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Weather Forecast

Mostly clear today, tonight and Saturday. Slightly cooler today and colder east portion tonight.

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Allies Launch Drive on Western Front

RED ASSAULT TROOPERS STORM FRANKFURT

City's Capture May Collapse Berlin Defense

Soviet Spearheads Probe Across Oder River; Foe Using Up More Reserves

London, Feb. 9 (UP)—Moscow and Berlin reported today that Russian assault forces were storming Frankfurt from bridgeheads on the west bank of the Oder on both sides of the keystone base 33 miles east of Berlin.

The fall of Frankfurt would collapse the Oder river defense line before Berlin and bare the capital itself to frontal assault.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's spearheads across the Oder were probing westward behind an earth-shaking bombardment of Russian artillery massed on the east bank of the river, Moscow dispatches reported.

The German high command's only reference to the sector before Berlin said that the Germans "succeeded in narrowing down or eliminating by counterattack several enemy bridgeheads."

Violent Battles Reported

A supplementary Berlin broadcast reported violent battles both north and south of Frankfurt, and Moscow dispatches said the nazis were throwing all available strength into an effort to wipe out the Soviet footholds which clamped a pincers on the strategic city.

On either side of the Oder-Berlin front, Soviet armies were swinging westward to protect Zhukov's flanks, threaten the Baltic port of Stettin, and new out expanding pockets west of the Oder in Silesia.

A Nazi communique reported heavy fighting in the area of Fyritz, 23 miles southeast of Stettin, and along a line eastward through the Arnsvalde and Deutsche Krone areas.

Reds Push West

Berlin said the Russians opened powerful attacks from the Steinau bridgehead across the Oder northwest of Breslau, and were pushing westward. The German command said the Soviets reached the outskirts of Liegnitz, big transport center 40 miles west and slightly north of Breslau.

Eighteen miles north of Frankfurt Soviet armored forces fought in the streets of burning Kues-trin, which the nazis said had been encircled "temporarily" by the junction of Russian bridge-heads across the Oder.

A Moscow broadcast hinted at an impending announcement on the battle of the Oder before Berlin by the Red army command. It said Zhukov's front had been "wrapped in official silence, which usually precedes some big announcement."

Industrial Fund Deadline Is Set

Bend chamber of commerce directors meeting with Carl A. Johnson, chamber president, today noon were told that many contributions have been made to the Bend Industrial fund this week and that over \$6,000 of the fund has been subscribed up to early this morning.

The drive for voluntary contributions will close on Monday, Feb. 12, Johnson announced. He said that from the city-wide interest shown in the move to establish a fund for postwar industrial development, he felt sure the balance of nearly \$4,000 would be contributed by the closing date and the fund would be built to its full amount to match a city fund of \$10,000.

The directors heard and approved written reports from the legislative, aviation and milk committees of the chamber.

Bond Quota Set For Deschutes

The February war bond quota for Deschutes county has been set at \$122,500, it was announced today. This county ranked 22nd in the state in February when \$77,160, or 57.7 per cent, of a quota of \$133,700 was subscribed.

First Allied Prisoners Liberated in Philippines



Gaunt young men who had been strapping soldiers when the war started, officers with deep lines carved in their emaciated faces, men hobbling with canes and men too ill to walk, enter the grounds of an evacuation hospital after their daring rescue by American rangers and Filipino guerrillas from Cabanatuan prison camp, Luzon.

Boards Requested to Observe Selective Service Amendment

Essential Farm Workers Are to Be Deferred Until They Can Be Replaced, Says Hershey

Washington, Feb. 9 (UP)—National selective service headquarters reiterated today that local draft boards must observe the Tydings amendment to the selective service act, which provides for deferment of essential agricultural workers until they can be replaced.

Gov. John C. Vivian of Colorado last night ordered local draft boards in his state to observe the Tydings amendment. Commenting on that order, a national selective service official said Vivian was acting along the same lines in his state as

Manila Ravaged By Jap Vandals

Manila, Feb. 9 (UP)—"It is a hard, cold fact that the city of Manila has not fallen," Arthur Feldman, Blue network correspondent, reported in a broadcast from the Philippines Friday.

"The Japs are fighting hard for Manila. The Jap defenders, while in the death throes of their defense, are nevertheless conducting a reign of terror, death and destruction which still continues.

