

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Sprague

Poland will not be represented at the conference of the United Nations which convenes in San Francisco on April 25. Poland was not invited.

At least 44 nations will be represented in this great conclave to discuss the future peace of the world, including every nation which has declared war on the axis—except Poland. Poland, the first of the nations to face the military might of Nazi Germany, was not invited.

Russia will be represented—Soviet Russia which made its pact with Hitler in August of 1939 and so cleared the way for Hitler's stab at Poland.

Turkey will be represented—Turkey, whose rulers weighed advantage with callous cynicism and at almost the 12th hour declared war on the axis.

Egypt will be represented—Egypt which was saved from Italian and German conquest by the armies of the British Commonwealth, but which remained out of the war until a few days ago. Egypt, whose only suffering in this war was fright, will not be represented; but not Poland. Poland wasn't invited.

The reason why no invitation was sent to Poland is clear. If the invitation had gone to the legitimate government-in-exile in London Soviet Russia would have refused to come; and who can plan world peace

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Marines Drive 2 Salients Into Nip Iwo Lines

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Thursday, March 8—(AP)—In hand to hand combat, United States marines drove two 500-yard salients Wednesday into the rock, intricately fortified north end of Iwo but the Japanese still showed no signs of cracking on the 17th day of the invasion.

All three marine divisions, on the second day of a renewed offensive to end the bloody operation, registered gains but they were spotty and officers were not inclined to regard them as significant.

Enemy resistance continued heavy. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the progress in a communique today.

The Japanese resistance was with "small arms and machine gun fire." There was no reference to mortar and artillery opposition.

Chinese Take Terminus of Burma Road

CALCUTTA, March 7—(AP)—American-trained Chinese first army troops under Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sullivan have captured the city of Old Lashio, main terminus of the Burma road, and are only two miles from the city of New Lashio, reports reaching here today.

With the capture of Old Lashio and a nearby airstrip, the fall of New Lashio, which was developed in the late 1930s was expected within a few hours.

(A BBC broadcast reported in New York by NBC said, an armored column of the 19th Indian division had driven to within four miles of Mandalay, Burma's second largest city.)

Officer Kills Young Gunner To End Agony

KUNMING, March 2 (Delayed AP)—A 31-year-old air force officer, whose two shots from his service pistol ended the agonized screaming of a 20-year-old sergeant gunner hopelessly trapped in a flaming plane, was acquitted today of a charge of voluntary manslaughter.

Seven colonels deliberated 30 minutes before clearing the lieutenant colonel, commander of a fighter group, veteran of 80 missions and ranking officer at the forward base. The defendant did not testify.

(Neither his name nor the victim's was given in this dispatch. Presumably censorship withheld them.)

It was reported that the decision hinged on reasonable doubt as to whether death was caused by the shots or burning, and on the degree of provocation.

Showery Conditions today with brief periods of sunshine. Colder temperatures today in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts the U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

REDS OPEN ALL-OUT DRIVE ON BERLIN; THIRD ARMY TANKS STORM TO RHINE

Moscow Silent On Big Push

Berlin Reports 7 Soviet Armies Enter Offensive

By Romney Wheeler LONDON, Thursday, March 8 (AP)—The Russians hurled seven armies yesterday into an all-out frontal offensive towards Berlin from bridgeheads on the Oder river 30 to 40 miles to the east, the Germans announced.

Moscow was officially silent, as is customary at the start of a major operation, but unofficial dispatches from the Soviet capital hinted guardedly that the German accounts might be substantially correct.

German broadcasts said the attackers, Marshal G. K. Zhukov's First White Russian army group, jumped off after a gigantic 24-hour artillery barrage and punched into the outer defenses of Kuestrin, west bank Oder river fortress which was under attack from the north, east and south. Two tank armies were among Zhukov's forces, these alarmed announcers said.

Drive Expected A dispatch late last night from Associated Press Correspondent Gilmore in Moscow said "many signs pointed tonight to early launching of the all-out offensive on Berlin," and continued, "the logical place for the first attack is Marshal Zhukov's Oder front." "Large scale scouting operations have been under way for several days out of Zhukov's bridgeheads.

