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Forecast: Cloudy with light rain tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 59
Lowest this morning 41
Precipitation past 24 hrs., .02

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Huge Fires Burn in Heart of Manila



Dense smoke billows up from large fires started by Jap demolitions in heart of Manila. This photograph was made from roof of Santo Tomas concentration camp, liberated by American troops as they drove into city.

Corregidor Fort Rocks Under Heaviest Bombing Attack So Far in Pacific War

By United Press
The Japanese reeled today from a week end of American aerial assaults on their homeland through Asia to the Philippines.

The heaviest saturation bombing attack yet launched in the Pacific was made against the fortress of Corregidor in Manila harbor.

Facing the growing aerial offensive with B-29 Superfortresses, the American airmen in 48 hours hammered an important aircraft factory near Tokyo; ammunition dumps near Rangoon in Burma; ground installations on Iwo Jima in the Volcanos; the Tsingtao air base in China's Shantung peninsula, and Corregidor.

500 Sorties Made

The air attack, in which 500 bombing sorties were made against Corregidor and southern Bataan to soften up the island for an American landing, came as U. S. tank and infantry columns splintered the Japanese forces in southern Manila.

In one attack, the bombers destroyed 35 barges carrying an estimated 2,500 Japanese who possibly were fleeing Corregidor for the Bataan coast. American PT boats sank another 20 coastal craft north of Lingayen Gulf.

The B-29 raid today on Iwo Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo, followed a week end of other Superfortress attacks on Japan and Burma. The Japanese also reported that a lone B-29 flew over the Tokyo area on reconnaissance today, but was shot down.

Tokyo Hit Hard

The 21st bomber command disclosed that the largest force of Superfortresses ever to hit Japan raided the Nikajima aircraft plant, 40 miles northwest of Tokyo Saturday. Yesterday another large force of B-29s from India blew up the biggest Japanese ammunition dumps in Burma with a raid on Mingaladon, 12 miles northwest of Rangoon. At the same time, allied bombers from Burma raided enemy fuel and ammunition depots near Rangoon.

The attack on Tsingtao air base in China was made by fighters of the Chinese-American composite wing who destroyed 46 Japanese planes and damaged 57 others. The raid was the closest approach yet to Japan for the Sino-American fighters and carried within 550 miles from the enemy's homeland.

There will be a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 p. m., Thursday conducted by priorities analyst W. H. Marsh, to clear up the situation regarding requests for materials. The meeting will be attended by representatives of the farm war board, the city, the county, building contractors and appliance merchants.

There has been an accumulation of priorities and misunderstandings for some time past, it is said, and the meeting will clear up many of these problems.

Collier resigns INDIAN OFFICE

Washington, Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—The White House today announced the resignation of John Collier as commissioner of the interior department's office of Indian affairs.

Collier held the post since soon after President Roosevelt's inauguration in 1933. He has effected many reforms in the federal handling of Indian problems. Some of his program aroused bitter opposition among certain tribes and groups.

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Canadian first army troops broke the German grip on Kleve, northern anchor of the Siegfried belt, except for a toehold on the edge of the stronghold.

American third army forces stormed through more than half of Pruem, 110 miles south of Kleve, and front reports said the main garrison had withdrawn, leaving a thinly scattered rear guard.

Resistance Tottering
SHEAF sources said the mounting allied pressure on the fortified communications centers threatened to collapse the remaining German resistance at any time.

Between the besieged bases, patrols of the American first army probed the German defenses on the east bank of the Roer river south of Dueren. They found the east bank heavily defended.

As the battle of Kleve moved toward its climax, the Canadians captured the neighboring town of Gennep in the offensive aimed at the industrial Ruhr.

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Canadians Smash Ahead Near Kleve



(Acme Telephoto)
Canadian First Army troops broke through to the Rhine in an encircling movement around Kleve, anchor of the Siegfried line. The drive was a direct threat to the industrial section of the Ruhr. Other Allied columns drive at Kleve and Goch.

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The country's first draft order for women — service had been on a volunteer basis — said they were being called up for Volkssturm or home guard auxiliary services such as needlework in the production of army equipment.

COMPROMISE PACT ENDS BLOODY WAR BETWEEN GREEKS

Agreement Grants EAM-ELAS Demands for Early Ballot On King's Return

Athens, Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—A compromise peace treaty ended the bloody Greek civil war today.

Representatives of the Greek government and the rebellious left-wing Eam-Elas signed the preliminary protocols to the treaty at 4:30 a. m., after an all-night 10-hour meeting. The final treaty will be signed at 2:30 p. m.

The treaty grants Eam-Elas demands that general elections and a plebiscite on the question of King George's return to Greece be held this year, but excludes the Eam-Elas from the government at least until after the elections.

Elas To Disarm
Before the outbreak of the Civil war Dec. 3, Eam (National Liberation Front) held seven cabinet posts.

The treaty also provides for the disarmament of the Eam, military arm of the Eam, by March 15 and distinguishes between common crimes and political offenses in any trials of Eam-Elas followers.

