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Nazi Attacks Slow Canucks In Rhine Area

Germans Lash Back at Allies as Danger of Breakthrough Faced

Paris, Feb. 20 (AP)—Fierce German counterattacks slowed the Canadian First army drive on the Ruhr today after the allies had cleared all but a small corner of Goch and outflanked the Rhine stronghold of Calcar.

German armored and infantry reserves were reported streaming into the Maas-Rhine corridor in a determined effort to stem the Canadian offensive which already had cracked through the toughest fixed Siegfried line defenses before Goch.

Practically all of Goch, at the center of the 17-mile-wide corridor, was in allied hands after 24 hours of furious house-to-house fighting. Field dispatches said Scottish and Welsh infantrymen were routing out the last die-hard Nazi snipers from the ruins of the town, while their main forces were pushing on to the east, west, and south against opposition.

Hit Vital Spot

The Germans threw in their main counterblow in the Calcar area on the Canadian left flank, where a breakthrough would split allied tanks and infantry down the west bank of the Rhine to the Ruhr-Rhine gate at Wesel, 17 miles to the southeast.

Elements of another German paratroop division joined in the battle for Calcar last night after allied columns had driven to within two miles northwest of the town and hooked a round to within about the same distance from the southwest.

Components of nine Nazi divisions are now known to be in action on the Canadian First army front.

Bad Weather Hampers

Bad weather again hampered the allies' aerial support all along the western front, although British bombers swung out ahead of the stalled U. S. Ninth army to pound Juelich.

To the south, the American Third army wedged a mile or more into the German Eifel mountain defenses at a half-dozen points on a 50-mile front and pushed a new invasion spearhead across the Moselle river into Germany behind a drumfire artillery barrage.

The U. S. Seventh army also was on the move in a limited offensive into the German Saar industrial basin, expanding its small foothold across the Saar river above Sarreguemines against stiff opposition.

Prisoners of War Write to Parents

Two Bend boys who were captured by the Japanese at the fall of Bataan, Cpl. Howard M. Gilliland and Pfc. Willard Ferneau, have written from the Hohen, Manchoukou, prisoner of war camp to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gilliland of the Bend star route and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Ferneau, 55 Cascade place, Bend. Both messages were received today.

For Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland, the note was the first written message they had received from their son since before the fall of Bataan. However, he was presented on a broadcast over a Japanese radio on an earlier occasion, and his message was received by his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Ferneau had not heard from Willard in about a year.

Messages Typed

Messages of both young soldiers were typed on prisoner of war cards, apparently prepared by the French, and in addition bore German postmarks. The messages were cheery and indicated the boys are well. They revealed they have received mail and packages from home.

Howard was a member of the 19th bombardment group that saw fierce action in the Philippines when the Japanese invaded. Capt. Colin Kelly, America's first hero of the Japanese war, was killed in that action. Howard was awarded the air medal last year. The prized medal was sent by the war department to his mother.

In his letter, Willard asks for news from home and pictures.

SOVIET GENERAL BURIED

London, Feb. 20 (AP)—Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovskiy, former commander of the Third White Russian army who was killed in action before Koenigsberg last week, was buried with elaborate military ceremony in the Lithuanian capital of Wilno today.

FDR Requests Work or Fight Bill Approval

Washington, Feb. 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt today called anew for prompt enactment of compulsory "work or else" legislation.

The senate military affairs committee, beginning its fourth week of consideration of the bill, showed no indication of complying, however. It formally voted to approve a bill as rapidly as possible, then went right ahead with discussing a substitute measure that would reinforce present manpower controls but would not draft men for war jobs.

The president's message, dated Feb. 11, was given to the committee today by senate democratic leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky.

It called for "legislation embracing the principle of the May bill." That, Roosevelt said, "will assure the armed services they can rely on the flow of necessary supplies and greatly contribute to the success of our arms."

Food for War Goal of Drive In Deschutes

In order to bring about a maximum contribution to the nation's wartime food requirements on the part of Deschutes county farmers, a campaign will be launched beginning Feb. 23 to aid producers to achieve this goal, it was announced today. The campaign of assistance contemplates a series of meetings throughout the county, at which producers will be aided in working out conservation plans and be advised as to the best methods applicable to their farms.

H. P. Eby, Redmond, chairman of the county AAA committee, said that other AAA committees throughout the county will attend the meetings and assist their neighbors in working out the production program.

