

# THE BEND BULLETIN

CENTRAL OREGON'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

Weather Forecast

Cloudy with rain west of Cascades today and tonight; snow flurries east portion tonight. Thursday, snow flurries on mountains. Warmer tonight.

Help Win War  
Turn in your used cooking fats to your butcher and get free meat points. Help win the war!

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## Reds Launch Drive on Berlin, Say Nazis PATTON'S TROOPERS RACE TOWARD COBLENZ

### Enemy Breaks As Americans Dash Eastward

Retreat of Foe Turned Into Rout; Rhine Goal Of U. S. Third Army

Paris, March 7 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American third army struck within 10 miles of the middle Rhine today in a powerful offensive that ripped almost 40 miles in 48 hours through the center of the German lines before Coblenz.

In a lightning thrust that apparently caught the Germans in the process of pulling their Eifel mountain line back to the Rhine, tanks and motorized infantry columns of Patton's fourth armored division broke loose in the Nazi rear and turned an orderly enemy withdrawal into a near rout.

Mayen Is Objective  
Vanguards of the fourth division were closing on Mayen, 15 miles west-southwest of Coblenz and only about 10 miles west of the Rhine city of Andernach.

German resistance broke under the American armored drive, and field dispatches said Patton's hard-driving tankmen swept up vast quantities of German arms and supplies and hundreds of prisoners in their path.

The Nazis still were fighting hard on either flank of the fourth armored division, but Berlin broadcasts indicated they were beginning to pull out of the entire Eifel mountain region in an attempt to escape envelopments.

Troops Near Bonn  
Vanguards of the American First Army barely 25 miles to the north already were at the outskirts of the Rhine city of Bonn, 22 miles south of captured Cologne, in position to wheel southward along the river for a junction with Patton's troops.

The German DNB news agency, which had been hinting at a general Nazi withdrawal behind the Rhine, said all German troops between Cologne and Neuss, 18 miles to the north, had been pulled back to the east bank of the river.

DNB said the Germans took all weapons and heavy equipment with them, which appeared at least questionable in view of the destruction of the Rhine bridges in the Neuss and Cologne areas.

Cologne Captured  
Patton's spectacular end run through the rugged Eifel mountains covering Coblenz momentarily overshadowed the great Allied victory to the north, where the Rhineland capital of Cologne fell almost without a struggle and three Allied armies were massing for a plunge across the Rhine into the industrial heart of Germany.

Late field dispatches said armored outriders of the American Third Army were in the Monreal area, 17 miles west-southwest of Coblenz and less than 15 miles southwest of the Rhine city of Andernach, nine miles northwest of Coblenz.

Rome Is Scene of New Unrest As Mob Attacks Coeli Prison

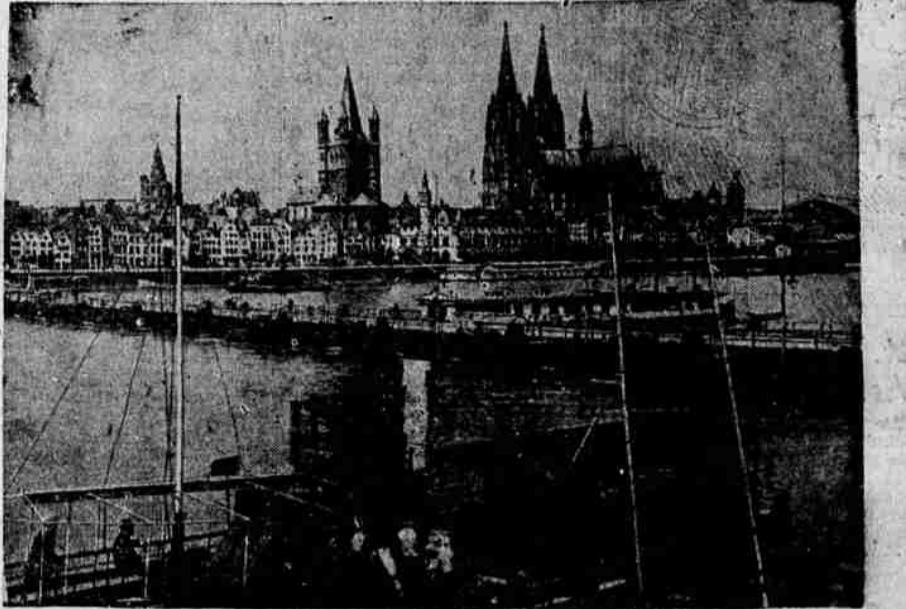
Rome, March 7 (AP)—A mob attack on Regina Coeli prison, two more bombings and other scattered violence heightened the political crisis threatening to overthrow the Bonomi government today.

