunk off the coast in the early hours of the fight and two others damaged.

Reconnaissance planes flushed the convoy about midnight Wednesday. (Reference to the battle was made in Gen. MacArthur's Monday communique: this is the first indication that the action lasted four days).

The bombers attacked and one large merchantman stopped dead in the water, hit with a 1000-pound bomb. Navy Catalinas later attacked in bright moonlight and think they finished the ship off.

Other fifth airforce bombers during the night damaged another enemy craft—weathering heavy anti-aircraft fire to get at their prey.

The convoy was picked up again Friday night. An escorting vessel, probably a corvette, was straddled twice by bombs.

Saturday morning a formation of Liberators came upon two merchantmen and three escorting vessels off Wewak. Four flights of Liberators hit the convoy.

That afternoon formations of Mitchells and Bostons spotted the remnants of the convoy at the same time. They dived for the ships and one gunboat blew up under a barrage of bombs. Two other escort vessels put up stiff anti-aircraft fire as the remaining Jap freighter scurried for safety.

A Boston piloted by Lt. John Soloc of Durand, Mich., tore in low and dumped a 1000 pound bomb squarely on one gunboat. It blew up.

Formations of Mitchells led by Capt. Merion Kilgore of West Los Angeles and Max S. Mortenson of Champlagn, Ill., and Lt. Henry Kortemeyer of Salem, Ore., split up the remaining cargo vessel and other gunboats with Bostons.

Lt. Kortemeyer said that when a bomb blew the stern off a gunboat he saw Japanese tossed into the air and in a matter of seconds about 200 were floating in the water clinging to debris and supported by cork lifejackets. Many of them fired their pistols at the low-flying Americans.

The convoy had been trying to land men and supplies at Wewak, which has been pounded heavily the last few weeks. There are indications that other Japanese ships have been trying to run the air blockade set up around the area since the convoy was sunk.

Bill Would Insure Crops

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—A proposal to revive and expand federal crop insurance was submitted to congress today by Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) of the house agriculture committee.

Under his bill, crop insurance would be continued on wheat and cotton beginning with 1945 and extended to tobacco, corn and rice in 1946.

The insurance program on wheat had been in effect five years and on cotton for two years before congress last year ordered the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation liquidated because of heavy losses to the government. Liquidation is still under way.

Under Fulmer's bill, the wheat insurance program would be continued on the basis of per acre yield. Coverage would be up to 75 per cent of the "normal yield" of counties in which the insured farmer lives.

Sewer Tax Gets Council Limelight

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and the ordinance to place the necessary charter amendment before the voters was given its first two readings.

For that matter, the sewer disposal levy with the park and playground clause appearing not as a "rider" but first on the list of projects went through the two-reading phase and comes up for a vote two weeks hence.

Prior to presentation of the ordinance, Alderman Tom Armstrong had urged that a copy of the report of the postwar planning committee be prepared for each council member "so that the council may keep in mind exactly what the committee is doing and what it recommends."

It was Alderman Kenneth Perry, however, who jumped to his feet and sought an explanation of the ordinance, which Committee Chairman Dan Fry, who recently resigned his council seat when he moved his residence, thereupon declared "definitely not the ordinance the committee asked for—not representative of the postwar planning committee but representative of the ways and means committee."

David O'Hara, fifth ward alderman with the record of longest service on the council, is a member of Fry's committee and chairman of the ways and means committee. He lives at 1645 North Church street, and somewhere between City Hall corner and his home he began to realize Wednesday night after the postwar planning commission meeting, he said, that there had been talk of financing the sewer improvement by a users' fee, which would bring in considerable cash.

Should federal matched monies become available, he said, the \$150,000 anticipated from the special levy would be useful in securing funds for playgrounds and parks, always in need of improvement and expansion. So, next day he talked it over with his committee and with the mayor and inserted the provision for playgrounds and parks.

Postwar planners declared after the council session that they had deliberately asked that the money be earmarked for the sewer system and that alone, that they had not discussed laying aside money now for anything except urgently needed improvements, that O'Hara knew as well as they that if more than the required amount were secured for the sewer improvement the council could pour it back into the general fund. They pointed out, too, that O'Hara had declared Wednesday night that if Salem expands as it gives promise of doing, the city could spend \$400,000 or \$500,000 on its sewer system and still not have met all needs.

But they, and other council members got more excited about the "salary" ordinance held over from two weeks ago for final reading, about which they had apparently forgotten, than about any other single matter. The "salary" ordinance contained a raise for the engineer-inspector and provision for an assistant.

Davis told the council he had not asked for the ordinance, that he was not asking for a raise for himself but that he did not think it fair to give him the work of the building inspector without assistance.

The sick-leave policy presented in the defeated resolution would have allowed leave to accumulate to the amount of 90 days at the rate of one day for each month of prior fulltime employment. Sick leave policies may be good things to have, but employees take advantage, declared Alderman A. H. Gille. "Too complicated," O'Hara found it. Portions of it do not jibe with regulations already in effect. Mrs. Gertrude Lobdell maintained. Only its sponsor, Tom Armstrong,

strong, and C. F. French voted for it. The planning and zoning commission was authorized to establish some new zones or rebound old ones and to fix regulations for building therein; vacation proceedings for East avenue between Garnet street and the Southern Pacific tracks were initiated and public hearing set for May 1 at 3 p.m.

A complaint from Mike Steinbock concerning a junk heap on property adjoining that of his mother's residence at 148 Union street was given to the committee. A letter from Finavon Castle nursery school, Forfar, Scotland, thanking the city for gifts at Christmas time was placed on file, although there is no official record of such gifts. A request for a light at Broadway and Hickory streets was approved by committee, with the recommendation that the installation be made when materials are available.

On the police committee's recommendation, no official action is to be taken concerning complaints entered by George Lloyd at the time of his resignation from the police department.

Shasta Dam Nears Completion

SACRAMENTO, March 20 (AP)—Shasta dam is 98 per cent complete and this morning there were 712,000 acre feet of water stored in the reservoir there, State Engineer Edward Hyatt told the state water project authority today. The transmission line between the dam and Oroville is 50 per cent complete, Hyatt said.

Missouri Democrats Endorse Fourth Term

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 20 (AP)—The Missouri democratic state committee, meeting to arrange for the party state convention adopted a resolution today endorsing President Roosevelt for a fourth term.

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Last Times Today!
Jackie Cooper Gale Storm
"WHERE ARE YOUR CHILDREN?"
Sidney Toler
"Charlie Chan In Secret Service"

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AT REGULAR PRICES!
WHAT A SCRAP!

HUMPHREY BOGART
JAMES CAGNEY
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RIVERS END
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"THOUSANDS IN GREEN"
In Technicolor
CO-HIT
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CAPITOL
STARTS WEDNESDAY

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ALSO
KIP-ROARING CO-HIT
CHARLES STARBUETT IN "Pardon My Gun"