

Yankee Naval Task Forces Invade Japan's Home Waters

Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 44
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Germans Stage Wholesale Surrender; Reds Drive On Vienna On Five Roads

INVADERS WITHIN 18 MILES OF BIG INDUSTRY CENTER

Capture of Wiener Neustadt Would Cut Rails Supplying Nazi Forces in South.

London, March 30.—(U.P.)—The red army today was reported driving on Vienna along five highways south of the Danube and was only 30 miles from the Austrian capital at Sopron, which was reported besieged.

The German high command admitted the fall of Danzig and Gdynia. The Germans, however, claimed the soviet drive into Austria had been halted.

Near Wiener Neustadt
At Sopron the Russians were only 18 miles from the huge Austrian manufacturing and war center of Wiener Neustadt, often a target for American heavy bombers and the rail lines linking Austria with the south.

The rail lines are also vital to the supply of the German forces still holding out in northern Yugoslavia.

The Germans were reported massing troops along the Lefte river line just a few miles in advance of soviet spearheads for a last stand to save Vienna.

Flanking Threat
One soviet column threatened to flank Vienna from the south. North of the Danube, the red army forced the Hron and Nitra rivers on a broad front and advanced 37 miles to within 48 miles of Bratislava, capital of the puppet state of Slovakia. Vienna lies 30 miles west of Bratislava.

LEE R. RODGERS FATALY INJURED IN TRUCK WRECK

Lee Roy Rodgers, 46, route 2, box 69, Berrydale avenue, was killed Wednesday night when a truck he was driving, belonging to Tru-Mix Cement company of Medford, left the road on Green spring mountain and plunged about 150 yards down the canyon, according to Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiler, Ashland. The accident happened about 1 1/2 miles below the Summit ranch on highway 66, and was not found until 3:45 p. m. Thursday.

The Tru-Mix officials said today Rodgers was hauling a drag line bucket to Klamath Falls for work on the naval program there. They said the equipment was in good shape and the truck was not overloaded. Rodgers was an exceptionally careful driver, according to company spokesmen.

Litwiler estimated the time of the accident as 9:37 p. m. Wednesday since Rodgers' watch had stopped at that time. The watch had been broken in the accident, Litwiler said.

The truck burned after rolling down the embankment, according to Litwiler, who said the body was found about six feet in front of the wreck. Litwiler said there was no known cause of the accident, but said it was foggy on the mountain Wednesday night.

Lawrence E. Nash, formerly of Medford but now living in Klamath Falls, found the wreck. He was on his way from Medford to his home when his car became overheated. He stopped to allow it to cool and saw the wreck in the canyon. It had a rusty appearance from the road-way due to the fire, Litwiler said Nash told him, but went to investigate when he noticed tires and wheels scattered down the hillside.

Rodgers is survived by his wife and two children in Medford, Litwiler said.

Giant U. S.-Russian Blows Hammer Germany



Giant strides were taken by Allied Armies on both west and east fronts. U. S. First and Third Armies linked up after reaching Rastenburg, were believed pushing toward Leipzig. To the south, another Third Army's spearhead passed Garmisch and was headed for possible juncture with Russians who were reported across Austria border and within 40 miles of Vienna. Soviet forces also were said to have taken Zehden, last Nazi hold east of Oder and a juncture may be ahead with British and American Armies roaring east north of Ruhr.

BIG THREE AGREE ON VOTE SET-UP FOR CONFERENCE

Washington, Mar. 30.—(U.P.)—The big three have agreed that Russia and the United States should ask for three votes apiece on the assembly to be set up within the proposed United Nations security organization, the White House revealed today.

Russian spokesmen at the Yalta conference indicated they would request three votes on the assembly when the San Francisco conference convenes April 25, the announcement said.

American representatives agreed to this, with the provision that the United Nations organization also would give three votes to the United States and its possessions, the White House said.

Russians Agreeable
The Russians will ask specifically for extra votes on the assembly for the Ukrainian Soviet Republic and the White Russian Soviet Republic.

The White House announcement added that both the British and Russians at the Crimea conference said "they would have no objection to the United States having three votes in the assembly" if Russia gets three votes.

The White House announcement came less than two hours after Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., who will be a member of the United States delegation to the San Francisco conference which starts April 25, had said he would be unalterably opposed to any plan to revise the voting setup drafted at Dumbarton Oaks.