FDR Appoints Davis, Taylor To New Posts

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—William H. Davis, newly named economic stabilizer, said today that a months-old policy dispute on "fringe demands" would be settled immediately.

Terms of settlement, he told a news conference, will come from Fred M. Vinson, his predecessor in the top anti-inflation spot and his adversary in the dispute.

Three Mid-Valley Men Die in Europe Action

Names of three mid-Willamette valley men included in a list of Oregon men killed in action in the European theatre of war. The men are PFC Robert L. Bates, son of Mrs. Ruby Bates, Canby; PFC Alfred D. Sturtevant, son of Mrs. Addie Sturtevant, Star route, Lebanon; Sgt. Frank A. Swaski, son of Mrs. Katherine Swaski, route one, Sweet Home.

Patton Twice Swam Sure River in January Under Heavy Fire to Inspire His Troops

BALTIMORE, March 7—(AP)—The story of how Lt. Gen. George S. Patton twice swam the 150-foot Sure river in Germany in January under heavy machine gun and artillery fire, inspiring "thousands of troops to follow him," was told today by one of the men who did.

Staff Sgt. Thomas J. Defibaugh of Cumberland, Md., one of the soldiers who followed Patton across the Sure, said "there was about a foot of snow on the ground when we got to the Sure river somewhere near the meeting place of the Luxembourg, German and Belgian borders.

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Americas Ministers Okeh Invitation to Argentina For Coming Back Into Fold

MEXICO CITY, March 7—(AP)—Foreign ministers of 20 American republics, meeting in secret session early tonight, approved a declaration inviting Argentina to join the new hemisphere system and the United Nations.

The declaration on Argentina, which officials expect will receive unanimous approval by the inter-American conference, warmly invites that country to move into the new continental system and the United Nations under her own steam.

It is scheduled to be taken up in the steering committee tomorrow morning and acted upon in the final plenary session tomorrow afternoon. All the other resolutions have been formally passed. There are no indications, however, that any changes will be made from the draft as it now stands.

Word that the document was coming up has already produced a reaction in Argentina, with acting Foreign Minister Cesar Ameghino declaring he has decided to reaffirm his country's "respect for the personality, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all other American nations."

The statement aroused mixed feeling here. Since the declaration on Argentina implies that Buenos Aires go to war, some officials saw Ameghino's remark as an attempt to avoid a declaration of war.

The resolution on Argentina is phrased so carefully that it does not contain a single menacing or demanding word. Yet, delegates from twenty nations have injected into their message, a firm note making it clear that only concrete and far-reaching action by the Argentina government can reunite the hemisphere.

Heavies Blast Main German Supply Lines

LONDON, March 7—(AP)—Approximately 1200 American heavy bombers and strafing fighters stepped up the offensive aimed at isolating the Ruhr from main German supply lines today with attacks on three rail belts running into the menaced German industrial zone.

Japs Ready To Bite Foe Says Tokyo

By the Associated Press A Japanese warrior code with teeth in it was reported Wednesday by Tokyo radio.

Druggists Will Sell Penicillin

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—Penicillin will start moving through regular drug trade channels March 15, the war production board announced today, but will be sold only in vials for "parenteral medication." This means for injection into the blood stream or muscles.

Italy's Bonomi Receives Vote Of Confidence

ROME, March 7—(AP)—Premier Ivanoe Bonomi weathered his second political crisis in three months tonight as the cabinet in an extraordinary session convoked after the riot at the royal palace yesterday reaffirmed confidence in the premier who promised a swift fascist purge.

Victory Seen After Allies Cross Rhine

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—Once Allied armies leap the Rhine, the Germans won't be able to stop them, military men said today.

Moreover, one authority said that once a bridgehead has been firmly established and Allied forces have driven 50 or so miles beyond the Rhine's east bank, it will be possible to fix a date for the end of organized German resistance.

Moving Day in Ohio



Heavy damage is being caused by flooded waters in Ohio and here a home-built barge is being used to save the household belongings for a flood-area family in Cincinnati. (AP wirephoto)

British Fleet to Play 'Full and Worthy Part' in War on Japs

LONDON, March 7—(AP)—Britain is determined to range her navy alongside U. S. naval forces in the Pacific to play "a full and worthy part in the speedy overthrow of the Japanese empire," A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, said in the house of commons today.

