

# NORTH FLANK WEST FRONT BOILS

## BIG SCALE MOVE NEAR, NAZIS SAY; KEY DAM MENACED

### First Army Takes Schmidt; Berlin on Edge as New Offensive Seen.

Paris, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—More than 1,000 allied medium and fighter bombers struck through murky weather today at German positions directly in front of Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Dutch salient aimed around the Siegfried line toward the open plain of north-west Germany.

Supreme headquarters sources and front dispatches revealed many signs that the northern wing of the western front was boiling up. Nazi broadcasts dwelt on allied plans for an imminent offensive and one forecast an air-borne operation on the scale of that against Holland last fall.

Amid indications of imminent big scale action, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army captured the Siegfried stronghold of Schmidt and pushed on nearly a mile through easing resistance to the area of the key dam in the Roer river's flood control system.

From Montgomery's 21st army group area a front dispatch said American and British bombers flew through clouds and occasional drizzles all day to hammer German communications and troop concentrations in the area east of Nijmegen, anchor base of the east wall of the salient in Holland.

At supreme headquarters correspondents were able to report that the bombing—the scope and weight of which was revealed only by the front dispatch—was dangerously close to the allied lines—a tactical operation carried out despite unfavorable weather.

SHAEP sources also revealed that the Germans, apparently on edge, kept the Nijmegen salient aglow last night with flares in large numbers, presumably to reveal any allied activity.

Hodges' headquarters announced that units of the 78th division slugged to the edge of the state forest a mile and a half north of the Schwammenauel dam, one of a series along the upper Roer that may hold the key to the start of a general allied offensive forecast by the Germans.

A handful of fanatical Germans held out in the cellars of Schmidt, key to the dam system and two and a half miles northwest of Schwammenauel. But the doughboys had overrun the town itself for the second time in three months.

The 1st army vanguard moving eastward from Schmidt saw six German tanks racing back deeper into Germany, and three of them were knocked out by artillery fire.

German artillery fire, bursting around Schmidt appeared to be coming from batteries east of the Roer, and this fact combined with a reference in a front dispatch to "crumbling" resistance indicated the enemy was giving up the vital dams and his positions this side of the river.

The mounting clamor of German forecasts that allied armies were ready to strike for the Rhineland and the Ruhr from the broad area around Aachen was accompanied by reminders that control of the Ruhr dams was essential to any drive across the river.

### Dutiful Hubby

Deham, Mass., Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Mrs. Laura J. Crimm of Brookline won a divorce after testifying in probate court that she sent her unemployed husband, Frank, out to find a job but he returned with one for her instead.

### Coast Sergeant Honored

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—The War Department today announced award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to William J. Newman, Jr., S/Sgt. of Crescent City, Calif.

### SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Weatherman Saul Naimark cheerily stating "he's out" when a Mail Trib scribe called and asked for "the dope."

Claude Hoover in the city to drum up business for a Central Point Grange dance Saturday eve.

# MEDFORD

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## New Surge



The American Third Army explodes a new offensive across the Luxembourg border into Germany and battles into the Siegfried Line along a 22-mile front north of Echternach. Gains were scored in Eram and Scheldt areas as other forces continued to push Nazis to Rhine in Colmar sector.

## DRAW JURY LIST FOR COURT TERM STARTING FEB. 26

A list of 31 jurors was drawn this morning in the county clerk's office to serve for the February term of circuit court which opens Monday, Feb. 26, at 10 a. m. On the list are 14 persons residing in Medford or on Medford rural routes, seven are listed from Ashland and the remainder from other sections of the county.

Listed are: Carl E. Froman, Ashland; R. E. Koozer, Ashland; Jessie Jones, Medford; M. J. Kaiser, Eagle Point; Helen Ensminger, Eagle Point; Herman Offenbacher, Applegate; C. R. Perrine, Ashland; Maynard A. Putney, Medford; Orin A. Schenck, Medford; Glenn A. Howard, Eagle Point, Rt. 3.