One Vote Each Planned
That plan called for every member nation of the proposed world organization to have one vote on the assembly. The big five nations, plus six smaller members chosen on a rotating basis, would have one vote each on the organization's council under the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

The British empire would have six votes on the assembly under the Dumbarton Oaks setup—one vote for the United Kingdom and one each for the five British dominions.

Russia was reported to be dissatisfied with this bloc of British votes. She also was understood to be dissatisfied with having only one vote in view of the western hemisphere bloc of 20 or 21 votes on the assembly.

336 Liberees Made Welcome On Arrival From Philippines

San Francisco, March 30.—(U.P.)—Three hundred and thirty-six American civilians rescued from the Japanese by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops set foot on their home soil for the first time in more than three years today.

Their reactions as the navy transport which returned them from the Philippines slid into a pier here varied from tears to cheers and sheer disbelief.

Some, like Mrs. Nezzie D. Meng of Denver, and Mrs. Elsie M. Parks of Hibbing, Minn., said they had been so numbed by the

tragic things they had witnessed that even their homecoming could not thrill them.

Mrs. Meng has not heard from her husband, Paul, an airlines official, since she left their home at Iloilo on Luzon Dec. 1, 1941, for a vacation at Baguio. She fears that he is dead.

Mrs. Parks, a missionary, said she could not recount the horrible sights she had seen. Curtis and Bernard Brooks, 16, twin brothers, came back without their parents. Their father, Bernard, died of malnutrition in Santo Tomas only a few days before American soldiers crashed through the gates. Their mother, Emily, was killed when the Japanese shelled the camp four days after the liberation.

"I would rather not talk about it," said the Rev. Raymond D. Abbott of Victoria, Va., who was rector of an Episcopal church on Mindanao. "After you haven't seen the American flag for three years, you realize how wonderful it is."

LT. NION TUCKER, JR. KILLED ON IWO JIMA
Prospect, March 29.—Lt. Nion Tucker, Jr., died of wounds shortly after a major battle on Iwo Jima, according to word received here from Mr. and Mrs. Nion Tucker of San Francisco, the marine officer's parents.

"Buddy" Tucker, as he was known here, spent several weeks each summer at his parents' summer home "Rogue's Roost", near here.

SECRETARY TO F.R.
Washington, Mar. 30.—(U.P.)—Jonathan Daniels, former editor of the Raleigh, N.C., News and Observer, was sworn in today as President Roosevelt's press secretary.

Fair Weather Is Easter Forecast, Say Weathermen
The valley's feminine church-goers may wear their new Easter bonnets Sunday without fear of rain. According to the five-day forecast of federal weather bureau workers in this district, Sunday is expected to be fair. Forecast for Saturday is fair with little change in temperature.

However, Monday and Tuesday of next week will probably bring a change, the weathermen say, with cloudiness and showers forecast for that time.

DOUBLE DEATH
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DISPIRITED NAZIS QUITTING AT RATE OF 2,000 AN HOUR

Bag of 70,000 Chalked Up By Allies in 48 Hours—Enemy Lines Chopped Up

Paris, March 30.—(U.P.)—Wholesale surrenders were reported spreading through the German ranks in the west today as two American tank armies careened within 180-odd miles of Berlin in a twin drive to envelop the Ruhr and outflank the Weser river line in central Germany.

Unconfirmed reports broadcast by the London radio said beaten, dispirited Germans were surrendering at the rate of 2,000 an hour today.

Coupled with the capture of more than 33,000 Nazis by the U. S. first and third armies alone yesterday, that indicated a bag of perhaps 70,000 enemy troops by all allied armies in 48 hours—and the break-up of Germany's armies in the west.

Enemy Lines Chopped
Virtually all the western front was under a military security blackout, but field dispatches filtered through the censorship made it clear that the greatest break-through of the western war was tearing the German lines apart.

The American first army was loose on a wide front east of the Ruhr valley and racing north toward an imminent juncture with British second army forces on the Westphalian plain.

Vanguards of the British force were reported in the Westphalian capital of Muenster, 227 miles from Berlin, and fanning out to the northwest toward Bremen and Hannover.