"It should be pointed out that the enemy's program of pillage and destruction is so wanton that it has passed way beyond the stage of destroying military objectives.

"I believe it will be some days before any victory parade swings down the Avenida Rizal."

Pomona to Observe Birthday

Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Deschutes county Pomona grange will start at 10 a. m. tomorrow in the Eastern Star grange hall with 60 charter members present and a class of 20 candidates awaiting initiation. Eugene Fitzgerald, master of Eastern Star grange, will open the meeting.

Approximately 150 persons are expected to attend the anniversary celebration. Miss Bertha J. Beck, secretary of the state grange, Portland, will be the principal speaker. Verne L. Livesay, regional agricultural advisor of the Oregon war price administration, Portland, will speak. Mrs. Livesay will accompany him to Bend. E. H. Young, of the Eastern Star grange, will give a short history of the founder of Pomona. Mrs. P. F. Reidel of Carroll Acres is the program chairman.

A luncheon will be served at noon and a dinner at 6 p. m. to those present. Mrs. Clarence Smith is chairman of the food committee. Initiation of candidates will be held after dinner and will be fol-

Blizzard Strikes New England Area

Boston, Feb. 9 (UP)—One of its worst blizzards in recent times dropped 12 to 14 inches of snow on New England today, paralyzed virtually all transportation, and cost at least eight lives.

Thousands of persons were marooned. Work stopped at many shipyards and war plants. Enormous snowdrifts, piled up by a raging northeast wind, prevented night shift workers from reaching their homes and day shift workers from reaching their jobs. The Boston and Maine railroad appealed to the army for troops to clear its tracks.

Power and light wires were down over a wide area. The Providence, R. I., weather station had been able to communicate only occasionally during the night with Boston headquarters. It was reported that traffic in Providence was severely hampered.

Roads Snow Clogged

Portsmouth, N. H., had no transportation. Workers were unable to reach the navy yard. Even the main highways were snow-clogged. There was neither bus nor taxi service in Portland, Me., and few hardy workers dared the 10-foot drifts in the streets to reach the vast New England Shipbuilding Corp. plant in South Portland. Boston had an official snowfall of 14 inches—two inches more than in the St. Valentine's day blizzard of 1940 that crippled the area for nearly a week. The total snow on the ground in Boston proper was 19 inches.

Kenneth R. Craig Killed in Belgium

Kenneth R. Craig, half-brother of Wilma and Kay Summers, 325 Congress avenue, and a former Bend resident, was killed in action in Belgium on Christmas day, according to word received here today. Marold W. Summers, father of the girls, reported that he had received a letter from Craig's brother, James, in Maywood, Calif., telling of the tragedy. Craig, a member of the 82nd paratroop division, enlisted in Portland in December, 1941. He had numerous Bend friends.

Mayor Is Hanged, Berlin Reports

London, Feb. 9 (UP)—The Berlin radio reported today that the mayor of Koenigsberg, 45 miles northeast of Berlin in the Oder bend, was hanged for leaving his post without authorization. A home service broadcast identified the mayor as Kurt Loesser. The red army offensive in the Oder bend now has carried to the area of Koenigsberg.

Manila Battle Enters Bloody Mop-Up Stage

37th Doughboys Cross River and Quickly Set Up Wide Bridgehead

By Francis McCarthy (United Press War Correspondent)

Manila, Feb. 9 (UP)—The battle of Manila entered its last and bloodiest phase today as American infantrymen swarmed across the Pasig river to root out and destroy the Japanese trapped in the southern half of the city.

Doughboys of the 37th (Buckeye) division crossed the Pasig in amphibious tanks and on pontoon bridges late Wednesday and quickly established a wide bridgehead on the south bank opposite the Malacanang palace.

The Japanese put up only weak resistance along the river bank, but they stiffened later Wednesday night and fought back savagely with mortars, artillery and rifle fire.

Position Weakened

Their position was rapidly disintegrating, however, and it was believed that all organized opposition would be crushed within a very few days at most. The advancing 37th was deep into the southern half of the capital early today and herding the Japanese survivors back slowly into the waiting guns of the U. S. 11th airborne division moving up from the south.

