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## Shattered Ruins Line Road to Cologne



American infantrymen of the 83rd Division advance through shell-torn streets of Neuss, Germany, Rhine river city just south of Cologne. Fast-ranging armored columns of the Third Division have cleared most of the Rhine bank between Cologne and Neuss except for a large pocket of Nazis trapped against the river midway between the cities. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

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### CONSUMERS HIT CLOTHING PLAN

Washington, March 6—(U.P.)—Representatives of 13 consumer groups declared today that the government's clothing program "will not get enough low-priced clothing on the market."

Their statement was made as the House Committee investigating Executive Agencies met to look into the clothing plan, designed to reserve the bulk of material available for civilians for the manufacture of low-priced garments.

Recalling that they had praised the program when it was first announced Jan. 23, the 13 organizations said they "had been led to expect far more than it will at best achieve."

## Patton Armored Force Pressing Toward East Nearly Mile Per Hour

Paris, March 6—(U.P.)—American forces captured Cologne tonight and at the same time Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army broke through the German lines and drove eastward 25 miles toward the Rhine.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army plunged an armored spearhead clear through the heart of Cologne to the Rhine. Only scattered handfuls of German defenders held out, and a dispatch from 1st army headquarters announced the capture of Germany's fourth greatest city.

As spectacular as the fall of Cologne was Patton's breakthrough from the Kyll river line. His smash toward the Rhine recalled his historic race through France last August.

Patton's armor was half way to the Coblenz stretch of the Rhine after an advance of 25 miles in 30 hours. His leading column was across the Ues river 20-odd miles west of Coblenz, and a late front dispatch said it was "pressing eastward."

Dispatches from Hodges' headquarters said the drive through the heart of Cologne past the historic cathedral had cracked the spine of German rear guard resistance in the city of 768,000.

Fighting still was going on around some isolated German machine gun nests in Cologne. But the main enemy forces were pulling out toward Bonn to the southeast.

HOHENZOLLERN BRIDGE BLASTED Air pictures showed the great Hohenzollern bridge over the Rhine at Cologne, the last one in this sector, sinking into the river as a result of recent bombings or explosions.

First army headquarters announced that Hodges' troops now controlled all 18 miles of the Rhine west bank north of Cologne to Neuss, across from Duesseldorf, except for the small village of Zons.

Ford Plant Taken The Ford motor plant a mile north of Cologne was firmly in American hands.

The Berlin radio admitted that American tanks had penetrated to the center of Cologne. The announcement cleared the way for breaking the news to the German people that their fourth largest city was lost.

The 3rd army breakthrough in the Rhineland below Cologne was announced only after Patton's speeding forces had pushed from the Kyll river front east of Pruem to the area of Schonbach, 27 miles west of Coblenz at the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel rivers.

Maj. Gen. Hugh J. Gaffey's famous 4th armored division set the pace for the Patton dash toward the Rhine.

In the first hours of the push the 3rd army captured an estimated 1,800 prisoners, including a German corps commander, as well as at least a dozen German towns.

Among the prisoners was a German officer identified as Maj. Gen. Graf Rothkirch.

## FHA WILL HOUSE BOMBED BRITAINS

Washington, March 6—(U.P.)—The Federal Housing Agency today opened bids on the production of 37,000 prefabricated houses for Great Britain. It said it will begin immediately to consider awarding a contract.

The award will depend not only on the estimated cost submitted by various bidders but on their manpower, facilities and geographical location. No announcement of the award is expected for a week, FHA said.

Bids on plumbing for the dwellings were invited separately and will be opened March 9.

The houses will be supplied to relieve bombed-out British families under an arrangement made with Great Britain through the Foreign Economic Administration. The units are to provide two bedrooms a living room, kitchen and bath.

## RED CROSS DRIVE WELL UNDERWAY

Solicitation for the 1945 Red Cross war fund drive is well underway, with workers in all parts of the county canvassing their assigned territory, according to Ben E. Harder, county drive chairman. He stated that as yet the drive had not progressed to a point where any definite figures would be available.

This evening Mr. Harder is to speak at a meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the various Red Cross functions. Members of the junior group are aiding in the drive.

## CPL. CECIL R. CLAFLIN AMONG ACTION MISSING

Cpl. Cecil R. Clafin, gunner on a bomber of the 12th army air force, Italy, has been reported missing in action on Feb. 13 according to information received from the war department by his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clafin, route 1.

