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Red Armies Poised for Leap on Berlin

TROOPS BATTLE CONFLAGRATION IN MANILA

Japs Hold Out As Fire Rages In Isle Capital

Whole Areas of City Enveloped by Sea of Flames; Nippons Perish

By Francis McCarthy (United Press War Correspondent)
 Manila, Feb. 7 (UP)—American troops fought fire and the Japanese enemy through the streets of burning Manila today in the final tragic act of the capital's liberation. (Radio Tokyo said American warships joined in the battle Monday and Tuesday with a violent two-day bombardment of the island fortress of Corregidor, at the mouth of Manila bay.)
 (The report followed speculation that a landing on Corregidor might be undertaken to unlock Manila bay to American shipping. Tokyo suggested also that the warships might be planning to force the Strait of Corregidor to reach Manila itself where, the enemy said, American troops have fallen into a "most clever and well-prepared trap.")
Landing Made
 (The new Delhi radio quoted Tokyo as saying that American troops have landed on Bohol island, midway between Leyte and Cebu in the south-central Philippines.)

Japs Shell Santa Tomas Prison Camp at Manila

BY RALPH TEATSBORTH (United Press War Correspondent)
 Manila, Feb. 7 (UP)—Japanese today shelled Santo Tomas and Bilibid internment camps where thousands of allied civilian internees and prisoners of war are being sheltered. Bombardment of the camps continued sporadically throughout the day. The internees and prisoners had remained in the two camps pending completion of the mop-up of Japanese resistance inside the city of Manila. In midafternoon, the Japanese scored at least four direct hits on the main university building at Santo Tomas. A shell dropped directly in front of the entrance of the main building at Bilibid. Santo Tomas was under fire, probably from mortars, intermittently throughout the day.

Spies Held Aided By Nazi Officers

New York, Feb. 7 (UP)—The German consulate at Boston, with the help of German ship crews, brazenly recruited Americans to serve as Nazi spies in 1940, a secret military commission was informed today at the trial of two alleged spies. One of the men on trial, William C. Colepaugh of Connecticut, said the Germans entertained him at beer parties, invited him aboard their ships and "discussed with me the possibility of my going to Germany." Colepaugh made his statement to the federal bureau of investigation soon after his arrest and it was offered in evidence today against him and Erich Gimpel, the other prisoner. Gimpel is a native of Germany. The two allegedly "invaded" the United States from a Nazi submarine last Dec. 29, bent on espionage and sabotage. The report on Colepaugh's statement, relayed by army public relations officers from the star chamber trial, indicated that the trip to Germany was offered Colepaugh so he could study at the Nazi marine engineering schools.

Yanks Explode New Drive on Western Front

Paris, Feb. 7 (UP)—The American Third army exploded a new offensive across the Luxembourg border into Germany today and battled into the Siegfried line along a 22-mile front north of Echternach. Veteran shock troops of four American divisions opened the attack between one and three a. m. this morning, crossing the Our and Sure river in rubber assault boats at seven points under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from the opposite shore. Nazi troops holding the river lines that form Germany's frontier with Luxembourg were overwhelmed in the first onrush, and field dispatches indicated that American tanks were moving across behind the infantry spearheads to support the offensive. **Line Buckles**
 The new drive brought Germany's buckling Siegfried line under direct assault by the American Third and First armies all along a 70-mile front extending northward from the Echternach area to the headwaters of the Roer river. It came as German military spokesmen were trumpeting anxious warnings of an imminent full-scale offensive by the American Ninth and British Second armies massed along the Roer river east and northeast of Aachen. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army forces already had breached the Siegfried wall at one point above the new attack front, and the First army farther to the north was plowing slowly through stiff opposition into the chain of dams controlling the level of the Roer river along its entire length. Two of the five Roer dams already were in American hands or under direct artillery fire, and capture of the remaining three would clear the way for the U. S. Ninth and British Second army drives into the Cologne plain. Doughboys of the Fifth infantry division kicked off the new Third army assault on a five-mile stretch of the Sure river between Echternach and Bollendorf, where they won three firm bridgeheads on the east bank of the river and pushed ahead into the outer works of the Siegfried line.

Veterans' Group To Draft Measure

Salem, Ore., Feb. 7 (UP)—Conflict between various veterans organizations over the type of state veterans administration to be enacted by the legislature apparently vanished into thin air today, as the groups decided to "get together" on the drafting of a piece of legislation which would be acceptable to all of them. Chairman Harvey Wells, of the house military affairs committee, told veterans representatives at a public hearing today that the bill now under consideration (HB271) was only to "get the ball rolling." "If you don't tell us what you want, how can we get it done for you?" he asked them, and referred to the criticism both for and against the measure he had received. He emphasized that the committee would endorse any "practical and workable program" which was presented, but that up to now, the bill now in committee was the only one presented. **Bill Explained**
 The bill, which calls for the appointment of a \$5,000-a-year director of veterans affairs, was objected to by Pete Frederickson, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, largely because of the centralized authority, and because he said it would create a duplication of effort. The meeting ended on an amicable note when officers of the three veterans organizations agreed to cooperate in drafting a new piece of legislation. **Aid Preferred**
 Rex Kimmell, assistant attorney general who drew the original bill by request, proffered his aid. "Rep. Wells told the men that 'as soon as you get what you want, come and see us. We'll refer action until we hear from you.'" Frederickson, Penn Crum m. The Dalles, state leader of the American Legion; Milton Woodcock, Corvallis, Disabled Veterans; and Floyd K. Dover, Grants Pass, D. A. V. and the Purple Heart, spoke at the meeting.

