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Cologne Seized by U. S. Forces

Fortress Far Behind Battle Lines Is Taken

Stalin Men Forge Arc Around City of Stettin In New Blows at Nazis

London, March 6 (AP)—Soviet assault forces today captured the great Polish citadel of Grudziadz on the Vistula river after a siege of two weeks in which 5,000 German prisoners and rich stores of booty were taken.

The Grudziadz victory far behind the battle lines was scored as other Russian forces speared to the network of Baltic lagoons at the mouth of the Oder, by Berlin account, and laid down a shattering bombardment on Stettin.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian army captured Grudziadz, on the east bank of the Vistula 59 south of Danzig and near the southwestern tip of East Prussia.

The tide of battle had swept on far north and west of Grudziadz while the die-hard German garrison fought on without hope of relief.

Wing Swings West
The nazis said Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's right wing had swung westward to the area of Cammin, on the waters of the Stettiner Haff into which the Oder debouches. Cammin is 36 miles north of Stettin and four miles south of the Baltic proper.

The reported soviet advance forged a big assault arc against the lower Oder before Stettin. Soviet forces now had reached the Oder and the water at its mouth on both sides of Stettin, and were closing against a broad stretch of the river in between.

Berlin said Zhukov had thrown two tank armies into the drive on Stettin and was pounding the big port with artillery. Berlin said Zhukov also had concentrated five infantry armies and two tank armies in the Oder valley 30-odd miles east of Berlin. The Germans predicted that the frontal push against the capital would begin as soon as Zhukov's flanks are secured.

Right Flank Cleared
A blazing battle in the Baltic coastal area rapidly was clearing the right flank of Zhukov's First White Russian army. The German defenders pinned against the Baltic in shrinking pockets were being reduced and the drive on Stettin was overrunning the lower Oder valley.

The German high command cast a veil of loose generalities over the battle of Pomerania northeast of Berlin. It conceded that the Russians were attacking on a broad front and had scored "minor penetrations."

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov swung the entire northern half of his First White Russian army north and west toward Stettin and the Oder estuary. Soviet vanguards were believed within 10 miles southeast of Stettin, a Moscow dispatch said.

Nazi broadcasts conceded that the outskirts of Stettin already were under fire of soviet guns, softening the city's defenses for ultimate assault. Stettin, 72 miles northeast of Berlin, is Germany's biggest port on the Baltic and the main source of imports for Berlin.

New Luzon Battlefield



Six Japanese divisions, possibly 100,000 men, have already been destroyed on Luzon, and American forces, surrounding the remaining trapped groups, are closing in for the kill, General MacArthur announced today.

Second Bomber Crashes Near Oregon, Nevada Boundary

B-24 Navigator Killed in Attempt to Land On Unlighted Field; Denio Wreckage Seen

Winnemucca, Nev., March 6 (AP)—A B-24 Liberator bomber from Mountain Home, Ida., army airbase made a crash landing about one mile south of the Battle Mountain, Nev., emergency airfield last night, killing the navigator and placing four crewmen in the Battle Mountain hospital.

The plane was circling over Winnemucca about 9:30 last night and the crash occurred at 10 p.m. The huge airfield at Winnemucca has no lighting facilities for a night landing and it is believed that factor contributed to the ultimate crash.

Names of the injured men and the dead crewman were not available pending notification of next of kin.

This was the second crash of a Mountain Home plane in the last few days. Another Liberator crash landed near Denio, Ore., on the Nevada-Oregon border some time over the week-end. It was reported missing Friday.

Snowstorms hampered searches and grounded planes, although it was said one civilian automobile had reached the scene of the wreck. No report has been made on the condition of the nine crewmen but planes which discovered the wreckage last night said it appeared the big bomber had burned.

Airfield officials from Mountain Home are en route to Winnemucca, it was said, to investigate the two crashes.

Robes for Judges Ruled Out By Action of Senate

Salem, Ore., March 6 (AP)—The senate today approved killing of a senate joint resolution recommending that all judges in Oregon wear judicial robes in the courtroom.

The resolutions committee majority voted "do not pass."

Yank Soldiers Trap Nippons In Luzon Fight

Possible 100,000 Men Already Dead as U. S. Forces Sweep Island

Manila, March 6 (AP)—Six Japanese divisions—possibly 100,000 men—have been destroyed on Luzon and American forces are ringling the remaining trapped groups.

Only four of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's original garrison of 10 divisions were left on Luzon and they were split up into three firmly encircled pockets.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's American troops and Filipino guerrillas were reducing the Japanese points of resistance on the ground, while land and air forces maintained a strong blockade of possible enemy escape routes from the island.

