

OKINAWA ISLAND BISECTED IN SWIFT DRIVE

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Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	52	38	traces
Eugene	55	31	30
Salem	55	31	traces
Portland	55	31	traces
Seattle	55	31	traces
Willamette river 2.6 ft.			

Forecast: Clear most of the day, occasionally becoming partly cloudy, slightly warmer today.

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By Charles F. Sprague

Ronald E. Jones, state president of the farmers union, is back from Washington, D. C., where he attended conferences called by James G. Patton, national president of the union. One of the affairs was a banquet given in honor of Aubrey Williams, organizer for the farmers union, who had just been given an adverse vote for confirmation as director REA. Mrs. Roosevelt was a guest at the banquet, which was given as a testimonial to Williams.

This points up the fact that the national farmers union, under Patton, occupies the left wing of the farm army. The American farm bureau is on the extreme right, while the national grange is in the middle, though nationally it strings along quite a little to the right of center.

Patton is aggressive. The NFU has been busy denouncing the college extension service in some states, which acts as organizer or wet nurse for the farm bureau. Patton has strongly supported the program of the farm security administration in its work for farmers at the bottom of the economic ladder. He is advocating an MVA for the Missouri valley—on the TVA model, not under the control of the department of the interior. And of course the farmers union organization was strong for Henry Wallace and Aubrey Williams. Patton was a member of the national citizens PAC, active in behalf of Roosevelt in the last campaign.

Patton is also sincere. He believes in the new deal as developed by Henry Wallace and Aubrey Williams, and he proposes to use

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Manpower Bill Blocked When Byrnes Quits

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—James F. Byrnes' resignation as war mobilization director today threw another road block in front of legislation giving the holder of that office sweeping authority over the nation's manpower.

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.), whose suggestion for a compromise had pried the measure out of a deadlocked conference committee, turned Byrnes' resignation into an argument against the bill, saying "It is a poor time to freeze other people to their jobs."

In a speech against the bill today, Senator Morse (R-Ore) declared that it "frightens me" and that it "must not pass if we are to preserve our form of government."

Saying there are estimates that a million people will be temporarily unemployed after V-E day, the westerner thought it "incomprehensible that there is need for forced labor in essential industries when outbacks are already at hand."

Vinson to Succeed

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—President Roosevelt today accepted the resignation of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and thereby gave the broadest official hint to date that Germany is as good as beaten.

Fred M. Vinson, federal loan administrator, was chosen to succeed him as director of the office of war mobilization and reconversion.

Sgt. Potter Dies In European War

S. Sgt. Alvin C. Potter was killed in action March 15, in Germany, his wife, the former Jean Walter, 235 North 15th st., has been notified by the war department.

Potter was employed by the Union Oil company in Salem before his induction June 24, 1942. He left for overseas duty last October. Other surviving relatives are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Potter of Springfield; a brother, Lt. David L. Potter, US army air corps; a sister, Mrs. Roland Dickie of Centralia, Wash.

Sitting Bull War Veteran Succumbs

PORTLAND, April 2—(AP)—Frank Dye, 86, USA retired, one of the last veterans of the army campaign against Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull, died yesterday at the veterans' hospital.

Dye served 30 years in the army before retiring in 1904. Three sons surviving include Dr. Frank Dye of Salem.

YANKS RACE TO SEAL ALPS

10th Army, Marines Advance Against Mounting Resistance

Yanks Set to Get Fine Anchorage; Airfields in Use

By Marge Landsberg

GUAM, Tuesday, April 3—(AP)—Tenth army infantrymen and marines cut the strategic island of Okinawa in two Monday by reaching the east coast in a swift drive against only scattered resistance, the navy announced today.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said elements of the 24th corps reached the east coast at a point near the village of Toba. Advances averaging several thousand yards were made along the entire line "against scattered resistance."

Increasing Japanese activity was reported in the rugged terrain in the center of the island—only 325 miles south of Japan itself—which was invaded Easter morning.

Observation planes were operating already from two of the main captured airfields, Katena and Yontan.

Japanese planes attacked Yank positions Sunday night, and five of them were shot down, Nimitz announced.

He said carrier aircraft, heavy guns of the fleet and field artillery were giving close support to the ground operations.

Supplies Unloaded
Unloading of supplies was reported progressing satisfactorily.

Thus in two days of this amazingly easy campaign the Yanks scored a major blow by severing the southern part of Okinawa, including the populous city of Naha and its large adjacent airfield, from the extensive fleet anchorages of the north.

On the east coast, the Americans were in excellent position to secure the fine fleet anchorage of Nakagusuku bay, a few miles south of Toba.

