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Partly cloudy with a few showers northwest portion today. Otherwise scattered cloudiness Thursday and Friday. Little temperature change.

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Canadians Hit Rhine Barrier, Roll Up Flanks

Whole Canuck Front Is On Move as Nazi Troops Yield to New Pressure

Paris, Feb. 15 (AP)—Canadian troops broke through to the Rhine opposite Emmerich today and locked in a blazing battle for a crossing that would outflank the main Siegfried fortifications guarding Germany's industrial Ruhr valley.

On the Canadians' right flank, veteran Scots and English divisions lashed out east and south of the reich forest on the direct road to the Ruhr, rolling up the Nazi defenses before Goch and Calcar, two key road centers whose capture might unlock the door to Germany's last big industrial concentration.

The whole Canadian first army front was on the move, sparked by a thundering Allied aerial bombardment that in the past 24 hours had spread death and ruin up and down the Rhineland in the path of the attacking ground forces.

Nazis Fight Back
The Germans were fighting savagely with their backs to the Rhine and pumping in fresh reserves hourly to bolster their line but field dispatches said the re-appearance of Allied airpower over the battlefield had given a new lift to the British drive.

Wearied and mud-stained after a week of bitter fighting across the flooded Rhineland, Canadian troops on the northern flank of Lt. Gen. H. D. G. Crerar's attack front went forward to the Rhine with a rush early today.

The Canadians captured Warbeyen, three miles north of Kleve, and drove ahead almost two miles into the river hamlet of Huren-deich, directly across the Rhine from Emmerich.

Crossing Blocked
German infantry and armored forces were reported battling desperately to prevent a crossing, backed up by heavy artillery fire from the far side of the Rhine.

Southeast of Kleve, spearheads of the famous Black Watch and Gordon Highlanders battled through a wall of steel and concrete pillboxes on the road to Calcar, driving within three miles or less of that fortress town.

Other Scots combat teams were hammering south and east of Bedburg on the Kieve-Goch road, 4 1/2 miles north of Goch and about the same distance west of Carcar.

English home troops, at the same time, broke out of their Niers river bridgeheads on the southern side of the Reichwald forest and fought their way down to within two miles north and west of Goch against heavy opposition.

Lions Make Plans For Annual Party

Bend Lion club members today had completed final arrangements for their annual "Sweetheart" party, to be held Monday night at 7 o'clock at the Glen Vista club. Representing the Lions International will be Izzie Hawin, of Eugene. He will give a short talk on "Lionism."

The following new members will be inducted into the club: J. B. Bear, Harold Waterman, Irus M. Wells, Mel Munkres, Ray Dahl, James Arlow, Norman Gilbert, Ford Hunnell, Clarence E. Bush, Ernest M. Myers, Loyde Blakely, Francis E. Hutchins, Maurice Hoover, Pierce Beach, Hal Huston, C. V. Shultz, A. E. Stevens, Del Hale, Ed Voight, R. P. Jeffrey, Walt Howard.

Entertainment has been arranged, and dancing will follow. Wives of members now in the service will be guests of the Lions at this annual party.

Nippons Report Formosa Raid

A strong force of Philippines-based U. S. bombers and fighters strafed Japanese installations at four points on the strong enemy base of Formosa Wednesday, Radio Tokyo said today.

Jap Aircraft Center, Nagoya, Bombed By Large Task Force

Three Major Islands in Marianas Now Linked To Serve as Center for U. S. B-29 Operations

By WILLIAM F. TYREE (United Press War Correspondent)
21st Bomber Command Headquarters, Guam, Friday, Feb. 16 (UP)—A large task force of Superforts roared in on the Japanese aircraft center of Nagoya in midafternoon today, as it was officially disclosed that the three major islands in the Marianas have been linked together in an impressive center of B-29 operations.

The big Superforts unloaded lethal loads on industrial targets, and radio Tokyo admitted the sprawling factory area of Anjo was set afire.

The main strength of the Superfort formations dropped bombs and incendiaries in the heart of the war production area and "caused fires to break out and some damage," Tokyo said.

The big bombers took off from both Saipan and Tinian. Early reports said bombing runs over Nagoya were made through an overcast of high clouds.