The Japanese, facing almost certain disaster, were holed out in the Zambales mountains in southwestern Luzon; the southeastern section of the island below Manila and in the northeastern corner.

With many of the islands below Luzon already occupied by American forces, MacArthur's regular troops were steadily crushing the two southern pockets and probing into the north while Filipino guerrillas were adding to the squeeze from recently cleared Ilocos Norte province in the northwest corner of the island.

MacArthur personally described the position of the Japanese forces on Luzon as "critical."

Six Divisions Destroyed
"The equivalent of six divisions with supporting elements," he said, "have been destroyed together with the main supply depots, holding great quantities of ordnance, munitions, trucks, food, clothing and miscellaneous items."

The remaining enemy forces are split up into a number of divergent groups which are bottled up in the mountains where supply is difficult, movement restricted and control and communications present insuperable obstacles.

"These forces are being subjected to continuous attack by our air forces, while the pressure of our ground forces compresses them into a smaller and smaller maneuver space and our guerrilla forces constantly harass their lines of supply."

The largest enemy force was concentrated in the northeastern section of Luzon, where two American divisions were steadily cutting into the Japanese positions.

Man Who Made Synthetic Tires Is Refused Rubber
St. Louis, Mo., March 6 (AP)—The man credited with making America's first synthetic rubber tire was non-essential today as far as the OPA was concerned. He can have no new tires for his automobile.

The RAF had reached its peak of expansion and several thousand of its men will be transferred soon to the army and navy.

Jap Homeland Wide Open to Attack By Air, Reports Admiral Mitscher

Naval officers still are trying to figure out why our task force met so little air and surface opposition during two major assaults on the Tokyo area and one each at Iwo Jima and the Ryukyus.

Mitscher committed himself to the extent of saying that whatever the Japanese strategy, carrier attacks on Tokyo, Yokohama and Nagoya could be put on a successful milkrun basis—at least in theory. He said round the clock air attacks could be made for days or weeks at a time.

2,000 More Men Join in Strikes

Detroit, March 6 (AP)—A new strike by about 2,000 war workers halted production by Gar Wood Industries, Inc. today.

Meanwhile, efforts to settle a labor dispute which has shut down armament output at seven Briggs Mfg. Co. plants since Thursday were unsuccessful.

The latest dispute in this arsenal area was a protest by members of local 250, United Auto Workers (CIO), against a change in shift hours. It followed company announcement that a 10-hour five-day week would be put into effect instead of an eight-hour six-day week.

Five plants were affected. Briggs strike leaders said they expected aid from UAW international executive board members now meeting in New York in settling their dispute.

15,000 Men Affected
Approximately 15,000 United Auto Workers (CIO) union members were affected by the walk-out, which began at the Mack avenue plant in protest against dismissal of workers accused of instigating previous strikes.

The UAW-CIO local 212 executive board decided yesterday to remain on strike until the company reinstates the discharged workers.

Restaurants to Give Up Points
Washington, March 6 (AP)—The office of price administration, which started a controversy not long ago by cancelling unused ration points held by housewives, today took similar action against restaurants, hotels, and other institution users of ration foods.

Wallace Approves
When Vinson's nomination went to the senate yesterday Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace quickly expressed approval. Former secretary Jesse H. Jones was equally prompt and ever more enthusiastic.

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Old Cathedral City Captured In Quick Blow

Hodge's Men Reach to Banks of Rhine; New Spearheads Hit Nazis

Paris, March 6 (AP)—American forces captured Cologne tonight and at the same time Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army broke through the German lines and drove eastward 25 miles toward the Rhine.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' siege forces smashed clear through the heart of Cologne to the banks of the Rhine. Front ditch patches reported that the rear guard defenders of the great Rhineland city had dwindled to a scattered handful.

At nightfall the assault forces which had struck through the center of Cologne were on the banks of the Rhine, and the city tottered toward complete collapse.

River Reached
Hodges' vanguard at Cologne had pushed past the ancient cathedral in the heart of the city 300 yards from the Rhine and edged on to the river in a matter of minutes.

Late in the day the Yanks completed the encirclement of Cologne, with fresh spearheads striking to the Rhine south of the city.

First army headquarters announced that Hodges' troops now controlled all 18 miles of the Rhine west bank north of Cologne to Neuss, across from Dueseldorf, except for the small village of Zons.

The Ford motor plant a mile north of Cologne was firmly in American hands.

