

# Yankee Vanguard Nears Vital German Superhighway

## FIRST ARMY DRIVE EXPANDS RIM OF RHINE BRIDGEHEAD

Now Within Striking Distance of Military Road Between Ruhr, Rhineland.

Paris, March 13—(U.P.)—U. S. 1st army forces advanced the Remagen bridgehead nearly two miles eastward today, and Berlin said that in a new assault boat crossing of the Rhine they reached Koenigswinter, three miles northwest of Honnau.

First army headquarters said the Americans pushed within about two miles of the Ruhr-Rhineland superhighway through the Rhine valley east of the bridgehead, and had thrown a pontoon bridge across the Rhine near the captured Ludendorff bridge.

A later broadcast told of an amphibious push on Koenigswinter, on the east bank of the Rhine three miles downstream from the last reported American positions in the bridgehead.

Paris, March 13—(U.P.)—New American attacks from the Remagen bridgehead gained up to a mile today and brought Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' vanguard within easy striking distance of the vital military superhighway between the Ruhr and upper Rhineland.

Allied broadcasts reported that a U. S. 1st army onslaught beginning early this morning had shown out the rim of the pocket across the Rhine and it now was six miles deep and 11 miles wide.

Bitter Struggle  
A broadcast Nazi dispatch from western front headquarters said the battle of the Remagen bridgehead was the "most embittered struggle of the entire western front." The U. S. 9th armored division attacked northeast of Honnau, riverside city which had changed hands several times in the last 100 hours, the enemy report said.

To the southwest, the 1st and 3rd armies virtually completed the mop-up of an estimated 23,000 German troops trapped by the junction of the two armies on the Rhine last week.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army cleaned out all but scattered remnants of German units north of the Mosel river, and lined up solid on the river between Coblenz and Trier except for a six-mile gap.

The Germans mounted two small but well organized counterattacks against the eastern rim of the bridgehead. One by 200 tank-led troops was stopped cold. The other dented the 1st army lines in the hills east of Remagen, but the Americans regained the lost ground.

First army headquarters announced that Hodges' forces in the south end of the pocket over the Rhine last night captured a high hill overlooking Hoenniggen, five miles southeast of the captured Ludendorff bridge, and commanding a broad sweep of the east bank of the river.

U. S. shock troops were fighting in the streets of Hoenniggen and Honnau, at the opposite end of the 10-mile wide foothold east of the Rhine.

### CONFERENCE SET

Carson City, Nev., March 13—(U.P.)—Date of the western governors' conference, scheduled to be held in Reno, has been set for April 20 and 21, Gov. E. P. Carville announced today.

## ROOSEVELT ASKS LESS FOR NAVY BUDGET IN 1946

Washington, March 13—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt asked congress today for a 1946 fiscal year budget of \$23,719,153,050 for the navy. This is a reduction of more than \$4,000,000,000 from the figure for this year.

The president also submitted a request for additional contract authorizations of \$3,088,012,624 for the navy. About half of this, or \$1,513,012,624, would be new authorizations. The balance would be continued from the current fiscal year.

The request envisioned a navy during fiscal 1946 composed of approximately 3,389,000 men. Marine corps strength was set at 478,000 and the coast guard strength at 173,165.

The request indicated that the U. S. high command envisions full-scale naval operations in the war for at least another 18 months. The 1946 fiscal year ends on June 30, 1946.

Total appropriations for the navy in the 1945 fiscal year were about \$28,500,000,000. In 1944 the total was about \$23,000,000,000.

The White House said the principal reductions were approximately \$2,000,000,000 in previous estimates of the cost of the navy airplane program and a drop of about \$4,000,000,000 in cash required for the shipbuilding program.

### BUS SERVICE HEARING SET FOR WEDNESDAY

A public hearing on the application of the Rogue Valley Transit company to provide bus service to passengers between Medford and Ashland will be conducted by the Oregon Public Utilities commissioner tomorrow at the courthouse at 10 a. m.

The application, recently amended, requests permission to operate busses over an alternate route, leaving U. S. highway 99 at a point approximately one-half mile north of Jackson Hot Springs, thence over old highway 99 through Talent to the junction of the old highway 99 and the present highway, serving all intermediate points.

### SS Riflemen Blast Bridge; Turn Guns on Own Comrades

By Robert W. Richards  
United Press War Correspondent  
With U. S. 3rd army in Germany, March 13—(U.P.)—Remnants of a fleeing German convoy were half way across a Rhine bridge when Nazi storm troopers blasted the structure.

Horses screamed and German soldiers shouted in panic as they were hurled into the air and fell together into the swiftly flowing river.

The men who lived attempted to swim toward the east bank but SS riflemen, crouching in shelters, coldly picked them off one by one.