Berlin Warns Great Offensive Soon to Be Launched By Allies

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Anglers' Path Bill Approved

Salem, Ore., Feb. 7 (UP)—The house today passed and sent to the senate a bill which would give the state game commission eminent domain rights for paths along fishing streams of the state. The only dissenting vote was Rep. Giles French's. The bill was designed primarily to prevent property owners along streams from crossing their land for fishing purposes. Rep. William Niskanen, Bend, introduced the bill, and said that Oregon was one of only a few states which traditionally recognized the right of fishermen to angle where they wish. He cited instances of the denial of that right.

OPA Group Joins In Bend Meeting

Operation of the Western Pine association, experiment station, and other research work being done by the association in the field of timber byproducts, was explained in detail to members of the Bend war price and ration board last night by Carl Rasmuson, manager of the plant. The meeting, attended by more than 30 persons, was held in the ration headquarters in the library building. The evening was featured by the appearance of Dale Lindsay, assistant price executive of the Portland area, and Jack Hubbard, also from the main headquarters. Both made short talks, lauding the local OPA employees and the volunteer workers. Lindsay announced that he is being transferred to the San Francisco office, and that Hubbard will succeed him. Refreshments, including sandwiches, coffee, cookies and pop were served those present. **Group Listed
 Local ration board members and volunteer workers attending the gathering were: Lindsay, Hubbard, Jackson T. Moore, board supervisor; Chairman and Mrs. H. P. Carlile, Mrs. A. T. Herrling, price chairman; Rasmuson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Westfall, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. George Simer, Bruno Rath, George Childs, Mr. and Mrs. William Naylor, Walter Nelson, Mrs. Vern Everett, Mrs. Fred Stookey, Mrs. M. S. Phelps and Mrs. Nels Skjersaa.**



Jubilant, cheering Filipinos enthusiastically hail these American tanks speeding toward Manila to liberate the Philippines capital exactly three years, one month and one day after its capture by Japanese forces on Jan. 2, 1942. Signal Corps photo.

Russians Cross Final Barrier In Dash West

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 One American correspondent said two Red armies stood "poised to leap upon Berlin." The last natural barrier before Berlin and central Germany, the Oder, had been stormed and captured. The situation this morning is altogether too wildly promising for speculation." Another said the position of the Germans had "really become serious to the point of desperation" and "it now looks as though the drive for the German capital is really on." The German high command's only reference to the situation before Berlin in its daily war communiqué said that "on the Oder front the enemy was able to widen slightly his bridgeheads north of Ratibor, at Brieg, and at Kuestrin." **Pressure Increases**
 Red Star, the Soviet army organ, published dispatches describing the battle of the Oder and said editorially: "Surpassing all precedents and possibilities in modern campaigns, the Red army's pressure not only is not weakening, but is gaining strength daily. Its objective, the complete destruction of Nazi Germany, is very near." Soviet dispatches said Zhukov's vanguard had hurdled the Oder in the Frankfurt area and was on a broad highway "leading like an arrow to the heart of Berlin." The Moscow radio described a Red army surge across the Oder on a broad front in Silesia and added: "Similar scenes will come to light as soon as the story of Zhukov's crossing of the Oder can be told. This is all I can say now about Zhukov's spectacular battle raging this very minute. Fighting is now going on in the fortified stronghold of Berlin." **Bridgeheads Seized**
 The German radio said yesterday that Zhukov's first White Russian army had seized four bridgeheads across the Oder 33 to 44 miles east of Berlin in the general area of Frankfurt and Kuestrin. Today the German Transocean news agency in a broadcast dispatch said that along a 32-mile stretch of the Oder east of Berlin, Zhukov appeared to have completed his preparations between Kuestrin and Fuesternburg "for a thrust against Berlin." So far, Transocean said, the main forces on the Oder were held before Frankfurt and Kuestrin, and attempts to cross the river with "major formations" were blocked. **More Men Massed**
 In a similar vein a United Press dispatch from Moscow said Zhukov was "massing more armor for a break across the Oder" while battling in the outskirts of Kuestrin and Frankfurt. It added that unconfirmed reports already had reached Moscow that advanced elements were across the river and battling to secure firm crossings for the main weight of the army behind them.