The executive committee of the communist party issued a formal warning that all communist ministers and undersecretaries will resign unless Premier Ivanoe Bonomi immediately effects wide-ranging changes in Italy's internal politics.

Bonomi presided at an extraordinary cabinet meeting starting at 8 a. m. The meeting was called to discuss the crisis, which was touched off by the escape of Gen. Mario Roatta, one of Italy's principal war criminals, from a military hospital Sunday night.

No deaths were reported in the new outbreaks of rioting, but a second victim of bombs thrown

### Americans Capture Historic Cologne



This is a view of Cologne, Germany's fourth city, now almost razed by bombs and shells and entered by American troops who met almost no resistance in the early stages of the final assault. Most of Cologne is on the west bank of the Rhine. All bridges across the river are believed to have been destroyed.

### Great Cathedral Remains Intact

U. S. First Army Headquarters, March 6 (Delayed) (AP)—All that still stands intact in Cologne today is the great cathedral. The rest of this once proud city is simply bare, gaunt walls reaching up to the sky. And the hazy, drizzly weather does not help to enhance the picture.

Cologne is a factual example of four years of planned, strategic bombing, as one high RAF officer put it.

In those four years, 42,000 tons of bombs were dropped on Cologne's industrial plants by American and British planes, and the Queen of the Rhine became the first of 65 German cities to be virtually "bombed off the map."

Cologne in Ruins  
"Our plan was for a complete elimination of German industry when we began attacking German cities in 1941; the RAF officer said. "We have succeeded. Cologne today looks like Stalingrad did."

The strategic bombing was designed to disperse concentrated industrial areas and drive German bombers from the air by eliminating their producing centers.

The officer also cleared up the reason for the repeated bombings. "The Germans made tremendous efforts to build up the industries after we levelled them," he said. "We let them complete the job, and then levelled them again."

U.P. Roundhouse At Condon Razed

Portland, Ore., March 7 (AP)—Officials of the Union Pacific railroad here reported today that the U. P. roundhouse at Condon, Ore., was destroyed by fire Tuesday, and that a gasoline motorcar and locomotive had been damaged in the blaze.

Forest Purchase Bill Is Approved

Salem, Ore., March 7 (AP)—The bill allowing the board of forestry to establish a revolving fund for the acquisition of forest land, and to manage certain classes of such land, has been signed into law by Gov. Earl Snell.

The governor also signed 16 other bills, among which is one (HB266) which permits school districts to take out liability insurance and medical and hospital benefits for students engaged in athletics.

Another school bill (HB206) signed allows a maximum of five days a year devoted to teachers' institutes to count as actual school attendance days.

PFC. DULING WOUNDED

Terrebonne, March 7 (AP)—Pfc. Charles F. Duling, son of Charles L. Duling, Rt. 1, Terrebonne, has been wounded in action, according to the office of war information today.

### Two Japs, With Backs to Sea, Fight With Knives and Guns

5,000 Nippons Crowded Into Rocky Corner, Battle Like Madmen to Delay Final Defeat

Guam, March 7 (AP)—Three marine divisions crawled and fought foot by foot toward the north coast of Iwo today in a general offensive to smash the last organized resistance on the tiny, bloody island.