This story was told to officers of the 4th armored division by a captured German captain, three Luftwaffe pilots and 22 Ukrainians who had been members of the Wehrmacht. Each man talked independently of the other and all recited virtually the same facts.

The convoy of at least 200 horse-drawn and motor vehicles began withdrawing toward the Kron Prinz bridge, midway between Andernach and Coblenz, at 8 a. m., March 9.

Fourth division tanks and artillery intercepted it only 200 yards from the bridge. Their fire destroyed the lead vehicles and threw the entire column into confusion.

Several vehicles reached the span and were half way across when Germans on the east bank set off prepared charges to demolish the bridge. The prisoners said at the time no Americans were within crossing distance and there was no immediate necessity for the destruction.

They charged that the reason the SS blew the bridge quicker than necessary was because the force attempting to cross had been ordered to hold west of the Rhine.

"The SS saved their own skins and then murdered our comrades for attempting to do the same," one prisoner said.



Long lines of armored half tracks wait to cross the railroad bridge at Remagen, Germany, which was captured intact by 9th Armored Division, 1st army troops. Just after American combat engineers had removed tons of TNT that had been planted in the bridge by the Germans, armored vehicles moved across to fan out in all directions from the east bank. U. S. Signal Corps Radio-Telephoto.

## German Suicide Airmen in Efforts to Wreck Bridges

By John B. McDermott  
United Press War Correspondent  
Remagen Bridgehead, Germany, March 13—(U.P.)—The Germans are flying what the Americans call "suicide missions" against the 1st army bridges across the Rhine in desperate efforts to cut the lifelines to the Remagen bridgehead.

Today it can be revealed that in the last five days 135 German planes have made "suicide" attacks on the bridges. Sixty-six were shot down. Fourteen others disappeared in the clouds, trailing comet-like tails of smoke and flame.

Luftwaffe Dwindles  
The 1st army men say the German air force must be on its last legs. That is the only way they can explain its failure to

## STARS IN EFFORT TO SETTLE STRIKE

Hollywood, March 13—(U.P.)—Stars, directors and writers got together today in hopes of settling a paralyzing two-day strike over 78 movie set designers. Nearly every major studio was shut down.

Bored with twiddling their thumbs while the two A. F. L. unions contesting jurisdiction battled it out with the producers and the war labor board, the three groups formed a committee to find some ground for settlement.

Local 1421 of the painters' union was disputing jurisdiction over the set designers with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. An appeal from National War Labor Board Chairman George W. Taylor was flatly rejected.

## Amateur Magician Stood Up Again In Date With Darrow

Chicago, March 13—(U.P.)—Claude D. Noble, Detroit businessman and amateur magician, failed again today to keep a date with the spirit of Clarence Darrow.

In keeping with a pact made with the great criminal attorney and agnostic before his death, Noble went to a lagoon bridge in Jackson park. There at the spot where Darrow's ashes were scattered he intoned:

"Clarence Darrow, I am here in fulfillment of our pact. If you can manifest yourself to me do it now."

Then, with bowed and bare head, Noble waited. There was no answer. Noble recited the Lord's prayer in a firm but low tone and told the spectators:

"I have failed to contact the spirit of Clarence Darrow but I will be back next year to keep my vow."

It was the seventh time that Noble had tried and failed to contact Darrow's spirit.

## Dead Unnoticed On Much-Used Bridge

Paris, March 13—(U.P.)—Traffic over the Ludendorff bridge at Remagen has been so heavy that the body of a dead German has lain on the span since last Wednesday when the 1st army captured the structure, it was disclosed at headquarters last night.

The Americans have been so busy moving across to the east bank that no one had time to remove the body.

## TWO FLIERS KILLED

Glenview, Ill., March 13—(U.P.)—Lt. Edward Cochran, Pratt, Kan., a flight instructor, and an aviation cadet were killed today when a training plane from the naval training station here crashed near Wheeling, Ill. Lt. Cochran, former photographer for the Kansas City Star, is survived by his wife, Berle of Wichita, Kan., and his mother, Mrs. A. A. Cochran.

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### Weather

Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with light rain Wednesday morning and showers Wednesday afternoon. Little change in temperature.

Highest yesterday 52  
Lowest this morning 32  
Precipitation past 24 hrs. .16

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# SUPERFORTS SOCK OSAKA

## LARGE FORCE IN SHOWER OF FIRE ON WAR PLANTS

Planes From Saipan, Tinian and Guam Join in 2,000-Ton Incendiary Attack.

Washington, March 13—(U.P.)—Hundreds of Superfortresses showered fiery destruction upon a third great Japanese city today with an incendiary bomb attack on Osaka.

The Superfortresses attacked "in very large force," the 20th air force announced. That meant that Osaka's war factories got punishment comparable to that handed to Tokyo and Nagoya, both of which were hit by upwards of 2,000 tons of fire bombs.

