

Yanks Enter Ludwigshafen; Seal Fate of Pocketed Nazis

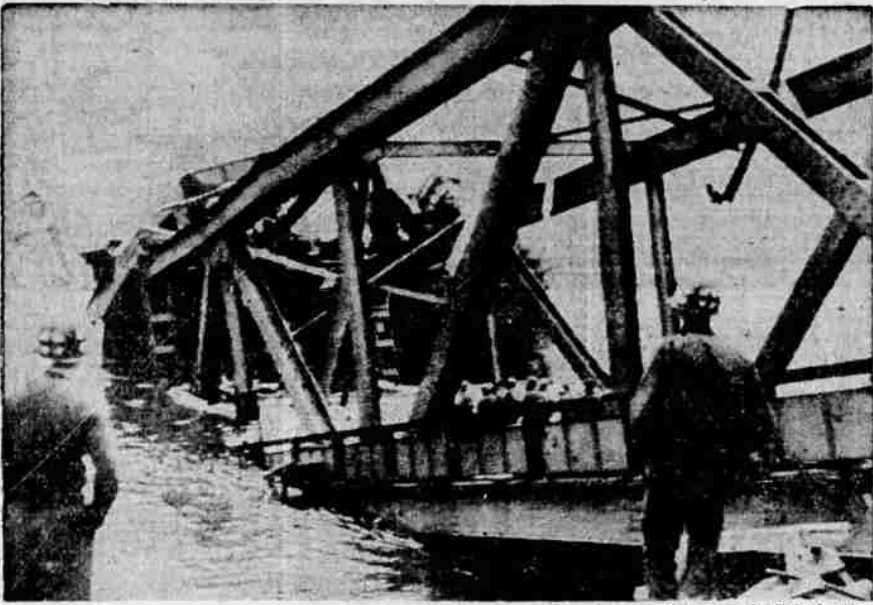
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New Surge Across Heart of Germany Is Expected Soon

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Huge Ludendorff Bridgehead Span Collapses



First Army medical corpsmen stand by to aid comrades being rescued from wreckage of collapsed center span of 1200-foot Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, which served as first span to funnel Yanks across the Rhine River. The bridge collapsed while undergoing repairs, plunging hundreds of men into the river, but engineers report the vital span will soon be in operation. Signal Corps photo.

PLENTY OF FOOD FOR AMERICANS, IS REASSURANCE

Food Chief Marvin Jones Says No One to Go Hungry While Aiding Europe.

Washington, March 21—(U.P.)—Americans "will continue to have plenty of good, wholesome food" even though they have to take a new hitch in their belts in order to help starving peoples, War Food Administrator Marvin Jones said today.

The nation's food chief today issued a 300-word statement concerning the outlook for American diets. To feed starving peoples, he said, "is a practical matter and a part of war itself."

None Going Hungry

"No one has gone hungry in this country," he said. "No one is going hungry."

Of dire predictions that the nation faces a meat famine and scarcities of other foods, Jones said "we have heard these things before."

"This storm will pass and certain facts will stand out," he said.

He pointed out that in 1943 food production was expanded 32 per cent over prewar levels and in 1944 boosted another five per cent, and this year farmers themselves set goals that call for an even greater acreage. (A report of farmers planting intention released yesterday indicated, however, that this year's crop acreage will be slightly less than last year and considerably below the goal.)

Best Fed Army

The United States has the best fed army in the world, Jones stated, and American food has enabled the allies to carry on their battle. And civilians during the war, he said, have eaten more food per capita than they did before the war.

Meanwhile, Price Administrator Chester Bowles accused the American meat institute of causing "newspaper headlines of famine." He told the senate banking committee that "the facts do not justify the scare stories."

The institute denied his charges. Several senators likewise challenged them and angrily assailed Bowles' stand.

OPA Accused

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) charged that OPA was violating both the price control act and the constitution. He said OPA was not allowing packers a "fair margin of profit."

The largest packer in Cincinnati is "losing \$50,000 a month," Taft said, and other packers who could not "afford to take the loss" have closed.

"These people are going to go bankrupt if they continue to lose \$50,000 a month," Taft shouted. "There is no alternative."

Sens. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R., Ia.) and Clyde M. Reed, (R., Kan.) joined the Ohioan in criticizing OPA.

HORSE SHOT IN STERLING AREA

William DeNico Dunstan, 45, route 2, box 14, Sterling Star route, was arrested today by sheriff's officers and state police and placed in the county jail on a charge of malicious destruction of property. He was slated to appear before the circuit court this afternoon where he was expected to waive a grand jury hearing and enter a plea.