The last 5,000 or so Japanese crowded into the rocky, steaming northeast corner of volcanic Iwo were battling like madmen to delay final defeat.

Their backs to the sea, they poured withering mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire into the ranks of the advancing marines. Knives and bayonets flashed in close quarter combat when positions were overrun.

Gains were measured in feet and yards. The end may come suddenly under unremitting marine pressure, or the last thrice-crazed Japanese may expend their remaining strength in a bloody "banzai" suicide charge.

14,456 Japs Killed  
A total of 14,456 Japanese dead had been counted by 6 p. m. yesterday for the 16-day campaign. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, more enemy dead remained behind the Japanese lines. Though the garrison originally was estimated at 20,000 officers now believed the number actually was closer to 25,000.

The third, fourth and fifth marine divisions, already firmly holding four-fifths of Iwo, launched their general offensive against the remaining enemy positions yesterday morning after the most intense American artillery bombardment of the entire campaign.

Six Men Killed In Ship Blast

Vancouver, B. C., March 7 (AP)—The scorching hull of an ammunition freighter was searched today in an effort to recover the bodies of six crewmen killed when the ship exploded and burned yesterday.

Twenty-four of the 30 men aboard the 10,000-ton Greenhill Park were rescued from the waters of Vancouver harbor after four explosions set the ship afire.

The full death and injury toll and extent of damages will not be known for days. Officials estimated the vessel was a three-quarter loss with the cargo entirely destroyed.

Total damages, including hundreds of shattered plate glass windows, were placed at well above \$1,300,000. Fire fighters were battling fires still raging in the holds of the Greenhill Park, beached in English bay.

Detectives who boarded the vessel said the explosion probably was caused by an accumulation of gas between the decks. Ammunition and rockets also were touched off. The detectives reported they could see no signs of bodies.

### Japs Expecting Homeland to Be Battlefield

Leaders Call Meeting Of Cabinet; New Party Demanded By Nipponese

(By United Press)  
Tokyo radio reported that a special meeting of the Japanese cabinet was to be held today and the enemy broadcasts indicated the Japanese were becoming more resigned to the fact their homeland will become a "battle ground."

The meeting, which will be held at the official residence of Premier Kuniaki Koiso, came at a time when dissident members of the Japanese DIET clamored for establishment of an "armored" national political party.

Transocean radio reported from Tokyo that both houses of parliament will meet March 10 for one day when the Japanese premier will speak on Japan's present situation.

Warned Of Spies  
A Domei news agency dispatch, recorded by the FCC, said the demands for the "armored" party, apparently similar to the German Volksturm, were made by scores of individuals who recently resigned from the Imperial Rule Assistance Political society, the parliamentary wing of Japan's totalitarian party.

"The restlessness over a possible allied invasion of Japan's homeland and the China coast also extended to Canton, where a Japanese controlled broadcast warned of allied spies in the city and cautioned the people to remain calm.

Bend to Honor OPA Volunteers  
A tribute to the war-time work of volunteers who are assisting the Bend war price and ration board carry out its program in this community will be paid tonight at an Office of Civilian Defense dinner honoring the workers. The dinner will be at 7 o'clock, in the Pine Tavern, with 60 or more persons expected to be present.

John Barnett, district compliance executive for the OPA, and Gus Hasenbrack, rationing representative are scheduled to be present from Portland. Carl A. Johnson, president of the Bend chamber of commerce, will express the thanks of the community for the work of the volunteers.

Local organizations will also have representatives present to join in the tribute to the men and women who have made it possible to operate the Bend OPA office.

City, civic and service club officers are also to join in the tribute to the volunteers.

BROPHY CONFIRMED  
Washington, March 7 (AP)—The senate has confirmed the nomination of William A. Brophy of New Mexico to be commissioner of Indian affairs.

