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## Weather Forecast

Scattered light showers today, partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, except rain in northwest portion Thursday.

## Society Notices

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# Allied Blitz Sweeps Around Ruhr Sector

## REDS EXPECTED TO LINK WITH PATTON ARMY

### U. S.-Russian Junction Goal, Moscow Hints

Stalin's Men Drive to Point Only 21 Miles From Austria Border

London, March 28 (UP)—The red army drove within 21 miles of the Austrian frontier and about 85 miles of Vienna today with a lightning thrust to Sarvar on the Raba river, 26 miles west of Papa.

Other soviet columns were pushing toward Csorna, 75 miles southeast of Vienna and were reported already across the Raba river just east of Csorna.

Moscow dispatches for the first time spoke of the drive as aimed at an ultimate junction with the forces of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton which already have spearheaded halfway to the Czech border across southern Germany.

Oder Line Blazes

At the same time major fighting was reported on the Oder line where the nazis claimed they were trying to drive a corridor through to German elements which they claimed were still resisting inside Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin.

German reports admitted the red army had crossed the Marcal canal lying just east of the Raba and Moscow reports said that it was believed the Raba also had been crossed.

German accounts said the Russians were attacking in great strength, apparently in an effort to by-pass and neutralize the nazi garrisons at Komaron and Gyor which guard the Lake Balaton approaches to Austria.

Kuestrin Is Center

The Vienna-bound drive coincided with new and extremely heavy soviet attacks on the Oder river line, centering around Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin.

Nazi accounts admitted soviet penetrations at Kuestrin where they claimed an encircled garrison still was holding out.

The Russians were mopping up in Gdynia and Ranzig and expected to complete occupation of the Baltic cities today or tomorrow.

Russian accounts said that the remaining defenders largely were poorly trained marine battalions, including many boys and elderly men.

It was estimated that the red army had captured about 100,000 prisoners in the past week's fighting, principally around Koelnsberg and in northwestern Hungary.

Reds Near Austria

To the south, the soviets drove to within 20 miles of Austria and 58 of Vienna as a Fourth Ukrainian army group joined an offensive crumbling Germany's southern defenses along a 350-mile front.

Still another army group to the northeast battled through the streets of the twin Baltic ports of Danzig and Gdynia and their liberation appeared near. The Russians had reached the center of ancient Danzig.

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### Navy Planes Wing Over Burning Jap Homeland



A pair of U. S. Navy carrier-based Helldivers wing their way over burning hangars and other air installations at Omura during the Navy's devastating strike at Kyushu in the Japanese home islands on March 18. U. S. Navy photo.

### Fires, Out of Control, Raging in Cebu Capital

Manila, March 28 (UP)—American invasion forces swept over Cebu today to within two and a half miles of burning Cebu city, capital of the central Philippines island.

Elements of the American division, which landed on the mine-strewn beach at Talisay on the east coast Monday, were battling the Japanese garrison at Pardo just south of the capital. Cebu city is the second largest port in the Philippines.

Huge fires were reported out of control in Cebu city and the Japanese apparently were following their theme of destruction, which devastated Manila and the other island capitals in the archipelago.

A naval bombardment from cruisers and destroyers covered the landing by Maj. Gen. W. H. Arnold's veterans of Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

Beaches Mined

Although the Japanese were caught off guard by the invasion, the shallow beaches were mined and the assault troops ran into mortar fire from the Talisay area, five miles south of Cebu city.

Bombers and fighters of the 13th air force joined the drive and blasted a path for the ground forces as they cut across the narrow gauge rail line and moved onto the hard-surface road paralleling the coast.

Five small villages were swept up and a stubborn Japanese pocket was knocked out nearly two miles north of Talisay in the drive which carried to the town of Pardo, two and a half miles south of Cebu city.

Has Fine Harbor

The capital, with its three large piers and airfields, was a prime target for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces. The city, which had a pre-war population of 150,000 has a harbor second only to Manila in the entire Philippines.

Cebu city is just across a narrow strait from historic Mactan island, where Magellan died in the 16th century from a poisoned arrow. It is only 75 miles from Ormoc on American-held Leyte and approximately 350 miles southeast of Manila.

