Weather Forecast

Parity cloudy today, tonight and Saturday. Warmer southwest por-tion today.

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Japs Say Five Task Forces Pound Islands Foe Asserts Huge Armada

Nippons Say Warplanes Do Damage to Flotilla; Allied Sources Silent

Near Okinawa

By Frank Tremaine (United Press War Correspondent) Guam, March 30 (IP) — Tokyo said at least five allied task forces, including 17 battleships, were blasting away at Japan's southern approaches for the eighth straight day today in preparation for an invasion of Okinawa island in the Ryukyus.

Japanese estimates of the task forces which the enemy said has been hitting installations all the way from Japan proper to the Sakishimas, 600 miles to the southwest, ranged from 150 surface ships to 2,000, including transports and landing craft. One Tokyo broadcast said "al-most the entire American Pacific

fleet" was mobilized for the assault.

Unit Near Mainland

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Though the assault was centering on Okinawa, naval and air base island 330 miles southwest of Japan, Tokyo said one task force appeared last night and today "around" Tanega island, only 25 miles off the coast of Japan itself.

A panetration to Tanega would

A penetration to Tanega would be the closest approach to Japan by allied warships of the war and would represent a ringing chal-lenge to the remnants of the Japa-

lenge to the remnants of the Japa-nese fleet to come out and fight.

(A German Transocean dis-patch recorded by the United Press in London said 150 Amer-ican Superfortresses raided Tokyo this morning with new-type in-cendiary bombs and caused fires

cendiary bombs and caused fires at several places.)

Jap Planes Attack
Radio Tokyo said Japanese planes attacked the task force around Tanega, a 30-mile-long island off the southern tip of Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands. One of three carriers and a battleship or cruis-er were damaged seriously by torpedoes launched by Japanese "as-

was crippled, and probably sunk, a destroyer damaged and a large transport set afire, Tokyo claimed.

Four other American and Britlands in the kyukyus, principally structure. The quartet skied a total distance of 42 miles, 21 miles each way from where they left their 17 battleships, seven auxiliary air. Sulumebile near Camp Wicking.

Aachen Germany, March 29 ds in the Ryukyus,

Dispatch Says Nazi Capital Moved to Small Town in Alps

Rome Reports Eichstatt, Near Berchtesgaden, Now Center of Hitler Rule; Last Stand Expected

esgaden, after evacuating Berlin.

A carefully-buried item in Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, revealed that Mgr. Cesare Orsenigo, apostolic nuncio to the German government, held a special celebration at Eichstatt Wednesday in observance of the anniversary of the Pope's coronation.

Vatican household sources pointed out to the United Pressent Rome that Orsenigo rejectly expressed his intention

of leaving Berlin to follow the

Hitler government to its new

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Dies on Luzon



First Sergeant Edgar L. (Eddie) Wilson, 23, who was killed in ac-tion on Luzon last Feb. 4, while serving as a paratrooper with an airborne division. Before meeting his death in the Philippines, Sgt. Wilson saw action in New Guinea and at Leyte.

Four Boys Back From Lake Trip

Their feet smarting from blisters, four Bend youths who skied into Elk Lake on Monday and into Elk Lake on Monday and sued to his third army revealed Tuesday, returned to Bend today today that since crossing the Mowith a report that snow was as deep as eight feet in some drifts, and that the average depth was from three to five feet. Three 140,142 Germans and killed or sault units." Tokyo said.

Tokyo also said a task force, presumably the same one, appeared south of Shikoku, east of Kyushu, later today and was under "furious attack by our air and surface units." An additional cruiser clear spots, they reported. from three to five feet. Three 140,142 Germans and killed or feet of snow rested on the ice on wounded an estimated 90,000 Elk Lake, but in some places en route back the boys encountered

The snow was so deep at the south end of Elk Lake, where the boys stayed in a cabin, that it was has captured more than 95,000 ish task forces were attacking is drifted up to the eaves of the principally structure.

way from where they left their automobile near Camp Wickiup. Stroyers, 20 minesweepers and 92 landing-ship-tanks.

Big Fleet Spotted

But the Tokyo newspaper Yomes with 2,000 ships of all kinds."

Domei said six battleships.

