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NEXT 3 WEEKS TO DECIDE TIME OF GERMAN COLLAPSE

Four Factors Enter Final Phases of War Says Pinkley In Review

By Virgil Pinkley
United Press War Correspondent
London, March 10.—(U.P.)—The next three weeks probably will tell whether Germany will collapse this spring or hold out until early summer, military authorities have informed the United Press.

These forecasts are based on the following factors:

First, the ability of the Russians, despite long lines of communications and Polish mud, to mount and keep rolling the all-out offensives.

Second, whether the allies can extend the bridgehead or bridgeheads on the eastern banks of the Rhine into large areas enabling them to keep a free flow of men and material, especially ammunition, tanks, self-propelled guns and gasoline, moving toward Berlin.

Third, the weather and whether it is the kind which permits the full use of the greatly superior Anglo-American air forces.

Fourth, the ability of the Germans to rally for a last stand on tight interior "defensive" lines, making the allied and Russian advances either slow or overcostly in casualties.

Two weeks ago the general opinion was that the most likely date for the end of the war in Europe was sometime between July 15 and Aug. 15.

Now, following the sensational advances by the American 1st and 3d armies and valuable gains by the Canadian 1st army in the face of heavy fighting, coupled with the amazing Russian victories, some military authorities believe the present situation may enable the final blow to be struck before the month ends.

If this fails to materialize, then it will require late spring or early summer offensives to finish Germany, except perhaps for isolated guerrilla warfare.

Allied officials know that some of Germany's crack troops, which were not encountered in the past fortnight, are east of the Rhine.

Likewise, the Russians realize that the ace 6th panzer army and part of the 11th panzer army are somewhere east or north and south of Berlin and must be met and crushed before a junction of the United Nations armies can occur somewhere in Germany.

The most likely place for such a union appears to be northwestern Germany.

If the Germans can inflict heavy casualties, the Anglo-American command will likely recast plans which may result in the final defeat of Germany, even if that defeat is delayed a few weeks.

During this period allied troops can be rested and re-equipped and new units can be moved into position for the last all-out drive. Simultaneously, American and British air forces can systematically destroy the remaining German industry, communications and transport—the cornerstones for any future wars.

Some allied military experts believe the Germans may attempt a concentrated counter-attack against the flanks of the Russian Oder bridgehead between Kuestrin and Frankfurt, just as they did against the first bridgehead the Soviets forged over the Vistula at Warsaw.

ROGUES LOSE TO ARLINGTON FIVE

Rogue River's basketball team, district 5B champions, lost a bid for the state "B" tournament at Salem next week-end when they were defeated 28 to 22 by Arlington, district 6B champs, at Arlington last night. Arlington won the first game of the two-out-of-three series, played in Medford, 30 to 28 with the Rogues winning the second by a score of 37 to 22.

NIMITZ AT LAUNCHING
San Francisco, March 10.—(U.P.)—Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet and Pacific ocean area, will attend the launching of the destroyer USS Buck here tomorrow, the navy announced today.

Youngest Evacuee



(Acme Telephoto)
Tiny, 4-year-old Olivia Jane Atwood-Fardew and her mother, Army nurse Lt. Anna Louise Bender-Fardew, Portland, Ore., held prisoners of Japanese since war's outbreak, arrive at Hamilton Field, Calif., on one of ATC's giant air transports. Air Transport Command photo.

JAP HOLDINGS ON IWO JIMA CUT TO 3 SMALL POCKETS

Guam, Sunday, March 11.—(U.P.)—U. S. marines on Iwo Island drove forward Saturday against decreasing Japanese resistance and the victorious end of the bloody campaign seemed near as the 3rd and 4th divisions smashed to the eastern breaches at several points.

The Japanese holdings were reduced to three small pockets, the largest of which is about a half square mile in area.

The 4th division, whose progress had been limited to gains of only a few yards for days, suddenly swept forward for gains up to 500 yards on the east coast. One patrol reached the water's edge at Tachiwai Point, easternmost tip of the island, and American lines in this area are now past the town of Higashi.

Enemy resistance was decreasing at numerous points along the line as three marine divisions closed in on the trapped enemy troops.

The desperate Japanese still were holding tenaciously to pillboxes and their snipers fired from hidden strongpoints among the rocks but an official communiqué disclosed that their terrific artillery fire and counter-attacks which cost the lives of well over 2,000 Americans were slackening.

