

Reds Across Last Barrier Before Austria

STALIN'S FORCES WITHIN 12 MILES OF BORDER LINE

Third Ukrainian Army Captures Sarva and Csorna 55 Miles From Vienna.

By United Press
Atlantic Radio said that the German battleship Gneisenau, anchored at Gdynia, was blown up by the Nazis shortly before the garrison surrendered to the Russian army today.

London, March 28.—(U.P.)—The red army today broke through the last barrier to the Austrian frontier and tonight was only 12 miles from the border and 55 miles south of Vienna.

Marshal Stahli, announced the capture by Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin 3rd Ukrainian army of Sarva and Csorna in the northwest corner of Hungary, 65 and 55 miles respectively from Vienna.

Tolbukhin's forces were across the Raba river, the last barrier to their entry into Austria.

Gdynia Occupied
At the same time soviet forces completed the occupation of the Polish port of Gdynia, last substantial Polish city that remained in German hands and took 9,000 prisoners.

Moscow dispatches for the first time spoke of the drive as aimed at an ultimate junction with the forces of Lt. George S. Patton which already have spearheaded halfway to the Czech border across southern Germany.

At the same time major fighting was reported on the Oder line where the Nazis claimed they were trying to drive a corridor through to German elements which they claimed were still resisting inside Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin.

SNELL EXPECTS TO FINISH BILL SIGNING TODAY

Salem, Ore., March 28.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today neared the end of his job of signing bills passed by the recent legislative session with only a few bills left. He said he expected to be through some time today.

The governor has finished the job well within the statutory time limit for signing bills, which expires April 10.

Senate bills—
281—Designed to give Oregon wines preference.
311 and 312—Authorize game commission to propagate salmon and steelhead.

317—Authorized issuance of local government bonds for post-war projects.
320—Provides that judges be nominated in the same manner as independent candidates when a vacancy occurs.

321—Provides precinct committees be elected at general rather than primary election.
328—Permits trusts and estates to make tax deductions for money spent for charitable or educational purposes.

Spring Vacation For City Schools

Local schools were closed today for spring vacation and will convene Monday. The students were given two extra days vacation for their support of the recent paper and tin drives.

80 PER CENT OF FISH GOES TO GOVERNMENT

Washington, March 28.—(U.P.)—The war food administration today ordered 80 per cent of the 1945-46 canned fish supply set aside for government purchase.

The order is expected to result in a 120,000,000 pound reduction in the civilian share.

TO CHRISTEN CARRIER
Washington, March 28.—(U.P.)—Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal today named Mrs. Anthony C. McAuliffe, to christen the new escort carrier Bastogne.

PAPER SUPPLY AUGMENTED

With authorization from the WPB for a small supplementary supply of newsprint for March, the Mail Tribune will resume its regular size, news coverage and advertising service tomorrow, Thursday, March 30.

This newspaper regrets that restricted service to the people of this community has been necessary during the past four days because of critical shortage of newsprint. We are sincerely grateful for the patience of Mail Tribune readers and cooperation of advertisers during this brief emergency.

JAPS SAY SEA, AIR BATTLES RAGING IN RYUKYU AREA

Guam, Thursday, March 29.—(U.P.)—Japan today claimed naval surface and air battles have been joined in waters of the Ryukyu chain and reported, wholly without allied confirmation, that "grim" fighting was raging between reinforced American invasion troops and Japanese garrisons on two islands west of Okinawa.

Tokyo radio said that Japanese "air and surface vessels are now unleashing fierce counterattacks" against the American naval task groups which have pounded the strategic Okinawas, 380 miles south of Japan proper for five consecutive days.

Allies Silent
There was no evidence from an allied source to support Japanese claims of surface and naval actions or American invasions on Tokoshika or Aka Islands in the Kerama group guarding the western approaches to Okinawa, largest and most strategically important island of the Ryukyu chain.

If the Japanese fleet has ventured forth to challenge Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's 5th fleet carrier task forces, it would be the first time the enemy's navy has risked battle since its great defeat in the Philippines battle of Oct. 23-24, 1944.

KLAMATH INDIAN PROTESTS WHITES

Washington, March 28.—(U.P.)—Boyd J. Jackson, an Indian of the Klamath reservation in Oregon, complained against the white man's trespass on his tribe's lands before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee today.

