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Soviet Armies Only 22 Miles Out of Vienna

Stalin Forces Penetrate Capital's Outer Defenses In Drive Across Austria

London, March 31 (AP)—The red army closed in on Vienna today, and began cleaning up remnants of the Silesian industrial area still held by the nazis.

Moving up from the south, soviet forces under Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin were crashing through the outer defense circle of Vienna and at points were less than 40 miles from the Austrian capital.

One report placed some soviet forces a little more than 20 miles from the industrial center of Wiener Neustadt, about 22 miles south of Vienna.

In Silesia, German reports said, the red army burst into Ratibor and Katscher in southern Silesia, 18 and 21 miles respectively from Moravská Ostrava. They also entered Glogau, 80 miles southeast of Frankfurt. Glogau has been encircled for some weeks.

Race for Vienna

The tank forces were racing toward Vienna under a security blackout after turning the front defense line anchored on Lake Neusiedler with a push across the Austrian border at Koeszeg, 50 miles south of the capital.

Another column of Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army group, also moving under a security blackout, was less than 40 miles southeast of Vienna in a frontal advance toward the Lake Neusiedler line.

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army group, on Tolbukhin's northern flank, simultaneously struck out on a 100-mile front for Bratislava, capital of Germany's puppet state of Slovakia and key to the Bratislava gap to Vienna.

Army Advances

South of the Danube, the Second army group punched to within 30 miles southeast of Bratislava and 44 miles southeast of Vienna with the capture of Tarnokret. Nagy Bajes, 38 miles southeast of Bratislava, also fell to the soviets.

Other Second army group forces north of the Danube forced the Hron and Nitra rivers, tributaries of the Danube, on a 45-mile front and advanced to within 51 miles northeast of Bratislava.

The capture of Bratislava would enable the Russians to advance from the Danube valley between Lake Neusiedler and the Slovakian mountains toward Vienna, some 30 miles farther west.

3 Escape Death In Auto Plunge

Prineville, March 31 (Special)—Three Prineville high school boys last night narrowly escaped death when an automobile in which they were riding went out of control atop the View Point park west of here and plunged nearly 300 feet down the steep slopes of the park.

In the Prineville general hospital today were Gene Smith and Larry Martin, severely injured. Don Dussey, the third occupant of the car, leaped when it started over the precipitous bluff and escaped without injury. He was recovering from shock at his home.

State highway department employees said that there was evidence that the car had been racing in a circle in the state park, when it apparently went out of control, crashed through a concrete and rock safety wall and smashed down the slope. The car was reported to be completely wrecked. One of the boys told investigators that the brakes locked on the car, causing it to careen over the bluff.

Rolls Down Hill

View Point park rises 386 feet above the city of Prineville, and is an attraction to many tourists who drive there to view the Ochoco valley below. The car came to a rest a short distance above an old road near the base, or nearly 300 feet from the top.

Smith was the more severely injured, hospital attendants reporting that he suffered a fractured ankle and severed ligaments, and back injuries. Martin was treated for severe cuts and bruises.

Fall of Germany To Release Gas

Los Angeles, March 31 (AP)—The fall of Germany will mean a large increase, possibly 50 per cent, in civilian gasoline rations in the United States, said Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum administrator for war.

Easter Monkey Business



Most children find in their Easter basket a gaily colored assortment of eggs, but little Annette Avers, of Portage, Wis., got a big surprise when she found this pet monkey grinning at her.

Bend Churches Outline Plans For Special Services Sunday

Capacity Congregations Expected to Attend Rites Commemorating Feast of Resurrection

Bend tomorrow will join with the Christian world in services commemorative of the Resurrection, with special services arranged by practically all local churches. Capacity attendance is expected by most pastors, who say that light is again breaking through dark clouds of war and that for many this should be the most joyful Easter since the start of the world conflict.

Observance of the Christian festival locally will range from sunrise services atop Pilot butte to Easter pageants, with special masses, communion services, baptisms and special music also arranged.

Japs on Okinawa Flee Into Hills

By Lloyd Tupling
(United Press War Correspondent)
Aboard Admiral Mitscher's flagship, off Okinawa, March 28 (Delayed) (AP)—This mighty task force today blasted the island of Okinawa with bombs and shells while its half-million Japanese residents fled from the target areas.