OPA Prices Rule Sale by Sheriffs

Salem, Ore., March 28 (UP)—Farm machinery may not be sold at an execution sale by a sheriff at a price in excess of OPA ceilings, Attorney General George Neuner ruled today.

The sheriff is constrained by state law to accept the highest bid for items up for auction, he said, but if this provision conflicts with federal law it is the local law which must yield.

Eisenhower May Signal War's End

The end of the war in Europe probably will become known through a formal announcement by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that German resistance on the western front has been broken.

In response to a question by Boyd Lewis, United Press European news manager, Eisenhower said in Paris yesterday that he planned to make such an announcement when the proper time arrived.

The plans of the Allied supreme commander were made known yesterday while erroneous reports that the Germans had surrendered or were about to surrender spread through the United States.

FIVE GIRLS DIE

Washington, March 28 (UP)—The last of a set of quintuplets born to a negro mother here last night died early today.

Mrs. Adda Turner, 36, was the mother of the five girls. The father, Harold Turner, 36, is a clerk at the U. S. bureau of standards here. The couple has six other children, including four-year-old twins.

### Japs Say Ships Open Sea Battle

Guam, Thursday, March 29 (UP) Japan today claimed naval surface and air battles have been joined in waters of the Ryukyus chain and reported, wholly without allied confirmation, that "grim" fighting was raging between reinforced American invasion troops and Japanese garrisons on two islands west of Okinawa.

Tokyo radio said that Japanese "air and surface vessels are now unleashing fierce counterattacks" against the American naval task groups which have pounded the strategic Okinawas, 380 miles south of Japan proper for five consecutive days.

Claims Not Backed

There was no evidence from an allied source to support Japanese claims of surface and naval actions or American invasions on Tokoshika or Aka islands in the Kerama group guarding the western approaches to Okinawa, largest and most strategically important island of the Ryukyus chain.

If the Japanese fleet has ventured forth to challenge Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's Fifth fleet carrier task forces, it would be the first time the enemy's navy has risked battle since its great defeat in the Philippines battle of Oct. 23-24, 1944.

The U. S. navy had announced bluntly that the purpose of its carrier strikes against Japan's inland sea a week ago was to seek out and destroy sequestered units of the enemy's navy in home waters.

The navy's top admirals all have said they would welcome a final, decisive engagement with whatever remains of the Japanese fleet.

Farrell Speaker At Lodge Session

In one of the liveliest meetings ever held by the Bend Elks lodge, 91 new members were initiated into the order last night. Participating in the ceremony were 50 Elks and their musicians from Salem.

One of the principal speakers of the evening was Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., who accompanied Clarence Ellis, another state official, to Bend.

Following the ceremony, the visiting Elks, members of the local lodge and the new members were treated to a dutch lunch.

Reservoir Water Is To Be Released

Water from the Wickiup and Crane Prairie reservoirs will be released into the Deschutes for diversion into the four irrigation canals in Central Oregon on April 1, and will continue to flow through the canals until November 1, announces Aubrey E. Perry, county watermaster.

Following a trip into the upper Deschutes country yesterday, the watermaster reported 65,920 acre feet in the Wickiup reservoir and 31,920 acre feet in the Crane Prairie reservoir.

17 PERSONS KILLED

Mexico City, Mar. 28 (UP)—Seventeen persons were killed and 15 injured last night when a locomotive rammied a passenger bus.

### Front Reports Indicate Nazis Heading to Mountain Region For Final Do-or-Die Struggle

Patton's Movements Blacked Out, But Belief Is Held His Troopers Have Raced 100 Miles East From Rhine; British Forces Also Lash Out

Paris, March 28 (UP)—American and British forces today joined in a northern tank blitz that swept around the corner of the Ruhr at a 20-mile day pace and one Third army spearhead was reported 210 miles or less southwest of Berlin.

A front report from the Third army said that the Germans were making a "general movement to the east and southeast" in front of the pulverizing jabs of the First and Third American armies—possibly toward Bavaria and the mountain region for a final do-or-die stand.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's advanced armored columns were still blacked-out for security reasons but at least one German report said they had driven almost 100 miles east of the Rhine and had swung north in the region of Graefendorf, a scant 210 miles from Berlin.

