

# GEN. HODGES' MEN CROSS RHINE

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# Americans Rescued From Cabanatuan Given Big Welcome in San Francisco

### CHEERING, CRYING MEN CROWD RAILS AS SHIP ARRIVES

#### Flag-Bedecked Harbor Craft Escort Transport to Dock; All Eager to "Go Home."

San Francisco, March 8.—(U.P.)—Two hundred and seventy-two army officers and enlisted men who somehow lived through almost three years of cruel treatment by their Japanese captors arrived today from the Philippines aboard a transport.

Laughing, cheering and crying, the men, all of whom were liberated from the prison camp at Cabanatuan, Luzon, January 30, by American Rangers, packed the rails of the ship as it steamed through the Golden Gate to receive the greatest harbor welcome in the city's history.

#### Eager For Home

The thoughts of every man can be expressed in just five words: "I want to go home."

The men, including survivors of the losing Bataan and Corregidor campaigns and the infamous "march of death," generally looked surprisingly well. They said they have devoured huge quantities of steak, potatoes and beer since their liberation.

The transport was escorted to an army pier by a great fleet of flag bedecked harbor boats. The ship had been met outside the Golden Gate by a harbor craft bearing a 75-foot sign declaring in five-foot letters: "Welcome Home."

#### Furloughed Also Came

Hundreds of soldiers coming home from the southwest Pacific under the army's rotation plan also were on the transport and rushed to the rails with the Cabanatuan men for their first view of the San Francisco sky line. Blimps and planes soared overhead and the sun came out just as the transport passed through the bay's submarine net.

When the ship arrived opposite the Ferry building, whose huge siren had signalled their arrival in the city, the freed men and the other soldiers set up a strange chant of "where's Eleanor?"

When a tug carrying 20 Waacs came alongside, a great whistling started. The men cheered as the Waacs came aboard and distributed messages and telegrams, including a personal letter to each man from President Roosevelt.

A crowd estimated at about 5,000 swarmed around the Embarcadero. Only relatives were permitted out on the pier. Reunions were tearful and heart-rending as the men of Cabanatuan came down the gangway into the arms of their loved ones.

### SIDE GLANCES

#### By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Betty Latham amazed to find that Jean and Irene Hayes, two new cadet nurses in her class at Providence hospital in Portland, came from Medford and more amazed to further find out that they resided next door to the Latham family home.

Victor Sether chasing a thief through downtown alleys, and finding out the old underpinning wasn't what it used to be.

His Honor, Mayor Clarence Meeker, visioning Medford with 35,000 population in the not-too-distant future.

Besides the main public library in San Francisco, there are 21 branches and six deposit stations.

### Churchill Among Dragon's Teeth of Siegfried Line



Prime Minister Winston Churchill (foreground) walks among the dragon's teeth Germany sowed along her Siegfried line near Aachen. At left is Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, second is General Sir Alan Brooke, and at right is Lieut. Gen. William Simpson, USA. British Official Photo via Sinal Corus radio-telephoto.

### MARINES WITHIN YARDS OF IWO'S NORTHERN SHORE

#### By United Press

U. S. Marines fought to within a few hundred yards of Iwo's north shore today, while American troops neared the southwestern tip of Luzon and Indian tank patrols advanced to the northern outskirts of Mandalay.

A break-through to Iwo's north coast would split the last few thousand Japanese holding out in the heavily-defended north.

The battle for Iwo continued fiercely with the marine gains measured in feet and yards. The Japanese claimed the marines suffered 580 casualties Monday.

American troops virtually cleared Batangas Peninsula in southwestern Luzon and reached within four miles of the southern tip, directly across Verde Passage from Mindoro.

In Burma, Indian tank patrols reached the northern outskirts of Mandalay after a 40-mile march down the Irrawaddy from the first bridgehead over the river at Singu. Chinese troops also cleared the new town of Lashio, two miles south of the old town which was captured yesterday.

### DEBT LIMIT HIKE VOTED BY HOUSE

Washington, March 8.—(U.P.)—The House today passed and sent to the Senate legislation to boost the federal debt limit to \$300,000,000.

The vote came after the House had rejected, 71 to 26, an amendment to set the new ceiling at \$280,000,000.

The present debt limit is \$260,000,000. During debate, Chairman Robert L. Doughton, D. N. C., of the House Ways and Means Committee, laid on Republicans responsibility for any waste in war spending.

### DEMON MOVIE-GOER SEES 705 IN YEAR

New York, March 8.—(U.P.)—William Ontville, 16, saw 705 movies from March 4, 1944, to March 4, 1945—340 more than there were days in that year.