Goals Listed

Previous to the meetings, according to chairman Eby, all farmers are being mailed a summary of the 1945 production goals, price support provisions for goal commodities, and the practices offered by the agriculture conservation program that are adapted to this county's soil and water conservation needs. This is being done, Eby explained, to enable farmers to go to the meetings with their plans for the year well in mind. Community committees will have full information on both production goals and conservation practices, it was said.

The 1945 AAA practice program requires that all farmers intending to participate, complete a farm plan before May 1, and that all practices for which payment will be made must be listed on the farm plan. As in previous years, the farm plans will include a report of each farm's 1944 production, the production intentions for 1945, and the conservation program for the farm this year.

Dates Given

The date and location of scheduled meetings follow:
Feb. 23, 10 a. m., Terrebonne garage hall; Feb. 23, 10 a. m., Franks' auditorium, Redmond; Feb. 23, 5 p. m., county agent's office, Redmond; Feb. 24, 10 a. m., Arnold school house; Feb. 26, 10 a. m., Eastern Star garage; Feb. (Continued on Page 5)

Russians Tear Gap in German Lines in South

Berlin Asserts Nazi Counterblows Getting Very Much Stronger

London, Feb. 20 (AP)—Nazi broadcasts reported today that Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army had torn a gap in the German line some 75 miles southeast of Berlin in the bitterly contested sector north of Sorau.

Berlin reported that German counterblows were getting stronger, and were slowing down the red army. Berlin also claimed that at one point in Silesia west of beleaguered Breslau the Russians had been edged back an unspecified distance.

New Gains Scored

The German high command conceded that Konev's forces scored new gains in several sectors between Sorau, between the Bober and Neisse rivers, and Guben, on the Neisse 28 miles to the northwest.

Col. Ernst Von Hammer, Nazi military commentator who often reflects the information of the high command, said that north of Sorau the Germans "closed a gap which the enemy had torn in the German barrier line."

Von Hammer also said that in the southern sector of the Breslau defense belt, the Russians penetrated the fortifications around the Silesian capital, but were driven back later.

Tanks Destroyed

The daily German communique said 64 Russian tanks were destroyed in defensive battle against strong soviet forces compressing the remnants of 200,000 troops trapped in East Prussia.

Soviet dispatches said the Russians had captured the main supply base for Koenigsberg and the final defenses of East Prussia were about to collapse.

The soviet army newspaper Red Star said the base, located inside a big forest south of Koenigsberg, was taken by units of Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's 2nd White Russian army.

Other forces of Rokossovsky's army at the same time pushed around the western end of East Prussia to reach a point within 45 miles of Danzig at the head of the Polish corridor.

University Dean To Speak in Bend

The annual meeting of the Bend chamber of commerce will be held at the Pine Tavern next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, it was announced today. The meeting, usually held in January, was postponed by the forum committee in order to enable Dean Victor P. Morris, head of the school of business administration, University of Oregon, to attend. Morris, who also is chairman of the state committee on postwar industrial development, is to be guest speaker.

Because of Dean Morris' activities as head of the state committee, formed under authority of a 1943 legislative act, he is expected to divulge interesting plans for this locality's industrial future, it was said.

Reservations must be made prior to the meeting at the chamber offices, according to Don H. Peoples, secretary.

U. S. Troops Seize Iwo Airfield Heavy Guns Blast Manila Wall

Artillery Rips Ancient Barrier Guarding Japs

End of 17-Day-Old Battle Is in Sight; Sky Troopers Used

By William B. Dickerson (United Press War Correspondent)
Manila, Feb. 20 (AP)—American big guns were pulverizing Manila's 400-year old wall today for a final assault on a one-square mile pocket of stubborn Japanese defenders south of the Pasig river.

With the heavy artillery blasting a path through the thick wall around the original Spanish city, the end of the 17-day old battle of Manila was in sight.

Units of the 37th infantry division were firmly entrenched around the dwindling Japanese pocket and 11th airborne troops were rapidly cleaning up Fort McKinley on the southeast outskirts of the city.

Japs Dug Out

The final phase of the Manila campaign came as paratroops and infantry slowly dug out fanatic Japanese holdouts from the caves and tunnels of newly-invaded Corregidor. Other American forces also were cleaning up enemy remnants on Bataan peninsula.

Despite the impact of the heavy artillery fire, the Japanese were fighting back bitterly from their last positions inside Manila. The pocket, now shrunk to 1-1/4 of the charter city area, comprised northern Ermita, the walled city of Intramuros and the port district.