Dunstan was charged specifically with shooting a horse belonging to E. O. Calhoun, a resident of the Sterling area.

State police said they have had several reports of people shooting horses, dogs, cows and other livestock and warned that anyone apprehended would be taken before the circuit court.

CLERIC INJURED

Pittsburgh, March 21—(U.P.)—Dr. Arthur B. Kinsolving II, rector of the Calvary Episcopal church, and his wife were in St. Margaret's hospital today recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident on March 14. Kinsolving was appointed Episcopal bishop of Arizona last month.

Seabee Spl! Pants Of 1st Guy In Blackout

Camp Parks, Calif., March 21—(U.P.)—While a tin hat is the only "must," pants are nice for foxhole wear, Carpenter's Mate 3/c Forrest E. Parker, Los Angeles, said today.

Recalling a garment problem in night air attack during recent south Pacific duty, Parker told how he and a Seabee mate grabbed the same pair of pants in the blackout. "We each had a leg in and when someone yelled to hit the foxholes we dived for different trenches, splitting the pants fifty-fifty."

"The payoff came later," Parker added, "when we learned the pants belonged to a third guy in the same tent."

INFLATION CURB ON REALTY AND STOCKS SOUGHT

C. Bowles Says Runaway Prices Serious Problem; Barber Ceilings Urged.

Washington, March 21—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles said today that inflation of real estate and stock market values is a serious problem that needs quick corrective action.

He told the senate banking committee that congressional action to curb sale prices on both urban and rural real estate should not be "long deferred." It is "too serious a problem" to permit delay, he said. Then added:

"So also is the problem of stock market inflation."

Bowles also renewed his request for price control on amusements.

Movies Not Luxury

In a "command appearance" before the senate banking committee, Bowles said the movies cannot be dismissed as a luxury or an "insignificant factor in the cost of living." The public spends more than a billion dollars a year on them he said.

The committee had rejected his first request for power to fix ceiling prices on tickets to theaters and sporting events.

Bowles also asked again for price controls on barber shops and beauty parlors.

He said the exemption of these three items has "had a demoralizing effect upon our whole retail price control program."

"The neighborhood merchant resents what seems to him the unfairness of seeing his prices controlled," Bowles said, "while the neighborhood movie, barber shop, and beauty parlor are free to raise their prices at will."

THREE TULE JAPS GIVEN JAIL JOLT

Newell, Calif., March 21—(U.P.)—Three Japanese have been sentenced to 90 days in jail at Tule Lake relocation center for "unlawful activities," it was announced today.

They are Kazuo Hirahawa, president of the pro-Japanese society Sokoku Kikoku Hoashi Dan; Shigeo Fujino, president of the pro-Japanese society Kokoku Eimen Dan; and Yoshio Nakashima, member of the latter society.

Ray Best, center director, pronounced the sentences after the three men were found guilty. The two previous society presidents were taken from Tule Lake and placed in an enemy alien internment camp by FBI agents.

Dulles Not To Be Official At Meet

Washington, March 21—(U.P.)—John Foster Dulles, international adviser to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, will not attend the San Francisco world security conference in any official capacity.

Dulles revealed his position in a letter to Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.) one of the eight United States delegates to the San Francisco conference. Vandenberg released Dulles' letter without comment.

Roosevelt Refuses to Make Prediction on End of War

Washington, March 21—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt refuses to indulge in the pastime of predicting how soon the war will end.

In his radio appeal in behalf of the \$200,000,000 Red Cross war fund last night, the president said flatly that "I do not know when victory will come."

He said he does know that millions of men are fighting outside their native land and many of them owe their lives and well being to the Red Cross. He appealed to the nation to over-subscribe the Red Cross war fund.

"There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others," he said. "That was giving in humanity and in decency. This year we give in necessity—necessity for our own. The need never was greater. It will not soon be less."

Mr. Roosevelt testified from his personal observation abroad to the usefulness of the Red Cross in battle areas where it furnishes men with life-saving plasma, refreshment, entertainment, and cheer.

Paris, March 21—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops entered Ludwigshafen today, virtually concluding the Saar-Palatinat campaign which destroyed two German field armies totaling some 80,000 men.

In the Remagen bridgehead, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' 1st army forces struck northward against the exposed flank of the Ruhr. The pace-setting 78th division gained 3½ miles on a seven mile front, reaching the Sieg river northeast of Bonn.

AIR FLEETS OUT IN STRENGTH

Allied air fleets swarmed over the western front in strength rivaling the D-day forces. They battered German positions before the northwestern front together with air fields and railroads seeking to paralyze the traffic of northwest Germany.

