

Pattonites Punch New Gateways in Germany's Westwall

Weather

Forecast: Showers tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

Highest yesterday 43
Lowest this morning 49
Precipitation past 24 hrs. .73

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CANADIANS STOP BRISK COUNTERS NEAR NORTH END

Nazis Throw in Reinforcements at Expense of Other Portions of Western Front

Internees Enjoy First American Meal



Maj. William P. Meredith of Brooklyn, N. Y., chats with Santo Tomas internees cooking their first real meal of American food, brought into them by liberating Yank troops. Left to right: Mrs. Jane McMahon Hair, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Mrs. Edward S. Kephart, Brooklyn; Maj. Meredith; Miss Lisbeth Jane Kephart, daughter of Mrs. Kephart.

HOUSE APPROVES OF INCREASE IN STATE SALARIES

Vote of 46 to 8 Passes Measure to Boost Wages; Bill Received by Senate.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 13—(U.P.)—The senate today received the house reorganization and administration committee's bills to raise the salaries of state officials, which passed the house in short order yesterday.

The vote was 46 to 8 with six not voting.

The companion bills (HBs 261 and 263) all for increased outlay of approximately \$18,000 biennially, according to Rep. John Steelhammer, Salem, committee chairman.

The bills were attacked in the house chiefly because they were for those in the "higher brackets", while there was a "greater need" for increases in the lower pay-scale ranges.

Rep. Warren Erwin, Multnomah, said that "I shudder to think what the voters' reaction will be" to the raises, and remarked he had already heard considerable criticism.

Salaries Hiked

Passing the bill, which would raise the governor from \$7,500 to \$9,000, the secretary of state and treasurer from \$5,400 to \$6,000, and the attorney general from \$5,000 to \$5,750, would put the house in a "ridiculous light in view of the facts of their statements to the press," he said.

(The three highest-elected officials last month disclaimed to the press any desire or pressing need for their own increases in salary.)

Earlier the house passed the companion bill which would raise the supreme court justices salaries from \$7,500 to \$8,000. The vote was 41 to 14.

Rep. Joseph Harvey objected to the measure, and called attention to the fact that the amount was the same paid the five-star generals and admirals of the United States.

REDS TAKE BUDAPEST

HUNGARY CAPITAL CAPTURED AFTER SIX WEEKS' SIEGE

110,000 Prisoners Taken; Russians Run Rough-shod Through Silesia Defenses.

London, Feb. 13—(U.P.)—The ruins of Budapest, capital of Hungary and one-time city of 1,500,000, fell today to the Red army after a siege of six weeks, Marshal Stalin announced in a special order of the day.

Last ditch resistance by the doomed German and Hungarian garrison of Budapest, encircled since Dec. 26, flickered out in the rubble of the ancient city astride the Danube river, and the total of prisoners captured by the Russians in the siege mounted to 110,000.

Combined Assault

Budapest fell under the combined assault of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army and Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army, which had clamped a noose of strangulation on the gateway city to Austria and southeastern Germany.

North of Budapest 300 miles, other forces were reported by the German High Command to have fanned out through Silesia to the Queis river, seven to 10 miles beyond the broken Bober line in Silesia.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army was running roughshod over the cracking defenses of Silesia in a two-way drive within some 70 miles of Dresden, capital of Saxony, and toward the southeastern flank of the Berlin fortifications.

Nab Nazi Chief

Among the 110,000 prisoners captured in the fighting in Budapest, Stalin reported, were the German commander of the Garrison, Colonel General Pfeffer-Wildenbruch, and his staff.

Large quantities of arms and various war materials were captured, the order said. Stalin ordered 24 Salvoes of 324 guns—the usual number for the capture of a capital—in tribute to the captors of Budapest.

TO BERLIN

The nearest distances 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).

JAPANESE MOVE WAR PLANTS TO ESCAPE BOMBING

Plane Factories and Other Vital Industries 'Efficiently' Moving to Manchuria.