Armies On Move

But the blitz was not confined to the First and Third American armies.

Both the British Second and the American Ninth armies had shaken loose from the bitter resistance the nazis were putting up in defense of their Ruhr cities of Duisburg and Essen.

In parallel columns of heavy armor the British Second and American Ninth severed the northern communications of the Ruhr and headed east.

They crossed the Dortmund-Ems canal and slashed the Duisburg-Hamm military highway, shifting the main bulk of their weight east toward Berlin less than 245 miles away.

A dispatch from United Press war correspondent C. R. Cunningham with the Ninth army said it appeared "the Ninth army is on the verge of breaking into a wide open race to join the First and Third armies."

British Lash Out

The Ninth army kickoff was aided by the British Sixth guards armored brigade which crashed along the northern bank of the Lippe canal and river and entered Dorsten to relieve pressure on the Ninth from the crack 116th German panzer division.

American fliers who swarmed out by the thousands to bomb and strafe the fleeing enemy reported that the allied tide was sweeping eastward with tremendous speed and power.

Except for a few stubborn pockets of resistance in the by-passed Ruhr valley, German opposition was melting everywhere from the Karlsruhe corner to the Dutch border.

Berlin said British tanks had advanced 33 miles beyond the Rhine crossing at Wesel to the Dortmund-Ems canal, almost 20 miles past their kick-off point this morning. There the Tommies were past the main arsenal centers of the Ruhr and only 245 miles due west of Berlin.

Returning pilots said the battle lines were moving ahead so rapidly that new bombing zones had to be established every 20 minutes.

Contact Broken

At some points the pursuing British were completely out of contact with the fleeing enemy.

Troops of the American Ninth army on their right flank charged into the Ruhr itself and cut the Duisburg-Hamm military highway. Radio Luxembourg said they captured the factory city of Sterkrade, nine miles northwest of Duisburg.

The Germans were in the midst of a general retreat that had broken into a disorderly rout at many points, with hundreds of allied tanks riding hard on their heels.

The allied tank armies, shaken loose for the first time on a major scale, were hurdling their own infantry lines and racing almost unopposed across the burning reich anywhere from 30 to 90 miles beyond the Rhine.

Disaster Faced

Into a few blazing hours that threatened Germany with her greatest military disaster of the war were packed these developments:

The American First army swept 60 miles or more beyond the middle Rhine to the outskirts of Giessen, 230 miles southwest of Berlin, splitting through the center of the wehrmacht front and outflanking Frankfurt-On-Main.

### Secretary Visits



Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Oregon's secretary of state, visited in Bend today and conferred with local officials and Bend residents. He was accompanied by Clarence Ellis, head of the state's financial responsibility division. Farrell and Ellis returned to Salem today, over the Santiam pass.

### German Arms Production Is Fliers' Target

Big Air Armada Strikes At Berlin, Hannover in Move to Hasten War End

London, March 28 (UP)—More than 1,300 American bombers and fighters attacked German arms plants in Berlin and Hannover today in twin blows calculated to hasten the end of the war in Europe.

Well over 950 Flying Fortresses rained nearly 3,000 tons of demolition and fire bombs on the two cities between 10 and 11:15 a. m. BST, an American communique announced. The bombers were escorted by more than 350 Mustang fighters.

The raids were designated to cripple two of Germany's arms plants outside the great Ruhr valley, already threatened by advancing American and British armies.

To Evacuate Berliners

A German DNB dispatch broadcast just after the raid announced that arrangements had been made to evacuate Berliners, particularly women and children, to less-exposed areas because of the "air terror."

RAF Mosquitos—nazi broadcast said a 75-mile procession of them—had hit Berlin less than 12 hours previously for the 36th straight night. They dropped two-ton block busters and showers of fire bombs.

Little more than a smoking shell remained of the Berlin that once was the world's fourth largest city. It has been the target of a greater weight of bombs than any other city in the world.

Fires of various sizes have burned almost ceaselessly in Berlin since the RAF began its current series of nightly Mosquito raids supplemented by occasional American daylight attacks.