Soldiers and marines of this new field force, commanded by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., already had seized two major airfields and one frontline dispatch said a third airstrip had been secured.

New Invasion Reported
Radio Tokyo, in an unconfirmed report, said the Yank forces Sunday night landed on Kume island, 52 miles west of Okinawa. Kume is beyond the tiny Kerama islands, where Americans landed prior to the Okinawa invasion. The navy established a seaplane base in the Kerama group in a daring move preceding the landing of Okinawa.

These Americans quickly achieved a vital aim of the operation—bases from which to raid Japan's mainland, blockade the east China sea and gain air domination over such points as Shanghai and the Yangtze river mouth, only 400 miles away.

Tokyo Plants Hit by B-29's

GUAM, April 2—(AP)—American Superforts based on this and other islands in the Marianas concentrated an explosive and incendiary attack on the big Nakajima aircraft engine plant on the northwestern outskirts of Tokyo early today (about noon Sunday, EWT).

Two of the B-29s, from the force of probably 150 were lost to enemy action.

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It was the first assault on Tokyo since March 10, when 2300 tons of incendiary bombs destroyed 3000 plants and shops and homes of an estimated 1,200,000 workers.

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From information available early today (Tuesday) it appeared that the army and marines had bisected the strategic island of Okinawa at approximately the location shown by the white line. The island, 325 miles from Japan proper, was invaded Easter day and resistance of the garrison estimated at 60,000 to 80,000 enemy nationals so far is described as fairly light. (AP photo)

Record Smelt Run In Sandy Awaited

TROUTDALE, April 2—(AP)—Hundreds of fishermen lined the banks of the Sandy river tonight waiting the midnight hour when they can begin dipping smelt.

Nets were all rented this afternoon as fishermen gathered for what veterans predict will be a record run for recent years. Police were busy writing out 50-cent licenses which entitle the amateurs to 50 pounds of smelt per day—value \$1.75 on the commercial market.

6th Army Vets Land on East Luzon Coast

By James Hutcheson

MANILA, Tuesday, April 3—(AP)—Sixth army veterans, spear-headed by Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider's 158th regimental combat team, invaded the important harbor of Legaspi on the southeastern "tail" of Luzon Sunday and quickly secured Legaspi, city of 75,000 inhabitants, and the nearby airfields.

The landing, first on Luzon's east coast, was preceded by effective naval and air bombardment, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported in his communique today.

American losses were light.

"The city and airfields were immediately secured, and our troops are now rapidly advancing in exploitation," MacArthur reported.

The new landing came as Yanks advanced on a dozen ground fronts in the Philippines and American bombers sank or damaged 33 freighters in the China sea.

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Air Blitz for March Doubles All Nazi Bombs

LONDON, April 2—(AP)—Germany has had its first two successive days and nights free from heavy bomber attacks this year after the greatest sustained aerial blitz of the war reached a climax with all time record bombings in March.

Figures officially announced today showed that allied planes operating from Britain and bases behind the western front smothered Germany with 179,380 tons of explosives last month, nearly two and one-half times the bomb weight the nazis have hurled on England by plane and V-bomb since the war started.

The figures did not include tens of thousands of additional tons poured on Germany by Italy-based planes, which also had a record month.

Gen. Rose Dies After 100-Mile Naziland Dash

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, whose division led an epic drive into Germany last week, has been killed in action, the war department announced today.

Without giving time or circumstances, the department said the commander of the Third armored division, a unit of Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' First army died "while leading his division in spear-heading the advance of United States troops in Germany."

His was the division that led the way into the heart of the Nazi realm with a record drive of nearly 100 miles between dawn and dusk.

Cafes Lack Points, Close for 30 Days

LA GRANDE, April 2—(AP)—Shortage of red points today forced four small restaurants to close their doors, perhaps for a month.

Big 3 Talk May Replace SF Meet; War Climax Upsets Plans

LONDON, Tuesday, April 3—(AP)—The London Daily Mail in a front page article today said there were indications that a new meeting of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin might replace, or at least overshadow, the San Francisco conference.

The Mail's diplomatic correspondent said that if the European war ends in the next fortnight there might have to be immediate consultations. He added that once fighting ceased a big three conference might be necessary for immediate decisions.

Meanwhile, reports circulated that deputy prime minister Clement Attlee and foreign secretary Anthony Eden might cut short their projected trip to San Francisco, and some of the London press called for a postponement of the meeting.