Japs Say Full Scale Battle Looms 12 Miles North of Manila; Yanks Close in on Baguio

Manila, March 7 (AP)—American troops closed in on the former summer capital of Baguio today as the sixth army prepared for a final assault against the Japanese on Luzon.

(A Japanese Domei agency dispatch recorded by FCC, said a "full-scale battle was imminent in the Montalban area, 12 miles northeast of Manila, with American artillery already shelling the enemy positions.")

A front report said that troops of the first corps already were nearing the city limits of Baguio which once was the headquarters for Lt. Gen. Tomogaki Yamashita's Japanese forces in the Philippines.

It was not disclosed from which direction the Americans were approaching Baguio, one of the principal cities in northern Luzon. The last reported U. S. positions in that area were Santa Rosa, 17

### Red Cross War Fund Drive Off to Fine Start in County

More Than Fifth of Quota Already Reported; Camp Fire Girls, Scouts and Women Assisting

Quota	Received to Date	Balance
\$22,300	\$4,388	\$17,912

Bend's campaign to raise money for the American Red Cross Fourth War fund, got away with a bang on Monday, with solicitors jubilantly reporting today that more than a fifth of the \$22,300 quota had been collected on the first day.

Bruce Gilbert, chairman of the Deschutes county drive, pointed out that no returns had been received yet from Redmond, Sisters and other out-of-town points, nor from the mills, and that he was hopeful that the campaign would be brought to a successful close in the 12 days allotted for the drive.

Many Bend business houses had not yet reported to headquarters yet. They were asked to make their reports not later than today, and Gilbert expressed the belief that after their returns are in the receipts will have been greatly increased.

Many Assist  
While scores of women canvassed Bend homes, Camp Fire girls and Boy Scouts joined in the drive today to raise "mercy dollars" for the relief of fighters here and abroad, and their needy families. Mrs. Joe Elder, executive secretary of the Camp Fire girls, reported that two groups began today to distribute Red Cross pamphlets to all homes north of Newport and Greenwood avenues. Mrs. Rella Henry headed the girls of the Dakonka group; and Mrs. Gail Baker, assisted by Mrs. W. A. Robertson, led the Wahanka girls.

In the meantime scouts of Troop 23, led by Scoutmaster Cecil Goodfellow, and Troop 25, headed by Scoutmaster Joe Slate, covered the remainder of the city, spreading the message of the Red Cross' dire need for funds at this time.

Piacards were placed in downtown windows by Vernon Larson, chairman of publicity, aided by Frank Prince, Jr., and Maurice Hoover. Each devoted a half day to this task.

Mrs. A. E. Stevens, chairman of residential solicitation in Bend, listed her co-workers as follows: Mrs. Sam Scott, Mrs. E. W. Williamson, Mrs. Virgil Moss, Mrs. Paul A. Smith, Mrs. H. V. McCollum, Mrs. L. A. Hillis, Mrs. W. S. Maxey, Mrs. Norman Gilbert, Mrs. William Gibson, Mrs. Irving Walter, Mrs. Ray E. Brown, Mrs. Wallace Johnson, Mrs. Dean Raymond, Mrs. H. J. Fissel, Mrs. Milo Seems, Mrs. R. M. Gipe, Mrs. W. G. Headrick, Mrs. J. A. Walker, Mrs. T. E. J. Duffy, Mrs. Frank Goehring, Mrs. Frank Riley, Mrs. Frank Scott, Mrs. C. J. Monahan, Mrs. N. H. Kittleson, Mrs. John Howe, Mrs. M. E. Carrier, Mrs. (Continued on Page 5)

Red Cross Workers Blessed  
A sweater, made by workers of the Deschutes county Red Cross chapter, was received by a marine in Ocean-side, Calif. He writes: "Just a word of thanks, and it comes from the other boys as fortunate as I am, for the fine sweaters we are wearing, results of your noble efforts. I am sure all you men who have these sweaters are truly grateful. God bless you and guide you in your great work."

