## COLOGNE FALLS SWIFTLY TO U.S. FIRST ARMY

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# Soviets Reach Baltic

# SEEMS 25-Mile TO ME Advance

By Charles A. Sprague

Provision of school support by the state has developed into quite a game of ping-pong.

In 1942 the people voted to divert all the surplus of income tax receipts to school districts. The 1943 legislature, bounced the ball back by limiting the district take to a possible \$5,000,000.

proposed constitutional amendment to establish a substantial state fund for school support.

The 1945 legislature is setting up a provision for state school money with a cigarette tax attached, the same to be submitted to the people. Thus the legislature is bouncing back to the people

Maybe that's the play, batting the ball back and forth between voters and legislature.

for education (if, when and as) scored general but less spectacular is any provision being made for gains in the northeast. vocational education? The federal government has put up the money for training workers for war in-dustry and will continue the fi-ture by the First White Russians dustry and will continue the financing for rehabilitation and reof Caminin, on the Oder delta

Heavy Assault conversion. So long as blueprinting for school finance is being attempted the needs of vocational tempted the needs of vocational miles northeast of Cammin; and in education should be recognized.

The adoption of the dental college at Portland to the state system as indicated by the bill which has passed both houses of the legislature is a progressive step. It will provide permanence for an old and worthy professional institution. It will help to maintain Portland's reputation as a medical-dental center. Most important however is the assurance that public health need not suffer the lack of trained dentists.

As an early and strong advocate of the inclusion of the dental college in the state system of higher education this paper is highly gratified at the legislature's ac-

#### Yanks Regroup For Last Phase Nearly Fourth Of Luzon Fight

MANILA, Wednesday, March 7-(AP)-American forces in all sectors "are regrouping for the final phases of the Luzon campaign," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today in announcing only limited activity in Tuesday noon. against the estimated four Japanese divisions still on the island.

In the air war, however, American bombers were busy. They sank a 6000-ton freighter-

transport off Formosa and left a destroyer escort in flames. They sank a small freighter and damaged another southeast of Shang- and builders, \$718 of \$440; general hai, and sent four small vessels to gifts, \$2682.75 of \$5200; governthe bottom east of Hong Kong. Naval patrol torpedo boats sank a coastal vessel loaded with "es-

caping" enemy troops off the west

The critical and seemingly hopeless position of the Japanese on \$78.50 gf \$1500 quota. Luzon island of the Philippines and hub of Nippon's crumbling greater east Asia co-prosperity sphere, was heavily emphasized by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his Tuesday communique.

#### **Chiang Might** Come to Meet

WASHINGTON, March 6, -(A) Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek may come to the united nations conference in San Francisco but if he does it can be for little more than a brief appearance.

An invitation has gone to the Chinese leader, it developed to-

arranging for a May 5 meeting heave will win the war."

(A dispatch from London said forces "must have as their main in China. While this meeting fol- Puffing a cigar, the uniformed Churchill returned there Tuesday aim the husbanding of their lows the opening of the one in San Francisco by 10 days, Chiang was reported to be heavily concerned with getting ready for it, as it concerns granting more government power to the Chinese people.

prime minister made no effort to dispute minister made no effor

# Reds In

#### Nazi Pomerania Sliced Into New Shreds by Push

By Romney Wheeler LONDON, Wednesday, March 7, (AP)-The first White Russian army reached the Oden river's yesterday in a lashing 25-mile advance that took German towns Of Cafe by Boys and extinguished the staggered enemy's hopes of any effective counterattack against the north flank of the Soviet spearhead aimed at Berlin from the east.

The German province of Pomerania was sliced into new shreds by the great northward and northwestward thrusts of the First White Russian and the Second White Russian army, which reach-In all the talk about millions ed the Baltic at new points and

> Premier Stalin announced the the same region the big German strongpoints of Griefenberg, Guelzow and Plathe.