'Werewolves' Out To Settle Score, Nazi Radio Says

LONDON, April 2—(AP)—The Nazis officially claimed today that assassins of the mayors of occupied Aachen and Meschede were members of the "Werewolf" underground terrorist organization.

A radio describing itself as an underground Werewolf station claimed Werewolves already had murdered American army officers.

A DNB broadcast quoting official Berlin circles said "Werewolves will not give in to enemy terror but prefer to settle accounts eye for eye."

Berlin officially disclaimed connection with the organization, but Nazi propaganda made it plain the group was the chosen medium for the Heinrich Himmler-ennunciated "knife in the dark" scheme to fight occupation forces.

Soviets Within 20 Miles of Austria Capital

LONDON, Tuesday, April 3—(AP)—Russian assault forces, ripping up to 14 miles through enemy fortifications, smashed within 2 1/2 miles of Bratislava, capital of the puppet axis state of Slovakia, yesterday while Berlin reported Soviet tanks in the outskirts of Vienna's southern bastion of Wien-Neustadt.

Moscow clamped a news blackout on stiffening fighting south of Vienna, but enemy broadcasts said Soviet storm units had battled within 20 miles of the Austrian capital and had thrust 32 miles inside Austria to Semmering pass, one of five great trans-Alpine passes in Europe.

Amid reports of rioting, the Nazis ordered a last-ditch defense of Vienna under Col. Gen. Sepp Dietrich, commander of Hitler's SS bodyguard.

Meanwhile, the last big Hungarian city in enemy hands held when Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army took the oil industry center of Nagykanyiz and left only some 750 square miles of Hungarian territory unconquered.

Mrs. Churchill Visits British Hospitals in USSR

MOSCOW, April 2—(AP)—Mrs. Winston Churchill arrived by plane today for a visit to hospitals and children's homes as head of her own relief fund for Russia.

The British prime minister's wife reached Moscow after an all-night flight from Cairo. She will visit Stalingrad and Rostov, where British funds will equip two 500-bed hospitals.

Red Cross Quota Overreached Here

Marion county's 1945 Red Cross war fund is over the top today with \$89,948 or 112 per cent of its quota. But the books will not be closed until late this month.

F. C. Leserer, campaign chairman, said Monday. Late givers may still contribute, but workers should complete all solicitations as rapidly as possible and make their reports, he declared.

Three War Deaths Reported for Area

The office of war information today added three names to the mid-valley's list of war dead.

T/5 John Froehlich, son of Barbara Froehlich, 80 Lana ave., Salem, was killed in action in the European theatre.

Sgt. Melvin E. Gilmer, son of Mabel M. Kropp, route one, box 81, Hubbard, also was killed in Europe.

John Garland Debord, torpedo man 3/c, USNR, previously reported missing, is now reported killed. His widow, Edith Rose Debord, resides on star route, Lebanon.

Suburbs May Lose Services

In effect, Salem city council Monday night served a come-into-the-city-or-else notice upon suburban dwellers who now purchase city fire, water and sewer services. Adopting a resolution to cut off those services before Christmas, city fathers left little leeway for almost all non-city taxpayers.

Some suburban properties do escape the edict, which even forbids a city fire engine to cross Salem's boundaries eight months hence. Governmental agencies (including state institutions and West Salem) and purchasers of the services under contract may continue to receive city water and fire protection and use of city sewers.

So, too, may outside residents who have signed petitions to come within Salem's boundaries—but only if the petitions carry signatures of more than 50 per cent of the property owners.

Only one residential area, Lone Oak Village subdivision, where a majority of the property owners are said to favor coming into Salem, now receives city services under contract. And the council voted Monday night to cancel that contract, returning to an individual permit basis.

The council also authorized construction of a short sewer main in northeast Salem at an estimated cost of more than \$10,000, to serve Rosedale addition properties partially inundated during heavy rains. It would be designed also to serve Lone Oak Village.

By other resolutions, removal of \$3000 from the emergency fund into the sewer fund and \$600 from the emergency fund into the engineering fund was authorized. The city engineer will be allowed to employ a deputy in the engineering department, following the explanation that not only the sewer problems but the recent noticeable increase in building have taxed the joint engineering-inspector's office heavily.

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Black Market Meat Charges To Be Probed

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Chairman Anderson (D-NM) announced tonight that the house food study committee will go to New York and Boston to investigate the meat there is sold in the gate charges that "90 per cent" black market.

The committee, he said, expects to be in Boston April 23 and in New York April 24-25. It will be in Chicago April 16-17 and in Cleveland April 18.

"Charges have come from various sources," Anderson told newspapermen, "that 90 per cent of the meat handled in New York and Boston is in the black market. It is an astonishing charge."

