

BUDAPEST SEIZED BY RED ARMY

Canadian First Army Breaks Around North End of German Line, Presses to Rhineland

Conquest of Reichswald Completed; Battalion Reported as "Lost" Is Rescued; Artillery Fire, Stiffening Resistance, Slowing Allies

Paris, Feb. 13 (UP)—The Canadian First army completed the conquest of the Reichswald at the north end of the Siegfried line today and pressed on into the Rhineland through heavy German artillery fire.

Front dispatches said the clearing of the forest relieved a "lost battalion" which had been encircled at the east edge of the Reichswald without food, ammunition or supplies for 24 hours.

Other elements of Gen. H. D. G. Crerar's forces closed up to the Kleve-Goch line, and threw a bridgehead across the Niers river which winds through Goch.

"The battle for the Reichswald definitely is over after five and a half days of bitter fighting," United Press correspondent Ronald Clark reported from the front. "The units which were lining the eastern edge of the forest now are beginning to break out to the east."

Moisture Gains In Higher Areas

Mountain snow cover on or around Feb. 1, 1945 was considerably below average on all snow courses but three in Oregon, according to data included in the federal-state cooperative snow surveys and irrigation water forecasts for the state. "Above normal snow additions are needed during February and March, if normal stream flow is to be produced," the report, copies of which have been received here, add.

Since the Feb. 1 snow and moisture content surveys were made, abundant moisture has fallen in most parts of the states, and heavy snow has blanketed the Cascades, and, irrigationists report, the water outlook has improved greatly in the past two weeks.

Data Given
When the Feb. 1 survey was made, only 27.0 inches of snow, with a moisture content of 8.7 inches, covered Cascade summit, in the Odell lake area. At Crescent lake, there was 6.0 inches of snow, holding 1.9 moisture. The average water depth at this station a year ago was 3.2 inches, and in 1943 it was 19.0 inches.

At Hogg pass on Feb. 1 there was 32 inches of snow with a moisture content of 9.0 inches, compared with 12.4 inches of water a year ago and 48 inches in the wet February of 1943.

On Feb. 1 this year there was only 7.3 inches of snow at Three creeks meadows, and the water content of this light pack was 1.6 inches, compared with 4.1 inches a year ago.

Losses of Navy At Record High

Washington, Feb. 13 (UP)—The navy has lost in action during world war II more than five times the number of navy men killed in all previous wars of the United States.

The navy department reported today that 22,481 men, excluding the marine corps and coast guard, have been killed since Pearl Harbor, compared with 4,232 in all conflicts from the American revolution through world war I.

In the last war, 422 navy officers and men died in action.

Crimean Parley Results Greeted in Washington

Washington, Feb. 13 (UP)—The Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill conference report got an enthusiastic cheer from congress today on its proposal that the United States, Russia and Great Britain be bound in post-war unity as a "sacred obligation" to the peoples of the world.

President Roosevelt, Marshal Josef V. Stalh and Prime Minister Winston Churchill made that postwar compact the foundation of their "report and statement" on the Crimean conversations.

To achieve it they announced they had summoned the United Nations conference in San Francisco on April 25 to draft a world security treaty. It will be in the Dumbarton Oaks pattern. The Black sea conference announced they had reached final agreement on treaty framework, including voting methods.

Announcement yesterday of completion of the Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill conversations and of

the April conference call opens the administration campaign to present the security treaty to the senate before hot weather begins to swelter this capital. Final senior action is sought by mid-summer.

Conferees held their eight-day meeting in Yalta, a Crimean resort.

They said they had agreed on war and postwar plans for Germany. They passed on her a grim cleansing sentence, but assured the German people that they would survive and be fit to live within the "comity of nations."

They announced agreement on objectives and methods of dealing with most of Europe's political and economic problems—boundaries, forms of government and such. They promised aid to distressed populations and revealed they would intervene jointly almost anywhere to aid or prod liberated peoples toward desired objectives.

Position Not Realized
The "lost battalion" had fought its way forward after two others accompanying it had stopped on orders which failed to reach the leading positions. The battalion was surrounded and under constant mortar and shell fire. The Germans apparently failed to realize the situation, since they never made a concentrated attack.