Solons Reject 2 Proposals For Draft Bill

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—The senate rejected today two proposals for compulsory manpower controls, clearing the way for a vote—probably tomorrow—on a milder bill recommended by the military affairs committee.

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Two Salem navy men have been reported missing in action the past week.

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Liquor Coercion Charged

House in Heated Argument; Many Bills Approved

By Wendell Webb Managing editor, The Statesman

Frayed nerves and a liquor issue gave the tired house its worst time of the current session Wednesday.

After a two-hour argument, it voted to adopt a majority committee report on senate-approved SB 117 authorizing the confiscation of all property and furnishings on any premises not licensed by the state, which is held in violation of the Knox law.

The vote came after the chambers echoed with charges of coercion, with criticism of the liquor control commission's staff, and with demands that the commission be given the authority it asked to cope with the problems of enforcement.

Minority Defeated

A minority report, which the house refused to substitute by a vote of 42 to 16, would have limited confiscation to liquor, glasses and mixers, but would not have restricted such action solely to premises licensed by the liquor control commission.

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The bill is still to come up for final action (details on page 7). The house Wednesday also passed bills empowering union high schools to dispose of property not used for school purposes (HB 418) and requiring owners' permission before signs can be placed along county and dedicated roads or streets (HB 392). It also passed senate bills requiring doors on public buildings to open outward (SB 96) and limited the sale of uncertified seed (SB 218).

Probe Approved

The house, too, adopted a senate joint resolution (SJR 10) providing for a committee to investigate lower-bracket salaries of 18) urging development and use state employees, and another (SJR of Oregon coal.

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Germans Reeling In Defeat

Patton's Men in Greatest Surge Since Normandy

By Austin Bealmer PARIS, Thursday, March 8—(AP) Tanks of the American Third Army stormed up to the west bank of the Rhine northwest of Coblenz last night, having plunged more than 50 miles inside Germany in a whirlwind advance that sent the enemy reeling in chaotic defeat.

The German collapse on the Third Army front, started by the Fourth armored division's breakthrough at Bitburg three days ago, soon developed into a rout with other units of the Third Army plunging eastward and the First Army swinging southward after the capture of Cologne.

It was the Ardennes breakthrough in reverse. The Germans obviously had nothing with which to prevent the American sweep from enveloping Coblenz and Bonn.

No Front Left Dispatches said there actually was no semblance of a front in the Third Army sector.

Virtually all resistance had been overwhelmed and the German troops appeared concerned only with retreating to safety or surrendering as quickly as possible.

Masses of Nazi equipment were destroyed and supply dumps were captured so rapidly that the loot had not been evaluated.

The Fourth armored division reached the river just northwest of Coblenz in a drive which carried 29 miles in 12 hours. In its greatest surge since Normandy the Third Army had covered 65 miles in 98 hours, making the western Allies' deepest penetration of the Reich.

Little Resistance

The enemy fell back in hectic retreat and offered but little resistance as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's men rolled through town after town and streaked past thousands of prisoners, captured in such numbers they could not all be chaperoned to the rear.

To the north the US First Army struck southward along the Rhine's west bank from captured Cologne to a point only two miles from Bonn, the First and Third armies together having formed in the past week the greatest Allied breakthrough since St. Lo.

The Allied prisoner bag on the western front soared past the one-million mark as General Patton's men rounded them up by the thousands with such speed an accurate count was not possible tonight.

The German army which fled before the Third "was the most complete picture of defeat the war in the west has produced," wrote the veteran Associated Press correspondent Edward D. Ball. "The men were beaten, its equipment destroyed."

Thousands of German vehicles and armor were blasted into flaming wrecks and German prisoners streamed westward in droves through the Fourth division's narrow corridor, many of them uncourted and carrying white flags over their heads.

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Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	54	37	0.00
Eugene	51	38	0.00
Salem	51	46	0.00
Portland	51	39	0.00
Willamette river @ Ft.			