

Soviets Reach Baltic

IT SEEMS TO ME

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

Reds In 25-Mile Advance

Nazi Pomerania Sliced Into New Shreds by Push

By Romney Wheeler LONDON, Wednesday, March 7. (AP)—The first White Russian army reached the Oder river's northeastern outlet to the Baltic yesterday in a lashing 25-mile advance that took German towns 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.

Rome Rioters Yell 'Out With Bonomi, Death to King!'

By George Brian ROME, March 6.—(AP)—A communist demonstrator was slain in a riot before the royal palace today and Premier Ivanoe 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 since the Allied invasion.

Risk Bill Defeated In House

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

Managing editor, The Statesman By Wendell Webb Two of the most controversial measures of the 43rd legislature were killed Tuesday—the plan (HB 232) for the so-called three-way method of workmen's compensation insurance, and the proposal (SB 271) to split up eastern and southern Oregon senatorial districts.

Innocent Mince Pie Hides Looting Of Cafe by Boys

KANSAS CITY, March 6.—(AP)—Three boys robbed a cafe and took a mince pie. Did they eat it? Nope. They 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 Heavy Assault On Iwo Island

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Wednesday, March 7.—(AP)—Preceded by the most intense artillery bombardment of the two campaigns, three marine divisions resumed the offensive on the north end of the tiny island Tuesday and engaged the Japanese in "heavy fighting." By 5:30 p.m. the leathernecks had scored small local gains.

Americas Plan What to Say To Argentina

By Flora Lewis MEXICO CITY, March 6.—(AP)—Delegates to the Inter-American conference today reached informal agreement on what to say to Argentina, it was learned on high authority. The statement, which is expected on Thursday, the last day of the conference, remains to be phrased, however.

Hood Legion Will Restore Nisei Names

HOOD RIVER, March 6.—(AP)—Commander Jess B. Edgington of the American Legion post here said today the post still opposes the return of Nisei to this area, despite its decision to restore Japanese-American soldiers to the honor roll.

Senate Quickly Okehs Vinson

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—The senate confirmed today President Roosevelt's nomination of Fred M. Vinson to be federal loan administrator. Acting with unusual speed, the chamber approved the appointment of the 55-year-old Kentuckian to head the \$40,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation and allied agencies. The action was taken on a voice vote without a word of debate.

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

By Ned Norwood WITH CHURCHILL IN GERMANY, March 4.—(Relayed by cables)—Prime Minister Churchill, touring the western front in Germany, told Scottish troops in the northern Rhine sector today that "soon the enemy will be driven across the Rhine and anyone can see one strong heave will win the war."

'Germans Must Husband Forces for Tomorrow'

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—German forces "must have as their main aim the husbanding of their strength while inflicting maximum losses on the enemy, but all forces must be kept intact for the tasks of tomorrow," said Dr. Otto Krieger, aide to Propaganda Minister Goebbels, today over the Berlin radio.

Yanks Regroup For Last Phase 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 against the estimated four Japanese divisions still on the island. In the air war, however, American bombers were busy.

Chiang Might Come to Meet

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(AP)—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 today. However, he is preoccupied in arranging for a May 5 meeting in China. While this meeting follows 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.

