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### Nazis Hit Back With 60 Planes

#### Yanks Within 2 Miles of Super Highway to Ruhr

By Austin Bealmer  
PARIS, Wednesday, March 14—(AP)—The Germans attacked the American Remagen-Erpel bridgehead with at least 60 planes yesterday and fought stubbornly in the hills east of the Rhine river, but the US First army troops pushed relentlessly deeper and reached within two miles of the great six-lane superhighway linking Frankfurt-on-Main and the industrial Ruhr.

Gains made by American infantry were measured in yards, but it was pointed out that the advances gave the doughboys control of important heights controlling the bridgehead, which was now being speedily built up with the help of a newly-erected pontoon bridge.

Throughout the day the skies were filled with dogfights as the enemy made frequent raids and fighters of the Ninth air force labored to keep them away from the bridgehead area.

Jet Planes Used  
Half a dozen or more lightning-fist jet-propelled planes were among the enemy attackers in the Germans' strongest air effort since the Rhine crossing March 7.

American planes shot down 10, claimed five probables and damaged six while losing four of their own. Anti-aircraft gunners destroyed others, but no tabulation of their score was yet available.

Monday, when the German raids were lighter, ack-ack batteries shot down 19 enemy planes.

While fighting flared over and around the bridgehead, the US Third army lashed out in a new attack on a nine-mile front in the Saarburg area and advanced up to 2 1/2 miles.

Pontoon Bridge Used  
A field dispatch tonight from Don Whitehead of the Associated Press disclosed for the first time that Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army engineers had succeeded in throwing a temporary bridge across the wide, swift river to share the burden with the shell-cracked rail structure captured in dramatic fashion last Wednesday.

Berlin broadcasts declared that 70,000 American troops had been jammed into the bridgehead and were waging a "ferocious" battle with tremendous air support in an effort to break out of the Westward mountains and plunge on toward Berlin.

One Nazi commentator said US assault troops had crossed the Rhine in boats downriver from Remagen and had expanded the bridgehead to the north, being halted at Koenigswinter, two miles north of Honnet and about seven airline miles north of Remagen.

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Summer st, has written that newspaper accounts of the battle have not been exaggerated. A hot bath, a shave and a cot were among his desires of the moment.

Three letters from Franklin N. Barth, motor machinist 3/c, reached his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barth, 1112 Mill st., on his 27th birthday. They told that he had "participated in operations in support of forces that captured Iwo Jima island and witnessed the raising of the US flag on that island."

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## Reds Score Breakthrough

### Massive Assault Expected

#### Germans Report 9 Divisions Fight West of Oder

By Romney Wheeler  
LONDON, Wednesday, March 14—(AP)—Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, achieving a breakthrough in a frontal assault toward Berlin, has pushed nearly 100,000 Russian troops across the Oder river between Frankfurt and newly-captured Kuestrin and has sent spearheads within 33 miles of the Reich capital, the Germans said last night.

The German DNB agency contended the breakthrough was only temporary but said nine Russian divisions now were fighting on the west side of the river on the 18-mile-wide, Kuestrin-Frankfurt front.

While the broadcast Soviet communique made no mention of any crossings in that critical area, Moscow dispatches told of preparatory artillery fire by heavy Russian guns wheeled into positions in battered Kuestrin. Reports from the Russian capital indicated that three Russian armies were expected to make the massive assault on Berlin.

According to the Germans, Russian task forces are attempting to force open the fortified defenses of Berlin in these three areas:

Westward from Kietz on the Oder's west bank opposite Kuestrin.

In the bridgehead opposite Goeritz, six miles below Kuestrin.

In the Lebus bridgehead, six miles north of Frankfurt.

The Russians' breakthrough was secured in Thelebus bridgehead area, a Nazi commentator said, adding that fighting on the high ground commanding the Frankfurt-Berlin highway was heavy and fluctuating.

### Fala Becomes Proud Father Of Twin Girls

RHINEBECK, N. Y., March 13—(AP)—It's twin daughters—Meggy and Peggy—for Fala and Buttons. And all is serene in the Fala family.

President Roosevelt's widely traveled Scottie became a family man March 9, Dr. Thomas Sheldon, veterinarian, revealed today.

The puppies were taken home yesterday with their mother, owned by Miss Margaret Suckley of Rhinecliff.

"Fala and Buttons got along very well," said Miss Suckley, who is Dutchess county archivist in the Roosevelt library at Hyde Park.