By United Press

Airplane factories and other vital war plants will be moved from the Japanese homeland to Manchuria "to make up for a decreased production," Tokyo radio said today in an announcement of a "readjustment of Nippon industrial structure."

Rokoza Takabe, director of the general affairs bureau of the Manchurian puppet government, submitted a plan for "construction of new and additional factories in Manchukuo and the removal of plants from Japan," Tokyo reported in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco.

Very Efficient

"Part of the plan—that of removal of all vital industries from Japan—is under way with remarkable efficiency," Tokyo quoted Takabe.

Takabe said the "projected allocation of industries must be undertaken from a broad comprehensive standpoint for the joint prosecution of the war."

(In Washington, Brig. Gen. Lauris Norstad, chief of staff of the 20th air force, said Japan had started dismantling some of her largest aircraft plants in an effort to scatter production facilities and thereby obtain greater protection against Superfortress attacks.)

"The plan is so arranged as to enable Manchukuo to undertake directly the task of production of aircraft to make up for the decrease of production in Japan, as well as needed vital production of other arms," Takabe said. "Besides, Manchukuo must be prepared to function in the additional capacity as a supply base of war materials."

24 LOSE LIVES AS NAVY PLANE FALLS INTO BAY

Alameda, Cal., Feb. 13—(U.P.)—Twenty-four persons were killed today when a New York-bound navy C-47 transport plane crashed into San Francisco bay a few minutes after taking off from Oakland airport.

Only four bodies had been recovered almost five hours after the crash, which occurred at 7:10 a. m.

The plane apparently developed mechanical trouble after leaving Oakland at 6:52 a. m. and dove into the water about three-quarters of a mile off Chestnut street in Alameda.

Witnesses said there was no mid-air explosion. The plane broke up when it hit the water and crash boats were able to find only the tail and part of one wing.

The first body found was that of a sailor who had 40-day leave papers in his pocket. The navy said a list of the plane's passengers and crew members had been forwarded to Washington and that the dead would not be identified until next of kin are notified.

Doom Of Nazism and German Militarism Decreed In Full Agreement By Big Three

Washington, Feb. 13—(U.P.)—The doom of nazism and German militarism has been proclaimed by the big three.

In a joint communique, they revealed yesterday their full agreement on plans to force Germany to unconditional surrender; to occupy and control her after that time, and to maintain a peaceful world.

In blunt language, the world's three great leaders said grimly that Germany will be purged of its general staff, of all its armed forces, of facilities for making war equipment and of the last remnant of nazism.

World Charter

But in an obvious bid to the German people, they said that a place will be created in "the comity of nations" for a Germany minus any vestige of these objectionable features—militarism and nazism.

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It announced their full agreement on vexing problems—the Polish question and the world organization matters which were left undecided at Dumbarton Oaks. And it invited France to resume her prewar place among world councils.

Map War Windup

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1. Together with their respective chiefs of staff, they mapped full plans for the last phase of the European war including "new and even more powerful blows to be launched by our armies and air forces into the heart of Germany from the east, west, north and south."
2. They agreed on terms for occupation and control of Germany, including a central control commission, consisting of the supreme commanders of the three powers, with headquarters in Berlin. France will be invited "to take over a zone of occupation and to participate as a fourth member of the control commission."
3. "It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and nazism and to ensure that Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world." To that end, all military, military equipment, military production and nazi influence will be wiped out.
4. Germany will be obliged to compensate for damage caused by Germany to the allied nations. A commission, to work in Moscow, will be established to consider damage claims and methods of compensation.
5. The major question left unsettled at Dumbarton Oaks—that of voting procedure in the world security organization—has been settled. Terms of the settlement will be revealed after they have been submitted to China and France. To complete the work of drafting a security organization, a full-dress conference of all 45 United Nations will be held at San Francisco starting April 25.
6. Britain, the United States and Soviet Russia will jointly assist any liberated European country or former axis satellite to establish internal peace, carry out emergency relief measures, form representative interim governments and facilitate the holding of free elections. The three countries will consult immediately on such problems whenever they may arise. France will be invited to join these deliberations.

