

Two Great Cities in Germany Being Destroyed By Fire, Guns As Troops Race for Hamburg

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Two great German cities, Bremen and Hannover, were being destroyed by fire and cannon today as American and British forces bypassed those objectives and raced on for Brunswick and Hamburg. The drive on Hamburg was pointed at reaching the Baltic at Lubeck to close a gigantic trap on all of Denmark and Holstein, including the great naval installations at Kiel.

Except in the north, where Canadians also tightened their noose around 80,000 Germans in the lowlands, there was only slow progress on the other sectors of the western front. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army movements were kept secret but it was known that the Germans were fighting hard to hold back his run-away armor and keep open the Leipzig safety gap to southern redoubt.

The red armies captured Koenigsburg and cleared more than two-thirds of Vienna, leaving barely 10 square miles of the city to the Germans.

Thousands of allied planes hit German transport and communications lines in the west and bombed naval installations at Kiel.

Italian Front Active
On the Adriatic sector of the Italian front, the British Eighth army spilled into the eastern Po plain between Bologna and Ravenna by crumpling the German defense line on the Senio river.

In the Pacific where Japanese resistance north of Naha on Okinawa was furious and fanatical, Tokyo threatened by radio to throw its "whole airforce and whole fleet" into action to halt the American invasion of the Ryukyus.

American forces continued to spread rapidly north over the Motobu peninsula on Okinawa and more than half of the island was in our hands. On the Naha sector, however, the fighting is a repetition of the slow, costly battle of Iwo. Americans were forced to rout the Japanese out of caves and pillboxes, but here the enemy still had artillery and mortars and apparently the greater part of the island garrison was concentrated in that small southern tip.

By landing on Tsukata Island in Nakagusuku bay, American troops were clearing an excellent naval anchorage within 330 miles of the homeland.

Nazis Change Tactics
Germany, losing troops presently at the rate of 1,000,000 a month, has reached the point where it has shifted from continuous front defense tactics to chains of disconnected strong-points at crucial places on many sectors to save manpower.

The best demonstration of this revised strategy is on the sectors of the Third and Seventh American armies. American armor was able to advance deeply into Germany without signs of a continuous defense front anywhere. Yet behind the tanks, large and fanatical concentrations of Germans still hold out in strongly fortified isolated positions. That accounts, for example, for the fierce fighting that is going on today at both Hellbronn and Crallsheim, on the Seventh army's front, obliging the tank columns to slow down or halt while infantry attacks the strong-points.

Huge Bag Taken
Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th army group, according to its last official report, has bagged 1,006,366 German prisoners on the west front. The third army took 418,501 of them, and the first army took 405,703.

American headquarters spokesmen estimated that 500,000 Germans have been killed, wounded or captured in the last 10 days. In the first week of April alone, the Germans lost 250,000 men to the allied western armies. Most of them were prisoners. That count does not include more than 20,000 of the estimated 150,000 enemy troops who were caught in the Ruhr pocket.

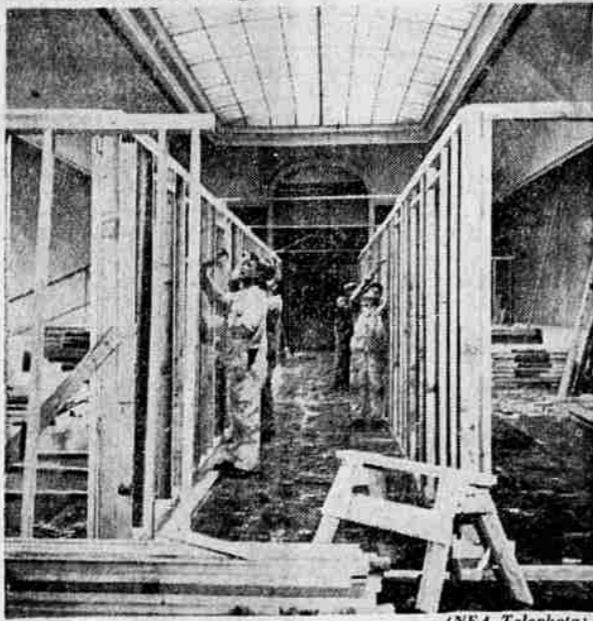
The U. S. navy, during 1944, commissioned 29,777 ships, including combat vessels, patrol boats, mine vessels, auxiliaries, landing craft and other types of boats.

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Hammers Ring at Conference Site



Workers in San Francisco's Veterans Building hasten construction of scores of offices for clerical help that will assist delegates to United Nations Conference on April 25.

Army to Receive Young Inductees

With 18, 19 and 20-year-old men earmarked for the army as infantry replacements for a period of three months, one of the few remaining avenues through which persons in these age groups can enter the navy is by qualifying for the radio technician (radar) training program. It is emphasized by Chief Specialist Paul Connet, recruiter in charge of the Central Oregon navy recruiting station, Bend.

Because of the fact that the fleet is rapidly approaching its authorized strength and the enlistment of 17-year-old volunteers is exceeding all expectations it was decided by army and navy officials to channel the three youngest groups of selective service inductees into the army.

The only exceptions were young men who qualified for radar training, construction battalion (Seabee) ratings or combat aircrewmen training. Quotas for both Seabee replacements and combat aircrewmen, however, are so small that only a comparatively few applications result in acceptances.

Program Open
At present the radar program, however, is wide open. Anyone between 17 and 50, inclusive, who can pass the Eddy aptitude test is enrolled as a Seaman first class and given at least 11 months of intensive training in radio electronics. A petty officer rating usually accompanies graduation from the course.