Way from where they left their automobile near Camp Wickiup. Aachen Germany, March 29 (Delayed) (IP)—American authorities assigned guards tonight to every burgomeister behind First and Ninth army lines as a result of the "parachute" assassination of Franz Oppenhof, mayor of Aachen.

Oppenhof's murder by three

Domei said six battleships, seven cruisers, 14 destroyers and 19 transports were operating off lies Kerama Islands, 10 to 20 miles west of the southwest corner of Okinawa. American troops were operated by Tokyo already ashore on the tiny Keramas.

O'clock last night.

The boys, believed to be the first to reach the lake this season, are Rowan Brick, 16, 418 Florida avenue; William Harris, 16, 542 Arizona avenue; Robert Mills, 17.

Aachen.

Oppenhof's murder by three German paratroopers Sunday avenue; William Harris, 16, 542 Arizona avenue; Robert Mills, 17.

Smith, 18, of the Deschutes auto out.

Huge British Task Unit Joins Americans

Nazis Reported Surrendering At Rate Faster Than in Last London, March 30 (U.P.) — A Vatican city dispatch said today that the German government has begun functioning at Eichstatt, a small town in the Bavarian Alps near Berchtesgaden, after avagusting Poults

Troopers, Moving Under Security Blackout, Race Virtually Unopposed Through Reich as Resistance Fades; Some Units Swing North

Paris, March 30 (U.P.) - American tank columns were within a few miles of completely severing the Ruhr from central Germany tonight and both the First and Third American armies were closing in on Kassel and the Wester river line 165 miles southwest of Berlin

A First army spearhead reached Fritzler on the Eder river, only 14 miles southwest of Kassel, while a Third army column reached the Tresysa area, 29 miles southwest of

The dispatch thus constituted the most authoritative indication yet that Adolf Hitler has written off Berlin as capital of Germany for a last stand in the Bavarian and Austrian Alps surrounding his mountain top home at Berch-Other First army spearheads swept through Paderborn, 186 miles west of Berlin, moving at such a rate that a dispatch from First army headquarters said they had now virtually cut off the Ruhr from central Germany.

tesgaden.

Nazis Worried

The disclosure came while nazi propagandists were attempting to whip up German morale in the face of admittedly disastrous allied break-throughs in the west.

Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar. official Junction Near This column was moving to a junction with Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery's forces. These troops, still under

a security blackout, were reported to have moved past Muenster, 227 miles from Berlin.

The distance between the First army spearhead and Montgomery's columns was not known exactly since Mont-gomery's forces seemed to be swinging somewhat northward oward the great German port cities of Hamburg and Bremen. It was reported that the Germans were surrendering at a

reich's present plight confronted the German soldier with the ques-tion, "What is the sense in con-tinuing the fight." rate of more than 2,000 per hour-faster than they gave up in the closing days of world war I.

The closest column to Berlin according to allied reports

enemy's intention to annihilate the entire German nation furnishes us with the only possible answer," he said. "As long as we are faced with such prospects, a fight to the last is the only alternative. . . . "We must not quit, no matter whether we fight on the Rhine or to the east of it. Any time gained counts in these days." was the First army spearhead at Fritzlar where it was 185 miles from the reich capital. German accounts placed U. S troops at Bad Wildungen, 185 miles from Berlin.

Reports Not Confirmed
Reports of uncertain authenticity said American forces already had reached the suburbs of Kassel, 165 miles from Other reports said the Americans were nearing Fulda, 190

miles southwest of Berlin.

Three new divisions, two of them armored outfits, were announced as in action with the U. S. First army.

The U.S. Seventh army entered the ancient university city of Heidelberg after a telephoned effort to arrange its sur-

Unconfirmed reports broadcast by the London radio said beaten, dispirited Germans were surrendering at the rate of

Third American Army GHQ, March 30 (IP)—Lt. Gen. George Coupled with the capture of more than 33,000 nazis by the U. S. First and Third armies alone yesterday, that indicated a bag of perhaps 70,000 enemy troops by all allied armies in 48 hours—and the break-up of Germany's armies in the west.

Front Blacked Out

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Virtually all the western front was under a military se-curity blackout, but field dispatches filtered through the censorship made it clear that the greatest break-through of the western war was tearing the German lines apart.