Cpl. Clafin is a graduate of Phoenix high school with the class of 1942 and before entering the air force was employed as an aircraft mechanic at Spokane, Wash.

## Survivors Of March Of Death To Receive Elaborate Welcome On San Fran Arrival

San Francisco, March 6—(U.P.)—A "large group" of army officers and men liberated from the Japanese prison camp at Cabanatuan in the Philippines is en route to San Francisco and will be given the most elaborate homecoming ever arranged for returning servicemen on the west coast.

Announcement that the men, including veterans of Bataan and Corregidor and some survivors of the infamous "march of death," were en route home was made by Maj. Gen. C. H. Kells,

### commanding general of the San Francisco port of embarkation

Part of 510 Freed They are part of the group of 510 prisoners liberated January 31 by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Rangers and Filipino guerrillas in a daring raid behind the Japanese lines on Luzon.

The transport carrying the liberated men will be greeted outside the Golden Gate by the harbor boat Catalina, bearing a 75-foot sign painted in five-foot letters:

"Welcome Home" Other harbor craft will escort the transport into San Francisco bay.

Twenty Wacs will go aboard to distribute accumulated messages and mail to the men. Two army bands will play at the pier, where relatives of the men will be on hand to greet them.

Ambulatory Patients The liberated prisoners, who spent three years under Japa-

nese misrule, are classified as ambulatory patients. The extent of the welcome for them will be governed by their condition, but the war department has instructed the port of embarkation and the city to "hit the bulls-eye" in giving the men "as warm and sincere a welcome as possible."

It was revealed that some next-of-kin of the Cabanatuan internees have been waiting in San Francisco for more than a month, arriving a few days after the announcement of the successful liberation.

## TAX STUDY GROUP FINALLY APPROVED

Salem, Ore., March 6—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell's tax study commission was finally authorized today, when the House concurred in a conference committee report on the measure and gave it final passage.

The Senate took similar action Saturday. As finally passed the measure calls for the commission to consist of 13 members, including three members of the State Tax Commission, two members of each house including the speaker and president, the state budget director and five members-at-large.

The governor asked for the commission in his opening message to the legislature. A bill to grant the commission \$25,000 to spend on the study was introduced in the senate Monday.

ONE-POUND BABY New York, March 6—(U.P.)—A one-pound 15-ounce baby girl, born Saturday night at Madison Park hospital, Brooklyn, was doing well in her incubator today. The child is the daughter of 52-year-old Theodore Morrell, stationed at Mare Island, Calif., and Mrs. Sidnee Morrell of Brooklyn.

## PRISON PENALTY REMOVED FROM MANPOWER BILL

Washington, March 6—(U.P.)—The senate today struck the \$10,000 fine and year in jail penalty clause out of its version of the manpower bill. The vote was 44 to 35.

The action was taken on motion of Sen. Harlan J. Bushfield (R., S. D.).

The amendment struck out of the bill a provision originally offered by Sen. Warren R. Austin (R., Vt.), to impose a penalty of \$10,000 fine and/or one year in jail upon any employer violating the terms of the bill.

The action was taken shortly after Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley had appealed to the senate to stop "fooling around" on the manpower bill.

## TIN DRIVE SLATED TO BEGIN MONDAY

Medford's next tin drive will begin Monday with children from all Medford schools calling on the city's housewives for tin cans. The drive, sponsored by the salvage committee, will last through Friday, March 16. Citizens are urged to save all tin for students who will call next week.

Cans should be washed, labels removed, ends removed and put inside and flattened.

## DOWN 2 JAP PLANES

Washington, March 6—(U.P.)—The crew of the merchant ship Cape Constance shot down two Japanese planes while undergoing 53 days of attack by an enemy aircraft during the Leyte invasion, it was announced today.

## SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

### Anti-Roatta Rally Fired On In Rome

Rome, March 6—(U.P.)—Mounted police charged a crowd demonstrating against the escape of Gen. Mario Roatta in front of the Quirinal palace today, killing one and wounding a number, after a bomb had been thrown.

The demonstrators were part of a crowd that had taken part in an anti-Roatta rally in the Colosseum, protesting against the escape of the former army chief of staff under Mussolini. Roatta had been held for trial as one of fascism's leading war criminals.

### Harry Bundy Named Master of DeMolay

Kansas City, Mo., March 6—(U.P.)—Harry W. Bundy, Denver, today was elected grand master of the Grand Council, Order of DeMolay, at its annual meeting here, Frank S. Land, founder and secretary-general of the order, announced.