One last frantic counter-attack was staged Thursday night and Friday morning when the Japanese forces attempted to infiltrate the marine lines "on a large scale." The Americans hurled them back.

SECY. ICKES' SON LISTED WOUNDED

Washington, March 10.—(U.P.)—Marine 2nd Lt. Raymond Wilcox Ickes, 32, son of the secretary of interior, suffered a chest injury on Iwo Jima last Wednesday, the navy revealed today.

He was in command of a company of the 9th regiment of the 3rd marine regiment, the navy said.

Secretary Ickes' office said it understood young Ickes was seriously wounded by shrapnel fragments and still is receiving emergency treatment on Iwo Jima.

NO MORE DIMOUTS
Salem, Ore., March 10.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today announced the western defense command had ordered removal of all dimout devices and installations in Oregon because "the possibility of hostile enemy action which would require the renewal of dimout restrictions is now considered by the military authorities to be remote."

B-29 RAID UPON TOKYO LEFT 3500 BLOCKS IN RUIN

Photos Plainly Show Damage In Industrial and Urban Sections

Guam, Sunday, March 11.—(U.P.)—(Via Navy Radio)—Fifteen square miles in the center of Tokyo's industrial area has been reduced to a "twisted, tumble-down, rubble-strewn" shambles by yesterday's great B-29 incendiary raid, Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay announced today after viewing reconnaissance photographs of the fire-wrecked metropolis.

Seven large fires still burned in the devastated area at 1 p. m. Saturday—11 hours after the raid.

Thirty-five hundred city blocks were laid waste.

Pictures taken 10 to 12 hours after the strike indicated that Tokyo reeled under what some Airman unofficially predicted may well be the most destructive blow ever inflicted on any city in the history of mankind by human means.

While Tokyo smoldered, a fleet of India-based B-29's battered the Malayan railway center of Kuala Lumpur, 200 miles northeast of Singapore, today. It was the second raid on that rail center and a bulletin said its railroad yards were the principal target.

Gen. Lemay, commanding general of the 21st bomber command which sent more than 300 Superfortresses from three Marianas islands on yesterday's record strike, said today:

"The target attacked is now entirely burned. This fire left nothing but twisted, tumble-down rubble in its path. These facts are incontrovertibly established by reconnaissance photographs taken on the afternoon of the strike."

Lemay said the area was totally destroyed and clearly identifiable.

"It covers a total of 422,500 square feet, which is approximately 9,700 acres or 15 square miles."

He said 18 identifiable industrial and urban targets lie in ruins within the destroyed area, including the previously damaged Ueno railroad station, the Rising Sun Petroleum terminal, and the Marunouchi Telephone Exchange which before the war had 9,000 automatic lines and 150 long distance lines.

The target area additionally includes the Kanda Market Hattori Co., and hundreds of small business establishments "directly concerned with war industry," and many administrative buildings and thousands of "home industries." All apparently were wiped out.

PORTLAND MAYOR RESENTS CHARGE

Portland, Ore., March 10.—(U.P.)—Mayor Earl Riley, back from a speaking engagement in Klamath Falls, has demanded that John W. Sears, federal security agency official, produce proof that prostitution is rampant in Portland.

Riley also demanded similar proof of Ed F. Averill, chairman of a citizens' committee. He added that if Averill can't prove facts alleged at the citizens' committee meeting that "there can be but one conclusion and that is that there is some motive in your attacks other than an honest endeavor to improve venereal disease conditions."

Sears is the first federal security representative to appear in Portland on the venereal disease question and Riley says in Sears' case, unless facts are presented, "the matter will be taken up clear through Washington until Sears is forced to present facts."

Upper Ohio Flood Conditions Better

Cincinnati, March 10.—(U.P.)—Authorities began the task of clearing the debris left by flood conditions in the upper Ohio river valley as the danger of further damage ended with the recession of the falling waters.

Farther down the Ohio river, where it forms the northern border of Kentucky, preparations continue to handle expected crests. Evansville, in southern Indiana, was declared in a "state of disaster" today by the war production board.

New Invasion?



(Acme Telephoto)
Tokyo reports a huge American invasion armada off Zamboanga, on the southwest tip of Mindanao, second largest of the Philippine Islands, after a 24-hour naval bombardment. One broadcast admitted U. S. forces had "debarked" there.

YANKEES INVADE MINDANAO ENEMY BROADCAST SAYS

Manila, March 10.—(U.P.)—Enemy broadcasts reported fierce fighting between American invasion forces and the Japanese garrison on the southwestern tip of Mindanao tonight after a landing Friday by tank-led American troops.