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To Break Up Military

"We are determined to disarm and disband all German forces: break up for all time the German general staff, that has repeatedly tried the resurgence of German militarism; remove or destroy all German military equipment; eliminate or control all German industry that can be used for military production; bring all war criminals to just and swift punishment and exact reparation in kind of the destruction wrought by the Germans; wipe out the Nazi party, Nazi laws, organizations, and institutions, remove all Nazi and militarist inferences from public office and from the cultural and economic life of the German people; and take in harmony with such other measures in Germany as may be necessary to the future peace and safety of the world."

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3 YANK DIVISIONS HERD MANILA NIPS SOUTH OF PASIG

By United Press

Three American divisions, joining forces in southern Manila, herded the Japanese into a narrowing pocket south of the Pasig river today. U. S. bombers carried out widespread sweeps over the Pacific and ran the aerial offensive against Iwo Jima into the 68th consecutive day.

The battle against the Japanese garrison, backed into the burning waterfront at Manila, was the deadliest, close-in fighting of the entire Pacific war. The enemy was fighting with renewed ferocity and sowing virtually every street in the Philippines capital with mines and booby traps.

The junction in southern Manila was made by units of the First Cavalry division, the 37th Infantry division, and the 11th Airborne division. Units of the Sixth Armored division at the same time raced to the island's east coast at Dingalan Bay, cutting Luzon in two.

V-Bombs Kill 585 Britains in Month

London, Feb. 13—(U.P.)—German V-bombs killed 585 persons and injured 1,629 in Britain during January, the ministry of home security announced today.

The totals were nearly double those in December and were the highest, with the exception of November, since August.

MORE INVASIONS BIG THREE PLAN

London, Feb. 13—(U.P.)—Military observers said today the allied big three may have planned invasions of southern Norway, Denmark and even the German Baltic coast to speed victory in Europe.

Speculation was touched off by the big three's promise in the Crimea declaration that allied armies and air forces would strike "new and even more powerful blows... into the heart of Germany" from the east, west, north and south.

The timing and scope of operations from all four directions "have been fully agreed and planned in detail," President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin said in the declaration.

BIG-3 AGREEMENT 'CRIME OF AGES' SCREAMS BERLIN

London, Feb. 13—(U.P.)—The German radio screamed to the world today that the Big Three had committed the "greatest political crime of all times," but made no broadcasts for home consumption apparently because Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels had been caught off base again.

Ever since the Big Three conference had been rumored, Goebbels had turned loose the full propaganda facilities inside Germany to warn the Reich against a Big Three appeal to the German people. He assured them that the Big Three would issue a "honeyed plea to Germany which would make "unconditional surrender" sound appealing. He warned the Nazis to beware of any such new "Wilsonian" tactics.

Silence at Home

But when the Big Three communique failed to bear out this build-up, the Nazi propagandists apparently did not know how to break the grim news to the Nazi public. For hours after the news had been announced and Allied radios were blaring it into Germany on all available wave lengths the domestic Nazi radio made no mention of the Crimea conference.

For foreign consumption the Nazi propaganda displayed equal uncertainty. Initial broadcasts merely gave the gist of the Crimea communique.

Later, Nazi commentators said the Big Three had confirmed their policy of "hate and destruction" toward Germany. Broadcasts beamed to the United States said that the Big Three had adopted the "Morgenthau plan for enslavement and destruction" of the Reich, and had committed "the greatest political crime of all times."

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE SET APRIL 25 IN S. F.

San Francisco, Feb. 13—(U.P.)—San Francisco, busy with war, prepared for a world peace conference today.

The city's officialdom, reacting quickly to yesterday's surprise announcement, set about the task of receiving the first full-dress United Nations security organization here April 25.

People in the street appeared astonished by the news that San Francisco had been selected as the first world peace headquarters. They clustered about newspaper stands and made it the number one conversation piece.

After the first impact of pleasant shock wore off, the most frequent reaction among housing-conscious San Franciscans was:

"Where are the delegates going to sleep?"