'Big 3' Meet in Black Sea Area to Plan Nazi Defeat

Washington, Feb. 7 (U.P.)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt, Premier Josef Stalin, and Prime Minister Winston Churchill are conferring "in the Black sea area" on plans for the final defeat of nazidom, joint occupation of Germany, and "firm foundations for a lasting peace." "There is complete agreement," the announcement said, "for joint military operations in the final phase of the war against Nazi Germany." The conference started with military discussions, the White House said, and then went into plans not only for joint control of defeated Germany but also into "the political and economic problems of liberated Europe."

India Air Force Strike Thailand

Washington, Feb. 7 (UP)—Superfortresses from India today attacked Thailand and French Indochina while single B-29's from the Marianas by Japanese report attacked the Kobe area. The Tokyo home radio said the attacks on Kobe occurred both last night and early today but that no damage was done. Reconnaissance flights over the Kanto Shinetsu district which includes Tokyo and Yokohama were also reported. Specific targets were not announced immediately, but they may have been the transportation center of Bangkok, capital of Thailand, and either Hanoi, the capital, or the Saigon naval base in Indochina. The attacks came as the Japanese feverishly reinforced and fortified the China coast against expected American landings.

MacArthur Visits Santo Tomas Camp Amid Bursts of Fire and Is Kissed By Women

Santo Tomas Internment Camp, Manila, Feb. 7 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur paid a visit to this camp today amid bursting mortar fire as 3,600 newly liberated prisoners wildly cheered his every gesture. MacArthur was accompanied by an honor guard of about 100 troops of the famed First cavalry division, many of whom had stormed Santo Tomas only three days before to free the internees. The cavalymen smartly presented arms as MacArthur drove up in a staff car. The general wore khaki with five silver stars in a circle on his collar and his famous gold-braided cap of a Philippine field marshal. Entering the lobby of an ancient Santo Tomas university building where American prisoners were housed, MacArthur was warmly embraced by several of the women internees. Mrs. Eda Knowlting, Columbia, Pa., whose husband, Edward, also is an internee, grabbed MacArthur and planted a kiss on his cheek. "General, we can't tell you how glad we are to see you," Mrs. Knowlting exclaimed. "Mrs. Knowlting, I can't tell you

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how glad I am to be here. I only wish I could have made it sooner," the general said. Children two years old and men and women who had aged more than three years since the beginning of their long internment, crowded around MacArthur. They came so close in an effort to touch him that MacArthur had trouble passing along the corridor. On the second floor MacArthur shook hands with a group of Ba-taan nurses, practically speechless with joy at seeing their commander again. The Japanese shelled and sent mortar fire all night into the university grounds. No one was killed, but a few internees were wounded. A few minutes before MacArthur arrived, three mortar shells burst against a university building less than 50 yards away. As the general's party drove away, still more mortar fire fell on the university grounds. MacArthur coolly took absolute notice of the bursting shells.

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London, Feb. 7 (UP)—Thirteen persons were killed when a plane carrying some members of Prime Minister Churchill's staff crashed on the way to the "big three" meeting, it was announced tonight.

Huge Man-Made Lake Takes Shape on Upper Deschutes

Oregon's newest lake, man-made, pickup high in the Deschutes basin, is rapidly taking shape and already holds 46,140 acre feet of water, Aubrey E. Perry, Deschutes watermaster, announced here today following a trip over mountain snow courses. Already the rapidly expanding lake has backed up to Browns creek, and stumps that covered the bottom lands in the reservoir basin are covered. The reservoir region, visitors to the upper Deschutes report, contrasts strikingly with the timber-covered basin of former years, when the river lazily meandered through a forest of jacksplines and past a great stand of yellow pines on the benches. Perry reports it is the plan of the North Unit district to store 74,000 acre feet of water in the upper Deschutes this season, and he estimates that at the present rate of inflow this goal will probably be reached. The watermaster's trip into the upper Deschutes country was made on Feb. 2, just prior to the heavy storm, and at that time the snow cover was alarmingly light. On that date there was 8.7 inches of snow at Cascade summit. Crescent lake storage on Feb. 2 was 31,035 feet. Crane prairie storage is comparatively low this year, only 23,490 acre feet, and Perry does not expect the basin to "peak" more than 50,000 acre feet. Its capacity is 50,000 acre feet, but there is a greater water loss through seepage at that level. Perry also took snow measurement at Three Creeks lake on February 1, and found only 1.6 inches there, compared with 4.1 inches in the previous year. Perry warns farmers using Three Creeks lake storage that there is an inch of solid ice under the light snow, and predicts that a sudden thaw will send the accumulated moisture prematurely into the lowlands. At Hogg pass, 90 inches of snow was measured on Feb. 1, compared with 12.4 at the same date last year and 48.0 the previous year. However, since Perry made his Feb. 1 measure, heavy snow has blanketed the Santiam divide, with four feet reported at the summit yesterday.

Parish to Join In Polio Benefit

The Father Luke Sheehan council of the Knights of Columbus has arranged for Saturday night, February 10, a polio benefit party, for members of the parish, it was announced today by Lowell Jensen, in general charge. The party will be held in the Catholic parish hall. All proceeds will go into the polio fund. There will be dancing and other entertainment, and a buffet lunch will be served. An advance sale of tickets is being conducted.