Heaviest fighting was reported from the bayfront, where the 37th infantrymen pushed three blocks west from the Philippines general hospital and began attacking enemy positions on the university grounds.

Pillboxes Targets

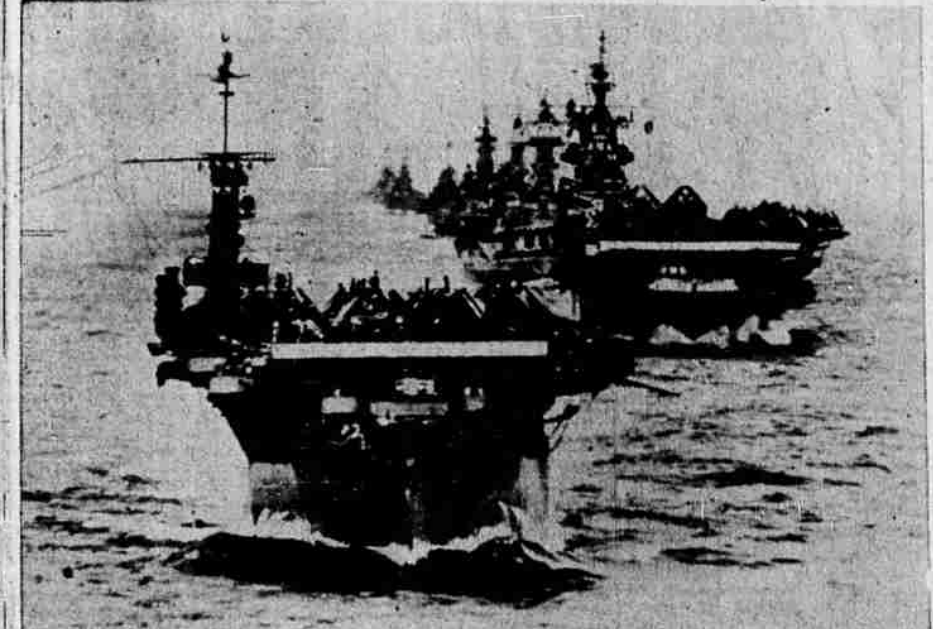
Japanese pillboxes at the university were being destroyed systematically by artillery and mortars. But the Americans were meeting considerable fire from Japanese guns around the high commissioner's home, which already was in ruins.

In pushing to the university grounds, the 37th routed strong enemy defenses and captured Santo Theresa college and the German club.

The assault on the 16th century wall was concentrated on the east side of Intramuros. Front reports said the big guns were tearing a hole in the masonry and no signs of life appeared within the walled city.

Most of the buildings, including Fort Santiago and the Spanish garrison, were believed to have been destroyed or badly damaged by the barrage. Observers described the Japanese inside Intramuros as in desperate plight.

Carrier Might of Giant American Navy



This is only a part of the carrier might of the U. S. Navy's Third Fleet, pictured here entering a Pacific anchorage in magnificent display of the devastating power that carrier-based planes are bringing home to Japan in unprecedented assaults against Tokyo. In foreground is an Independence class carrier, in background an Essex class carrier. U. S. Navy photo.

Sky Forts Leave Four Large Fires Burning in Jap Capital

Swarms of New Type Fighters Put Up Stiff Opposition in Skies Over Nippon Homeland

21st Bomber Command, Guam, Feb. 20 (AP)—The largest force of B-29's ever to hit Japan left at least four big fires burning in the center of Tokyo, pilots who participated in the massive raid yesterday said today.

Reconnaissance photographs confirmed that several large fires were kindled in the raid, but a general overcast made the photographs inconclusive for a definite assessment of damage.

Well over 100 Superfortresses participated in the attack. The main target was the Nakajima Musashino factory and other industrial targets in the capital area. "Good results" were achieved, a communique said.

The B-29's met stiff opposition all the way from the coast of Japan to the target and back again from swarms of a new type twin engine fighter, a dispatch from United Press war correspondent Lloyd Tupling reported.

Battles Are Fierce

The giant planes were engaged in some of the fiercest battles ever staged over Japan. Some airmen believed the Japanese pilots were getting tougher.

Twenty-one Japanese fighters were shot down, 20 others probably destroyed and 25 damaged. Three B-29's were shot down for a loss of four Japanese fighters. The broadcast was recorded by the FCC.