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By United Press Japanese armies in the Philippines and Burma were crumbling today before the weight of American and Allied troops, while on Iwo U. S. marines prepared for an all-out assault on the last enemy defenders.

The biggest setback for the Japanese came on Luzon, where American troops and Filipino guerrillas already had destroyed six enemy divisions—possibly 100,000 men—and broke the remaining four divisions into three scattered pockets.

On bloody Iwo, at the doorstep to Tokyo, U. S. marines were massing strength for an all-out assault to split and annihilate the last thousands of Japanese in the northern end of the island.

Two Deaths Increase Although the battalions on Iwo remained practically unchanged, casualties on both sides increased considerably. The count of Japanese dead officially reached 12,884, although it was estimated that three-fourths of the original garrison of 20,000 had been wiped out. American dead for the first 13 days totaled 2,050.

In Burma, more than 30,000 Japanese were virtually trapped at Mandalay when armored Indian forces raced 85 miles across Burma in 10 days and captured Meiktila, 80 miles south of Mandalay.

All Roads Cut The surprise thrust cut all roads, rail lines, and communications south and southeast of Mandalay, and left the Japanese with only a secondary escape route through the mountains to the Indo-China border.

Single American Superfortresses again raided Japan's main home island of Honshu, including Tokyo, last night, according to enemy broadcasts. The other targets beside the capital were Wakayama, the Osaka-Kobe area, Shimonoseki and the Nagoya region.

### 300 DELINQUENT IN FILING TAX REPORT

Approximately 300 Jackson county citizens failed to turn in their personal tax report, on March 1, as required, the county assessor's office reported today. There are close to 4,000 taxpayers in the county.

The assessor's office is preparing a list of the delinquents and when it is completed they will be notified by telephone or otherwise, to comply. Oregon law provides a penalty of \$10 per day after expiration of the final date for filing. The penalty is printed in red ink on all blanks. They were mailed to taxpayers shortly after January 1.

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### CHICKENPOX TOPS DISEASE REPORT

Topping the list of communicable diseases reported last week to the county health officer were six cases of chickenpox, four in Phoenix and one each in Medford and Butte Falls. Next in point of numbers was influenza, with three cases reported from Butte Falls.

Also listed were two cases of scarlet fever, one in Butte Falls and one in Medford, one case of measles in Ashland, one case of pneumonia, Applegate, and one of mumps in Ashland. One case of trench mouth was also reported from Ashland.

### SET FIRE TO HOME OF RETURNING JAPANESE

San Jose, Calif., March 6—(U.P.)—A carload of men set fire to the home of Joe Tajeda, and returned Japanese internee today and fired several shots, one of which narrowly missed him.

### Rhine Climax



(Acme Telephoto) American troops sweep into Cologne virtually unopposed, seize west end of bridge near Duiburg, clamp a hold on some 100 miles of the Rhine's west bank. To south, the U. S. Third Army made further gains east of Trier.

### Strike Halts Work At Gar Wood Plant

Detroit, March 6—(U.P.)—A new strike by about 2,000 war workers halted production by Gar Wood Industries, Inc., today.

Meanwhile, efforts to settle a labor dispute which has shut down armament output at seven Briggs Mfg. Co. plants since Thursday were unsuccessful.

The latest dispute in this arsenal area was a protest by members of local 250, United Auto Workers (CIO) union against a change in shift hours.

### MORE OREGONIANS ARE FREED FROM JAPANESE

The names of three Oregon residents were listed today by the war department as being among those recently liberated from prison camps on the Philippine islands. They were Mrs. Velma M. Hale, McMinnville, Charles W. Woodin, Eugene, and Thomas R. Worthen, Portland.

### Subsidies Receive Committee Oke

Washington, March 6—(U.P.)—The Senate Banking Committee today approved a bill authorizing \$1,468,000,000 in subsidies next year for butter, meat, rubber, petroleum and meals needed in the nation's war effort.

### REFINERY EXPLODES

Long Beach, Cal., March 6—(U.P.)—Police reported that a high octane gasoline unit at the Shell Oil company's Wilmington refinery exploded early today. Officers understood one man had been injured by the blast, heard throughout the Los Angeles harbor area, and the fire that followed.

### ZEPHYR DERAILED

Omaha, Neb., March 6—(U.P.)—The Chicago Burlington and Quincy streamliner, The Zephyr, was derailed at South Omaha early today. A spokesman for the railroad said 11 cars left the tracks, but that no one was injured.