In 1864 Indian treaty between the Klamath tribe and the government preserved the fish and game resources of the Klamath reservation for the Indians.

But the white men living in the vicinity "are violating the treaty when they fish on the reservation," Jackson said. There is not much the Indians can do about it, he added.

Jackson asked the committee to approve a bill allowing the general council of the Klamath Indians to adopt a fishing, hunting and trapping code, with penalties for violation by trespassers.

JOHN MANN HONORED AT KIWANIS MEETING

John Mann, long-time member of the Medford Kiwanis club, was entertained at a regular meeting at Holland Hotel today in honor of his 80th birthday anniversary. A large cake with one candle highlighted the noon-day meal. An open forum discussion on club matters rounded out the program.

TRADITION IGNORED

San Francisco, March 28.—(U.P.)—Alcohol tax unit agents are no respecters of ancient Chinese traditions. Free on \$1,000 bond was Wing Louie who celebrated the birth of his first grandchild today by setting up a still in his Chinatown home to brew "the drink of a thousand years."

PITCHER SOLD

Chicago, March 28.—(U.P.)—Pitcher J. M. (Red) Lynn was sold today by the Chicago Cubs to Los Angeles. The purchase price was not disclosed.

DE LUXE ADDITION IS PLANNED FOR EUCLID PARK AREA

Ten-Acre Tract Designed for Postwar Building of Fine Homes by Dean & Smith.

Road surveys and other work necessary as a preliminary to construction of a deluxe residential addition to Medford in the vicinity of Hillcrest Road and Valley View drive are now underway, authorization having been granted by the city council through the city planning commission. The addition covers approximately a 10-acre tract within the city limits and is owned for the most part by Dr. George B. Dean, Jacksonville Star Route, who, with Allen R. Smith supervising the plans, will construct a number of ultra-modern homes.

Mr. Smith stated this morning that the tract, to be known as Dean Park, had been cleared, and that workmen are now surveying the course of a new road. This is to be known as Jackson Boulevard and eventually will connect with the present Jackson boulevard. It will intersect a second new road, to be known as Dean Drive. The tract includes several lots south of Hillcrest Road, now known as Euclid Park.

30 Spacious Sites
Upon completion of the roads it is planned to install sewer connections and then water mains whenever materials can be obtained. Other public utility connections will be made available, Smith said.

Smith stated that the addition will have about 30 spacious building sites and that only the most ultra-modern type of residence is contemplated. The tract commands an excellent view of the valley and surrounding mountains, is already surrounded by some of the finest homes of the district and is near the golf course.

Construction of the homes will depend upon securing of priorities for material, Smith pointed out, and this puts the enterprise in the category of a post-war project.

U. S. AND BRITAIN TO SURVEY FOOD

Washington, March 28.—(U.P.)—The United States and Great Britain announced jointly today that they were reappraising the entire food supply and requirements problem in the light of an "increasingly critical" situation.

The announcement by the state department and the British embassy made in connection with the visit here of Oliver Lyttleton, British minister of production, and J. J. Llewellyn, minister of food. It revealed that the two Britishers were sent here by Prime Minister Winston Churchill at the invitation of President Roosevelt to work out the difficult food problem with high American officials.

The announcement came as the food supply problem held the full attention of congress, with separate house and senate investigations already projected. Civilians meanwhile received conflicting reports from government agencies on the amount of food they could expect this year.

Japanese Left Homeless, Jobless By Bombings; Protest Is Sent U.S.

San Francisco, March 28.—(U.P.)—Japan's leading financiers, admitting fear of future B-29 raids that "will bring about vast unbelievable damage," today united to raise some \$43,000,000 in a desperate attempt to meet demands for relief of thousands of homeless, jobless Japanese.

An official spokesman "condemned" the "inhuman, cruel, indiscriminate bombings" of Japan's homeland.

Seldoh has Japan's critical internal situation been so clearly indicated. Detailed announcements recorded by United Press, San Francisco, says a grim picture of the tremendous damage wrought in Japan's major cities by Superfortress raids.

Sadao Iguchi, Japanese imperial board of information spokesman, "protested" the obliteration assaults launched by the B-29s. He said a formal protest had been presented to the United States government and entered the usual Japanese claim of "wanton" attacks on non-military objectives.