Other front dispatches reported that the stiffening resistance was reflected in an upsurge of artillery fire from enemy positions and report that seven German divisions had moved into the battle zone.

Nevertheless Crerar reported steady progress all along the line today. Maximum gains of 11 miles had been scored in the offensive. The bridgehead across the Niers was established a little over a mile east of Gennep. Armored cars got across the river, and patrols thrust into the little town of Hommersum, west of Goch.

New Holes Punched
To the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops punched two new holes in the Siegfried pillbox belt north of Echternach.

The 80th and fifth divisions of Patton's U. S. Third army shouldered past the concrete forts of the Siegfried belt at points northwest of Echternach. Farther to the north Patton had a break through the westwall in the Pruem area.

The fourth division routed out the last sniper in Pruem and repulsed two severe counterattacks across the Pruem river northeast of the town.

To the south other Third army troops erased one of the last fragments of the Ardennes bulge when they captured Vianden, lower anchor of the old St. Vith-Vianden line across the base of the salient.

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Huge Fires Burn in Heart of Manila



Dense smoke billows up from large fires started by Jap demolitions in heart of Manila. This photograph was made from roof of Santo Tomas concentration camp, liberated by American troops as they drove into the city.

43 Dead Counted in 2 States After Tornadoes Hit Region

Toll Is Expected to Increase After Rescue Workers Dig Into Debris; State Guard Out

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 13 (UP)—Forty-three dead were counted today from two tornadoes that hit western and central Alabama and eastern Mississippi.

The first storm struck late yesterday five miles south of Meridian, Miss., and swept eastward into Alabama. It left a negro farmer dead near Meridian, two persons dead at New Hope, one at Causeville and one at Burnsville before it moved across the state line. Six persons were reported dead at York, Ala., and two negro women at Livingston, Ala.

Two trainmen, Needham N. Brown, a conductor, and J. E. Roberts, a flagman, were killed when the twister derailed an Alabama Great Southern freight train near Livingston.

Second Storm Hits
The second storm struck a few minutes later on the outskirts of Montgomery. The Red Cross reported 26 bodies recovered here, 15 of them negroes.

The number of dead was expected to increase as rescue workers cleared the debris from the two storms. More than 500 persons were injured.

The Red Cross reported 1,500 persons homeless in Montgomery. More than 150 were in hospitals here.

Gov. Chauncey Sparks mobilized the Alabama state guard to assist in the emergency. Churches set up emergency first aid stations to care for many of the wounded and the American legion installed 300 cots in the Montgomery city auditorium. Communication lines were crippled throughout the storm area. Rail traffic between Miami, Fla., and Chicago was held up until crewmen cleared the tracks of debris in this area.

24 Persons Die In Plane Crash

Alameda, Cal., Feb. 13 (UP)—Twenty-four persons were killed today when a New York-bound navy C-47 transport plane crashed into San Francisco bay a few minutes after taking off from Oakland airport.

Only four bodies had been recovered almost five hours after the crash, which occurred at 7:10 a. m.

The plane apparently developed mechanical trouble after leaving Oakland at 6:52 a. m. and dived into the water about three-quarters of a mile off Chestnut street in Alameda.

No Explosion
Eye witnesses said there was no mid-air explosion. The plane broke up when it hit the water and crash boats were able to find only the tail and part of one wing.

The first body found was that of a sailor who had 40-day leave papers in his pocket. The navy said a list of the plane's passengers and crew members had been forwarded to Washington and that the dead would not be identified until next of kin are notified.

Stettinius Pays Visit to Moscow

Moscow, Feb. 13 (UP)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., paid a flying visit to Moscow today, possibly to implement the "Big Three" decisions which were hailed by the soviet press with superlatives never before employed.

Unprecedented mass meetings were called in cities and towns all over Russia at which the "Big Three" decisions were announced, cheered, and discussed.

That procedure drove home to every Russian citizen the history-making nature of the Crimean conference.