Government employees who participated in the recent fighting or collaborated with the Germans during the years of Nazi occupation will be discharged under another provision of the treaty.

Lady Puts Rings In Wrong Pocket
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—Police sent three diamond rings, valued at \$300, to Mrs. H. M. Slessman, Billings, Mont., today with a note that she must have put them in the wrong pocket.

Mrs. Slessman reported her rings missing after she left the St. Paul union depot Saturday night. She removed the rings in the ladies room and put them in a coat pocket which she thought was hers.

The coat belonged to Audrey Scott, St. Paul, who found the rings and turned them over to police.

TO BERLIN
By United Press
The nearest distance to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:

Eastern front—32 miles (from Klenitz).

Western front—295 miles (from Rhine north of Kleve).

Italy—530 miles (from point north of Ravenna).

Virginia Co-Ed For Rights For Negroes
Williamsburg, Va., Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—Faculty members of William and Mary college considered disciplinary action today against the co-ed editor of the school newspaper which was suspended for carrying an editorial calling for equal educational and social rights for Negroes.

Editor Marilyn Kaemmerle, 22, of Jackson, Mich., author of the "equal rights" editorial, wrote that the time should come when Negroes could attend the college, "join the same clubs, be our roommates, pin the same classmates, and marry among us."

The monetary fund and bank together, he said, comprise a "cornerstone for International Economic Relations." He conceded that they were not perfect, however, and said "it may well be that the experience of future years will show us how they can be improved."

"The United States should act promptly upon the plan for the International Bank, which will make or guarantee sound loans for the foreign currency requirements of important reconstruction and development projects in member countries," he said.

The International Stabilization Fund Plan contemplates an \$88,000,000 fund — \$2,000,000 of it would be put up by the

United States. No new money would need to be appropriated, however, since the Treasury has that much in its present stabilization fund and could simply transfer it to the International Fund.

The bank would be set up with \$9,100,000,000 capital.

Prosperity Aid
Mr. Roosevelt said in his message to Congress that the plans would offer an opportunity for building toward a condition of world prosperity.

"Victory does not insure the achievement of these larger goals — it merely offers us the opportunity — the chance — to seek their attainment," he said.

"Whether we have the courage and vision to avail ourselves of this tremendous opportunity... is yet to be determined. I have said before, and I repeat again: This generation has a rendezvous with destiny."

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Korematsu, given a five-year probationary sentence, contended the decision overlooked the fact that native-born Japanese had been shorn of citizenship rights.

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KONEV'S FORCES REACH BOBER IN FLANKING DRIVE

Germans Report Foo Now Storming 20-Mile Section of Second Line of Defense

London, Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—Moscow reported unofficially today that Marshal Ivan S. Konev had encircled the Silesian capital of Breslau, and Berlin said his troops had broken across the Bober river in a sweep 35 miles beyond the Oder.

A German military spokesman said Konev's forces were storming a 20-mile section of the Bober, Germany's second line of defense in Silesia, and "now have only two bridgeheads in the Bober sector, all the remainder having been smashed."

Beach Bunzlau
The Bober river battle, by Nazi account, was raging between Bunzlau and Sprottau, and the Soviet vanguard had smashed into Bunzlau, 74 miles from the German city of Dresden.

The German high command reported violent fighting on the Bober north of Bunzlau and east of Sagan, 25 miles to the northwest. It claimed, however, that counterblows had prevented a junction of Russian forces west of Breslau in the encirclement maneuver reported by Moscow.

A Berlin communique, skirting over the Oder battle before Berlin, said only that in this sector "fighting of local importance only took place, and the situation underwent no changes."

Flank Push Set
The spectacular break-through by the First Ukrainian army carried within 74 miles of Dresden by Nazi account, and set the stage for a flanking push against Berlin from the south if the capital's defenses held against Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's frontal onslaught.

Zhukov's right flank was moving up toward the Baltic and the Oder terminal port of Stettin on a broad front. With his flanks secured by the Baltic push and Konev's break-through in Silesia, Zhukov was believed ready to throw everything he had into a plunge against Berlin.

Disloyal Japs TO ALIEN CAMP
Newell, Cal., Feb. 12.—(U.P.)—Six hundred and fifty disloyal Japanese internees from the Tule lake relocation center were en route today to an undisclosed alien enemy camp operated by the department of justice, war relocation authorities announced.

Made up mainly of members of a young men's pro-Japanese society known as "hokoku seinen dai" the group traveled in a heavily guarded 21-car train.

Only 18 of the internees were identified by the WRA as native born Japanese. The other 632 men and women renounced their United States citizenship voluntarily, they said.

Today's transfer of the disloyal camp members was the third from Tule lake. The other two groups, however, were much smaller in number.

COAST JAP LOSES IN COURT BATTLE
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Radio Highlights

New York—Lincoln day banquet address by Gov. Bricker, 7:30 p. m. over Blue network.