There was no confirmation from Gen. Douglas MacArthur that his forces were invading the second largest of the Philippine islands.

Tokyo broadcasts said the Americans drove ashore near the city of Zamboanga, on the southwestern tip of Mindanao, after a furious two-day bombardment by a fleet comprised of two battleships, three cruisers and 20 destroyers protected by 140 warplanes.

The enemy said tanks accompanied infantrymen up the beaches and fierce fighting was raging near Zamboanga.

The enemy report, if confirmed, would make Mindanao the 21st island in the 7,000-island Archipelago to be invaded. Zamboanga, toward which the Americans appeared to be driving, is one of the largest of Philippine cities with a pre-war population of 137,000.

VAN DYKE LEADS PUD BILL FIGHT

Salem, Ore., March 10.—(U.P.)—Oregon legislators took a final week-end rest tonight before the closing hectic days before sine die adjournment expected late next week.

Much remained to be done but both houses were working at top speed to clear the logjam of budget bills, taxation, education, milk pasteurization, jobless benefits, senate enlargement, liquor and related measures.

Rep. Frank J. Van Dyke, Jackson county, led a successful fight for house passage of the "PUD bill" today, requiring only senate concurrence in amendment. The measure prevents people's utility districts from acquiring facilities outside their districts except by vote of the people in the areas involved and carries an emergency clause.

JAP DIET MEETS TO DISCUSS WAR

By United Press
The 86th session of the Japanese imperial diet was reopened Sunday morning (Tokyo time) with Prime Minister Gen. Kuniaki Koiso reporting that "every necessary measure" will be placed in effect immediately to "cope with the current situation" Tokyo radio reported.

The broadcast, heard by United Press in San Francisco, said both War Minister Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama and Navy Minister Adm. Mitsumasa Yonai reported on the war situation before the plenary session of the house of peers.

The plenary session of the house of representatives was to meet Sunday afternoon.

Hollywood, March 10.—(U.P.)—A threatened strike on Monday that would paralyze almost all motion picture production was to be discussed tomorrow night at a union mass meeting in Hollywood Legion Stadium.

FALL OF DANZIG NEAR SOVIET TAKE JUNCTIONS

Fierce Battle On Oder Menaces Berlin—Lauenberg, Kartuzy Fall

London, March 10.—(U.P.)—Soviet troops, smashing as much as 12 miles through broken German Baltic defenses, captured the big junctions of Lauenberg and Kartuzy on the road to Danzig today and split the enemy lines on the outskirts of the former free port. Danzig's fall was believed near. The fight raged in a blizzard.

A titanic battle for bridgeheads raged meanwhile along the Oder river immediately east of Berlin and threatened to burst soon into an overpowering Soviet drive on the reich capital only 30-odd miles away.

Powerful Soviet forces, attacking relentlessly, were reported by Berlin to have fought through the northern and larger part of Kuestrin on the right bank of the Oder and were driving into the southern part on the left bank. Kuestrin lies 38 miles from Berlin.

The Germans also admitted the Russian tide had swept to the gates of Danzig and Stettin, but claimed the two Baltic ports still were strongly held.

Marshal Josef Stalin announced the fall of Lauenberg and Kartuzy, respectively 35 and 18 miles west of Danzig, in an order of the day addressed to Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky of the 1st White Russian army.

Rokossovsky's mobile units swept 12 miles up the superhighway toward Danzig to capture Lauenburg, a 12-way traffic hub including five rail radiations. Smaller Kartuzy, lies 23 miles to the southeast over the Oder in former Polish corridor territory. It was taken in a three-mile push from Kolopin to the south.

'JELLED GASOLINE' FALLS ON TOKYO

San Francisco, March 10.—(U.P.)—Col. J. W. Lyon, commanding officer for the chemical warfare procurement district, said today that the incendiary bombs unloaded on Tokyo were a new type "jelled gasoline" explosive being manufactured by some 20 California companies. It was the first use of the new incendiaries.

They are known as M-69 bombs, weighing six pounds. They are dropped in "aimable" clusters of 500 pounds. The cluster holds together for 5,003 feet of the drop, then opens up into a series of smaller patterns.

On exploding, Lyon said, the bomb throws flaming gasoline for a radius of 30 yards around the bomb.