> Stetting Berlin's Oder river gateway to the Baltic, was in immediate manger of being outflanked both borth and south, and last night's Moscow communique announced that the First White Russians had shoved westward within 15 miles of the, which the Germans themselves said was under Red Army artillery fire. The Germans frankly called Stettin "an

> outpost of the Reich." An early-morning Moscow bulletin described German manpower the thousands in dead and captured at nearly every point, either by the annihilation of encircled groupings or the destrucleeing troop trains by the

### Of Red Cross Quota Raised

Incomplete returns from 11 of the 12 divisions in the Marion county rampaign to raise \$80,500 for the American Red Cross 1945 war fund showed \$17,224.33 paid

The women's division, with a \$9000 duota in Salem is keeping Nisci Names quiet amout the results of its houseto-house canvass.

But at Tuesday noon's meeting of the Salem Kiwanis club the following divisions reported: Automotive and transportation, \$1558 of \$3700 quota; contractors

mental \$1384.78 of \$7000; educational \$758 of \$1700; industrial \$271 of \$7700; mercantile \$4753.50 of \$7200; professional \$1642 of \$4550; \$tilities \$401 of \$15000; rural 538.80 of \$27,500 and suburban

#### Brophy Confirmed

WASHINGTON, March 6 - (AP)-The senate confirmed today the nomination of William A. Brophy of New Mexico to be commissioner

#### Out With Bonomi, Defeated Death to King! In House By George Bria ROME, March 6-(AP)-A communist demonstrator was slain in a riot before the royal palace today and Premier Ivance Bonomi's resignation was demanded by a coalition of left-wing

parties as the escape of Gen. Mario Roatta during his trial for

war crimes threw liberated Italy into its gravest political crisis

The demand for the premier's

partisans and war veterans. Bo-

Three other persons, two Allied

shouting "death to the king."

retired to a villa at Salerno.

What to Say

phrased, however.

in position.

The main points will be:

1.- Expression of regret at Ar-

2. Hope that Argentina will

and rejoin the American system.

means a declaration of war.

3. Hope that Argentina will be

among the 20 other republics to

actually constitute a sincere change

Meanwhile, delegates were sche-

duled to meet in a plenary session

this afternoon to give formal ap-

proval to fifteen resolutions, in-

cluding the reorganization of the

Panamerican union and the act of

Senate Quickly

WASHINGTON, March 6. -(AP)-

The senate confirmed today Presi-

chamber approved the appoint-

ment of the 55-year-old Kentuck-

reconstruction finance corporation

Vinson thus steps out as eco-

nomic stabilization director to as-

'Germans Must Husband

LONDON, March 8-(A)-German

word of debate.

Henry A. Wallace.

whether Argentine acts

**Americas Plan** 

By Flora Lewis

for tomorrow.

1000 persons.

Rome Rioters Yell

since the Allied invasion. **Innocent Mince** In 1944 the people defeated a northeastern outlet to the Baltic Pie Hides Looting

> KANSAS CITY, March 6-(AP)-Three boys robbed a cafe and took a mince pie.

Did they eat it? Nope. They card in his pocket. rubbed it on the window so passersby couldn't see them looting the place, they told police, who caught them robbing another cafe.

# **Marines Start**

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD QUARTERS, Guam, Wednesday, March 7-(A)-Preceded by the most intense artillery bombardment of the Iwo campaign, three marine divisions resumed the offensive on the north end of the To Argentina tiny island Tuesday and engaged the Japanese in "heavy fighting." By 5:30 p.m. the leathernecks had scored small local gains.

The marines were supported for the first time by land-based army fighter planes flying from the captured Motoyama airfield No. 1 on the south end of the island. These fighter planes thus began operating from a base which puts them within flying range of Tokyo, 750 miles to the north. More than 14,000 enemy dead

have been counted. The gains were scored on the west side by Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey's Fifth marine division and near the center by Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates Fourth marine division which is on the right flank of Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine's

### **Hood Legion** Will Restore

HOOD RIVER, March 6 .- (AP)commander Jess B. Edgington of he American Legion post here said today the post still opposes despite its decision to restore Japinese-American soldiers to

The post's official statement, isued after the national legion Okehs Vinson threatened to investigate, said: Upon the directive of National Commander Edward M. Scheiberfing of the American Legion, Alany, NY, Hood River Post No. 22 voted at its regular monthly meeting Monday night, March 5, to re-store the names of 15 men of Japnese ancestry to their honor roll "This action, however, does not change the sentiment of the post

regarding the return of the Jap-

nese to the Hood River valley.'