Two-thirds of the space in the soviet press was devoted to the conference, including two photographs displayed eight-columns wide, showing the conferees.

Izvestia, soviet government organ, called the Crimean conference "the greatest modern political event."

The editorial asserted that the Crimean meeting "will be known as the historic gathering where the days of naz Germany were numbered; where victory was planned; and where the greatest opportunity in history was opened up for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace."

"The spirit of unity and clearest demonstration of solidarity on all fundamental questions," Izvestia said, "constituted the determining feature of the conference—unity in organization of peace as well as conduct of war."

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Japs Blasted Back to Fiery Manila Docks

Three Yank Divisions Link for Death Fight Against Cornered Foe

By Francis McCarthy (United Press War Correspondent)

Manila, Feb. 13 (UP)—Three American divisions linked up inside southern Manila today and blasted the Japanese garrison back into the burning waterfront in the deadliest, close-in fighting of the entire Pacific war.

The decisive juncture, sealing off the last avenue of escape for the trapped Japanese in Manila, came as Bataan and Corregidor across Manila bay were rocking under a tremendous bombardment by hundreds of American planes.

More than 200 tons of high explosives were showered down on Corregidor Saturday and Sunday, while a big fleet of army and marine warplanes ripped up the southern corner of Bataan with another 500 tons.

Rock Hit Hard
It was the greatest naval aerial blow ever struck in the Pacific, and apparently was intended to clear the way for an amphibious assault on Corregidor. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique reported that the giant guns on "The Rock" appeared to have been knocked out of action.

At the same time, a force of American Thunderbolt fighters caught 35 troop-laden Japanese barges off the east coast of Bataan in daylight Saturday and blew them out of the water, killing an estimated 2,500 enemy troops.

There was no indication whether the barges were evacuating troops from Bataan, Corregidor or Manila. There was even a remote possibility they may have been trying to sneak reinforcements into the capital to aid the Japanese garrison in its final fight.

Japs Cornered
Inside Manila, meanwhile, the survivors of several thousand enemy troops compressed into a narrow pocket south of the Pasig river were fighting with redoubled ferocity as the Americans herded them slowly back to the bay.

MacArthur revealed that virtually every street in the capital had been sown with mines and booby traps and that his troops were moving slowly to hold down casualties and spare the city from destruction insofar as possible.

The communique said units of the first cavalry division and the 37th infantry joined forces near the Paco railway station while other cavalry spearheads linked up with the 11th airborne division on the southwestern end of the capital near the Polo club.

Deschutes Realty Board Picks Heads
New officers for the Deschutes county Realty board were elected last night at a dinner meeting in the Pine Tavern. Members also voted to hold their next meeting, March 12, in Redmond.

W. Daron was elected president; Clyde M. McKay, vice-president, Anne Forbes, secretary-treasurer, and Jack Davis, Bend, and George Shelley, Redmond, directors.

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United Nations Conference
An agreement was reached on voting procedure in the council of the contemplated world security organization, a question left unsettled at Dumbarton Oaks.

Bed for Joe? Bay City Says Rooms Lacking

San Francisco, Feb. 13 (UP)—San Francisco, busy with war, prepared for a world peace conference today.

The city's officialdom, reacting quickly to yesterday's surprise announcement, set about the task of receiving the first full-dress United Nations security organization here April 25.

People in the streets appeared astonished by the news that San Francisco had been selected as the first world peace headquarters. They clustered about newspaper stands and made it the number one conversation piece.

After the first impact of pleasant shock wore off, the most evident reaction among housing-conscious San Franciscans was: "Where are the delegates going to sleep?"

All Younger Men To Receive Calls

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13 (UP)—The young men of Oregon today had a warning from Col. Elmer V. Wootton, state selective service director, that within 90 days virtually every physically fit man—with the exception of those in agriculture—would be in uniform.

In meeting Oregon's draft quota of 3,000 to 3,500 men, Wootton said that the new program would exhaust the supply of men under 30.

"With respect to men over 30, I may say that some will be taken," he added, "but it of course depends on what they are doing. Men are now being drafted to 38 years of age, but more consideration is being shown those older men engaged in essential activities."