Returning pilots described Okinawa, southern guardian of Japan, as a scene of "utter desolation." A thick black cloud of smoke covers the island. It rises from the burning wreckage of barracks, warehouses, ammunition dumps, ships and the town of Kumiyu.

Population Disappears

The population seemingly has disappeared. American carrier pilots swarming over the 70-mile-long bastion said they saw no human activity from the air. They concluded the Japanese had taken to the rugged northern hills, or were hiding in the numerous caves that dot the island.

The fast battleships and carrier planes of Vice Admiral Marc C. Mitscher's force concentrated their blows against Okinawa. But they also mauled Amami Shima to the north, and Minami Daito, in smashing attacks that neutralized air fields and shipping there.

YOUTH FATALLY HURT

McMinnville, Ore., March 31 (AP)—Charles A. Brown, 17, of Springfield, Mo., was on his way to Hoquiam, Wash., when he was fatally injured in a motorcycle accident. It was learned here today.

Brown died yesterday of a skull fracture suffered in the collision between his motorcycle and an automobile in McMinnville.

Japanese Defenses in Central Philippines Rapidly Collapsing; Troops Invade Negros

By H. D. Quigg
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Manila, March 31 (AP)—Japanese defenses throughout the central Philippines were collapsing rapidly today before American forces which seized control of all but one of the major islands in the archipelago.

The mounting campaign sent U. S. assault troops swarming over two more islands—Negros, the fourth largest island in the Philippines, and little Cebu in Manila bay.

They were the 31st and 32nd islands in the Philippines invaded by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's American forces. Bohol, between Cebu and Leyte, was the only large island still held by the Japanese.

Seasoned veterans of Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th division landed on the west coast of Negros

Allied Advance Engulfing Ruhr Jap Island Under Fleet Attack

Foe Expecting Invasion Soon; 18 Ships Sunk

Tokyo Reports Mighty Task Force Strikes to Pave Way for Landings

Guam, March 31 (AP)—Pacific fleet carrier task forces and more than 100 Superforts raked the Japanese from Okinawa to the home island of Kyushu, 330 miles to the northeast, today in smashing blows which Tokyo said were preparations for imminent invasion.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported the fleet sank 18 Japanese ships, probably sank 14 and damaged 15 in two days near Okinawa and then closed for a devastating close-range bombardment of the island's defenses.

The attack still was in progress and Tokyo anticipated U. S. invasion forces would go ashore at any moment.

Japs Slight Armada

Tokyo said American minesweepers were now clearing the approaches to Okinawa and that a powerful transport armada is heading for the scene.

Battleships and light units of the Pacific fleet meanwhile blasted at shore installations on Okinawa as carrier planes hit the main island of the Ryukyus again today. Nimitz said.

Seawalls Breached

"Seawalls were breached by gunfire, and defensive gun positions, airfield and bridges were heavily hit."

Fleet surface units on March 27 and 28 also bombarded tiny Minami Daito island, 300 miles east of Okinawa, and outside the Ryukyu chain, which guards the approaches to Japan, Formosa and the China coast.

Nimitz reported that a carrier fleet struck at targets in the Sakai-shima group of the southern Ryukyus, less than 300 miles east of Formosa.

Action Continues

A Japanese imperial headquarters communique said that carrier raids on Okinawa, 330 miles southwest of Kyushu broke off yesterday, but "the enemy's ship bombardment on the Okinawa group continues in intensity."

Meanwhile, reconnaissance photographs showed that 56 aircraft were destroyed or damaged and a number of hangars blasted in the strike on Kyushu March 28.

Giant U. S.-Russian Blows Hammer Germany



Giant strides were taken by Allied Armies on both west and east fronts. U. S. First and Third Armies linked up after reaching Rauschenberg, were believed pushing toward Leipzig. To the south, another Third Army's spearhead passed Gemunden and was headed for possible juncture with Russians who were reported across Austria border and within 40 miles of Vienna.

Germans Delay Action On Armistice Request

London, March 31 (AP)—European reports said Adolf Hitler and the German high command agreed at a dramatic all-night meeting ending early today that Germany should seek an armistice, but apparently delayed action when the nazis refused to give up the government immediately.