#### 'Strong Heave Will Win War,' Says Churchill After Tour

WITH CHURCHILL IN GER-March 4.-(Relayed by -(P)- Prime Minister Churchill, touring the western front in Germany, told Scottish in the northern Rhine sector today that "soon the enemy will be driven across the Rhine

Perhaps he was recalling that four years ago, when Hitler was triumphantly planning a visit to London, he could promise the people of Britain only "blood, sweat and tears" before final victory.
And there—across the Rhine—was

# Risk Bill

38-21 Vote Beats 3-Way Plan; Office Plant Wins

Managing editor, The Statesman By Wendell Webb

resignation was presented by a Two of the most controversial group composed of communists, measures of the 43rd legislature socialists, actionists, republicans, were killed Tuesday-the plan (HB 232) for the so-called threenomi has called a cabinet meeting way method of workmen's compensation insurance, and the pro-The slain demonstrator was posal (SB 271) to split up eastern identified as Guiseppe Lastagna and southern Oregon senatorial Mancini, a member of the com- districts. munist party, by the membership

On the affirmative side, the senate completed legislative action on soldiers and an Italian "police the irreducible school fund for a agent," were wounded when police state office building, by passing state office building, by passing to the irreducible school fund for a state office building, by passing the state of the irreducible school fund for a state of the irreducible school fund for the plan to borrow \$1,500,000 from fired on the crowd attempting to house bill 312 with a vote of 22 burst into the royal palace and to 8.

Both the senate, which defeated Crown Prince Umberto, lieuten- the reapportionment measure 18 ant of the realm since his father, to 12, and the house, which ap-King Vittorio Emanuele, relinproved a senate resolution SJR 8) quished his rights, was in the paladding the secretary of state and ace during the riot, but he did the state treasurer to the presinot appear while the carabinieri dent of the senate and speaker of drove off the crowd, estimated at the house in the line of succes-The king has not lived in Rome full calendars. sion to the governor, completed

Terms Are Specified

The house also approved the senate joint resolution (SJR 17) providing that terms of legislators shall run until the biennial session after the general electionnot just until such election.

The house also disposed of the bill (HB 401) extending from six months to one year the time in which workmen may file actions to recover overtime pay under the measure 51 to 7.

MEXICO CITY, March 6 .- (AP)-Delegates to the Inter-American The move (HB 232) to provide conference today reached infor- a three-way method (state, privmal agreement on what to say to ate or employer) of carrying work-Argentina, it was learned on high men's compensation insurance was defeated after a two-hour debate The statement, which is expected on Thursday, the last day of Report Substitute

the conference, remains to be By the vote of 38 to 21, the representatives elected to substitute a 'do not pass" recommendation for the major committee report of "do gentina's absence from the Interpass," and then voted to indefin-

itely postpone (kill) the program. The 21 who voted "no" to the able to put herself in a position proposal to toss out the bill were to sign the Mexico City resolutions Reps. Balderree, Chadwick, Chase, Dickson, Duniway, Frisbie, Gile, Hall, Carl Hill, Earl Hill, Lage, able to put herself in a position Landon, Lonergan, Meyers, to join the united nations, which Moore, Morse, Peterson, Poole, Staples, Wills, Marsh. Excused 4. Provision for consultation

was Allen. Rep. Brady, supporting the successful move to substitute the adverse report, said he opposed anyone "making money out of workmen's misfortunes," and declared administrative costs under the industrial accident commission were less than in private insurance com-

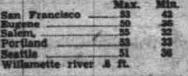
Rep. Manley Wilson echoed similar belief and said that opening the insurance to private companies and to employers themselves would hamper the states safety program.

