

Hitler Calls Emergency Meeting of Leaders as Foe Nears

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YANKEES STORM SMALL ISLES IN OKINAWA GROUP

Invasion Under Way Only
380 Miles Southeast of
Japan Is Tokyo Report

By United Press
Tokyo radio reported today that American invasion troops were storming several islands in the Okinawa group only 380 miles southeast of Japan proper and one broadcast identified the main island of Okinawa as one of the targets.

The enemy radio said that 13 aircraft carriers, 11 battleships, 10 cruisers, 32 destroyers, and other smaller craft were supporting the invasion with a terrific air and naval bombardment which began Friday.

2000 Troops Involved
Approximately 2,000 troops from 100 invasion barges attempted to land on Tokoshika and Aka, Tokyo said, adding that invasion barges also approached Zamami. The three islands are clustered around the main island of Okinawa, which a broadcast heard by BBC and recorded by CBS, said was another site for an attempted landing.

The reported invasion was not confirmed immediately by Pacific fleet headquarters but such a landing would put American ground forces only half as far from the Japanese homeland as the marines on newly-captured Iwo.

The Okinawa group is midway between the home Japanese island of Kyushu and Formosa, which American bombers from the Philippines have virtually neutralized. All enemy war production in two-thirds of Formosa was believed paralyzed by Fifth air force Liberators which shattered the island's big Jitsugetsu hydro-electric plant Friday.

Bombers Active
Other American bombers continued widespread attacks thru the China sea, and the Ryukyus, of which Okinawa is a part. Superfortresses wrecked 25 buildings in an early Sunday raid on Nagoya's Mitsubishi aircraft engine works. In the other raids, army and navy planes from central and southwest Pacific sank or damaged 19 Japanese ships, including two destroyers and 1 destroyer escort.

In the ground fighting on Luzon, American troops repulsed six heavy Japanese counterattacks around Balete Pass in the north, made new gains east of Manila and continued to clear out eastern Batangas province in the south.

**4 English Papers
Are Displayed In
Tribune Windows**

Copies of four English newspapers have been sent to the Mail Tribune by the Office of War Information and are displayed in the windows of the Tribune office, 27 North Fir street.

There are copies of the London Daily Mirror and the London Daily Sketch of February 13, 1945, with front-page news of the Crimea conference between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. Both of these are tabloid papers. The remaining two papers are the London Evening News and the Liverpool Daily Post, the former dated January 25, of this year, and the latter January 13.

**Iwo Like Being In Hell Without
Drink of Water Say Wounded Vets**

San Francisco, March 26—(U.P.) "It was like being in hell without a drink of water."
This was the reaction of between 800 and 700 marines who arrived at the navy receiving hospital here last night from Iwo Jima.

Pfc. Norman Redding, 25, Waco, Tex., said it was the "most miserable time I ever spent in my life."
Cpl. Wiley C. McKinney, 21, George West, Tex., a veteran of five Pacific campaigns, declared Iwo made all other operations "seem like a picnic."



(Acme Telephoto)
David Lloyd George

LOYD GEORGE PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

London, March 26—(U.P.)—David Lloyd George, world war 1 prime minister of Great Britain, died today at 81 after a lengthy illness.

Lloyd George's condition had been grave for more than a month. He had not been in good health for several years but had continued to make occasional appearances in the house of commons until recent months.

Lloyd George's condition took a turn for the worse in the last 24 hours and his physicians gave up hope.

The former world war prime minister died at 8:35 p.m., it was announced.

Re recuperative power of the 81-year-old war-time premier of England had amazed even his doctors, but early today he had weakened and there was little hope for his recovery.

**RELATIVES MEET
IN HOSPITAL WARD**

Pfc. Kenneth Willard Ambrose arrived home April 22 on a 30-day convalescent leave from the Madigan General hospital, Ft. Lewis, Wash. He is visiting his wife, Leta Ambrose, at their home, 124 King street.

By a strange coincidence of war Ambrose was placed in ward 4B in the hospital just two beds from a cousin, Pvt. Harold D. Ambrose of Oakville, Wash., whom he had never known until their meeting there.

Both men landed in Normandy a few hours apart, Pfc. Ambrose with the infantry and Harold Ambrose with the engineers.

Kenneth Ambrose arrived at the Madigan hospital March 13, the day after his cousin entered. The nurse in charge began calling them big Ambrose and little Ambrose and so they compared notes and discovered they were the cousins they'd heard about but never seen.

MATTER OF MORALE
New York, March 26—(U.P.)—A corset and brassiere priority for women war workers was suggested today as a means of keeping up their morale.

Hawthorne, Calif., March 26—(U.P.)—All California authorities tonight were asked to watch for Dr. Faye E. Cramer, 48-year-old physician, wanted for questioning about the death of pretty Rita Brown.