It has captured 6,484 square miles of territory and 3,072 cities The American First army was loose on a wide front east of the Ruhr valley and racing north toward an imminent juncture with British Second army forces on the Westphalian

Vanguards of the British force were reported in the West-phalian capital of Muenster, 227 miles from Berlin, and fan-ed to fan out on Cebu island the northwest toward Bremen and Hannover.

The advance was going ahead so rapidly that at one point a dramatic "hold your fire" order was flashed to RAF fliers swarming out to pound the Germans' fleeing road columns.

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A second force sushed south

British tank forces were so close on the heels of the retreating enemy that the air attacks had to be called off for a time to avoid hitting allied troops.

In the Muenster area, the British were less than 40 miles from a juncture with U. S. First army tanks, last reported at Paderborn, 190 miles southwest of the German capital. The Yanks were ranging out almost unopposed to the north and east of that road center after a sensational 100-mile flanking sweep from the Giessen area.

British tank forces were so close on the heels of the growing aerial offensive from the Philippines.

A second force pushed south along Cebu's eastern coast and occupied the town of Naga, nine miles below the Talisay landing beaches and 14 miles south of Cebu city.

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A second force pushed south along Cebu's eastern coast and occupied that no time be lost in obtaining licenses, as that also is the deadline for that.

The chief said that after April 1 the cost of the licenses is increased by 50 cents. He said that licenses may be obtained at his headquarters, in the city hall, or reported resting more comfortably today.

sweep from the Giessen area.

On the First army's right flank, the American Third army's plunging tank columns were plowing northeast and east from Giessen at a mile-an-hour clip, striking along the main Frankfurt-Berlin superhighway.

The German high command said Third army forces were pring up operations east of Manila.

A Bad Wildenger 196 miles couthwest of Berlin and 19 miles.

MacArthur's communique said there was only minor action in the ground campaign on Luzon, in the northern Philippines, where an additional 1,338 Japanese bodies were counted in the mopping up operations east of Manila.

at Bad Wildungen, 186 miles southwest of Berlin and 19 miles southwest of the Hessian capital of Kassel, Kassel, keystone of the Germans' Weser river line, was being outflanked from of the Germans' Weser river line, was being outflanked from the southwest and southeast. Its fall would break the enemy's last major water line short of the Elbe and Berlin.

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Allies Spear Into Germany



Seven allied armies of the west strike with their full armored power along the German 200-mile battle line east of the Rhine in a series of breakthroughs that sent American tank columns into the heart of the reich. All spearheads mapped here have been considerably extended, and today British forces were reported in the Westphalian capital of Muenster. Berlin said Third army forces were 19 miles southwest of Kassel.

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of the Americal division secured the approaches to Cebu's big har-

The main city of Opon on Mactan islands, where Magellan dled in the 16th century, was selzed by the assault troops while tiny Cauit, a former seaplane base just outside Cebu city's harbor, was completely occupied. The islands were the 29th and 30th invaded by Gen. Douglas

MacArthur's American forces in the Philippines. Men Fan Out

way to the North German plain, and moving fast toward a decisive juncture with Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery's British and American forces in the north.

At Paderborn, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First army was less than 40 miles from a juncture with Montgomery and 59 miles southwest of Hannover, 12th city of Hitler's disintegrating reich.

The Americans were 49 miles southwest of Muenster, already menaced by British columns advancing from the west, and the Luxembourg radio said the city was reported draped with white flags.

A Chinese army spokesman said Japanese mechanized spear heads were approaching Laohokow from Tenghsien, along a highway extending from southern Hunan province.

(A Tokyo radio broadcast resorded by United Press at San Francisco said the vanguard of Japanese forces in Hupeh province on Tuesday completely octored by United Press at San Japanese forces in Hupeh province on Tuesday completely octored to the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and their "weation of a city ordinance to molest the waterfowl, and the waterfowl the control of the city interformance of the control of the control of the city in the city in the city in the

U. S. First Army GHQ, March 30 dP—U. S. First army columns, a dvancing 30 miles against virtually no opposition today reached Fritziar, 14 miles southwest of Kassel, and 185 miles from Berlin.

London, March 30 (P)-Radio Luxembourg tonight broadcast that there is no longer a coher-ent German front and that "there are only separate fight-ing zones" with allied troops meeting but weak resistance.