Rep. John Hall, speaking for the measure and against the move to substitute the adverse reccommendation, said he believed the three-day method of insurance dent Roosevelt's nomination of bor" than the present program of Fred M. Vinson to be federal loan limiting such insurance to the

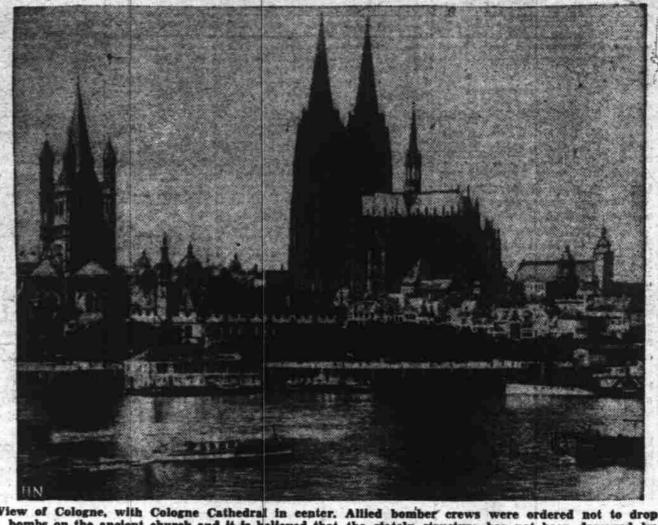
He denied the present program Acting with unusual speed, the was monopolistic, pointed out that ft would provide coverage both in hazardous and non-hazardous ocian to head the \$40,000,000,000 cupation, and said amendments asked by labor-reducing the waitand allied agencies. The action was ing period from seven to three taken on a voice vote without a days and removing the maximum benefits for disability-had been included in the measure.

port, adopted, was signed by Reps stripped from the commerce department before the senate confirmed the cabinet nomination of dy; the defeated majority report by Reps. Balderree, Chadwick, Moore, Carl Hill and Lage. Both the senate and house fac-

ed full calendars today, the 59th of the session. As a special order of business at 2:15 p. m., the house will consider adoption of divergent nittee reports on the liquor control measures, SB 144, 145, 117.



#### Captured by Yanks Tuesday Night



bombs on the ancient church and it is believed that the stately structure has not been damaged by

### Patton's Forces Advance 32 Miles Toward Rhine After Big Breakthrough in South

**Exploded Ship** 

Still Blazing

At Vancouver

VANCOUVER, March 6.-(CP)

Three crew members and two

stevedores were reported unac-

counted for tonight as fire-fight-

ers struggled vainly to check a

blaze in three holds of the 10.-

000-ton victory ship SS Greenhill

stop the spread of flames.

was obscure

number of men working on the

boat at the time of the mishap

Berlin Radio Predicts

Early Rhine Crossing

LONDON, March 6-(AP) - The

tonight that Gen. Eisenhower

would "immediately attempt to

"The various small scale but re-

pulsed crossing attempts carried

out by units of the (US) Ninth

army Monday between Duisburg

Goebbels' Castle Used

VISION IN GERMANY, March 6.

believes the blaze may have been

time before bursting into flame

Damages probably are less than \$10,000, according to Russell. The

For Jewish Services

toward \$10,000 and discontinua- area. James C. Russell, principal,

fire which early Tuesday morn- The furnace had not yet beer

ing destroyed the furnace room fired for the day. Evidence indi-

other parts of the structure, which | building is covered by insurance.

Flames were discovered by Raymond Elser, a paper boy, who notified O. E. Warren, the janitor, while his father turned in the alarm.

The fire department, arriving at 5:30 o'clock was able to confine the latter portion of the building.

can be made resulted from the 1 rom spontaneous com

cross the Rhine in force."

## **River Causes** Heavy Damage

CINCINNATI, March 7-(Wednesday) - (AP) - The Ohio river, swollen by the heaviest rains in years, passed a 68-foot stage here early today, with the death toll in the worst flood since 1937 reaching eight in four states. Flood stage is 52 feet.

CINCINNATI, March 6-(AP) Swollen by two to nearly four inches of rain along much of its length, the war-vital Ohio river neared a 70-foot stage tonight while its valley, already recording six deaths in three states, braced against the midwest's most disasterous wartime torrent.

War plants closed by the score; transportation facilities foundered: eastern headquarters of the American Red Cross reported probably 5000 to 6000 families evacuated and 10,000 homeless in Cincinnati alone.

Relief shelters were set up; the army released blankets and other supplies through the fifth service command at Columbus, O., while the list of isolated communities grew by the hour.