Molalla Goes After \$5000 Building for Community Cannery

MOLALLA, April 2—(AP)—A \$5000 building for a permanent community cannery—replacing the temporary wartime cannery center—was proposed here today.

A subscription campaign will be backed by the Union high school board. The Molalla grange has donated a building site.

Hudson Residence Destroyed by Fire

The E. A. Hudson residence, route two, box 41, Salem, near the intersection of Cherry ave., and the North River road, was destroyed by fire Monday night.

City firemen, called to the scene after the house had gone up in rapidly-spreading flames, said a pine drier and some other buildings had been threatened but that the danger had largely passed when they arrived.

Berlin Big Shots Slain by Terrorists

LONDON, April 3—(AP)—The German radio said tonight an intense manhunt was on for killers of three unnamed but apparently prominent persons shot to death in one of Berlin's most fashionable and closely guarded suburbs. A reward of 100,000 marks (\$10,000 at the U. S. military exchange rate) was offered.

Ruhr Break-Out Drive Crushed; New Traps Set

PARIS, Tuesday, April 3—(AP)—American troops again crushed German attempts yesterday to break out of the Ruhr, where 110,000 Nazis are trapped, as British and Canadian forces to the north smashed 19 miles inside Holland and sped within 68 miles of the German North sea coast, threatening to seal off another huge enemy group in the western Netherlands.

In the race toward Berlin, swift U.S. Ninth army columns striking far beyond the encircled Ruhr, were nearing or might already have reached the Weber river near the Pied Piper town of Hamelin, 153 miles from Berlin.

A dispatch from Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th army group headquarters said a total of 350,000 Germans had been captured in March, 150,000 of them by the Third army and 90,000 by the First army, whose troops yesterday smashed Nazi break-out attempts and counter-attacks in the Winterberg and Warburg areas.

The dispatch added: "The German situation in the west is falling apart so badly that the possibility of an attempt to transfer some divisions from the east isn't excluded, despite the sorry German situation in the east."

Forward elements of the sprinting Ninth army were moving under a security blackout in the attack toward Berlin, and along the center of the front the U.S. Third army reached the Werra river on a broad front and crossed that stream near Eisenach, 155 miles southwest of Berlin and 90 miles from Leipzig.

The Third army now was more than halfway across the waist of Germany, racing toward the Czechoslovakian frontier about 90 miles away, in an effort to split the reich and prevent German troops from retreating into the Bavarian Alps. Other Third army units made a new crossing of the Fulda river in its eastward sweep.

The American Seventh army fanned out in sizeable advances to the north, east and west, and the adjacent French First army at the southern end of the front captured 49 localities, took many prisoners, and widened its bridgehead across the Rhine near Karlsruhe to 25 miles.

There still was no indication on the location and role of the new American 15th army which was disclosed two days ago to be in action. It is believed it might be engaged in a holding operation.

Lifting a five-day security blackout on the British Second and Canadian First armies, the Allies disclosed last night that the Canadians, attacking in the area between Emmerich and Nijmegen on both sides of the Dutch Rhine, had pushed forward and reached the Eschede-Zuthphen canal.

The canal is only 15 miles from the Zuider Zee (Ijssel Meer). Once the Allies reach that coast they will have bisected all enemy forces in Holland.

Along the Ruhr's northern rim the 79th and 35th infantry divisions captured the industrial city of Recklinghausen, cleared the Diether forest south of Haltern and pushed east and captured Suderwich and Berhagen.

Thousands of Germans were reported fleeing from Holland in an effort to avoid the double noose that the British and Canadians were fashioning. As the Allied troops closed in on the V-bomb rocket installations, rocket fire on Britain already had subsided noticeably.

LONDON, April 2—(AP)—The Polish provisional government has set up six special courts to try persons accused of treason and assistance to the German invaders, the Moscow radio said tonight.

Quoting a Warsaw dispatch of the Tass agency, Moscow said the defendants would include "active traitors who, together with the fascist invaders, took part in the annihilation and prosecution of Polish citizens and those who disregarded national honor and voluntary expressed a desire to become German subjects."

Priorities have been granted for construction of an addition to the Bonesteel building on the Pacific highway north to accommodate enlarged operations of Oregon Textiles, which commenced operations here early last year on an experimental basis.

Revealing plans for the erection of a \$40,000 addition to his building which now houses Oregon Textiles, Wallace H. Bonesteel said Monday that the new 92 by 300-foot factory would be equipped at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Construction work will start shortly, he said.

Oregon Textiles manufactures fax cordage and cotton ropes.

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