B-29's from Saipan, Tinian and Guam participated in the attack.

### In Large Force

"Superfortresses from Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's 21st bomber attack today (March 14 Japanese time) carried out, in very large force, an incendiary attack upon strategic industrial targets in Osaka, Japan," an announcement said.

"The mission was similar in form to the strike last Friday against Tokyo and Sunday against Nagoya, the 20th air force announced at the war department. B-29 aircraft participated from Saipan, Tinian and Guam."

The attack was the second against the important industrial city of Osaka.

More than 300 B-29's hit Tokyo and Nagoya, and about the same number apparently went after Osaka.

### By United Press

U. S. marines were closing the bloody campaign for Iwo today at Japan's front door while far to the south in the Philippines American troops were rapidly expanding their beachhead on Mindanao from newly-captured Zamboanga.

Reconnaissance photographs at the same time showed the Japanese also suffered a severe setback in their homeland. American Superfortresses were revealed to have destroyed more than 18½ square miles in the center of Tokyo and 285 city blocks in Nagoya. The photographs showed that 15 fires were still burning in Nagoya eight hours after the 2,000-ton incendiary raid.

## Iwo In Mop-Up Stage

The 23-day battle of Iwo was nearing a mop-up stage with the marines of the fifth division gradually crushing the last pocket along the north coast. Less than 1000 Japanese remained to be wiped out.

In the Philippines, veteran American troops, who captured the administrative city of Zamboanga, were fanning out rapidly in southwest Mindanao against only disorganized resistance.

The swift drive already had firmly established a beachhead three miles long and nearly two miles wide. In addition to Zamboanga city, the Americans also captured four villages and two valuable airfields.

### LT. "LOST" CHRISTMAS

Belmont, Mass.—(U.P.) Lt. John T. Kirkness wrote his wife how he didn't spend Christmas. Kirkness explained he crossed the international dateline in the Pacific about 20 minutes before midnight Dec. 24, and when he crossed the line, he lost a day, making it Dec. 26.

## SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
Isabelle Gault recalling French grammar to aid the Tribune staff.

Jane McCarty, collector of antique furniture, spurning the offer of an old county seat item.

Officer Walter Reinking giving newshawks a tip on how to find out what's going on in the world.

## East Coast Still Possible Target

Aboard Flagship of Atlantic Fleet, March 13—(U.P.)—Admiral Jonas Ingram, commander of the Atlantic fleet, said today that the danger of a V-bomb attack on the east coast was no less today than it was January 8 when he warned it was both "possible and probable."

He issued his warning in a message to the United Press in response to an inquiry noting that the 60-day danger period which he forecast in his first warning expired March 8.

## TULE LAKE CAMP RUN BY JAPS IS LATE DISCLOSURE

Washington, March 13—(U.P.)—Japanese internees at Tule Lake, Calif., segregation camp virtually controlled the center late last year and had created "quite a serious situation," according to Attorney General Francis Biddle.

Biddle disclosed the situation in recent testimony before a house appropriations subcommittee. Transcripts were released today.

"The Japs were practically running the camp, from the point of view of expressing their loyalty, they were marching, they were bowing to the emperor, they had bugle calls, they had all of the performances," Biddle said. "It was just a little Japanese center."

He said Jack Burling, department of justice representative discovered the situation when he was sent out to administer the law providing for expatriation of Americans who specified their prime loyalties to be another land.

"He found out who the leaders were and he picked off the first 80 expatriates and called them out and put them in some of our internment camps, which at once broke up that situation," Biddle said.

He told the committee the matter had not been reported or made public.

"We have not emphasized it," he said, "because we are trying to get it smoothly worked out."

## Jutland Tank Traps Are Dug By Germans

By United Press  
The Swedish radio said today that German troops in Denmark had started digging tank traps near Aarhus on the east coast of Jutland.

The broadcast, reported by the FCC, also said that a "ring" of German fortifications, begun last fall near Haderslev, south of Aarhus, were "now ready." It reported a detachment of armored cars had arrived at Haderslev.

Washington, March 13—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today endorsed the Luce-Celler bill to permit the immigration and naturalization of East Indians as "important and desirable" to "help win the war and to establish a secure peace."

## Jap Brass Hats Leave Luxurious Bombproof Shelters On Iwo Jima

By S/Sgt. Alvin M. Joseph, Jr.  
Marine Corps Combat Correspondent

Distributed by United Press  
Iwo Jima (Delayed)—Some of the most luxurious living of this war is going on, ironically enough, amid the horror and desolation of battle-torn Iwo.

A few lucky members of the 21st marine regiment discovered intact a series of ornately-furnished bombproof shelters which had evidently housed high-ranking officers of the Japanese garrison.