J. C. Edwin Shipley, Gold Hill; Elmo Throckmorton, Applegate; Herman O. Purucker, Medford; Harold H. Vessey, Medford; Violet Whittle, Ashland; Gertrude Wilmet, Ashland; Chester Wendt, Medford, Rt. 2; Emilia G. Tuttle, Medford; Verma R. Matthews, Eagle Point.

Thos. Vestal, Eagle Point; Gordon Kershaw, Medford, Rt. 3; Thos. Stanley, Brownsboro; Ruby Nelson, Brownsboro; Leta Kyle, Medford; Paul Martin, Medford, Rt. 3; Otto Niedermeyer, Medford, R.F.D. 2; Freda Kingsley, Medford, Rt. 3; Sam B. McNair, Ashland; Mary T. Hendricks, Medford, Rt. 3; Mae C. Henselman, Medford; Walter B. Hamby, Ashland, Rt. 2.

## GERMAN U-BOAT BASE ATTACKED

London, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Lancaster heavy bombers dropped six-ton earthquake bombs on German motor torpedo boat shelters at Ijmuiden in west-central Holland today.

An air ministry announcement said the bombers were escorted by Spitfires, and all returned safely to base.

The Ijmuiden U-boat base is less than 100 miles north of the Schelde estuary entrance to the port of Antwerp, the most vital gateway to western Europe for Allied military supplies.

## RED BRIDGEHEADS ON ODER WIDEN FOR BERLIN PUSH

### Flanking Drive To Isolate Frankfurt Opens, Moscow Reports.

London, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Moscow dispatches said today that Russian forces waging a violent battle of the bridgeheads across the Oder before Berlin were developing a flanking drive to cut the Frankfurt-Berlin road and isolate the key bastion on the west bank of the river.

The German high command said Marshal Gregor K. Zhukov's assault troops had established an unspecified number of footholds on the west bank of the Oder along a 35-mile arc facing Berlin, and supplemental Nazi broadcasts reported that the Soviet bridgeheads had been widened.

Zhukov's armored vanguards were reported by Moscow to have ripped into the northern and suburbs of Kuestrin and into the eastern fringe of Frankfurt, while massive infantry formations surged up to the Oder and stamped out virtually all of the German footholds on the east bank.

"The battle for the Soviet bridgeheads on the west bank of the Oder raged unabatedly, with the Russians developing a drive to cut the Frankfurt-Berlin road and isolate the bastion city," United Press correspondent Henry Shapiro reported from Moscow.

Although the Red army command was not yet confirmed the reported crossing of the Oder a little more than 30 miles east of Berlin, the Moscow dispatch reporting the flanking drive, together with the Nazi acknowledgment of new Soviet gains beyond the river, indicated that Zhukov had solidified his crossing sufficiently to renew his push toward Berlin.

Frankfurt lies on the west bank of the Oder 33 miles from the city limits of Berlin. Sufficient Russian progress for a swing in behind this key city would raise the possibility of an approach within 30 miles or less of the bomb-scarred and refugee-clogged capital.

## FRANCE IRKED BY BIG THREE PLANS KOBE BOMBED BY B-29'S JAPS STATE

Paris, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Government circles said today that France would not consider herself bound by any decisions reached by the Allied Big Three without consulting her.

Confirmation that the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting was under way without French participation fanned the bitterness with which the French Press has been discussing the conference since Gen. Charles De Gaulle's speech Monday.

The French attitude was that it was unfair to leave France out of any discussion of the future of Germany since she is the reich's closest neighbor and has suffered more than any other country from German invasions in the past 150 years.

## Tule Lake Area To Grow Food For War

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Reclamation Commissioner Harry W. Bashore said today that 12,500 acres of fertile land in the Modoc unit of the Tule Lake division, Klamath reclamation project, is being prepared to serve war food needs.

George H. Sacey, Parker, Ariz., has been awarded a \$68,163 contract to build the earth work and structures and Klamath straits drain outlet on the project, Bashore said.

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## Corregidor—Key to Manila Harbor



Corregidor, the tiny island that commands entrance to Manila's harbor and on which the last bloody chapter of American defeat was written in 1942, is undergoing a terrific hammering from bombs of American planes and, according to Tokyo radio, has been under bombardment from U. S. warships. This map graphically illustrates the strategic location of the "Rock," the recapture of which is necessary to bring ships and supplies into the vital harbor.