3 Year Old Girl Perishes in Fire

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 20 (AP)—Fire of unknown origin Monday afternoon took the life of three-year-old Jane Whitlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whitlock, when their home one and one-half miles south of the junction of the Ridgefield road with the Pacific highway, went up in flames.

Both parents were absent when the fire began. Mrs. Whitlock, who was at a nearby neighbor's home, suddenly noticed that her home was on fire. By the time help arrived, the flames had enveloped the house, making rescue of the baby impossible.

Lloyd George, 82, Is Gravely Ill

London, Feb. 20 (AP)—David Lloyd George, 82-year-old British statesman and world war one prime minister, was reported in serious condition at his home in Wales tonight after a week-long illness complicated by his age.

Nippons Warned Yanks Are Coming

Washington, Feb. 20 (AP)—Radio Tokyo told the Japanese people today that they must expect an American invasion of their homeland.

"We must now realize that it is not impossible for the enemy to attempt a landing on the homeland," a Tokyo domestic broadcast said, quoting an editorial in the influential newspaper Mainichi.

Third of Island In Possession Of Yank Forces

Fight for Strip Said To Have Been as Bloody As Battle for Tarawa

By William Tyree (United Press War Correspondent)
Admiral Nimitz' Headquarters, Guam, Wednesday, Feb. 21 (AP)—American marines have captured the main airfield on Iwo Jima, occupied approximately one-third of the island, and opened a powerful attack led by tanks and flame throwers against fanatically resisting Japanese, it was disclosed today.

In bloody fighting, the Fourth and Fifth marine divisions established a straight east-west line across the island north of the airfield. Then, with a spearhead of tanks estimated by Tokyo to number 300, the leathernecks charged forward against the entrenched enemy, aerial observers reported.

Rich Prize Seized

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced capture of the airfield, richest single prize on the bleak, eight-square mile island 750 miles south of Tokyo. A headquarters spokesman later said the fighting continued as bitter as that in any of the bloody battles across the Pacific—from Guadalcanal, to Tarawa, to Saipan.

After capturing the airfield, the marines drove across the narrow neck of Iwo and reached the western shore. Consolidating their lines, the marines pivoted on their right flank for the offensive. Automatic riflemen moved ahead with the tanks and flamethrowers in the vanguard of the attack against the enemy's interlocking pillboxes and concrete bunkers.

Defenders Split

The Japanese defenders have been split into two pockets by the drive which slashed across the southern end of the island. Marines stormed the forbidding flank of towering Suribachi volcano, from the crater of which the enemy was raining shells on the Americans.

A Japanese Domei news agency dispatch broadcast by Tokyo radio said 300 American tanks have been landed at the marine beachhead. Tokyo reported that in one sector alone, held by 10,000 marines, there were 150 tanks. The enemy claimed 30 had been "blasted."

From their girdle across the southern tip of Iwo, units of the two invasion divisions stormed into heavy Japanese gunfire from the northern rim of the key airfield this morning.

Nimitz' communique some hours later reported that the marine gains against violent resistance, overran the air base within fighter range of Tokyo and scaled a flank of Suribachi.

Sheep Dog Kills Tillamook Child

Tillamook, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—While a controversy raged in Los Angeles over disposal of a terrier that killed a child, the killing of a 6-year-old boy by a sheep dog was revealed here today.

The victim was William Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown. He was bitten while playing with the dog Sunday at the farm home south of here.

Midnight Curfew Ordered for Nation, Effective on Monday

Washington, Feb. 20 (AP)—Government agencies prepared today for the job of enforcing what may become the most unpopular nationwide order since prohibition—a midnight curfew on bars, theaters and other amusement places.

Curtailment of the nation's night life, beginning next Monday, was decreed by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes late yesterday in the hope of saving coal, transportation, and manpower.

In announcing the midnight curfew, Byrnes said it should "impose no real hardships" and that he was "convinced people will gladly comply."

But immediate reaction by congress, cafe owners, and the public indicated that support of the drastic order would be far from unanimous.

In Philadelphia, President William Hopkins of the Cafe Owners association, said he would openly defy the Byrnes order. He described the curfew as "the worst thing I've heard in years."

Only private clubs, one downtown cafe and several smaller eating establishments in this community will be affected by the federal curfew ban, it developed here today. For the most part men's recreation centers where beer is served now close at midnight or before, it was stated at the city hall.