Sgt. Clinton E. Canning, 30, Los Angeles, saw action in the Marshalls and Marianas, but described them as "maneuvers" alongside Iwo.

Pvt. Eugene F. Williams, 25, Boaz, Ala., said the Japs deliberately shot at the legs of stretcher-bearers so that both they and the men they were attending would be helpless.

WORK COMPLETED ON WORK-OR-JAIL COMPROMISE BILL

Attempt By Sen. O'Mahoney
To Remove Labor Squeeze
Provision Ends In Failure

Washington, March 26—(U.P.)—A joint congressional conference today formally completed its work on a "work-or-jail" compromise manpower bill despite a last minute attempt by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) to remove a "labor squeeze" provision.

Eight of the 10 conferees signed the conference report, which will go to the house tomorrow for action and then to the senate. O'Mahoney refused to sign. Rep. Dewey Short (R., Mo.) was not present.

Termed Dangerous
O'Mahoney told reporters after the session that the measure is "a terribly dangerous bill" because it vests virtually unlimited authority in Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes. O'Mahoney was expected to take the lead in a fight to get the senate to reject the compromise. There was considerable belief that it might be successful.

O'Mahoney said that the bill "started out to be a work or fight bill directed at slackers, and it has turned out to be a measure directed at the patriotic men, women and children who have outproduced the world."

Thomas refused to predict how the senate would receive the measure. Rep. R. Ewing Thomson (D., Tex.) a house conferee, predicted that the house will accept it over "some strong opposition."

**JURY SELECTED
IN FEDERAL CASE**

A jury to try the action of C. P. Preuss, Grants Pass, against Fred C. Hartsch, Inwood, Calif., was selected in federal court here this morning and taking of evidence started this afternoon at one o'clock before Judge James Alger Fee. The suit is to collect attorney's fees.

On the jury are Lawrence Austin, Medford; Thomas L. Edsall, Medford; Aldo Jordan, Ashland; Joe Bellavance, Chemult; Leo T. Sauer, Grants Pass; Leon Boomer, Medford; Willis E. Wilson, Grants Pass; Charles Bennett, Ashland; John F. Hansen, Klamath Falls; William K. Charlesworth, Klamath Falls; Harlan Contrall, Ruch; and Geo. Eads, Talent.

Remainder of the jurors were excused to report Thursday, April 5, at Klamath Falls where Judge Fee will open court to try a number of condemnation cases involving land taken by the government for the Klamath Falls marine barracks and the naval base. Place of the court sessions will be announced later.

**DULLES STATUS
LEFT IN DOUBT**

Washington, March 26—(U.P.)—John Foster Dulles, foreign policy adviser to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey during the last election campaign, today left in doubt his exact status at the San Francisco conference.

He met reporters after conferring with Leo Pasvolosky, special assistant to the secretary of state. He said he thought probably he would be at San Francisco as a private citizen and as a representative of the Federal Council of Churches in an unofficial capacity. But he added: "There will be a lot of people there who will want to consult with me."

Dulles last week turned down an offer by Vandenberg to act as his personal adviser at the conference.

WALKER ON VISIT
Los Angeles, March 26—(U.P.)—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker arrived in Los Angeles today to confer with southern California postmasters on increased mail loads.

BILL TO SIMPLIFY INCOME TAX FORM AMONG 23 SIGNED

County Manager, Judge Salary,
Tax Exemption For
Veterans in Latest Grist

Salem, Ore., March 26—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today was approaching the end of the post-legislative task of signing bills into law, as he signed 23 more measures.

They included 11 more appropriation bills, the county manager measure, simplification of the state income tax forms, the bill making circuit court judges' salaries uniform, and the bill granting property tax exemptions to veterans.

Finish This Week
The governor said he expected to be through the job probably this week.

The appropriation bills (H.B.s 437, 438, 447, 448, 449, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456) included money for the board of forestry the state department of geology and mineral industries, the state police, the public welfare board, teachers salaries, higher education, an interim committee to study motor vehicle taxation, claims against the state, the state board of health, the hydro-electric commission and the fish commission.

The county manager bill (H.B. 212) was passed at the session after a people's vote last November authorizing such a system of county government. The bill sets up the necessary machinery.

Other bills signed:
House bills—
36—A new system of surveying coordinates.

79—Funds for schooling of children in federal areas such as Indian reservations.

136—Relating to the authority of the county courts.

212—County manager plan.

226—Assignment of accounts receivable.

246—Establishing uniform office hours for county offices.

259—Appropriation of county school funds (contingent upon failure of 5-mill property tax to be voted on June 22.)

368—Simplified income tax forms.

398—Property tax exemptions for veterans.

Senate bills—
103—District attorney salaries.

186—Salaries of circuit court judges.