RESTAURANT FOOD ALLOTMENTS CUT

Washington, March 10.—(U.P.)—The office of price administration tonight reduced sharply allotments of rationed foods to all industrial users, effective April 1. It also ordered cancellation, for three months, of excess industrial ration currency.

This action paralleled for this class of users the cancellation last December of accumulated consumer ration stamps and the restoration of point values to some foods and the increase of values for others.

Newbury Scrip Bill On Liquor In Tie

Salem, Ore., March 10.—(U.P.)—A 15 to 15 tie today killed the Newbury scrip liquor bill in the Oregon senate.

Passage required a constitutional majority of 16. The bill would permit licensed clubs to pool their liquor purchases and serve drinks to members for script. An amendment inserted in the bill provided members would get only the liquor to which they were entitled on a ration card.

Opponents contended it was discriminatory and made the clubs "saloons" while advocates, headed by Sen. Earl Newbury of Ashland, said it would aid liquor law enforcement.

OREGON DEFEATS COUGARS 51 TO 41 IN OPENING GAME

Hamilton High With 20 Points—Early Lead Is Overcome

Pullman, Wash., March 10.—(U.P.)—The Oregon Webfoots beat Washington State College tonight, 51-41, to take the first playoff game for the northern division college basketball crown.

Score at halftime was tied at 19-19. Washington State took an early lead of 7-1 with five minutes gone in the game, holding the advantage until late in the first half.

But Oregon, led by Bob Hamilton, who scored seven points in two minutes, brought the count to 19-17 in favor of the Cougars. Reedy Berg's two free throws with 30 seconds remaining tied the score at 19-19.

The lead changed hands three times in the first four minutes of play in the second half, but Oregon pulled ahead, 26-25, at that point and was never headed.

High man for the Webfoots was Hamilton with 20 points, followed by Jim Bartlett and Berg with 11 each. High man for WSC was Vince Hanson with 15 points.

The two teams meet this Friday at Eugene, Ore., and should the Webfoots take the second encounter the series will be over. If WSC ties it up by winning, the second game will be played the following night.

AUSTRIA WARNED BY GREW TO END NAZI RELATIONS

Washington, March 10.—(U.P.)—Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew gave Austria a thinly-disguised ultimatum tonight to rise up against her Nazi dominators or suffer the consequences. Austria can achieve post-war independence "only if the Austrian people themselves are imbued with that ideal, and themselves strive for its realization," Grew said.

In a statement marking the seventh anniversary of Germany's annexation of Austria, Grew recalled the Big Three's promise to help that country achieve independence.

He referred to the Moscow declaration of November 1, 1943, when Britain, Russia and the United States reminded Austria that she had "a responsibility, which she cannot evade, for participation in the war at the side of Hitlerite Germany."

Grew's statement, coming as Russian and allied forces closed in on the German military machine, was plainly a bid for concerted action on the part of whatever anti-Nazi underground exists in Austria.

NAZI EFFORTS TO BOMB SPAN FAIL

London, March 10.—(U.P.)—A special squadron of 11 German fighter planes made a desperate attempt late today to bomb the Remagen bridge leading to American positions across the Rhine but a U. S. Thunderbolt squadron stopped them before they could reach their objective.

Six Messerschmitt 109's, carrying "heavy bombs," escorted by five Focke Wulf 190's, made the attempt. The Thunderbolts intercepted them above the town of Linz and a spectacular dogfight developed in which two of the German planes were shot down and the others were forced to jettison their bombs and scurry for inner Germany.

ATTORNEY CLEARED

Seattle, March 10.—(U.P.)—United States attorney from Juneau, Alaska, Lynn James Gemmill, was acquitted of charges of bribery today.

WAR BULLETINS

Helsinki, March 10.—(U.P.)—Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustav Mannerheim has resumed his functions as president of Finland following a prolonged illness, it was announced officially today.

London, March 10.—(U.P.)—German Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels has visited the Eastern front in an effort to rally the battered German forces, it was revealed today as Stockholm dispatches reported the Nazis building barricades in Berlin's streets in preparation for a long siege.

Washington, March 10.—(U.P.)—Vice Admiral Jean Decoux, governor-general of French Indo-China, and the commanders of the army, navy and air forces of the colony were placed under "protective custody" today by the Japanese army which seized complete control of Indo-China in apparent fear of an American landing on the Asiatic coast.

London, March 10.—(U.P.)—More than 1,850 U. S. heavy bombers and fighters, trying to isolate the Ruhr from the rest of Germany, struck at seven railroad targets today while hundreds of tactical planes swarmed over the Rhine bridgehead area and thwarted a desperate German aerial attempt to bomb the key bridge at Remagen.