Will Not Be Spared
Those under 30 in essential industry will not be spared, he said. "With respect to those engaged in agriculture, we are adhering to the Tydings amendment, which provides that workers in an essential agricultural enterprise shall not be inducted until a replacement can be obtained."

He said men are not being taken for limited army service and that rejection for physical disabilities is not permanent in that any man can be called back for re-examination. March requirements in Oregon will be about 1,200 men and April requirements have not been determined.

**Nippons Dismantle
Big Plane Plants**
Washington, Feb. 13 (UP)—Japan is partly dismantling some of her aircraft factories in an effort to scatter production facilities and thereby get greater protection against attacks by American Superfortresses.

Brig. Gen. Lauris Norstad, chief of staff of the 20th air force, said aerial photographs taken during the past four days had revealed that the dismantling was under way. He did not say where the plants were being sent.

IWO AGAIN BOMBED
Advanced Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Feb. 13 (UP)—B-29 Superfortresses of the 21st member command achieved "good results" in their attack on the Jap air base of Iwo yesterday.

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Russians Rapidly Fan Out Over Plains After Ancient Capital Falls

London, Feb. 13 (UP)—The ruins of Budapest, capital of Hungary and one-time city of 7,500,000, fell today to the red army after a siege of six weeks. Marshal Stalin announced in a special order of the day.

Last ditch resistance by the doomed German and Hungarian garrison of Budapest, encircled since Dec. 26, flickered out in the rubble of the ancient city astride the Danube river, and the total of prisoners captured by the Russians in the siege mounted to 110,000.

City Strangled
Budapest fell under the combined assault of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army and Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army, which had clamped a noose of strangulation on the gateway city to Austria and southeastern Germany.

North of Budapest 300 miles, other Russian forces were reported to have fanned out through Silesia to the Quers river, seven to 10 miles beyond the broken Bober line in Silesia.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army was running roughshod over the cracking defenses of Silesia in a two-way drive within some 70 miles of Dresden, capital of Saxony, and toward the southeastern flank of the Berlin fortifications.

Victory Hailed
The fall of Budapest was overshadowed by the announcement last night that all organized resistance in the city had been crushed. It became a certainty today when the German high command for the first time in weeks ignored Budapest, and other naz broadcasts admitted tacitly that the city had been written off.

Stalin in a broadcast order of the day to Malinovsky and Tolbukhin, hailed their armies for the great victory in the battle of Hungary, and called Budapest a strategically important stronghold in the German defenses "on the way to Vienna."

London, Feb. 13 (UP)—The German high command reported today that a Russian drive fanning out through Silesia toward Dresden and Berlin had carried to the Quers river, seven to 10 miles beyond the breached Bober line west of the Oder.

Both Moscow and Berlin said Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army was running over a broad arc northwest of Breslau. His vanguard was beating into the Saxony border area some 70 miles from Dresden and swinging northwestward on the road to Berlin.

"There is every indication that (Continued on Page 6)

**Four-Car Wreck
Causes Arrest**
Six automobiles were damaged, and one driver was arrested as a result of traffic accidents in Bend last night, according to police reports today.

An automobile driven by Marvin W. Alt, Rt. 2, Box 25, had the side caved in when it was involved in an accident with an automobile driven by Mrs. Bill La Forgey, 415 Federal street, at the corner of Galveston avenue and Federal. Alt was driving east on Galveston avenue, and the machine driven by Mrs. LaForgey was moving south on Federal street.

Jack Sawyer Vall, 37, a clerk residing at 415 Wall street, was arrested on a charge of being intoxicated on a public highway, following a four-car collision at Wall street and Kansas avenue shortly before midnight. Officers Robert Houtchens and Walt Griessinger said they found Vall in an intoxicated condition when they investigated the crash.

Car Damaged
According to the officers, an automobile being driven by Vall south on Wall street, allegedly on the wrong side of the street, sideswiped a car being driven north by L. C. Beougher of Bend. This collision caused these two vehicles to swerve into two other cars parked at the curb. All machines were damaged, police reported.