Big Force Used
The phraseology "large task force" was used officially for the first time since B-29 operations began, indicating the raiders went out in one of the largest formations yet sent against Japan. Tokyo radio, however, said the Nagoya attackers numbered 60.

The new B-29 airstrip on Tinian will be the first of a series of runways capable of flashing Superforts into the air on a scale not yet approached in operations against the Japanese homeland.

Thus the significance and eventual scope of long-range strategic bombardment of Japan from the Marianas finally has been revealed.

With Saipan in full operation and Tinian added as a base and Guam established as permanent headquarters of the 21st bomber command, all three islands lying on the road to Tokyo have been integrated as a high area for stepping up the aerial offensive.

George Bill Gets Initial Test Vote

Washington, Feb. 15 (AP)—The George Bill survived its initial house test today. Democrats, by a 202 to 192 vote, blocked a republican move to send the measure back to the rules committee.

The vote was accepted of a rules committee decision sending the bill to the floor without special safeguards to assure consideration of board republican-sponsored amendments.

The vote came after Rep. E. E. Cox, D., Ga., a rules committee member, said approval of the bill by the senate and subsequently by the house banking committee was a "vote of lack of confidence" in Henry A. Wallace.

Provisions Explained
The bill would divorce the federal loan agency from the commerce department. Its passage is expected to clear the way for confirmation of Wallace as secretary of commerce.

Republicans argued that the banking committee had not given thorough consideration to the bill. They insisted that the house should be given an opportunity—denied by the rules committee decision—to vote on all proposed amendments.

7 Planes Crash; Eight Men Killed

San Diego, Feb. 15 (AP)—Seven marine corps Fighter and Torpedo planes crashed at various points in southern California early today when they flew into a rain storm and fog, they navy announced.

Of the four planes that crashed into the ocean, nine fliers have been rescued. Three missing men were rescued late this morning by a naval patrol boat.

Eight men were known to have been killed, three at sea. Two fighter pilots died in attempting a landing on one of the channel islands, and three others were killed when their plane crashed near Bakersfield, Calif. One plane is still missing, but the naval control center reported its occupants may have been sighted on a raft.

Eleven other planes in the maneuvers were directed to safety by radio.

All available rescue equipment was sent to the area, the navy said.

Names of the dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Bend Sailor Safe, Relatives Learn

Wilbur Arnold McLeod, radio-man 1/c aboard the ill-fated Edmaney Bay, is safe, according to information received last night by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Evans from the young man's mother, Mrs. Robert McLeod of Montgomery, La. There were fewer than 100 casualties, the captain of the sunken escort carrier reported yesterday.

The vessel went down in Philippine waters after it had been set afire by bomb hits from a Japanese plane.

1946 Metal Plates Voted for Oregon

Salem, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—The Irwin-Hudson company of Portland today held a state contract for manufacture of 410,000 metal license plates which will be issued to Oregon motorists for 1946. Plates were retained in use after 1942 by the use of windshield sticker but the suspension was lifted by the state board of control with granting of the \$85,729 contract.

Streets Too Slippery, Bottle Talk Called Off

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 15 (AP)—The Fall River Historical society postponed its scheduled meeting because the speaker, Edward F. Mason, decided streets were too slippery to bring his collection of old bottles to illustrate his lecture.

Donald Nelson Weds Secretary

Washington, Feb. 15 (AP)—Donald M. Nelson, former war production chief and now a White House advisor, was married last night to pretty, 26-year-old Marguerite Coulbourn, his former secretary. Nelson is 55.

OPTIMIST FOUND

Kokomo, Ind., Feb. 15 (AP)—Farmer D. D. Ousley, an optimist if ever there was one, today offered through an advertisement in a Kokomo newspaper to trade a two-year-old cot—for a good one—for 15 cartons of cigars.

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A Nip Is Whipped



This semi-nude Jap prisoner, his hands held behind his head in a gesture of surrender, is led away for questioning after his capture by American troops engaging the Japs in Manila street fighting. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.

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"We will march with you to the ends of the dark valleys—until we reach the broad highlands of justice and peace. From the bottom of my heart I hope Greece will take her proper place in the circle of the victorious nations and among the nations which have suffered from the war."

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