### Unidentified Youth Saved From Drowning

A 13-year-old boy whose rowboat capsized near the 17th street bridge over the Mill creek between Center and Chemeketa streets Tuesday afternoon sped up the ladder city firemen lowered from the bridge to him, untied from around his waist the rope they had tossed him and kept on going. So Harley Cross and Lynn Hasley, firemen, know they pulled a lad from the cold stream, but they couldn't give his name even to the Carnegie medal committee.

### Proposed Boundary Changes Presented to School Board

Contemplated boundary changes which would send children living between Breyman and Fredrick to Washington rather than Englewood school were presented to Salem school directors Tuesday night as one way out of the housing dilemma which faces the capital city's public school system.

The boundary shift and addition of three grade school teachers would make possible rearrangements which should mean that a teaching load of no more than 35 pupils would face most Salem elementary school teachers, Supt. Frank B. Bennett said.

Directors were asked to consider the plan. At the same time a tentative calendar for the coming school year was presented: Opening September 17, the school year would close May 31. One day Armistice day holiday, two days at Thanksgiving, a Christmas holiday from December 21 to January 2, Friday and Monday at Easter and a Memorial day holiday would mean that the schools would have 172 teaching days, Bennett said.

The board authorized Bennett and Director Fay Wright to permit use of the Capitola school grounds for playgrounds providing such use does not interfere with previous commitments to gardeners who used a portion of the district-owned five acres last year.

### Osaka, Japan's Second City, Turned Into 'Pit of Fire'

#### By Huge Force of B-29s

21ST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Wednesday, March 14—(AP)—Osaka, factory-congested second city of Japan, was transformed into "a huge pit of fire" by more than 2000 tons of incendiaries dropped today by a huge force of B-29s which on Monday completely burned out 47,800,000 square feet of industrial Nagoya.

The first Superfortress pilots back from Osaka, where they gave it the same devastating treatment accorded Tokyo Saturday, then Nagoya, Monday, reported four square miles of Osaka were a solid sheet of fire.

Their reports covered only the first three-quarters of an hour—before many of an estimated 300 B-29s had unloaded.

Lt. Joseph R. Carroll, of Jacksonville, Fla., flying in the "Lady Luck," said that seven minutes after his wave hit "the whole damn town seemed to be burning like a huge pit of fire."

Maj. Edgar Toole, of Casa Grande, Ariz., also aboard the "Lady Luck," made the preliminary estimate of four square miles engulfed.

Meanwhile, further reconnaissance photographs added 13,000,000 square feet to the total wiped out Monday at Nagoya. That made 47,800,000 in all or about 1000 acres—roughly two square miles.

### Oregon Man Wins Highest Honor Medal

3RD INFANTRY DIVISION, 7th Army, France, March 13—(AP)—Cpl. Robert D. Maxwell, Cottage Grove, Ore., will receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving four comrades by throwing himself upon an enemy hand grenade, officers said today.

The Oregon soldier will be awarded the nation's highest decoration for his action near Besancon, France, last September, where he was defending a battalion command post against heavy odds.

Four companions and Maxwell had only pistols to fight of the flak and machine guns of an entire German platoon, officers reported.

The enemy suddenly pitched a hand grenade straight toward the squad. Maxwell hurled himself upon it and kept the explosion from injuring the others, using his unprotected body and his blanket.

Maxwell's vision was seriously impaired by the blast, and he was sent back to the United States. Surgery has since then restored his sight, latest reports indicated.

### A. B. Anderson Will Remain At Silverton

SILVERTON, March 13.—A. B. Anderson, superintendent of the Silverton schools, indicated tonight that he expected to sign the contract which the school board has offered him for the coming year at an advance in salary.

Three of the regular staff, all offered contracts for the coming year have indicated they will not sign. Ivan Luman, principal of the grade school, will go to Madras next year; Katherine Nash, girls physical education, will continue her studies next year; and Mrs. Mae Lighthart, fifth grade teacher, also will not return.

### Senate Okehs Planning Fund

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—The senate voted today to make \$35,000,000 available to states, counties and cities for advance planning of postwar public works after sharp disputes over what constitutes economy.

Senator Russell (D-Ore.) led a successful attack on a proposal by Senator La Follette (Prog-Wis.) to raise the sum of \$75,000,000, but lost a fight to require recipients of federal money to match it dollar-for-dollar.

### New Freighter Crashes Into Nanaimo Harbor

NANAIMO, March 13.—(CP)—A new 10,000-ton freighter from Portland, Ore., crashed into the Nanaimo harbor western fuel company ballast wharf during a heavy gale today. An estimated \$50,000 damage was done to the wharf which was partially submerged as a result of the collision. The vessel was undamaged.