The Berlin radio admitted that American tanks had penetrated to the center of Cologne. The announcement cleared the way for breaking the news to the German people that their fourth largest city was lost.

Set Fast Pace
The Third army breakthrough in the Rhineland below Cologne was announced only after Patton's speeding forces had pushed from the Kyll river front east of Pruem to the area of Schonbach, 27 miles west of Coblenz at the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel rivers.

Germans Reel Back
Brig. Gen. Holmes Daeger of Union City, N. J., led the attacking forces; the fourth armored in its slam-bang action rocked the Germans back on their heels.

As the push developed, the Americans were reported running into mortar and artillery fire.

Lt. Col. Creighton Abrams of West Newton, Mass., who was with Daeger's forces, reported that at Melsburg, 12 miles north-east of Bitburg, his tanks knocked out three German Tiger tanks and four Panthers. He captured at least 200 German vehicles and three artillery batteries.

Hood River Legion Post Adds Names of Nippons to Roster
Indianapolis, March 6 (AP)—The names of 15 Japanese-American servicemen have been restored to the Hood River, Ore., American Legion post honor roll. It was announced today at national legion headquarters here.

One name was not restored because the man was dishonorably discharged from the service, according to a telegram from J. B. Edgington, commander of the Hood River post.



S/Sgt. Delbert H. Cochran, Bend boy who served in three major Pacific Engagements with Bend's Co. I, is back in the states on a furlough and recently visited in Bend. His mother, Mrs. Vura Cochran, former local teacher, is now in Portland. Sgt. Cochran won a citation for gallantry in action.

Vinson Expected To Get Approval

Washington, March 6 (AP)—The senate banking committee today approved the nomination of Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson to be federal loan administrator.

Chairman Robert F. Wagner, D., N. Y., said the vote was "unanimous and, of course 'enthusiastic.'"

The committee's action was expected. In nominating Vinson, President Roosevelt had undertaken to end his bitterest current misunderstanding with congress.

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8,000 Mink Coat Given To Eleanor Roosevelt
New York, March 6 (AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has a new \$8,000 (wholesale price) mink coat. It is a gift.

The Quebec Fur Breeder's Co-operative association presented the coat to the first lady yesterday afternoon. It was the first coat made from the first crop of crested-mink produced by the Canadian department of agriculture in Quebec for sale in the United States.

Mrs. Roosevelt said she accepted it in the spirit in which it was given.

Dairy Meetings Set for County

Four dairy meetings have been scheduled in Deschutes county for the discussion of disease control, undulant fever and milk sanitation, it was announced here today by H. G. Smith, county agent.

All dairymen were urged to attend the meetings nearest their farms, and hear H. P. Ewalt, extension dairyman of the Oregon State college, discuss the following subjects:

Disease control, Bang's disease and tuberculosis; production of clean milk and recent dairy legislation; feeding for milk production, and the dairy outlook for 1945.

The meetings have been set as follows: Terrebonne grange hall, tonight at 8 p.m.; Alfalfa grange hall, tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.; Eastern Star grange hall, tomorrow at 7 p.m., and at the Tumalo grange hall, Thursday at 7 p.m.

Suppers Planned
The Eastern Star and Tumalo meetings will be preceded by a potluck supper, and refreshments will be served following the session in Terrebonne. The grange home economics committees will have charge of the dinners and serving refreshments.

According to Agent Smith, the meetings are being sponsored by the Deschutes Dairy Industry committee, and are open to all dairy men and members of their families.

Ross Henderson Reported Missing

S/1 Ross Nelson Henderson, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Henderson, 615 Ogden avenue, is missing in action in the south Pacific, according to a telegram received by his parents from the navy department. Additional details were promised in a letter to follow.

Seaman Henderson, a graduate of the Bend high school with the class of 1942, served as a gunner atop an aircraft carrier. He enlisted a year ago, received his boot training at the Farragut naval training station, and was stationed at the Bremerton navy yard before being assigned to active duty.

Born in Concordia, Kans., in 1923, Ross came to Oregon in 1928, and after reaching Bend attended Kenwood school.

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Churchill Visits in Germany, Tosses Ashes on West Wall

Juelich, Germany, March 3—(Delayed) (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill paid his first wartime visit to Germany today.

Governor Given Advertising Bill

Salem, Ore., March 6 (AP)—The senate today gave final passage and sent to the governor a bill (HB178) to increase from \$3500 to \$5000 per year the amount a county may expend in advertising its resources, and permitting a raise in the tax levy from 1/2 to 3/4 mill.

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