Patton's 3rd army tanks rumbled into the big Rhine citadel of Ludwigshafen early this morning. The iron wedge in possibly the most important industrial German city west of the Rhine sealed the fate of the collapsed and virtually overrun Rhine-Saar-Moselle pocket.

Some 30 miles down the Rhine, troops of the French 1st and American 7th army were closing up to the 3rd army lines against rear guard resistance described as stubborn in some sectors.

GERMANS PINNED AGAINST RHINE

The handful of Germans surviving the whirlwind campaign through the triangle were pinned against the bridgeless Rhine. Front dispatches said the push had reached the mop-up stage.

While Patton's advanced armor was spearing into Ludwigshafen, elements of the 90th division cleared Kaiserslautern and Eitenbach.

Yanks Trap Nazis in Pockets



Units of the 4th armored division, in a northward push of nine miles, overran seven villages and made contact with elements of the 90th division at Dalheim, 11 miles south of Naiz.

The advance of the 7th and French 1st army forces rolling up the south flank of the collapsed German salient was steady if less spectacular than that of Patton's mobile units.

Berlin reported that the German command in the west had taken precautions against airborne landings, and it "remains to be seen whether the allies will throw into battle their replenished airborne divisions to form new bridgeheads."

Expectancy Evident

A United Press correspondent reported from Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's front that an air of expectancy was evident. While no one knew when a new blow will be struck "it is obvious to tens of thousands of allied troops in Belgium and Holland that it will be one of the heaviest of the whole war."

The whole area behind the northern front is crammed with the biggest arsenal Europe had seen, and it is obviously intended to surge across the heart of Germany as soon as possible," the dispatch said.

WIFE OF FLYNN MUM ON ARRIVAL

Hollywood, March 21—(U.P.)—Beautiful Nora Eddington, who has said she is married to swashbuckling Errol Flynn and then refused to talk about it when he alternately said she was and she wasn't, arrived here today and said she was not planning to divorce him.

The red-haired former cigarette girl, who took a job at a courthouse cigar stand when Flynn went on trial on charges of statutory rape so she could see her hero every day, stepped off a plane from Mexico City with her two-month-old daughter, Deirdri Flynn Eddington.

"I have nothing to say. Nothing at all," she repeated to the dozens of newspapermen who had waited a day at the airport all night for her arrival.

"All I want to do is find my luggage and go home to bed."

ROUTINE BUSINESS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Only routine business occupied the city council last night at the regular bi-monthly meeting. It was recommended that the city sell lot 9, block 49, original town, to S. L. Babb, and lot 21, block 3, Euclid Park, to Francis Cheney. A resolution was introduced to vacate an alley in block 3, Euclid Park, hearing to be May 1.

SGT. DISTELL AMONG LIBERATED PRISONERS

Master Sgt. George Distell of Medford was among 27 liberated prisoners from the Philippine Islands who have left Letterman General hospital for their homes according to a United Press dispatch from San Francisco.

Sgt. Distell is not listed on the Red Cross prisoners-of-war files, is not registered with either of the county's selective service boards and the family is not included in county directories.

17 Japanese Vessels, 600 Airplanes Destroyed or Hit by Task Force 58

By Frank Tremaine
United Press Correspondent
Guam, March 21—(U.P.)—Dis-

patches from famed task force 58 today boosted the toll of two days of daring air attacks on the Japanese fleet in its home bases to at least 17 warships and 600 or more planes wrecked.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said the raids Sunday and Monday on Kobe, Kure and other bases in Japan's inland sea had crippled the surviving remnants of the Japanese fleet at a time when it was rushing repairs to meet an anticipated invasion of Japan itself.

Fear More Attacks

The carrier-borne fleet of 1,000 to 1,400 U. S. navy planes broke off its attack late Monday.

Radio Tokyo said, however,

that there were "plenty of possibilities" the task force might renew its attack.

Late radio dispatches from task force 58 said at least 17 and possibly more warcraft were left smoking and bomb twisted. "Japan's hopes of rebuilding her crippled air force and fleet were smashed," United Press War Correspondent Lloyd Tupling reported from the flagship of Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, commander of task force 58.

Victims Listed

Nimitz's communique reported the specific results on the basis of preliminary reports:

Sunk—Six small freighters. Damaged—One or two battleships, two or three aircraft carriers, two light aircraft carriers or escort carriers, two escort carriers, one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser, four destroyers, one submarine, one destroyer escort and seven freighters.

Japanese planes—Shot down—200. Destroyed on the ground—275.

