

Rhine Crossing Promises Sharp Shifts on Legislative, Production, Other Home Fronts

By Associated Press
 WASHINGTON, March 24—(AP)—A grim resolve to flatten Japan mingled tonight with Washington's satisfaction over new prospects of early victory in Europe.

All over this war-jammed Capitol from the Pentagon to Capitol Hill, ran the refrain: This is no time to let up steam.

A summary of what the people may expect, compiled by Associated Press reporters as allied troops surged across the Rhine, added up like this:

(1) Some of the soldiers now fighting in Europe will come home to stay, when that job is done. But the figure will not be substantial and will not include men in the service forces or air forces.

(2) The bulk of the army and

all navy people will be needed against Japan.

(3) The war production board has no intention of relaxing munitions output. War workers will still be needed by the millions, war bonds by the billions.

(4) Drafting will slack off, but won't end.

(5) The administration will continue pressing for manpower controls, including a nurses' draft.

(6) Demands will be raised—and resisted—for tax reductions.

(7) Some minor home front restrictions probably will be lifted. War Mobilizer Byrnes said so this week in restating his call for a midnight entertainment curfew. But price controls and rationing will continue through the war

against Japan and perhaps longer.

(8) Wage controls, as they now stand, will be fought more vigorously than ever by organized labor.

(9) There should be a small and gradual return to production of a lot of things civilians have been doing without for months or years.

(10) The nation's foreign policy will stress international collaboration. Peace in Europe undoubtedly will test foreign relations to the utmost.

The widest immediate reorientation in sight is on Capitol Hill. Nobody wants to talk about it for quotation, but most opinion has it that a good deal of pressure will come off such things as drastic manpower control, even though the administration keeps pushing for them.

Victory Drive Destroys 5 Nazi Armies

By the Associated Press
 Here is the chronology of Gen. Eisenhower's great victory offensive which since February 8 has destroyed nearly five German armies and inflicted 250,000 casualties west of the Rhine:

Feb. 8—Field Marshal Montgomery opened the Canadian First army offensive against the north flank of the Siegfried line.

Feb. 24—The U. S. First and Ninth army reached the Rhine at Dusseldorf.

March 5—U. S. First army captured Cologne.

March 7—U. S. First army captured great Lunderdorf bridge intact at Remagen and crossed the Rhine.

March 15—U. S. Seventh army went over the offensive on a 90-mile front in the Saar and Palatinate.

March 16—Third army broke across the Moselle river south of Coblenz, outflanking the Saarland and Palatinate.

March 17—U. S. Third army captured Coblenz, seat of American occupation forces in the first World War.

March 22—U. S. Third army crossed Rhine between Mainz and Worms.

March 23—British Second army with Canadian army units crossed Rhine west of Wesel.

March 24—U. S. Ninth army crossed Rhine south of Wesel.

Daniels Will Receive White House Post

WASHINGTON, March 24—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today Jonathan Daniels will become the White House secretary in charge of press relations.

Mr. Roosevelt is asking Stephen Early, who held the press job for years, to stay on as a White House secretary temporarily, pending the choice of a secretary in charge of appointments.

General E. M. Watson, who had the appointment, died on the return trip from the Yalta Big Three conference.

Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement that "I hope to be able by early June to name a permanent secretary in charge of appointments. At that time Steve will be free to enter private employment, in accordance with the wishes he has expressed to me."

Italian Based Bombers Blast Berlin Factory

ROME, March 24—(AP)—Flying Fortresses of the U. S. 15th air force, striking from bases in Italy in a record 1600-mile round trip, attacked the Daimler Benz tank works on the southern edge of Berlin today in their first strike at the reich capital.

Returning crewmen reported good to excellent results. The Germans threw up a number of their new jet-propelled planes in an effort to ward off the bombers and escorting Mustangs. Three of them were shot down by the fighters.

Strikers Eye Conferences In New York

HOLLYWOOD, March 24—(AP)—Union leaders and producers today looked to conferences in New York next week for possible settlement of the 13-day-old motion picture strike.

Richard Walsh, president of the AFL international alliance of theatrical stage employes, left at noon for talks Wednesday in New York with William Hutcheson, president of the carpenters' union, whose local is observing the picket lines. He was accompanied by Pat Casey, producers' labor relations representative.

The IATSE said it would ask Hutcheson to withdraw carpenters from the walkout.

Nippon Force Takes Icheng

CHUNGKING, March 24—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced tonight the loss of Icheng, Han river town 145 northwest of Hankow, as the new Japanese offensive in central China gained momentum.

Icheng is only 55 miles from Loochokow, a U. S. 14th air force base.

The high command also announced that Japanese forces striking southwestward in Honan province in a 90-mile front stretching from Lushan to the Peiping-Hankow railroad town of Chumaitan had made further advances. This drive is aimed at seizing wheat crops and other resources. The communique said the Japanese had advanced as much as 25 miles in some sectors of this front.

Fire Extinguished

No damage was reported when city firemen returned early this morning from extinguishing a chimney fire at 639 North Liberty street.

Turner Airman Helps Bag German Trainer

LONDON, March 24—(AP)—Lt. Kenneth Barber, Turner, Ore., and Capt. George Doersch of Seymour, Wis., combined yesterday to shoot down a Nazi training craft—the lone bag of pilots escorting allied bomber formations over Germany.

Hitler Completes Political, Military Plans to Keep Naziism Alive in Germany

LONDON, March 24—(AP)—Adolph Hitler has completed military and political plans for an attempt to keep nazism alive on the gamble that Allied victory in Europe will be followed after a short interlude by tremendous chaos, it was reported today on the basis of reliable advices from inside Germany.