## TOKYO THREATENS USE OF FLEET IN BATTLE OF LUZON

By United Press  
Radio Tokyo said today that the Japanese will open a counter-offensive soon in the Philippines with the support of their fleet.

The counteroffensive will touch off "some of the greatest battles the world has ever known," Tokyo said, quoting the official Domei agency.

Though the United States can afford to lose the battle of Luzon, Domei said, "it is not so with Japan." Japan must win if she is to survive, the agency explained.

If Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita plans to retire to southern Luzon, Domei said, "the Imperial Japanese navy will not only protect his flanks but also keep him in operational contact with Japanese garrisons entrenched in numerous Japanese-held islands to the south."

The broadcast was recorded by the FCC.

## Greenleaf Angered At Missing Set-Up Shot, Shatters Cue

Chicago, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Ralph Greenleaf, Detroit, became so exasperated when he missed an easy shot in his cross-country world's championship pocket billiard match with Titleholder Willie Mosconi, Toledo, last night that he rapped his cue on the edge of the table and shattered it.

The contenders split two blocks yesterday, Greenleaf winning the first 125 to 73 and dropping the second 125 to 82.

Greenleaf scored a high run of 32 in 15 innings in the first block. Mosconi's high run was 37. In the second block Mosconi's high run was 29 and Greenleaf's was 28.

In the overall scoring Mosconi now leads 1,898 points to 1,551.

## Engine Breakdown Delays S. P. Train

Southern Pacific's south-bound passenger train number 329 was several hours late in arriving in Medford yesterday and today because of engine trouble, according to the trainmaster here. Mechanical trouble with the engine occurred today between Grants Pass and Roseburg and yesterday between Roseburg and Eugene, it was stated.

## 865,000 GERMANS CAPTURED SINCE PEARL HARBOR

Total U. S. Casualties Since Pearl Harbor 764,832, Stimson Reports.

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today that 865,000 Germans have been captured in the European theater since the allied invasion of France on June 6.

Meanwhile, a compilation of U. S. combat casualties officially announced here showed that the total since Pearl Harbor has reached 764,832. This was 27,400 more than the total in the last overall compilation made February 2.

The new total included 676,796 army casualties, an increase of 26,376 since last Friday, and 88,036 navy casualties, an increase of 1,114 in the same period.

The army figure included 130,268 killed, 396,178 wounded, 59,878 prisoners of war, and 91,476 missing.

The navy total included 33,228 dead, 40,356 wounded, 9,977 missing, and 4475 prisoners of war.

## VETS APPLY FOR HIGH WAGE JOBS

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of Veterans' affairs, said today that many World War II veterans applying for aid have postponed returning to school to earn "big pay" in war plants.

He said that 36,778 veterans have requested education under the "G. I. Bill of Rights" and that 32,256 of these requests were approved. But by Dec. 31, only 12,864 veterans actually were enrolled in schools, and 275 of these were receiving on-the-job training.

## HOUSE APPROVES MILL CREEK BILL

Salem, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Senate Bill 30, withdrawing waters of Mill creek from appropriation or condemnation, was passed by House and sent to the governor Wednesday.

Rep. Bengtson spoke for the Bill which originated in the Roads and Highways committee.

## YANK OFFENSIVE TO REGAIN LOST CORREGIDOR DUE

### Manila Harbor Soon Open For Shipping—Tanks Invade Jap Held Area.

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told a press conference today that Manila harbor soon will be reopened to American shipping.

This was regarded as a clear indication that American forces soon will undertake the reconquest of Corregidor, island fortress in the harbor where American and Filipino forces made their last valiant stand in the early days of the war.

"With the freeing of Manila, the government of the Philippine people will be re-established in its capital," Stimson said. "The harbor of Manila will be reopened and from bases in the Philippines American planes and ships will cut Japanese sea routes to the East Indies and separate Japan from the oil, rubber and other resources of the Indies and Malaya," he said.