The bombproofs into which the marines promptly moved were so well protected by concrete and rock casements that they had scarcely been scarred by naval and aerial bombardments preceding marine land-

ings. The interiors were undamaged. The occupants had left everything intact as if they had run away at the approach of the marine assault troops.

The bombproofs are fitted out like Japanese apartments with paneled walls and sliding doors made of fine wood. Shelves and cupboards held food, magazines, a phonograph and records, tableware, and clothing. There were soft cots, upholstered chairs, writing tables and the usual furniture of a home.

Running water and electric lights made it difficult to believe that just outside the bombproof was not civilization, but a sandy stretch of volcanic ashes, camouflaging pillboxes, bunkers, and a network of death-dealing weapons.

## JUNE 22 ELECTION PLANNED FOR TWO TAX PROPOSITIONS

Salem, Ore., March 13—(U.P.)—Two appropriation bills totalling \$515,000 and a bill providing for city and county planning commissions were due for final action in the Oregon house of representative today, while little major legislation was scheduled in the senate.

Attention centered on two tax proposals which will go on the ballot June 22, at a special election, when it is authorized. The measures, a two-cent cigarette tax and a five-mill levy on property, were reported out of the joint senate assessment and taxation ways and means committees with "do pass" recommendations.

Only Two Questions  
The joint committees also approved the bill authorizing the election, but with the stipulation that only the two measures be considered.

Still another bill approved provided for \$9,000,000 for school support, instead of \$5,000,000 for two years.

The two tax measures are for schools and for the state system of higher education building program.

The house yesterday passed 46 to 11 senate joint memorial 2, which petitions congress to establish a system of military training for young men.

Election Change  
The senate passed a bill (S. B. 325) changing the manner of electing state legislators in Multnomah county to a position basis, under which candidates would file for a position instead of the present system of choosing the five high men for senator and 13 for representative.

The whole subject of reapportionment and legislative districting would be taken up by an interim committee under a resolution (S. J. R. 22) given "do pass" approval by the senate resolutions committee.

The senate gave final passage to a house joint resolution (S. B. 1345) memorializing congress to pass the Tydings bill amending the constitution to require the government to operate under a balanced budget except in war years or periods of emergency.

## SKILLED MEXICANS NOT TO MIGRATE TO STATES

Mexico City, March 13—(U.P.)—The ministry for economy today forbade skilled workers and peasants with productive lands to enroll as immigrant laborers to work in the U. S.

Persons able to work as "braceros" were confined to born Mexicans who are unemployed, peddlers, student servants, small storekeepers, civilians discontinuing studies for economic reasons, servants or "poorly paid" shop assistants, the ministry stated.

## FROST OBSERVER DUE HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Roy J. Rogers, federal frost observer, is due to arrive here tomorrow for his annual work in the Rogue River valley. Testing of orchard thermometers which have been coming into the county agent's office briskly the past week, will claim his first attention.

Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy reports pear tree development in the valley is now slightly below normal due to cold weather.

## BOWLES SEEKS CEILING ON PUBLIC AMUSEMENT

Washington, March 13—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles today called for legislation to permit OPA to put price ceilings on tickets to movies, ball games, concerts and other amusements.

Public amusement is an important cost-of-living item in the average family's budget, Bowles told a press conference. Most important in this group, he said, are motion pictures.

## U. S. DELEGATION WILL BE FREE, IS STETTINIUS WORD

Secretary Voices Promise at Meeting of Delegation Before S. F. Conference.

Washington, March 13—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., today promised the U. S. delegation to the San Francisco conference that they would be free to pursue their personal views and convictions.

He added that he was confident that they would "work as one team" in helping set up the world security organization—the new League of Nations.

Hull Absent  
His statement was made at the first meeting of the delegation in Stettinius' office. All members were present except Cordell Hull, who is still convalescing in the naval hospital.

The delegation conferred for an hour and then visited President Roosevelt at the White House.

## SOLONS APPROVE ALLOTMENT FOR POST-WAR PLANS

Washington, March 13—(U.P.)—The senate today approved an appropriation of \$35,000,000 for postwar planning by cities and states after beating down two attempts to make it more.

Sen. Robert M. La Follette (Prog., Wis.), proposed an amendment to the 1946 independent offices appropriations bill which would have increased the figure to \$75,000,000. It was defeated 42 to 31.

La Follette then moved to amend the figure to \$50,000,000 and was defeated again, 36 to 29.

The senate then by voice vote adopted the \$35,000,000 total proposed by its appropriations committee.

The figure represents \$5,000,000 outright grant approved by the house and a senate addition of \$30,000,000 to be distributed to states and municipalities on a 50-50 matching basis.

This and other issues have threatened to delay the \$3,145,134,842 independent offices bill.

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