The high command informed Hitler that it was prepared to negotiate for an armistice if the nazi government would quit, a Stockholm Tidningen dispatch quoted by the Exchange Telegraph agency said.

Nazi Subs Sink 3 Allied Vessels

London, March 31 (AP)—Three allied ships were sunk and one was damaged by German planes and submarines that attacked a large convoy carrying war materials to Russia, it was disclosed today.

Carried Vital Cargo

The convoy carried locomotives, freight cars, and other first priority materials needed by the Soviet armies for their drive across Germany.

Smith Improved After Operation

Suddenly stricken one week ago when he was convalescing from an operation, Seaton Smith, Bend high school instructor, this morning underwent an operation at the Hahnemann hospital in Portland and his right leg was amputated below the knee, according to information provided by the United Press.

R. Keith Clark Hurt in Action

Wounded in action while serving with the 3rd army in Europe on Feb. 27, Pvt. R. Keith Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Clark, former residents of Bend who are now in Dayton, Wash., is convalescing in a hospital in England, friends here have learned. Keith attended Bend high school and was graduated from the Dayton high school.

Wild Shooting Is Studied by Police

Promiscuous shooting of a rifle, which sent two shots into one home and another through a window narrowly missing a small boy, was being investigated by city police today after two women had reported the incidents.

Chessman Reappointed

Salem, Ore., March 31 (AP)—Merle B. Chessman, Astoria publisher, has been reappointed to another three-year term as a member of the state highway commission, Gov. Earl Snell announced today.

GALLONAGE DECREASES

Salem, Ore., March 31 (AP)—A total of 15,971,765 gallons of gasoline was used in Oregon during the month of February, the motor vehicles division here said today. This was a decrease of 385,471 gallons from the same month last year.

Armored Host Sweeps Across West Germany

Nazi Resistance Falls Apart as Legions Rush Eastward Into Reich

Paris, March 31 (AP)—Allied armies overran the entire western quarter of Germany today in an almost unopposed armored sweep that engulfed the Ruhr basin and threatened momentarily to spill across the Weser river line within 165 miles of Berlin.

Almost 3,000 American and British tanks, probably the greatest armored host in the history of warfare, were running riot across thousands of square miles of German soil along the northern and central roads to Berlin.

Field dispatches said all organized resistance on the northern half of the front at least, had fallen apart, opening the way for a knockout drive on the enemy capital.

Called Final Hour

"This is the wehrmacht's final hour," London newspapers declared flatly as the allied high command announced that the French First army had swept across the Rhine to join seven other allied armies storming through Germany's inner fortress.

The American First army and Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Anglo-American armies virtually sealed off the arsenical cities of the Ruhr with converging drives from the south and north that may already have linked up on the 50-mile stretch between Paderborn and Munster.

Nazis Quit Bases

The speed of the allied advance was pointed up by the dramatic announcement that the Luftwaffe had evacuated its great fighter bases north and south of Munster, abandoning the fleeing German armies to a blind and bomb-splattered retreat.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third army was swinging in for perhaps the decisive thrust at the center of the broken enemy front.

Patton's charging tanks were less than 10 miles from the German anchor town of Kassel on the Weser river 165 miles southwest of Berlin.

French Cross Rhine

The French First army crossed (Continued on Page 8)

Dogs, Sensing Tieup in City, Go in Hiding

As the hour approached for Bend dogs to go under the leash or be confined in pens for four months, it developed today at licensing headquarters that a number of them appear to be AWOL. Several persons, appearing at the city hall or police station, inquiring about licenses now due, reported their dogs had disappeared.

"How in heck can you tie up your dog when you can't find him?" one puzzled owner asked. One well known Bend sportsman applied for a "veteran's" license for his dog, claiming that the animal had 10 years service as a retriever of waterfowl along the Deschutes river.

"He was turned down," said George Simerville, city recorder. At midnight tonight the prices of licenses increase 50 cents, but dog owners may obtain their licenses at police headquarters up to that hour, it was stated. It was estimated that about 100 dogs in the city have not yet been licensed.

A city ordinance requires that the dogs be either tied up or placed in pens beginning tomorrow and extending up to July 31.