German Morale Low

Today's daylight raid came at a time when German morale was at its lowest ebb. British and American armies were driving almost at will through Germany's western defenses and an all-out offensive against the capital itself by the Red army appeared imminent.

Neutral sources have reported that hundreds of thousands of Berliners have fled the city, clogging railways and highways in their haste to escape the rain of bombs. Those who remained behind, these sources said, were driven almost to madness by the constant attacks.

Most government offices have been evacuated, Swedish and Swiss dispatches said, but key officials still were in the city.

### Dog Tieup Billed To Start Sunday

Bend dog owners have only three days in which to license their animals and make preparations for the annual summer tie-up, according to a warning issued at the city hall today. On April 1, all dogs must either be tied up or be placed in pens, or they face being impounded and their owners fined in the period ending July 31.

Not only should owners be getting out their leashes and readying their pens, but they should also take advantage of the city's license "bargain," George Simerville, city recorder, said. Licenses which are now \$1 for males and \$1.50 for females, go up an additional 50 cents after next Saturday, Simerville stated.

Many Dogs Unlicensed

According to the city recorder there are approximately 250 dogs in the city yet unlicensed. Licenses are sold at the county clerk's office, city police headquarters and at the city hall, Simerville explained.

The city's tieup ordinance was adopted as a protection for Victory gardens and nesting waterfowl along the Deschutes river, it was reported.

### BULLETINS

(By United Press)

U. S. 1st Army GHQ, March 28 (UP)—A partial blackout on news of U. S. First army advances, it was said tonight, may indicate that sensational gains are in the making. The situation was described as "the most fluid imaginable."

London, March 28 (UP)—The red army cracked the last nazi defense lines protecting southeast Austria today and swept up to within 12 miles of the border and 55 miles of Vienna.

(By United Press)

Atlantic radio said that the German battleship Gneisenau, anchored at Gdynia, was blown up by the nazis shortly before the garrison surrendered to the Russian army today.

London, March 28 (UP)—A special order of the day by Marshal Stalin tonight announced the capture of Gyor and Komaron, the nazi keystones on the defense of the Lake Ballaton approach to Austria.

U. S. First Army GHQ, March 28 (UP)—A strong First army column is driving southward to reinforce the U. S. Third army, it was said tonight but nothing more regarding this may be revealed.

London, March 28 (UP)—Radio Berlin reported tonight that American tanks have reached Hammelburg, 204 miles from Berlin and 22 miles north of Wuertzburg.

With U. S. Fourth Armored Division, March 28 (UP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's famous Fourth armored division is on the loose tonight and is striking north on the roads that lead toward Kassel and the heart of the greater reich.

(By United Press)

A Tokyo newspaper professed to bring the Pacific war to a decision within the next month.

### Tokyo Reports American Raid on Mainland Of Japan, in Support of Kerama Invasion

Guam, March 28 (UP)—Tokyo said that American carrier planes raided southern Japan today in support of the reported invasion of the Kerama islands, 280 miles to the southwest.

A broadcast Domei news agency said that approximately 90 carrier planes raided Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands, this afternoon (Japanese time). The raid was centered on the Miyazaki and Kagoshima prefectures in the southern part of the island, Domei said.

An early Tokyo radio broadcast reported that American reinforcements had landed in the Kerama islands, southwest of Kyushu, and said "savagely battles" were under way.

A delayed dispatch from United Press War Correspondent Lloyd Tupling aboard Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's flagship off Okinawa said battleships, cruisers and destroyers pounded the main island of the Ryukyus group with more than 1,000 tons of explosives Saturday.

Surface forces attached to Mitscher's famed carriers paraded for four hours along a 10-mile stretch of the southeastern coast of Okinawa, Tupling said.

The big guns of the battleships, cruisers and destroyers blasted at Japanese gun emplacements, pillboxes and other shore installations.

Tokyo said the task force was gradually being reinforced and was now estimated at 100 vessels.

"At present the enemy's movement is believed an attempt to cover its landed force on Kerama," Tokyo said, adding:

"There are signs that the enemy is aiming at a major attempt to land on the island of Okinawa."