### More Rain

today, becoming intermittent by late afternoon with continued cold temperatures in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

### Big Row On Food Raging

#### Meat Shipments To Great Britain Would Be Halted

By Ovid A. Martin  
(Associated Press Farm Editor)  
WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—A war food administration move to halt shipments of meats to Great Britain and liberated areas and to trim military demands has precipitated a bitter inter-agency controversy.

President Roosevelt will be called upon to settle the issue because of its possible impact upon international relations and upon home-front psychology.

Fundamentally, the issue is whether civilian food supplies should be reduced further to meet international commitments and obligations. With good production now on the downgrade, total demands being made upon this country are considerably greater than the supply, particularly in the case of meats, fats and vegetable oils, sugar, and some kinds of dairy products.

The issue came to a head late last week in a WFA effort to allocate supplies for the April-June quarter among various claimant groups—the military, civilians, lend-lease, foreign relief, and other export demands.

### Big Bombers Of RAF Blast Ruhr Targets

LONDON, Wednesday, March 14—(AP)—RAF heavy bombers blasted targets in the Ruhr last night following their raids against the same area by daylight yesterday, while Mosquitos made their 22nd consecutive attack on Berlin, it was announced today.

The night blow, directed against the last main rail line leading into the Ruhr, marked the fourth time the four-engined British bombers had struck the reich's rich industrial region in three days. After writing off Dortmund and Essen as dead cities after two of the RAF's greatest daylight assaults of the war, British bombers blasted Barmen, on the southern edge of the valley, yesterday.

U. S. Eighth air force heavy bombers took their first day of rest in a week, but Flying Fortresses and Liberators from 15th air force bases in Italy bombed Regensburg, 90 miles northeast of Munich, the birthplace of Nazism.

### Navy Personnel Soon Will Reach 4,000,000

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—The United States navy, already the greatest ocean power in history, expects to pass a personnel strength of 4,000,000 within a matter of months.

This was disclosed today in President Roosevelt's request that congress appropriate \$23,719,153,950 to run the navy in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

### ARC Donations Reach 73 Per Cent of Quota

Red Cross contributions in Marion county had reached 73 per cent of the \$80,500 quota Tuesday, with the professional division of which Frank Spears is chairman joining educational and women's divisions in the "over the top" classification.

### Salem Servicemen Participate In Bitter Battle for Iwo Jima

Mail call from Iwo Jima! Salem families who have known or "felt" that their young men were in the battle to take the Japanese island, this week received their first "after-the-battle" notes.

Under date of March 5, Lt. Col. Richard M. Baker, who is on Lt. Gen. Holland Smith's staff, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Baker, 1515 Saganaw st., praising the work of the marines and the navy at Iwo Jima.

Sgt. Carl J. McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McLeod, 385 North

### Session On Home Stretch

#### Operating Bills Passed Rapidly; Calendar Heavy

By Wendell Webb  
Managing editor, The Statesman

Barring an unanticipated hitch in the senate regarding school and tax bills, the 43rd legislature was rolling fairly smoothly down the home stretch today -- the 66th and record-tied day of the session.

Scores of bills remained in committee -- and many will stay there -- but 60 were reported out in time to get on today's long calendar.

Among those bogged down include the house bill (HB 345) revising the truck-taxing code on a ton-mile basis (now in the senate roads and highways committee) and the senate memorial (SJR 9) opposing the return of persons of Japanese ancestry (tabled in the house resolutions committee).

Appropriation bills went through the senate in one-two-three order Tuesday, as they did in the house the day before, and 12 others -- including a public welfare allotment of \$12,000,000 -- were up for final passage in the house today (see house calendar).

The house Tuesday completed legislative action on the senate joint memorial (SJM 3) asking tax parity with community property states, approving a maximum unemployment compensation payroll tax of 2.7 per cent (SB 136); and providing the votes on annexations to cities may be called on petition of 15 per cent of suburban voters (SB 121). The bill permitting county zoning (HB 374), however, was re-referred.

The senate passed a bill (SB 220) permitting counties to expend \$25,000 on war memorials.

Heavy Calendars Faced  
The senate today faces one of its heaviest calendars, including proposals for a cigarette tax, \$3,000,000 additional for the state school support fund, a wine tax, Bang's disease control, pasteurization of milk, a special election, and short tax forms.