State department officials were expected to arrive here shortly to answer that question. It was presumed they will supervise arrangements for housing representatives of the 45 United Nations in this city where service men occasionally sleep on park benches and hotels are booked solid weeks and in some cases months ahead.

VAN DYKE CONDOLENCE VOTED BY LEGISLATURE

As a token of respect to Benjamin F. Van Dyke, father of Representative Frank Van Dyke of Ashland who passed away Saturday, a resolution of sympathy was passed in the Oregon legislature this morning.

Funeral services for Mr. Van Dyke, native son of the county, were held this afternoon at the Conger-Morris chapel.

Jackson County Leads State In Waste Paper Collection

Portland, Feb. 12—(U.P.)—Volunteer collections of waste paper in Oregon during January showed an increase of 469 tons over the December total according to an announcement by the Oregon State Salvage committee today.

January collections totalled 1112 tons against a 643-ton collection in December. The January total was still considerably below tonnage reported in preceding months however.

Collections last month were highlighted by Jackson county's all-out drive, the committee reported. This drive conducted through schools and salvage committees netted a total of 179 tons of paper for a per capita increase for the county of 8.5 pounds.

Robert A. Duff, chairman of the Jackson County Salvage committee at Medford and G. M. Green, Ashland salvage chairman together with school superintendents led the drive.

Benton county remained on top of the state's list for cumulative per capita collection averages with 65.7 pounds contributed per person since the start of the campaign in November, 1943. Wasco county held second place with a 53.1 pound average and Marion county was third with 45.6 pounds.

LINCOLN BANQUET SPEAKER ARRIVES

David B. Simpson arrived in Medford this morning and will deliver the main address at the traditional annual banquet of the Jackson County Lincoln club this evening. The banquet will be at the Holland Hotel at 6:30 p. m.

"Wanted: A 1945 Proclamation of Emancipation," is the subject of Mr. Simpson's address.

The Lincoln banquet is always one of the largest gatherings of the year for Republicans of the county. In addition to Mr. Simpson's address there will be election of officers and a program.

ANNA BOETTIGER FDR'S COMPANION

Washington, Feb. 13—(U.P.)—The presence of Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger at the Big Three Crimea conference gave emphasis today to her new role as confidante, boon companion and adviser to her father.

The tall blonde only daughter of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, returned to the executive mansion to live more than a year ago. Ever since, her standing and prestige as a White House figure has grown by leaps and bounds.

HEAVY FIGHTING

Heavy fighting now was going on along an arc of 12 to 15 miles southwestward from the Rhine above the village of Griethausen, three miles northeast of Kleve. The village fell to Canadian troops who crossed the railway northeastward from Kleve.

The 80th and 5th divisions of Patton's U. S. 3rd army shouldered past the concrete forts of the Siegfried belt at points northwest of Echternach. Farther to the north Patton had a break through the Westwall in the Pruem area.

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DRAFT TO CATCH ALL OREGONIANS UNDER 30 YEARS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13—(U.P.)—The young men of Oregon today had a warning from Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state Selective Service Director, that within 90 days virtually every physically fit man — with the exception of those in agriculture — would be in uniform.

In meeting Oregon's draft quota of 3000 to 3500 men, Wooten said that the new program would exhaust the supply of men under 30.

"With respect to men over 30, I may say that some will be taken," he added, "but it of course depends on what they are doing. Men are now being drafted to 38 years of age, but more consideration is being shown those older men engaged in essential activities."

Those under 30 in essential industry will not be spared, he said.

"With respect to those engaged in agriculture, we are adhering to the Tydings amendment, which provides that workers in an essential agricultural enterprise shall not be inducted until a replacement can be obtained."

He said men are not being taken for limited army service and that rejection for physical disabilities is not permanent in that any man can be called back for re-examination. March requirements in Oregon will be about 1200 men and April requirements have not been determined.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Claude Haggard describing the high wind he encountered on a trip east and declaring it blew the buttons off his overcoat.

Lt. Bob Stedman just plain happy to be home again.

Fred Scheffel taking time out to chuck hands with old buddies.