The main body of the 11th airborne was reported slightly north of Nichols field Wednesday night, but forward elements apparently were well north of the enemy-held air base and cutting into the rear of the Manila garrison.

Flames Spread

Desperate street battle was going ahead under a great pall of smoke and flame that blanketed the entire southern half of Manila. The Japanese still were burning and wrecking wantonly inside their narrowing pocket and it was feared that the port and a vast area of the central city would be burned to the ground before the last enemy had been killed.

(Tokyo broadcasts said the Japanese have evacuated all but a skeleton force from Manila and indicated that the Philippine presidential palace was among the buildings destroyed by their demolition squads.)

The main business section of the city was reduced to blackened ruins, although most of the fires in the northern half had been brought under control and life in that American-held area was returning to normal.

Troops Four In

Troops, supplies and ammunition were pouring into the city at a terrific rate following the repair of the wrecked bridges north of Manila, and there was little likelihood the remaining Japanese could hold out for long. Meanwhile, other American troops practically completed the job of cutting Luzon in two along a line running southeastward from the Lingayen gulf beach-heads 110 miles north of Manila.

Yanks Launch Climactic Battle for Germany

By Boyd D. Lewis and J. Edward Murray (United Press War Correspondents)

Paris, Feb. 9 (UP)—The big push has begun.

From Holland to the Alps, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is hurling American, British and French troops into the climactic battle of Germany.

The aim is to destroy Germany's fighting forces before summer in conjunction with the red army's offensives in the east.

The chances of success are far better than they were in the allied offensive which ended Dec. 16 with German Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's counter-attack in the Ardennes.

This time, the western allies are attacking while the Germans are engaged in a losing battle to save Berlin in the east. The Siegfried line already has been breached in three areas. And the nazis are desperately short of two vital war necessities—men and oil.

Best guesses place German strength at 80 divisions. But even

Berlin Called City of Death As Soviet Armies Approach

Refugees Reaching Sweden Relate Tales of Horror; Bomb Death Toll Is Reported Great

London, Feb. 9 (UP)—Refugees described Berlin today as a city of death and ruins whose survivors expected the red army to reach the capital "within a week or two."

"It's like the end of the world," one of a group of more than 20 Swedish refugees said on his arrival at Malmo, Sweden, after fleeing Germany through Berlin.

Others said the bodies of thousands of Berliners who were killed in air raids or died from hunger, exposure or disease had been buried in the streets. They believed a state of siege would be proclaimed soon.

"The death toll is so terrific," one refugee said, "that squads regularly are going the rounds of stricken quarters, collecting bodies door to door or from sidewalks where they had been thrown.

"Bodies are taken to the nearest open space and dumped without identification in mass graves, or even burned in funeral pyres."

Thousands Killed

Thousands—other reports have placed the number as high as 15,000 or 20,000—were killed in the American air raid on Berlin Saturday, the refugees said.

A Swedish engineer suggested that a new-type bomb may have been used. He said people scores of yards from where the bombs fell were killed "by air pressure."

"Not only did the new bombs seem to carry a greater weight of explosive than before, but they seemed to have a fantastically wide blasting effect," he said.

City In Panic

"Descriptions of death by air pressure spread through the city like wildfire, so the people did not know whether to take shelter or not. Never has there been such panic in Berlin as since last Saturday."

Much of Berlin has been knocked flat by bombs, the travelers said. Nothing remains in the center of the capital, they reported.

Refugees said the food situation was desperate. A Berlin broadcast said the food minister of the reich had decreed that all German farmers henceforth must deliver all wheat, barley, and rye to central collection centers to help meet the shortages.

Chandler "Picks" 1948 Opponent

Washington, Feb. 9 (UP)—Sen. Albert B. Chandler, D., Ky., has picked the 1948 presidential nominee—himself and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

While Dewey was lunching with republican congressional leaders in the capitol yesterday, Chandler asked Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb., to introduce him to the New York governor.

Asked by reporters why he invaded the GOP huddle, Chandler responded: "I'd never met Dewey before. I wanted to shake hands with the man I'm going to run against in 1948."

MEN INDUCTED

Madras, Feb. 9 (Special)—The following men were inducted from the local selective service board in the month of January: William M. Craig, Terrebonne; Palmer A. Trommler, Eugene; Sadaki Akiyama, Hunt, Ida., all enlisted in the army. Donald L. Smith, Culver, went into the navy.