Thirty measures are before the house, including workmen's compensation bills, proposals to restrict fishing, and the plan to add a 31st senator by splitting the 17th senatorial district.

Estimates of adjournment time now range from Friday to next Tuesday, with Saturday apparently a fair compromise.

(Legislative news pages 10 and 4)

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### Plasma on Iwo Jima



A wounded marine who fell in the fighting near the end of airstrip No. 2 on the Volcano Islands islet of Iwo Jima is pictured as he receives blood plasma from Ph. M. 2-c J. R. Irwin (holding plasma flask) from Chief Ph. M. James Sossette (left, with face showing). Cosette is from Marshfield, Ore., and Irwin from Philadelphia. This photo taken by Fakre Aboodi of International News Photo for war picture pool. (International)

### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

Readers of George Fitch's stories on "Good Old Siwash" may remember one on "The Funeral That Flashed in the Pan." That apt title came to mind with word that the touted investigation of the bi-state distillery purchase by a committee of the Washington legislature won't come off. This isn't a funeral that "flashed in the pan." It's just a case of legislative still-birth. Hardly that; the bill authorizing the investigation died in a legislative committee.

This leaves the Oregon committee saddled and bridled and going for an occasional gallop; but working alone, quite alone. Initiated as a backfire to a Washington investigation, the investigation, as one of the Oregon liquor administration said yesterday, has become just a fire.

The Oregon joint committee will without doubt see the thing through, the chief item remaining being receipt of the report of its auditors; but no one expects either much heat or much flame from the inquisitorial fire. It is doubtful if the committee will spend more than \$5000 of the \$25,000 appropriated to finance its inquiry.

The partial investigation made by the division of audits in Washington state was used with damaging political effect against Gov. Arthur Langlie in the recent campaign. Released in October the audit revealed, what had already been understood before the deal was consummated, that the broker would make a killing. The Washington legislature was primed to probe

### Promotion of Krueger Stirs Speculation

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—Selection of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger for promotion to the four-star rank stirred speculation today that he is slated for a bigger job—possibly as an army group commander.

The German born leader of the Sixth army in the Philippines was the only army commander among nine lieutenant generals nominated today by President Roosevelt for the temporary rank of full general.

The list, however, included the three army group commanders in the European and Mediterranean theatres—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley of the 12th, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers of the 6th and Lt. Gen. Mark Clark of the 15th.

### 7 USO Entertainers Killed in Plane Crash

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—Seven USO entertainers have been killed in the crash of an army plane overseas, it was learned tonight.

Details as to location, date and circumstances of the accident were withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

#### Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain	Trace
San Francisco	50	40		
Seattle	45	35		
Portland	45	35		
Baltimore	45	35		
Washington	45	35		
Salt Lake City	45	35		
Billings	45	35		
Wilmington river 9 ft. 5 in.				

### 41st Pursues Japanese Into Mindanao Hills

MANILA, Wednesday, March 14—(AP)—Forty-first division troops, seizing four villages north of captured Zamboanga, pursued the disorganized Japanese into the Mindanao hills against increasing resistance Monday while on Luzon the Yanks conquered the southern end of the bitterly-contested Shimbu line.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communique today that Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's battle-tested 41st, after capturing the villages of Canselar, Santa Maria, Sinongog and Litogo, was in hot pursuit of the enemy. Tanks paced the drive.

Antipolo, southern anchor of the Shimbu line east of Manila, was captured after a fierce fight. To the south, 11th airborne division troops reached Los Baños, site of the former internment camp, and Santo Tomas, on the main rail and highway route into southern Luzon.

### New Hospital Suggested as War Memorial

First large memorial in Salem to men and women giving their lives in the current war will be the new hospital on South Winter street, if recommendations agreed upon Tuesday by the executive committee of the board of governors of Salem Deaconess hospital are adopted at next Tuesday's meeting of the board.

The executive committee, in special session yesterday, voted to call the new institution "Memorial hospital," and to dedicate it to the memory of the service and sacrifice of lives in the present conflict by sons and daughters of this area.

Individuals and organizations of the area will be given the opportunity to memorialize friends and relatives as well as pioneers, leading citizens and the work of organizations would form the memorial committee or board of the hospital, under the executive committee's plan.

### OWI London Employs Give \$500 to Polio

WASHINGTON, March 13—(AP)—Leon Henderson, back from an economic mission to Europe, brought President Roosevelt a check for \$500 today to help combat infantile paralysis.

The money was raised at a party given by office of war information employes in London in honor of the chief executive's birthday. Over there they called it the "march of sixpenses."