Manila, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—American troops, employing amphibious tanks, have started crossing the bridgeless Pasig river into the burning, Japanese-held southern half of Manila, enemy broadcasts reported today, while Japanese resistance was "eliminated in the northern half of the city."

Halted temporarily when Japanese sappers blew up the last of the four bridges across the Pasig, which bisects Manila from east to west, U. S. forces have effected a crossing west of Malacanang Palace, the Japanese reported. Tokyo radio, quoting a Domei (Japanese) news agency dispatch, said Japanese garrison units were "fiercely attacking" the river bridgehead.

While a heavy artillery barrage poured down on the surviving Japanese forces vanguards of the U. S. 11th Airborne division were cutting their way into the enemy rear from the south.

## COURT DECLINES TO HEAR SUIT OF LADY IN SLACKS

San Francisco, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Superior Judge Elmer Robinson refused today to hear Mrs. Elizabeth Strauch's petition for an annulment of her marriage because she was wearing slacks.

When her case was called, 18-year-old Mrs. Strauch, a pretty and shapely brunette, appeared wearing neatly pressed brown slacks, a loose blue sports coat and open-toed sandals.

After one look, Judge Robinson roared: "That's no way to appear in court! You are not showing proper respect for the law or for this court, young woman."

He asked here if she owned other clothes and receiving an affirmative answer said: "Well, go home and slip some of them on and come back here again a month from now."

## Year's Extension Of Lend-Lease Sought

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Assistant Secretary of State Dean Acheson today urged congress to extend the lend-lease program for at least another year after June 30 because its termination now would be "a tragic blow to our own war effort."

### Weather

Forecast—Cloudy with showers tonight and clearing Friday. Cooler Friday.

Highest yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this morning	48
Precipitation past 24 hrs.	.32

## WASHINGTON SEES NAZIS KNOCKOUT BEFORE SUMMER'S END

### Big Three Maps Plan for Final Phase—Military Board Planned.

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Announcement that the big three allied powers were jointly making detailed plans for the "final phase" of the European war seemed today to mark Germany for the knockout blow before next summer's end.

Observers felt that military leaders would not be formulating "detailed plans" for the "final phase" until they felt confident that this phase would be completed within a relatively short time.

Much significance was seen in the statement that the plans are being formulated "jointly" by the military staffs of the three governments. They believed that such joint planning meant there would be much closer collaboration henceforth between the eastern and western European fronts.

London, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Diplomatic quarters believed today that one of the momentous decisions to be announced at the end of the big three conference may be the formation of a military board by the United States, Britain and Russia to deal the death blow to the German army.

Observers here believe the Russians now are ready—for the first time—to join the Americans and British in the formation of a military committee that will execute the strategy planned by President Roosevelt, Premier Stalin, and Prime Minister Churchill. Military experts already are working on the decisions made by the big three.

There is great satisfaction in British official quarters over the fact that the big three came to an agreement so quickly on plans for the final defeat of Germany. There has been some feeling that in the past, operations of the eastern and western fronts have been carried out on too independent a basis. Now the British and Americans on the other are exchanging full military information as the vise closes on Germany.

London diplomats also believe that the military board will function only until the defeat of Germany. After that a joint administrative commission would be formed, it was reported, to rule the reich.

## GOV. DEWEY TALKS ON AIR, 7 TONIGHT

Washington, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York returns to the national spotlight tonight for the first time since his election defeat when he delivers a "Lincoln Day" address at a Republican dinner and rally here.

Dewey's speech is scheduled to be broadcast over a nationwide (NBC) network from 10 to 10:30 p. m. EWT. (7 to 7:30 local time).

## Mercy Flight For Soldier's Baby Ends

Boston, Feb. 8—(U.P.)—Flying the last 800 miles blind, an army transport plane arrived in a snowstorm today with a soldier's four-day-old daughter who was rushed to Boston from Utah for an emergency operation.

The plane was met at Logan International airport by a heated ambulance which transferred the infant to the Children's hospital, where an immediate examination was begun. The baby is suffering from a throat obstruction which prevents passage of food to her stomach. She is the daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Hyman Weisberg of Brooklyn, N. Y., now stationed at Kearns, Utah.