WINETROUT BUYS WEST MAIN SITE FOR FORD HOME

A modernistic building to house Crater Lake Motors' Ford, Mercury and Lincoln sales and



"Art" Winetroun

service will rise at the corner of Main and Fir streets in this city just as soon as priorities permit, according to an announcement Saturday by Clarence A. Winetroun, Mr. Winetroun acted in behalf of his son, C. A. "Art" Winetroun, now on active duty with the Navy in the western Pacific, in consummating the purchase of the property from the Southern Pacific Company.

The property transaction and building cost will approximate \$150,000, it was stated. Final transfer of deeds was made here Friday.

The new home of Crater Lake Motors will be one of ultra-modern design and concrete construction, with generous use of glass. The Main street frontage will be 170 feet with a depth of 150 feet on Fir street, with a portion of the front in a lot for latest style island gasoline pumps. The north portion of the handsome structure will house sales and parts rooms, used car displays and offices. Facilities in the spacious well equipped shop will include complete body and paint shops.

Planned by Ford
When completed the Crater Lake Motors building will be outstanding on the entire Pacific Coast for modernistic beauty and completeness of facilities. Ford Company architects and designers are assisting in planning the structure.

C. A. "Art" Winetroun, head of Crater Lake Motors, is well known in this city having managed the company prior to enlistment in the Navy. He has seen action in the Philippines area in recent weeks, according to word received here. In his absence his father is directing the management of Crater Lake Motors and will supervise the planning and building of the new Main street home of the company.

YANKEES REPULSE NAZIS OFFENSIVE ON RHINE FRONT

1st Army Wins Vital Heights—Hot Fight Rages Near Bridgehead Areas

(United Press)
In a broadcast heard in London Sunday, Radio Paris reported that American troops were fighting in the suburbs of Coblenz.

Paris, Sunday, March 11.—(U.P.)—The Germans opened a tremendous artillery attack on the American bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine yesterday, but 1st army troops gained almost a mile in advances that won vital heights, overlooking the "hottest area in Europe."

Berlin admitted even more extensive American gains, acknowledging that assault troops made a second crossing of the Rhine four miles north of Remagen and captured Hoenfel in furious house-to-house fighting.

A security blackout still masked operations in the bridgehead area, but allied supreme headquarters announced that the 8th infantry division of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army blasted out 500 to 1,500-yard gains in the bridgehead area Saturday—almost a mile.

The Germans, now fighting with furious desperation to seal off the breach into their inner fortress, rained shells from one of the largest artillery concentrations they have yet assembled on the western front.

Front dispatches described the Ludendorff bridge area as a raging inferno of German shell splinters and spent American shrapnel from scores of anti-aircraft batteries firing at German planes making suicidal but futile attempts to blast the bridge.

But American strength in the bridgehead was growing hourly, United Press Correspondent Ann Stringer reported. Unbelievable quantities of material were piling up east of the Rhine and great lines of trucks stretching for miles were pouring more across the river. "This is the hottest area in Europe," she said, commenting on German reaction.

To the north the Canadian 1st army collapsed a pocket of German resistance on the west bank around Wesel with a swift two-mile thrust through its center and the U. S. 3d army reached to within two miles of Coblenz in a swift tank attack on that important Rhineland town.

JAPS WERE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME

Washington, March 10.—(U.P.)—Japanese leaders 15 years ago said they thought that war with the United States would be "the worst possible disaster" for Japan, the State Department revealed tonight.

One Japanese official who held this eminently-correct view also said Japan "could never think" of fighting the United States "even from a selfish point of view."

The Nipponese opinions were revealed with publication by the department of the first of three volumes covering U. S. foreign relations in 1930. The opinions were relayed in reports to the department from William R. Castle, Jr., then American ambassador to Japan.

MEAT SUPPLY OF LAND LOWEST YET

Chicago, March 10.—(U.P.)—Spokesmen for the meat industry said today the nation is experiencing the worst meat shortage of the war.

Members of the American Meat Institute said Sunday dinner tables this week-end would hold many meat substitutes and that the week's supplies would be 40 per cent less than those of 1944.

John J. Tunzer, secretary of the joint council of retail meat dealers, said in Chicago that the majority of the city's 6,500 meat markets had no meat stocks for sale. He predicted that many would close over the week-end and others go on three or four day schedules this week.