#### Toledo Boy's Bones Found

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6-(A)-Search for 15-year-old Lee Roy Bridges which started after fire destroyed his home near Toledo, Ore., was halted tonight when the remains of human bones were Berlin radio military commentator found in material taken from the

Dr. Joseph Beeman, director of the state police laboratory, said investigation revealed the boy died in the fire and that there was no indication of foul play. The father, Wilkie Bridges, told of arriving home, falling asleep in his and Duesseldorf perhaps were curauto and being awakened by the tain-raisers," he said. fire. The boy's mother and an infant half-sister live in Huntington Beach, Calif.

New Type of U.S. Tank

Being Manufactured DETROIT, March 6-(P)-Chrys-ler corporation officials today con-Joseph Goebbels' castle near Rhefirmed reports that the concern is ydt was used for Jewish church manufacturing a new type tank— services today by Chaplain Manuel officially known as T-26—and de- M. Poliskoff of Baltimore, Md. scribed by undersecretary of war The banquet hall where the serv-Robert P. Patterson as "the an-ice was held still had a picture of swer to the German Tiger tank." Hitler in the background.

tion of classes here until repairs

of the public school building here.

directly above the furnace were

considerably burned and smoked

was built in 1922.

Third and fourth grade rooms,

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

PARIS, Wednesday, March 7-(AP)-Cologne fell swiftly to the U.S. First army in the climax of its great eastward drive yesterday as General Eisenhower lifted the news blackout on operations of the American Third army and revealed that its armor was racing toward the Rhine in a breakthrough that covered 32 miles in two days.

These dramatic developments, coming when the Ninth army and its Canadian allies had virtually completed occupation of all German territory west of the Ruhr, shifted the big punches to the middle Rhine farther south and opened the way for the allies to push the

enemy out of the area west of the Rhine and north of the Moselle. The supreme allied headquarters announcement of the capture of the bomb - blackened Rhineland capital said that only sporadic

fighting continued last night in

Cologne's southern outskirts. (A broadcast from London reorded by National Broadcasting company quoted BBC Correspondent Frank Gillard as reporting the Hohenzollern bridge at Cologne was still standing yesterday and open to foot traffic.)

Falls on 12th Day Park which was ripped asunder in the forward sections by a se-Thus, Germany's fourth largest ries of explosions at noon today. city and the greatest enemy in-The vessel which was beached dustrial center that has so far caon Siwash rock, just outside the pitulated was in allied hands on harbor entrance, was still burnthe 12th day of the powerful ofing for an aft at a late hour tofensive from the Roer river.

night and fireboats were playing Last night its beaten nazi garhoses into the holds in an effort to rison was being driven southward toward Bonn through a narrowing Actual number of men trapped corridor along the Rhine's west in the holds was unknown as rescue squads have been unable to board the vessel and the exact

Since the start of the slashing attack from east of captured Bitburg at dawn yesterday, Patton's armored forces had captured more than 1500 Germans, including a corps commander, and had reached a point only 20 miles from the Rhine. Tonight tanks led by Brig. Gen. Holmes Dager of Union, NJ, were reported smashing on against disorganized and sporadic nazi re-Capt. Ludwig Sertorious predicted

Fastest of All

A field dispatch declared that For the rampant Americans it was a surge which outdid anything witnessed in France." Weather, not the Germans, was said to be impeding the advance. A news blackout still prevented disclosure of the exact whereabouts of American spearheads. Motorized infantry was piling along German highways behind the speeding tanks.

The German garrison of Cologne put up surprisingly weak resistance as the US Third armored division and 104th infantry smashed through to the Rhine near the cathedral, at the western end of the Hohenzollern bridge.

1200 Prisoners of War

#### Liberated by Seventh Damage Near \$10,000 Results From Fire at Turner School

WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY, March 6.-(AP)-More than 1200 Allied prisoners of war were liberated from a stockade in the village of Stiring-Wekerfel in France on the German border when troops of the American 70th bach yesterday. Russian, French, Poles and

Czechs were among those freed by the 247th regiment during the process of occupying the Forbach area two to three miles southwest

Partly Cloudy

with occasional light rain and little change in temperature today in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Sa-