338—Transferring balance of Coos county coal fund to general fund.

(More details on Page 4)

FORTRESSES HIT ZEITZ OIL PLANT

London, March 26—(U.P.)—More than 300 Fortresses of the 8th U. S. air force attacked a synthetic oil plant and refinery at Zeitz and a self-propelled gun and armored vehicle plant at Plauen today.

An escort of more than 450 Mustang fighter planes accompanied the bombers.

The attack on Plauen was the second in less than a week on that area.

Eighty air force headquarters announced that nine planes were lost in previous week-end raids.

British Mosquitoes raided Berlin during the night. Russian planes also attacked Berlin today, the Berlin radio said.

**SAN QUENTIN CONS
STAGE RACE RIOT**
San Quentin, Cal., March 26—(U.P.)—Four men were injured in a small-scale riot involving some 30 convicts in San Quentin prison mess hall yesterday.

The disturbance started when an apple was thrown at a table at which white and Negro convicts were seated together. The apple was followed by a hail of cutlery, tin cups and dishes. Some 2,500 inmates were in the hall at the time. Six guards on duty quelled the outbreak by firing shots over the rioters' heads into the walls.

Battle Goes W Churchill L on Visit

London, March 26—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill went across the Rhine today in company of Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery who said the "battle is going extremely well."

Churchill visited British 2d army troops, accompanied by Chief of the Imperial General Staff Sir Alan Brooke and by Lt. Gen. Miles C. Dempsey, commander of the British 2d army.

Churchill watched troops and vehicles streaming across the Rhine and inspected troops on the east bank on the site of Saturday's battles.

"The last time I was on the Rhine was in the Cologne bridgehead after the last war when we cruised 50 miles up the river in a British gunboat," Churchill said.

MINERS ASKED TO WORK UNTIL MAY

Washington, March 26—(U.P.)—Solid Fuels Administrator Harold L. Ickes today called on the United Mine Workers and soft coal mine operators to work until May 1 under terms of their present wage contract which expires at midnight Saturday.

Ickes made his request in a letter to the joint wage conference which has been meeting here for three weeks in a thus far vain effort to draft a new contract. The miners are scheduled to vote Wednesday on whether they want to strike in support of their demands.

There were growing signs that in event Ickes' plea is rejected some other government intervention may be imminent in an effort to prevent a shut-down of bituminous mines.

25 LOCAL MEN TO ARMED DUTY

Twenty-five men from Jackson county selective board one were accepted for general service at Portland after a pre-induction physical March 20. They were Kenneth Keith Shroyer, Lloyd Vester Hammock, Carl L. Bennett, George Valentine Malory, Robert Albert Boyer, Gerald Lee Warren, Robert Gene Harper, John Clarence Anderson, Jr., David Thomas Lute, Thomas Merlin Richardson, Louis Arnold Shinn, Luse Lyle Penny, Vincent Stephen Smith, Gordon Melvin Bell, Leon Adelbert Nichols, Harlan Raws Light, John E. Busch, Mevin Edwin Muen, George Nelson Gitzen, Ernest Clifford Conrad, Lennon Joseph Cox, Daniel Marion Frye, Wayne Harold Harris, Ralph William Ayers and Adelbert Alfred Schrein.

Joseph William Roberts and Terrace Patrick Grant were accepted for limited service.

Japs Know They Have Lost War, Mitscher Claims

Aboard Admiral Mitscher's flagship off Japan, March 20—(U.P.)—The Japanese are licked and they know it, Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher said today.

His mighty task force had just swung its latest blow at remnants of the enemy's fleet and air force.

In a two day attack on Kyushu, Shikoku and southwestern Honshu his carrier planes beat off the heaviest Japanese counterattacks in seven months and destroyed or damaged 30 enemy ships and at least 629 planes.

"The war may go on another five years," Mitscher said. "But the Japanese are licked and they know it. Their navy is beaten and their air force is very, very weak. If they disappoint me a couple of times more by their refusal to fight, I might become sorry for them."

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Huge Gains on Western, Eastern Fronts

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THIRD RED ARMY JOINS IN DRIVE TOWARD VIENNA

London, March 26—(U.P.)—Berlin said today that the Russians have thrown a third army group into their Vienna-bound offensive, already within 35 miles of the Austrian border.

Ernest von Hammer, German DNB commentator, said the new force seized a bridgehead across the Hron river near the Slovakian-Hungarian border some 96 miles east of Vienna in an attack that began at 4 a. m. Sunday.

The army group went over to the attack north of the Danube river while two other red army groups—the second and third Ukrainian—were driving the Germans back toward Austria in disorder along a 90-mile front south of the river.

Goyers Outflanked
Vanguards of the third Ukrainian army already had outflanked the western Hungarian fortress city of Goyers and were less than 78 miles southeast of Vienna.