### Old "Blood and Guts" Swims Cold River Twice to Inspire Soldiers

Baltimore, March 8.—(U.P.)—Fourth Infantry Division, said the incident took place in January when elements of Patton's Third Army reached the banks of the Sure river opposite Bettendorf. They were told to lose no time in taking the town. But the Germans opened up with murderous artillery and machinegun fire.

"Just before dawn we started going across in three-man boats," the sergeant said. "After a while, though, General Patton decided the men were 'sitting pigeons' for the Germans. He called the boats back and ordered the men to swim across with rifles, bazookas, and everything they could carry."

"To show us it could be done and to inspire the troops, General Patton jumped into the river and swam to the opposite bank. Then he swam back. "Thousands of troops followed him and fought like madmen for Bettendorf."

### ROMAN CLINIC IS STORMED BY MOB IN ITALY UPRISING

Rome, March 8.—(U.P.)—A mob stormed a military clinic last night in an attempt to reach Gen. Francesco Jacomini, fascist war criminal, but was dispersed after a gun battle.

Police were investigating today to determine whether the crowd was trying to lynch Jacomini or help him to escape. It was from the same clinic that Gen. Mario Roatta, another major Italian war criminal, escaped Sunday night.

### TURBULENT OHIO THREATENS HOMES

#### By United Press

Rain-swollen tributaries poured into the twisting Ohio river today, threaten to engulf down-river communities and forcing an ever-increasing torrent of refugees to flee their homes.

The swirling, debris-laden waters rose rapidly below Cincinnati and as far west as Cairo, Ill., with the crest expected in southern Indiana and Kentucky during the week-end. A 47-foot level—18 feet above flood stage—already was registered at Louisville.

Farther up the river level appeared to have reached its peak. The rain had ceased, and there was no appreciable rise after midnight.

In all, more than 30,000 families were at the mercy of the sullen Ohio river, on its most rampage in eight years.

### LAWMAKERS HOPE REDS CROSS ODER, TO END LABOR BY STORM WESTWARD COMING MID-WEEK IN BERLIN DRIVE

#### Turn On Pressure As Session Threatens to Become One of Longest on Record

Salem, Ore., March 8.—(U.P.)—The Oregon Legislature today faced its heaviest calendar of the 1945 session.

Nearly 40 measures were due for passage in both houses today, while members turned on the pressure to adjourn about the middle of next week.

Today is the 60th of the session, 10 over the statutory limit, which may easily be the longest on record. If the lawmakers adjourn next Wednesday the session would have been 66 days in length, tying the record of the 1939 session.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission was under attack in the House, after a tempestuous session yesterday which carried over into today's calendar. Rep. Jack Bain, Portland night club operator, read into the record a direct charge that an employee of the commission had attempted to influence his vote on a measure by a threat.

The charges were made during debate over Senate Bill 117, which extends the power of the commission in the enforcement of the liquor laws.

The majority report on the bill was finally accepted after two hours of debate and the House turned down, 42 to 16, a motion to substitute a minority report. The minority made a distinction between licenses and unlicensed clubs.

Opponents of the measure charged that the distinction was unconstitutional.

The majority report changed very little the provisions of the present law, as minority report adherents said that the commission already had sufficient law enforcement powers if they cared to use them.

Two allied bills, also requested by the commission, were placed on the calendar late today as special orders. The bills (SB's 144 and 145) also broaden the commission's powers.

Another special order due for today was the consideration of committee majority and minority reports for House Bill 272, which changes the limitations now placed on the practice of optometry.

A new measure, House Joint Resolution 14, calling for the appointment of an interim committee to study further the taxes and fees for carriers on public highways was introduced yesterday.

Action by the Senate on a House-approved measure providing civil service for most state employees started today with a hearing before the judiciary committee. Fish and game measures were set for major hearings of the Senate game committee late this afternoon and the joint fish and game committees tonight.

### Errol Flynn To Be Sued For Divorce

Hollywood, March 8.—(U.P.)—Errol Flynn, romantic film actor who has been in court almost as much as he's been before the cameras in recent years, soon will be sued for divorce by his latest wife, Nora Eddington, it was reported today.

Neither Flynn nor Miss Eddington was here to confirm or deny the report. Flynn was believed to be in New York City, his young wife in Mexico City. Mrs. Jack Eddington, Nora's mother, said that her daughter planned to fly from Mexico City to Hollywood "sometime this month," but she knew nothing of the divorce plans.

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Other Oregonians listed as liberated were Rodney A. Dupue, Portland; Beverly E. Hardy, Salem; Richard Hammill, Stanfield; Montague Lord, Salem; Carlin H. McClure, Mount Angel; John R. Nichols, Portland; Johnson W. Wareham, Portland.

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