Damaged—More than 100 in first day alone.

Japanese ground installations Destroyed—Hangars, arsenals, oil storage facilities and other installations.

American losses—Ships sunk—None. Ships damaged—One seriously, others slightly.

Aircraft—Extremely light.

More May Sink

The toll of enemy warships was the greatest since the second battle of the Philippine sea last October, when 24 Japanese warships were sunk, 13 possibly sunk and 21 damaged. Later reconnaissance may reveal that some of the warships hit in the inland sea later sank.

The Japanese resisted the defiant American challenge to their fleet with the heaviest and most persistent air attacks on

Petting Pedagogue Given Thirty Days

Pasadena, Cal., March 21—(U.P.)—Francis McGough, 54-year-old Pasadena Junior college manual arts instructor who was caught giving a 19-year-old co-ed night school lessons in the nude, today was sentenced to 30 days in jail and placed on two years probation.

His pupil, Margaret Alice Davis, was released to her parents and ordered back to Camarillo state hospital, where she had been under treatment for a nervous breakdown.

YANKS ON PANAY JOIN FILIPINO GUERRILLAS

American troops burst through newly-invaded Panay in the Philippines and joined with Filipino guerrillas to carve out a 250-square mile section of the island.

The successive setbacks for the Japanese in the air, sea, and land brought a frank admission from Japanese War Minister Marshal Gen. Sugiyama that Japan expects to become the scene of "decisive battles."

the task force and its planes since the air-sea battles off Formosa last September.

Guns of the fleet and carrier-borne fighters broke up most of the attacks, but dive-bombers slipped through the barrage to put one ship out of action. It was able to head toward port under its own power, however.

Other American ships which suffered minor damage remained fully operational, Nimitz said.

He gave the lie to Japanese claims that seven American warships had been sunk and 183 American planes shot down during the two-day attack.

7TH BOND DRIVE GOAL ANNOUNCED FOR JACKSON CO.

Henry Zacharisen, Jackson county war bond chairman, today announced the county quota for the Seventh War Loan drive, which will officially begin May 14 and run through June 30.

George Frey, manager of the Medford branch of United States National bank who has been named special drive chairman for the county, attended a district meeting with Zacharisen at Klamath Falls last night, where the goals were set. War bond committees from Josephine, Klamath, Lake and Jackson counties attended the meeting.

Zacharisen said there will be but two war loan drives this year instead of three as in the past.

The Jackson county "E" bond quota has been set at \$1,067,000, which is nearly \$400,000 more than in the Sixth War Loan drive. Total bond sales, including series "E," "F" and "G," has been set at \$1,405,000. Total of all bond issues for the county has been set at \$2,087,000.

Zacharisen urged employers to start payroll deductions on April 1 since all series "E" bonds sold through the plan from April 1 to June 30 count in the Seventh War Loan drive.

RED CROSS GIVING BELOW LAST YEAR

Progress locally on the 1945 Red Cross war fund drive is fair, according to E. H. Harder, county drive chairman, who stated this morning that workers were still canvassing their assigned districts.

Contributions this year tend to be somewhat smaller than last, the chairman stated, but he is hopeful that the quota will be met.

Last year contributions came in at a faster pace and were sufficient to add a substantial sum above the assigned quota, Harder stated.

BRITAIN FACING FOOD SHORTAGE, SAYS CHURCHILL

London, March 21—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill told Commons today that Britain's food stocks have shrunk to less than 6,000,000 tons, and prospects were for more shrinkage to a point barely sufficient to maintain regular supplies for the nation.

Shipment of foodstuffs to the liberated countries of Europe will cause stocks to go down to some 4,750,000 tons by the end of June, Churchill said.

"This latter figure is no more than is necessary to maintain the regular flow of distribution under present conditions," he added.

Churchill said his statement was made in view of "suggestions in some quarters in the United States" that Britain had an enormous backlog of food totaling 700,000,000 tons.

"I thought it worth while mentioning these facts about our stocks of food which have been built up by foresight and self denial over five years and under frequent bombardment," he said.

NAZI BOMBERS VISIT NORTH, SOUTH ENGLAND

London, March 21—(U.P.)—German planes bombed northern and southern England last night for the first time in nearly two weeks.

Damage and casualties were reported in an air ministry-communicé. One raider was shot down.

KIWANIS HEAR TALK ON PACIFIC GEOGRAPHY

R. W. McNeal, professor of geography at Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland, addressed the Kiwanis club at their weekly meeting in the Holland Hotel Blue Room today. McNeal spoke on the geography of the Pacific citing types of people in relation to the land and to each other.