The sources were anti-Nazi German refugees and intelligence agents of military and political authorities in Europe's exiled governments.

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To carry out the political side of his plan, Hitler is reported to already have 20,000 men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 trained as secret agents for duty at home and abroad. Large numbers of his agents now are in neutral countries and it is not unlikely many of them are posing as refugees.

Builds Huge Fortress
 On the military side, he is understood to have turned the Berchtesgaden-Salzberg area into a gigantic fortress with subterranean aircraft factories, hangars and airfields, synthetic fuel plants, motor and ball-bearing factories, and stocks of food and munitions for a three-year siege.

The new plan, which no longer has victory but defeat as its political and military basis, is not less grandiose than that which Hitler worked out in case of victory over Russia—which was aimed to carry him to India.

Expects Quarrels
 It appeared to be based purely on the belief—and hope—that the Allied victory will result in quarrels among the small nations of Europe and wrangling among the big three.

Already German propagandists have been making the most out of the Allied food situation and the plight of liberated Europeans, telling the people on the continent that under the Nazi "new order" they did not starve or face famine.

Hitler's plan, however, can only succeed if Europe is swept by social unrest, economic crisis and civil wars. To the architects of peace and security at San Francisco will fall the job of preventing this.

Cyclist Injured After Hitting Car

Raymond G. McKay, 20, Portland, received severe bruises and contusions about the face and head and broke off several front teeth early Saturday night when the motorcycle he was riding east on Center st. collided with a car driven by Carl W. Wolz, 440 Morgan ave. Wolz, who had nosed his automobile into the intersection of Center and Morgan ave. to see if there might be oncoming traffic, said he saw the motorcyclist coming and stopped and McKay skidded into the left front fender of his sedan. McKay was taken to Salem General hospital by city first aid men.

Western ball room dances, such as waltzes and two-steps, were introduced to Japan in the last quarter of the 19th century.

Nazi Building New Defenses

ROME, March 24—(AP)—Reconnaissance patrols reported today that the Germans apparently were constructing new defense positions on the central Italian front south of Bologna. Only minor activity by small Eighth and Fifth army units was reported by Allied headquarters.

Scouts said the enemy was digging a new system of trenches and constructing strongly fortified positions, apparently in a further move to block any drive on Bologna, which is the key to German defenses in northern Italy.

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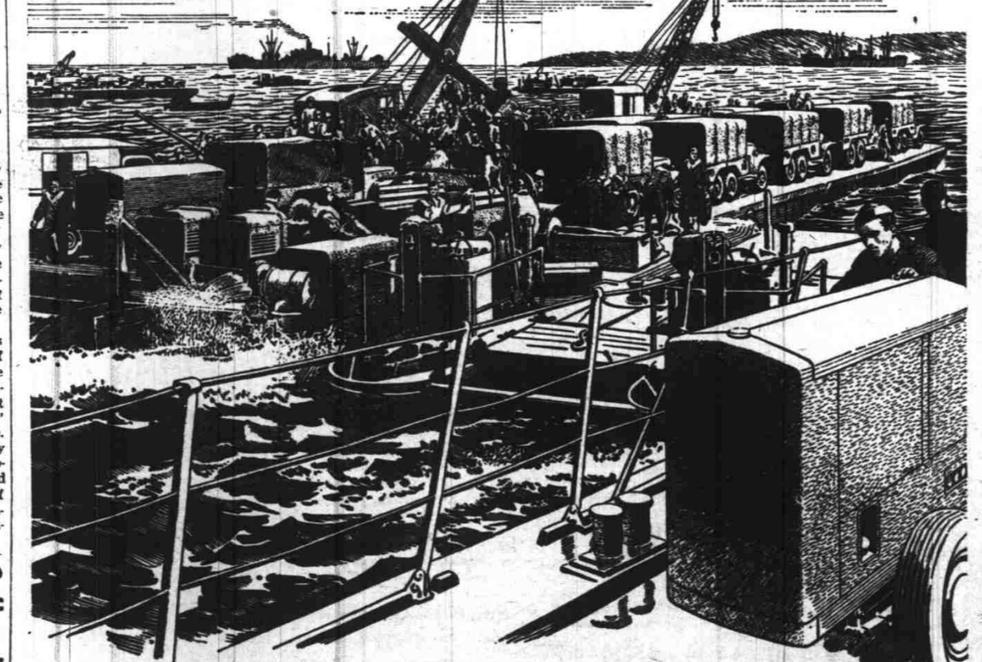
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War Writers Rap Handling Of Big News

WITH THE U. S. NINTH ARMY IN GERMANY, March 24—(AP)—Nearly 50 American and British correspondents with the U. S. Ninth army protested tonight a gainst supreme headquarters' handling of the news release of the Rhine-crossing offensive which left many of them stranded on an event they risked their lives to cover while correspondents many miles from the scene wrote the story second-hand.

U. S. Ninth army correspondents were not notified that censorship on the offensive had been released until 15 minutes after the story had been given to correspondents

in Paris and Brussels. Up to the last moment, censors at the Ninth army, acting on information, told correspondents that the story of the offensive could not be released until 4 p.m. (11 a.m., E.W.T.).

The field correspondents' protest was forwarded to supreme headquarters and the office of war information.

Adequate Merchant Marine Said Important

NEW YORK, March 24—(AP)—An adequate postwar merchant marine fleet will enable American producers to reach a \$10,000,000,000 foreign market which in turn will provide employment for almost 3,000,000 persons in industry and 1,000,000 in agriculture, Admon E. Roth, president of the National Federation of American shipping said today.

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