The Japanese government demands from the U. S. a "responsible immediate reply," he said, "while reserving all rights of freedom of action relating to the matter."

Los Angeles Radio Station Is Accused Of Censoring News

Washington, March 28.—(U.P.)—Ten California congressmen today signed a resolution accusing station KFI at Los Angeles of censoring news by denying use of its facilities to six radio commentators.

"It is a sudden, deliberate and arbitrary denial of broadcasting facilities to commentators whose views did not coincide with those of the station's owner," Rep. Ellis E. Patterson (D., Calif.) said.

The resolution, published in the Congressional Record, was signed by Democratic Reps. Patterson, Ned R. Healy, George Miller, Franck Havenner, Jerry Voorhis, Clyde Doyle, Chet Hollifield, and Helen Gahagan Douglas, and Republican Reps: John Phillips and Gordon L. McDonough.

They urged the station to "look into its present policy to determine if this policy is in the public interest."

CENTRAL POINT BOYS HELD FOR TAKING BUILDING

Four Central Point youths staged an out-of-season Halloween prank Monday night which ended in a night in jail and a date for two of them before the juvenile court. The other two are slated for an appearance before the justice court.

They were arrested yesterday by state police and sheriff's deputies and charged with stealing a building which was built on runners. According to a report by police and the sheriff's office, the youths towed away a building belonging to the Lininger Sand and Gravel company near Central Point. They used an automobile as a tow car and another auto pushed the building down a road, abandoning it near the Taylor ranch on Morrow Road when a log chain used for towing broke.

Exhaust from the towing vehicle set fire to the building the sheriff's office said. Neighbors, whose attention had been drawn by the noise, extinguished the blaze before any major damage could be caused.

All of the youths were put on probation to a Central Point business man until disposition of their cases.

NAZI PEACE MOVES TO BE TALKED BY BIG 3

London, March 28.—(U.P.)—The number of German peace feelers has increased sharply in the past week, it was learned today as Prime Minister Churchill made clear in commons that any Nazi armistice proposal would be considered by the Big Three rather than submitted for preliminary public debate.

Churchill said such matters concerned the three powers and would be considered by them before being made public.

TOMATO GROWERS ASKED TO MEET HERE MARCH 30

All tomato growers interested in a cannery contract are invited to attend a meeting at the courthouse auditorium, Friday, March 30, at 1:30 p. m. The meeting is being called by the county extension service and all farmers contemplating growing tomatoes in 1945 should attend.

ROOSEVELT ASKS SENATE TO PASS MANPOWER BILL

Failure to Back Compromise Will Hamper Successful Conduct of War, Is Word.

Washington, March 28.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today asked the senate to pass the house-approved compromise manpower bill. Its failure to do so, he said, would hamper "successful conduct of the war."

The president said in a letter to Chairman Albert D. Thomas (D., Utah) of the senate military affairs committee, that the manpower situation "is still serious."

Fear V-E Letdown
In an apparent allusion to what might be expected to happen after defeat of Germany, Mr. Roosevelt added:

In the days ahead of us there will be great temptation for workers to leave war plants."

The bill, written by house-senate conferees, would apply stiff penalties to both workers and employers who violate its terms. It would authorize the administration to freeze war workers in their jobs and to impose manpower ceilings on employers.

Passage of the measure, Mr. Roosevelt said, would place responsibility for "effectively and fairly handling the manpower situation squarely with the executive branch of the government."

COPCO SEEKING PERMISSION FOR UMPQUA PROJECT

Application for a preliminary permit to construct a 40,000 kilowatt hydroelectric project on the North Umpqua river in Douglas county, 50 miles east of Roseburg, has been filed by the California-Oregon Power company with the federal power commission. Announcement of the filing was made at the corporation's headquarters here today.

The development would be known as the Toketee Falls project, it was revealed, and would consist of a diversion dam 500 feet downstream from the mouth of Clearwater river, a rock tunnel about 7,000 feet long, a double line of steel penstocks, and a powerhouse with two 20,000 kilowatt units.

Company officials stated in their application that it is planned to wholesale power to the Mountain States Power company and to the Pacific Gas and Electric company as well as others.

Should the preliminary permit be granted for the desired 18 months, it would give the company priority for a license application, it was stated.