The new assault widened the offensive front to at least 130 miles and put well over 1,000,000 Russian troops on the march in a determined bid to thwart Nazi plans for a last stand in the Bavarian and Austrian Alps beyond Vienna.

A front-line dispatch to the Moscow newspaper Pravda said the Germans had mobilized all men and boys between the ages of 16 and 18 to defend Danzig against the final Russian assault.

German prisoners said Nazi SS troops had been stationed behind front-line infantry units with instructions to shoot any soldiers who show signs of intending to retreat or surrender.

Germany Must Prepare For Unfortunate News Is Word of Spokesman

London, March 26—(U.P.)—A Zurich dispatch said today that Adolf Hitler has called an emergency meeting of his ministers and gauleiters (district leaders) for tonight at Berchtesgaden.

Subject matter of the conference was not disclosed, the dispatch said, but it quoted a German war office spokesman as saying that Germany "must be prepared for unfortunate news."

Reports reaching Sweden from Berlin said the Nazi capital was more jittery and tense than at any time since the invasion of Normandy. Travellers arriving at Malmoe from Germany said the nightly air raids were driving Berliners "to dementia."

German experts expect further surprise air-borne landings still deeper behind the German lines, Swedish dispatches said.

Arthur Axmann, Nazi youth leader, called on German girls as well as boys to throw themselves into Germany's last battles.

"Not words but deeds can help," he said after reciting how boys already had guided shock troops, blown up bridges, acted as spies and unmasked allied spies.

A Daily Telegraph dispatch from Zurich said three Nazi leaders in Baden had been executed for urging that Germany lay down her arms.

FRANKFURT'S FATE SEALED BY FAST YANKEE ADVANCE

Paris, March 26—(U.P.)—The American 3rd army's racing tank columns swept out in front of the allied western offensive today with a 40-mile advance beyond the Rhine that caved in the Germans' southern flank 240 miles from Berlin and sealed the fate of Frankfurt.

Headquarters spokesmen expressed confidence that the German army finally was being beaten to its knees in the great Rhine assault. Prime Minister Churchill and Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery went across the Rhine again today, and Montgomery said that "the battle is going extremely well."

Nazis Said Fleeing
Frankfurt, Germany's ninth city, was under siege from three sides. Heavily-censored field dispatches indicated the Germans were abandoning it and fleeing southeastward into the Bavarian mountains.

The United States 1st army to the north swung down from its Remagen bridgehead against the flank of the Frankfurt defenders, racing down the Rhine-Ruhr superhighway to within 40 miles or less of Frankfurt. Vanguards of the 1st army along the Rhine's east bank were less than eight miles from a juncture with 3rd army troops south of Coblenz.

First army troops storming directly eastward from the bridgehead were 19 miles beyond the Rhine in the Altenkirchen area and making rapid progress against weakening resistance.

Opposition Spotty
At the top of the western front, four allied armies were striking through a 30-mile belt of the German defenses along the northern flank of the burning Ruhr. Opposition at some points was fanatical and almost non-existent at others.

American 9th army troops stormed 10 miles or more beyond the Rhine at the southern flank of the four-army assault line. Front dispatches said the Americans had lost all contact with the fleeing enemy in that sector. Forward American elements were entering the suburbs of Duisburg and the fall of that great Ruhr city seemed imminent.

Advance Speeds Up
Farther north, however, shock troops of the British 2nd, Canadian 1st, and allied 1st airborne armies were battling for every foot of ground on the flat Westphalian plains northeast of Wesel.

Even in that sector, however, the advance gathered momentum as fresh armored and infantry reserves poured across the Rhine. Spearheads of the British, Canadian and airborne forces were reported only three miles from Isselburg, six miles north-northwest of Wesel and seven miles west of the communications center of Bocholt.

Defenses Broken
Along a front of 200 miles northward from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. 3rd army line at Frankfurt the German defenses were breaking wide open under the terrific allied ground and air assault.

Great masses of German troops and armor were reported in headlong flight southeastward in the path of Patton's charging tank columns. Front reports said the Americans everywhere were sweeping up thousands of dazed prisoners.

Eyewitness reports from Patton's front said hundreds of Germans were sitting in forest villages far behind the front lines waiting for the Americans to round them up.

Greensboro, N. C., March 26—(U.P.)—Byron Nelson added first money in the Greensboro open today to his list of victories in the current campaign.



Blackened areas on this map show German territorial losses in past month on the Eastern and Western fronts. Nazi territory in West taken in past 10 days by U. S. Third and Seventh Armies equals six months previous Allied gains. Mounting pressure on all three fronts plus tremendous aerial blows rock all Germany as Scandinavian sources report that Germans expect Allies to land in Denmark to open a fourth front against the Reich.

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