Seventeen-year-olds and men over 37 who can qualify technically and physically for the radar training can be enlisted at once. Those in the selective service bracket of 18 to 37, inclusive, who can qualify and who are not in an essential industry can volunteer for induction and will be given a letter of directed assignment into the navy.

The recruiter suggests that anyone interested in this program come to the navy office in the postoffice building to determine whether he can qualify. The Eddy test can be taken there by those eligible to take it.

Pacific Veteran Visits Parents

Marine Pfc. Theodore C. Lord, 20, formerly of Route 1, is home on furlough. He recently returned from the Pacific where he was a heavy equipment operator with a Fourth marine air wing squadron. He was based in the Ellis and Marshall islands.

Lord enlisted in March, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Lord, also formerly of Route 1.

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Industrial Fund By-Laws Adopted

Articles of incorporation and by-laws for the Bend Development association, a non-profit corporation, were adopted at a meeting held last night by the contributors to a post-war industrial fund raised in January and February of this year. The contributors ordered that the articles of incorporation be immediately filed with the state so that the association can start to function.

The bylaws were adopted, with a few minor alterations, as submitted by a committee composed of Kenneth Longballa, chairman; H. H. DeArmond, George F. Euston, Vance Coyner and N. R. Gilbert. They provided in general that any person may become a member who shall subscribe not less than \$10 and all membership, regardless of size, shall only have one vote. A governing board of five directors is provided to be elected by the direct primary. The board shall meet at regular periods, have power to appoint committees and make expenditures and enter into agreements that will tend to promote increased payrolls for Bend and vicinity.

Directors indicated at the meeting that a copy of the bylaws will be furnished each member of the association at an early date.

Fund Is Sought
Members present last night voted to ask the city to budget a fund of \$5,000 in the 1945-46 budget for industrial promotion. Ten thousand dollars is now in the city funds and will be re-budgeted to make it available during the coming year, when it is expected that it will be needed. To date, no expenditures have been made.

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Othman Attempts to Crash Parley of World's Big-Wigs

By Frederick C. Othman
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 10 (AP)—Having been sunburned by the arc lights and dazzled by the golden turbans of three delegates (one with horn-rimmed eyeglasses) I now can report what a plenary session of a peace conference is.

The boys held one here, as a kind of a prelude to the San Francisco meeting, and I hate to disillusion you, but it didn't amount to much. It lasted 19 minutes, long enough for the international big-wigs to say howjudo. Then the united committee of jurists adjourned for lunch at the supreme court.

The plenary session was exactly that (I looked it up in the dictionary): All hands were there and the visiting firemen, too, to hear graceful little speeches by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.; Sir Michael Myers of New Zealand, and Dr. Wang Chung-Hui of China. Later on they got together in the well-known smoke-filled room to start

the real work.

As I understand it (from listening to some language de luxe) they are trying to cook up plans for a new world court and thereby save the San Francisco conference considerable bother. So much for the international issue; now for that plenary conference:

It opened at 11:04 a. m. in the interdepartmental auditorium, which is a kind of federal improvement on the Roxy theater in New York. The baby blue ceiling is four stories high, the drapes are gold, the seats are soft and the potted palms around the stage are beautiful.

Secretary Stettinius' teeth glistened in the blue-white glare of the flood lights, which simultaneously heated the top of my head. A babel of many tongues subsided as he welcomed the leading judges from the United Nations and recommended peaceful methods for settling international squabbles.

In three minutes flat he had completed his speech and intro-

duced Dr. Wang, a former member of the original world court. The doctor was a wisp little citizen with horn-rimmed eyeglasses, a Charlie Chan mustache and a voice barely audible over the whir of a dozen movie cameras.

"With a spirit of cooperation and singleness of purpose we shall not fail," he said. Then came Sir Michael, the chief justice of New Zealand, in striped pants, a black coat, and a bat-wing collar. His accent was clipped, like this: "Mr. Seck-try, failure would be a world tragedy."

By now it was 11:23 a. m. End plenary session. Stettinius said he'd appreciate it if the delegates would stay seated for one minute while the movie makers made a panorama. The lads with the cameras went crazy, the international judges looked startled (as you doubtless will notice in the newsreels later this week) and all but three of the members filed outside.

These were from Saudi Arabia; they wore robes of black and white wool and white turbans with gold filigree. They would have gone, too, but the cameraman wouldn't let 'em. They had their pictures taken from every conceivable angle; then they hurried out with skirts flying and hopped into their limousine.

Juniper Is Cured In Local Plant

Heartened by the discovery that juniper can be successfully cured in the pilot plant of the Western Pine Association on The Shelvlin-Hixon Company properties here, members of the Bend chamber of commerce industrial committee are continuing their tests, it was reported today.

Tests already made have proven that juniper plank up to six quarters have been effectively cured without checking, and the possibility presented itself that juniper might be produced more rapidly for production of novelties through this method, it was said.

America has shipped Russia 20,000 tons of seeds for 1945 spring planting, largely for garden and field crops.



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A native of Lenark, Illinois, he was working for the Milwaukee Railroad in Chicago when he came to Sunnyside on a vacation trip in 1909. He saw the promise in the Yakima Valley, resigned his railroad job, collected a month's pay of \$80, and staked his future on the development of the Sunnyside district.

When he established his own automobile business, in 1912, there were only about 30 cars in the entire lower Yakima Valley. In 1936 he built his own modern garage building and completely equipped it with electric power tools. Much of his electrical equipment has been busy during the war, machining valve fittings for Liberty ships.

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