PRISONERS FLEE CAMP STOCKADE

Two German prisoners of war escaped from Camp White some time Monday night, according to a report to state and city police. State police said they escaped from the north side of the stockade by climbing a wire fence.

The prisoners were described as Herman Dirr, aged 21, five feet, 11 inches tall, weighing 130 pounds, brown eyes, reddish complexion, and a scar on the right side of the chin. Herman Goebel was described as being 25 years old, 140 pounds, brown eyes and hair, two scars on left forehead and left elbow and fair skin.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the escaped prisoners are asked to contact the state police.

TRAIN HITS BUS

Mexico City, March 28.—(U.P.)—Seventeen persons were killed and 18 injured last night when a railroad locomotive rammed a passenger bus in the outskirts of Mexico City.

Soldier Puts Foot Under Freight Car To Escape Service

Detroit, March 28.—(U.P.)—Arrest of a former soldier who allegedly put his foot under a moving freight car wheel to escape overseas duty and then sought disability compensation was announced here today by the federal bureau of investigation.

Also arrested, the FBI said, was the ex-soldier's sweetheart. She was said to have held the soldier's hand when he deliberately mangled his foot in order to give him courage.

The prisoners, apprehended at Phoenix, Ariz., were identified as former Pfc. John H. Buell, of Cloverdale, Calif., and Mrs. Gladys Riley, a former resident of Hox Bar, Ardmore, Okla.

Buell's left foot was amputated at Percy Jones army hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., where he was sent for treatment of the injury. At the time of the injury, he was stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., the FBI said.

U. S. COURT JURY PONDERS CLAIM FOR LEGAL FEE

The action of C. P. Pruess, Grants Pass, against Fred C. Hetschel, Inwood, Calif., to collect attorney's fees, went to the jury in federal court here at 10:20 a. m. today. The case started Monday and was heard before Judge James Alger Fee.

Immediately after the jurors went out to deliberate the Pruess case pre-trial of the action of Ruth Davis against the Medford Corporation was started, before the judge and may continue on into the actual trial proceedings later this afternoon. The action, to be heard before the judge only, is for damages because of the death of David A. Davis.

It was stated this morning that the action of Howard Ball against the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company has been settled, but that no orders have been filed as yet.

Jurors in the Pruess action and all others summoned for this term of court are reminded by court officials that they are to report April 5 at 10 a. m. in the circuit court rooms in Klamath Falls, where juries for a number of condemnation cases are to be selected.

SEVEN DIRECTORS NAMED IN ANNUAL CHEST MEETING

Seven new directors were elected and an amendment to the constitution accepted at the annual meeting of the Medford Community Chest contributors held yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. C. Reese Braley, vice-president, presided.

Elected to the board of directors were O. N. (Andy) Anderson, W. A. Barker, Mrs. Harry Holmes, Robert F. Kyle, Mrs. John Moffat, Allan Perry and N. H. Zacharisen. Hold-over members are A. S. Cummins, Mrs. W. H. Fluhrer, Diamond Flynn, Otto Frohmayer, Mrs. William McAllister, Robert K. Norris and Elwood Hedberg.

The constitutional amendment reduced the quorum number from nine to seven members.

Mr. Hedberg read the secretary's and treasurer's reports and the report of the nominating committee on which Mrs. Grace Collins, Herb Gray, Moore Hamilton, Mrs. W. Alex Kuplthaus and Bill Chrysler had served.

TRUST FUND CHANGE VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Salem, Ore., March 28.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today vetoed house bill 240, which allowed trust companies to invest funds in certain types of stocks.

The bill would have liberalized the use of trust funds, and the governor said that "every safeguard should be utilized in securing the maintenance of the principals or trust fund intact."

Paris, March 28.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tank spearheads tonight were reported by the Germans a scant 200 miles from Berlin and front reports said the situation was so fluid that sensational unreported gains might be going on behind a security blackout.

The latest report on Patton's spearheads came from radio Berlin which placed them at Hammelburg, 204 miles southwest of Berlin, and apparently still traveling fast.

At that point Patton was only 230 miles from a juncture with the Russians across the middle Oder. Russian correspondents already were talking of Soviet advances to join with Patton's forces.

On the U. S. 1st army front a partial blackout was imposed on news with the situation described as "the most fluid imaginable."