Five-Mile Gain Made By Units On North Flank

Ruhr and Rhineland Goal of Canadians in Strike Against Enemy

Paris, Feb. 9 (UP)—Armored and infantry divisions of the Canadian first army broke into the northern flank of the Siegfried line today in a full-scale offensive that carried forward almost five miles on a six-mile front aimed squarely at the German Ruhr and Rhineland.

Advancing steadily behind a screen of flame-throwing tanks, veteran British and Canadian infantrymen spilled over the German border southeast of Nijmegen and drove several spearheads deep into the Reichswald forest.

Progress Made

Vanguards of the attacking force were reported half-way through the forest early today, imperiling the twin strongholds of Cleve and Goch that form the northern anchor of Germany's west wall.

First army paratroops, fighting as infantrymen, were reported to have pushed almost five miles into the forest from the west to within about four miles southwest of Cleve and five and one-half miles northwest of Goch.

German resistance, softened and in some places paralyzed by a thundering allied aerial and artillery bombardment, showed few signs of stiffening this morning, 24 hours after the start of the offensive that promised to set the whole western front ablaze.

Aerial reconnaissance indicated, however, that the Germans were recovering from their initial surprise and were beginning to rush reserves into the threatened area.

Seven Towns Fall

At least seven towns, two of them German, were captured in the first 12 hours of the advance and one allied column on the northern flank of the assault line was reported less than three miles from the Rhine-crossing town of Millingen.

The outer belt of the Siegfried fortifications already had been cracked and field dispatches indicated that the flooded, soggy terrain was proving almost as great a barrier as the Germans to the allies' forward progress.

More than 1,200 prisoners were captured in the first onslaught, and the bag was reported mounting rapidly.

Headquarters spokesmen made it clear that the big push was on to break open Germany's western front in coordination with the red army march on Berlin from the east.

Mrs. L. D. Wiest, Pioneer, Is Dead

Mrs. L. D. Wiest, 85, who, with her husband, arrived in Bend in 1900 and settled on a homestead that is now a city addition, Westoria, died in her sleep last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Montelle G. Coe, in Redmond. Mrs. Wiest had been in ill health for the past several weeks, but it was not believed that her condition was serious.

Mrs. Wiest was preceded in death several years ago by her husband, Bend's first irrigation engineer. It was 53; Wiest who first surveyed Bend. He arrived here on August 15, 1900, when only a few scattered ranch homes marked the site of Bend, and was joined here by his family in September of the same year. He erected his original home near the spot where the West residence of later years was built, on East Third street.

Was Pioneer Town

When the Wiest family first settled here, the only semblance of a "town" was a log cabin, near the Deschutes river in Drake park of the present. That log cabin later served as the first home of The Bend Bulletin.

Aside from her daughter in Redmond, Mrs. Wiest is survived by one other daughter, Mrs. Herbert Howell, of Astoria. Grandchildren surviving are David Coe, Mrs. Arthur Teater, Phyllis Coe and Joan, Jean and Jeanette Howell.

Funeral services have not yet been arranged.

Co. I Veteran

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Sgt. John F. McCann, Co. I veteran with 34 months of service in the South Pacific, has returned to the states for his first furlough since the start of the war. He holds a presidential unit citation, a combat infantryman's badge, a purple heart, two major engagement stars and a good conduct medal. He was 16 when he left Bend, and was 21 last Friday.

5,800 Men Strike And Plants Close

Detroit, Feb. 9 (UP)—The Briggs Manufacturing company announced today that a strike of 5,800 workers has closed two plants making parts for B-29 bombers and will force shutdowns at three others today.

One of the plants due to close employs 4,429 workers at Evansville, Ind. The others are in Detroit.

Company spokesmen said that the closures were forced by shortage of parts made at the Mack avenue plant here, where the strike began Tuesday over pay rates for 15 men. He said the disputes would affect 6,710 workers today, not including the 5,800 strikers.

The strikers, who are members of local 212, United Automobile Workers (CIO) union, have voted to return to their jobs Monday if the war labor board will guarantee to have two arbitrators at the plant.

The UAW said it could not comment on the request.