With U. S. 7th Army, March 30 (117 - U. S. Seventh army forces entered the ancient city of Heidelberg late today after their telephoned demand to the borgomeister for surrender of the city was rejected.

With U. S. 9th Army, Mar. 30 (IP—Ninth army armored di-visions broke into the clear today and drove eastward against little or no resistance. A se-curity blackout still was imposed on their advance.

Police Warn Dog

Russians Drive Across Austria Along 5 Roads

Vienna Is Menaced as Soviet Legions Crowd Toward Foes' Citadel

London, March 30 (IP)-The red army today was reported driving on Vienna along five highways south of the Danube and was only 30 miles from the Austrian capital of Sopron, which was reported

The German high command admitted the fall of Danzig and

Gdynia.
The Germans, however, claimed the soviet drive into Austria had been halted.
The rail lines are also vital to

the supply of the German forces still holding out in northern Yugo-

still holding out in northern Yugoslavia.

The Germans were reported massing troops along the Leite river line just a few miles in advance of soviet spearheads for a last stand to save Vienna.

Vienna Menaced
One soviet column threatened to flank Vienna from the south. Still another column clearing the western tip of Hungary was within five miles of the Austrian border and 40 miles southeast of Vienna.

Far to the north, the great Bal-

Far to the north, the great Baltic port of Danzig fell into soviethands, a German army newspaper dispatch recorded by the FCC in the United States said. A soviet communique last night reported only the capture of the center of the city and the greater part of its port area.

Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army group rolled up to the Austrian frontier on a 14-mile front yesterday and a Free Austria radio broadcast said the soviets crossed the border at several points, liberating Far to the north, the great Bal-

said the soviets crossed the border at several points, liberating some villages.

Nazi Line Turned

The soviets turned the German defense line based on Lake Neusiedler with the capture of the border stronghold of Koeszeg, 19 miles southwest of the 130-square-rolle strate barries and 50 miles.

miles southwest of the 130-squaremile water barrier and 50 miles
south of Vienna itself.
Koeszeg also lies 31 miles
southeast of the big Messerschmitt aircraft manufacturing
center of Wiener Neustadt and 165
miles east of Adolf Hitler's mountain-top retreat at Berchtesgaden.
Another Third army group column seized Kapuvar, 11 miles
south of Lake Neusledler, seven
miles from the Austrian border miles from the Austrian border and 42 miles southeast of Vienna. More than 100 other Hungarian

towns and villages were swept up in the Third army group's ad-vances of up to 20 miles, among them Szombathely, 54 miles east of Graz, Austria's second largest industrial center.

U.S. Air Force Quits Base Positions Blasted Mitchell medium bombers and At Lachokow as Japs Near

Guard Your Tires

By James A. McLean
(United Press War Correspondent)
Western Pacific Base, March
22 (Delayed) (UP—A powerful British task force, including battleships and aircraft carriers, sped out from this American base early today to land the first major British naval blow against the Japanese in this war.

The task force twice abandoned by the British since the last war as unnecessary, was headed north to join the American fleet in fulfillment of Prime Minister Churchill's pledge that Britialn's havy would fight until the final annihilation of the Japanese.

Its target is the Ryukyu islands, the long stepping-stone chain leading directly to the enemy's in the long stepping stone chain leading directly to the enemy's in the long stepping stone chain leading directly to the enemy's in the long stepping stone chain leading directly to the enemy's in the long stepping stone chain leading directly to the enemy's in the long stepping stone chain leading directly to the enemy's in the long stepping stone chain leading directly to the enemy's in the long stepping stone chain leading directly to the enemy's into the communique announced today that carrier planes from the British task force raided the Sakishima group, and the Sakishima group, southwest of Okinawa, Monday and Tuesday.)

As the hulking gray shapes of the British warships moved out into the Pacific, Commodore Worrall R. Carter, USN, commander of the Pacific fleet service force, sent a blinker message to the task force.

"Good hunting, good luck and God speed to you, British brothers," the message said.

Vice Adm. Sir Bernard Rawlings, RN, commander of the task force is a potent unit, spearheaded by the most powerful and newest vessels of the little batter home islands.

The task force was destined to hit the Japanese within 500 miles of their home islands.

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In Attacks on Japs in Far West Pacific

Isles Off Cebu Fall to Yanks; **Drome Seized**