Before the security blackout came down 1st army spearheads were reported at Bellinhausen, 209 miles from Berlin. They were meeting little or no organized German resistance.

To the north the British 2nd and the American 9th armies threw their powerful armored forces into play and streaked in parallel columns across the top of the Ruhr into the open plains leading to Berlin only 245 miles or less to the east.

Airmen reported armored spearheads far ahead of reported positions of the British 2nd army.

Paris, March 28.—(U.P.)—Seven allied armies drove headlong through a 200-mile belt of Germany's western battle screen today in a series of spectacular armored breakthroughs that outflanked the entire Ruhr basin and carried to within 230 miles of Berlin.

American fliers who swarmed out by the thousands to bomb and strafe the fleeing enemy reported that the allied tide was sweeping eastward with tremendous speed and power.

OPPOSITION MELTS FAST EVERYWHERE
Except for a few stubborn pockets of resistance in the by-passed Ruhr valley, German opposition was melting everywhere from the Karlsruhe corner to the Dutch border.

Berlin said British tanks had advanced 33 miles beyond the Rhine crossing at Wesel to the Dortmund-Emms canal, almost 20 miles past their kick-off point this morning. There the Tommies were past the main arsenal centers of the Ruhr and only 245 miles due west of Berlin.

Returning pilots said the battle lines were moving ahead so rapidly that new bombing zones had to be established every 20 minutes.

At some points the pursuing British were completely out of contact with the fleeing enemy.

Troops of the American 9th army on their right flank charged into the Ruhr itself and cut the Duisburg-Hamm military highway. Radio Luxembourg said they captured the factory city of Sterkrade, nine miles northwest of Disburg.

TANKS RIDE HARD ON HEELS OF FOE
The Germans were in the midst of a general retreat that had broken into a disorderly rout at many points, with hundreds of allied tanks riding hard on their heels.

The allied tank armies, shaken loose for the first time on a major scale, were hurdling their own infantry lines and racing almost unopposed across the burning reich anywhere from 30 to 90 miles beyond the Rhine.

Into a few blazing hours that threatened Germany with her greatest military disaster of the war were packed into these developments:

The American 1st army swept 60 miles or more beyond the middle Rhine to the outskirts of Giessen, 230 miles southwest of Berlin, splitting through the center of the wehrmacht front and outflanking Frankfurt-on-Main.

PATTONITES FAR BEYOND FRANKFURT
Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. 3rd army stormed into Frankfurt and 45 miles beyond in a free-swinging drive for the vital factory city of Schweinfurt, 90 road miles east of the Rhine. Patton's men unofficially were reported striking north near Fulda, 198 miles from Berlin, and southeast within 30-odd miles of Nuernberg.

The American 7th army broke out of its Rhine bridgehead south of Patton's men and raced ahead to the Main river 35 miles east of the Rhine.

The American 9th army cracked into the northern flank of the Ruhr and outflanked that great German arsenal with a surprise armored drive last reported sweeping swiftly eastward almost 20 miles east of the Rhine. Radio Luxembourg said rioting had broken out in the Ruhr.

Huge tank formations of the British second army still farther north were loose in the Westphalian plains, 20-odd miles beyond the Rhine and less than 270 miles due west of Berlin.

CANADIANS AND YANKEES FUSED
The Canadian 1st and the allied 1st airborne army were fused with the united British 2nd and American 9th armies in the breakthrough in the north.

The advance was going ahead in brilliant sunshine that promised to bring thousands of allied airplanes down on the fleeing enemy.

In Berlin, German propagandists appealed almost hysterically to their battered armies to turn and fight. The Nazis called for "superhuman" resistance to stem the Anglo-American sweep and warned their people that "loss of the peace would be worse than war."

"We will not give in," one Berlin spokesman declared. "We remain hard and are fighting for our life with fanatical rage."



Allied forces swept into Germany's heart with dazzling speed today. At the south end of western front, U. S. Seventh Army smashed across the Rhine south of Worms. U. S. Third Army was running wild, closing on Fulda, 90 miles beyond the Rhine. The U. S. First Army broke entirely out of its Remagen bridgehead, was 58 miles beyond Rhine. To the north, U. S. Ninth, British Second and Canadian First smashed Nazi defenses of Ruhr, closed on Essen, other major cities.