Industrial Fund Meeting Is Set  
An organization meeting of contributors to Bend's post-war industrial development fund will be held at 7:30 tomorrow night in the main dining room of the Pilot Butte inn. It was announced today. The meeting had originally been set for the circuit court room in the courthouse, but the location was changed because of painters working there.

One hundred and forty men and firms contributed to the fund, and all individuals or representatives were urged to attend.

A full report of the committee which was in charge of raising the fund is to be made to the assembly of the committee was composed of Carl A. Johnson, chairman, Sumner Deitrick and Frank H. Loggan. The committee had sought to raise \$10,000 to match a similar amount the City of Bend had set aside for the purpose of attracting new industries here.

At tomorrow's meeting the contributors were expected to decide the type of organization which shall be set up to administer the fund, and to map the method of procedure.

Commencement Speaker Named  
Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, is to be the speaker at the 37th annual Bend high school commencement exercises, to be held this year on May 25. Superintendent Howard W. George of the local school system has announced.

Putnam is a former resident of Central Oregon and for many years was head of the Redmond schools.

WODEHOUSE RELEASED  
Paris, March 7 (AP)—French police have released P. G. Wodehouse, English novelist, from detention in a Paris hospital. It was learned today. He had been held at the hospital since December following investigation of his broadcasts from Berlin.

### Oder Defenses East of Capital Under Attack

Long Awaited Push Under Way, German News Sources Report

London, March 7 (AP)—The Germans said today that the red army had started a powerful offensive aimed at Berlin and was storming the Oder river defense line 30-odd miles east of the capital on both sides of Kuestrin and north of Frankfurt.

Both German and Russian reports indicated that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army was shoving off on the big push to Berlin.

The German high command said Soviet tanks, troops, and artillery were hammering the defenses around Kuestrin, key citadel on the east bank of the Oder 38 miles east of Berlin, and north of Frankfurt, west bank strong point 33 miles from the capital.

Springboards Sought  
A Nazi communique said the preliminary aim of the Russians was to "gain basic positions for major operations"—apparently solid footholds across the Oder to use as springboards against Berlin.

The high command said the Soviet attacks failed against determined defense and counterblows. But signs from both Berlin and Moscow hinted that Zhukov might already have a more or less solid bridgehead across the river. He won several after teaching the Oder a month ago, but their status was blacked out later.

Moscow gave tacit confirmation to the Nazi reports that the big push against Berlin was on! The government newspaper Izvestia said that "on all roads leading to Berlin there is visible evidence of the furious battles our troops now are waging."

River Crossed  
Other Soviet dispatches said that in an unidentified sector the Russians forced a river—perhaps the Oder east of Berlin—penetrated the Oder east of Berlin, and seized a major transport network.

Nazi broadcasts said strong red army forces, attacking in relays, were hammering the fortifications on both sides of Kuestrin, Oder stronghold 38 miles east of Berlin.

Berlin said the massed Soviet forces were "trying to break through the German defense system in an attempt to gain broad positions on the west bank of the Oder for the intended push on Berlin."

In the first hours of the resumed Soviet offensive before Berlin, the Transocean news agency said, red army assault forces charged the defenses northeast of Kuestrin seven times. The agency said the fortress held out and repelled these first all-out attacks.

Nazis Make Claims  
The nazis added the customary propaganda claim that the Russians finally were driven back to their starting line northeast of Kuestrin by counterblows.

But their broadcasts showed no tendency to minimize the threat of the reported offensive. They bluntly described it as the push on Berlin.

Military quarters had been predicting the renewal of Zhukov's offensive toward Berlin ever since the Pomeranian campaign largely secured his right flank.

### Dies on Luzon



Pvt. Edward J. (Bill) Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Powell, Bend, and a graduate from Bend high school with the class of 1944, has been killed in action while serving with a paratroop unit on Luzon, the war department recently announced.

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