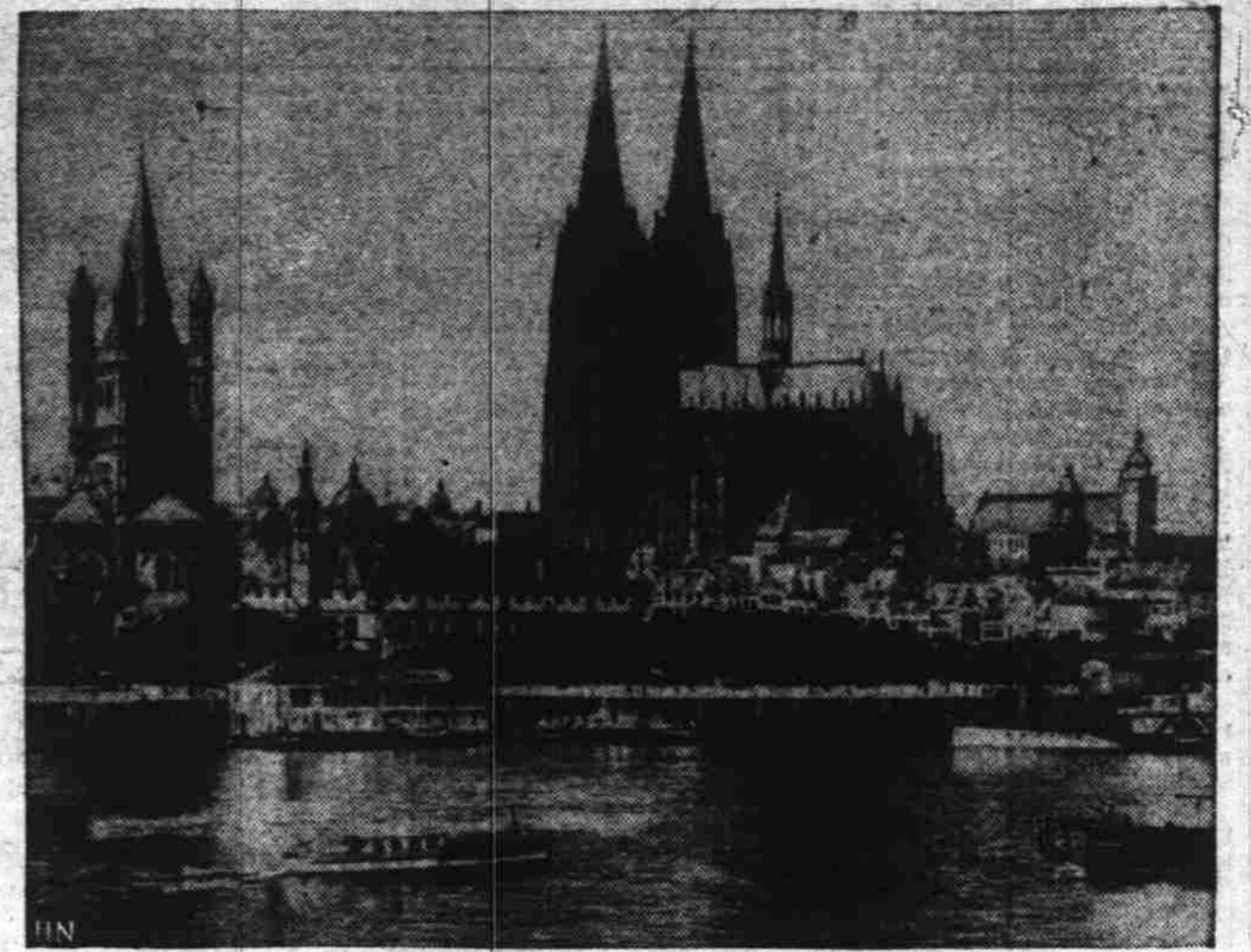
Nearly Fourth Of Red Cross Quota Raised

Incomplete returns from 11 of the 12 divisions in the Marion county campaign to raise \$80,500 for the American Red Cross 1945 war fund showed \$17,224.33 paid in Tuesday noon. The women's division, with a \$9000 quota in Salem is keeping quiet about the results of its household canvass. But at Tuesday noon's meeting of the Salem Kiwanis club the following divisions reported: Automotive and transportation, \$1558 of \$3700 quota; contractors and builders, \$718 of \$440; general gifts, \$262.75 of \$5200; governmental, \$1384.78 of \$7000; educational, \$758 of \$1700; industrial, \$271 of \$7700; mercantile, \$4753.50 of \$7200; professional, \$1842 of \$4550; utilities, \$401 of \$15000; rural, \$58.90 of \$27,500 and suburban, \$78.50 of \$1500 quota.

Brophy Confirmed

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

Captured by Yanks Tuesday Night



View of Cologne, with Cologne Cathedral in center. Allied bomber crews were ordered not to drop bombs on the ancient church and it is believed that the stately structure has not been damaged by the war.

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

Rampant Ohio 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. The house also approved the senate joint resolution (SJR 17) providing that terms of legislators shall run until the biennial session after the general election—no 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 wage-hour statute, passing the measure 51 to 7.

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.

Exploded Ship Still Blazing At Vancouver

VANCOUVER, March 6.—(CP)—Three crew members and two stevedores were reported unaccounted for tonight as fire-fighters struggled vainly to check a blaze in three holds of the 10,000-ton victory ship SS Greenhill Park which was ripped asunder in the forward sections by a series of explosions at noon today. The vessel which was beached on Siwash rock, just outside the harbor entrance, was still burning for an aft at a late hour tonight and fireboats were playing hoses into the holds in an effort to stop the spread of flames. Actual number of men trapped in the holds was unknown as rescue squads have been unable to board the vessel and the exact number of men working on the boat at the time of the mishap was obscure.

Toledo Boy's Bones Found

PORTLAND, Ore., March 6.—(AP)—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 found in material taken from the ruins. 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, Willie Bridges, told of arriving home, falling asleep in his auto and being awakened by the fire. The boy's mother and an infant half-sister live in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Berlin Radio Predicts Early Rhine Crossing

LONDON, March 6.—(AP)—The Berlin radio military commentator Capt. Ludwig Serotius predicted tonight that Gen. Eisenhower would "immediately attempt to cross the Rhine in force." "The various small scale but repeated crossing attempts carried out by units of the (US) Ninth army Monday between Duisburg and Dueseldorf perhaps were curtain-raiser," he said.

Goebbels' Castle Used For Jewish Services

WITH THE U. S. 29TH DIVISION IN GERMANY, March 6.—(AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels' castle near Rheindorf was used for Jewish church services today by Chaplain Manuel M. Polakoff of Baltimore, Md. The banquet hall where the service was held still had a picture of Hitler in the background.

New Type of U. S. Tank Being Manufactured

DETROIT, March 6.—(AP)—Chrysler corporation officials today confirmed reports that the concern is manufacturing a new type tank—officially known as T-36—and described by undersecretary of war Robert P. Patterson as "the answer to the German Tiger tank."

Damage Near \$10,000 Results From Fire at Turner School

TURNER—Damages mounting toward \$10,000 and discontinuation of classes here until repairs can be made resulted from the fire which early Tuesday morning destroyed the furnace room of the public school building here. Third and fourth grade rooms, directly above the furnace were considerably burned and smoked and water damages resulted in other parts of the structure, which was built in 1922. Flames were discovered by Raymond Eiser, 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

1200 Prisoners of War Liberated by Seventh

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 String-Wekerle in France on the German border when troops of the American 70th division completed clearing Forbach yesterday.

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, Salem.

Weather table with columns for location (San Francisco, Eugene, Salem, Portland, Seattle, Willamette river & Ft.), Max, Min, and Rain.