The advance was going ahead so rapidly that at one point a dramatic "hold your fire" order was flashed to RAF fliers swarming out to pound the Germans' fleeing road columns.

Close On Enemy Heels
British tank forces were so close on the heels of the retreating enemy that the air attacks had to be called off for a time to avoid hitting allied troops.

In the Muenster area, the British were less than 40 miles from a juncture with U. S. first army tanks, last reported at Paderborn, 190 miles southwest of the German capital. The Yanks were ranging out almost unopposed to the north and east of that road center after a sensational 100-mile flanking sweep from the Giessen area.

On the first army's right flank the American third army's plunging tank columns were plowing northeast and east from Giessen at a mile-an-hour clip, striking along the main Frankfurt-Berlin superhighway.

The German high command said third army forces were at Bad Wildungen, 186 miles southwest of Berlin and 19 miles southwest of the Hessian capital of Kassel. Kassel, keystone of the Germans' Weser river line, was being outflanked from the southwest and southeast. Its fall would break the enemy's last major water line short of the Elbe and Berlin.

RODNEY WITHAM LISTED MISSING
Pvt. Rodney A. Witham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Witham of 1428 East Main street, has been reported missing in action in the European theater according to information received by his parents. Pvt. Witham had been serving with the 94th Infantry Division of Gen. Patton's Third Army.

The soldier, a graduate of Medford high school and a former student at the University of Oregon, had been overseas since last July.

CORDON REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF ALUMINUM DICKER

Sale of Canadian Aluminum to United States Is Attacked by Oregon Senator

Washington, March 30.—(U.P.)—Sen. Guy Cordon (R., Ore.), today asked the senate small business committee to make a complete investigation of what he said was a "hush-hush deal" between U. S. government agencies and the Aluminum Company of Canada.

He said the deal provides for the sale of "billions of pounds of Canadian aluminum" to this country.

Cordon said the most recent contract for Canadian aluminum was between Alcan and the Metals Reserve Corp. He said it calls for deliveries of 250,000,000 pounds of aluminum to begin July 1, 1945.

U. S. Coin in Alcan
The Defense Plants Corp. by 1942 had put \$68,500,000 into the construction of the Alcan plant near Arvida, Quebec, he said.

"This plant is beyond U. S. control and taxation," Cordon testified. "Profits remain with Alcan."

Four contracts over a period of two years were negotiated between war production board and the state department providing for the delivery of the "billions of pounds of Canadian aluminum" to this government, he said. He added that all the negotiations "were kept secret."

Cordon said he wanted to find out why the government was interested in advancing money to the Canadian company when in March, 1943, projects to build aluminum plants near the Shasta, Calif.; Grand Coulee, Wash., and Big Thompson, Colo., dams were turned down by WPB.

Cheaper Here
At the same time, he said, the aluminum plant at Troutdale, Ore., began operations in 1943, only "after public opinion forced action."

He said he had "personal knowledge" that aluminum can be produced in the northwest United States for less than the 15 cents a pound which is to be paid to Alcan.

Cordon said WPB has recently closed down or reduced output of several plants in the northwest because "aluminum is running out of our ears."

He said he hoped a full disclosure of the Alcan deals would lead to a congressional declaration of policy to provide an adequate stockpile of strategic materials.

"Only that way," he added, "will we never again be caught with aluminum running out of our ears at one time and nothing at all the next time."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WILL MOVE HERE

Operating office headquarters for the Federal Bureau of Reclamation for southwestern Oregon are to be moved from Grants Pass to Medford according to information supplied the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce by F. H. Hart, reclamation engineer in charge of the office.

The bureau is engaged in the analysis of soil, conservation of wildlife, irrigation, flood control and recreation and has for a period of some years been compiling a complete analysis of the Rogue River basin. Both the Chamber of Commerce and the Rogue River water committee have been cooperating with the bureau for some time with the objective of determining the best use of water and land within the county.

Hart has conferred with Frank DeSouza, Medford postmaster, concerning the possibility of securing office space in the federal building and through the cooperation of E. P. Leavitt, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, may have temporary quarters in the office suite of the park headquarters.

98 NEW LAWS ON OREGON STATUTE BOOKS IN EFFECT

Bills Cover Wide Variety of Subjects Which Are Put Into Immediate Effect.

Salem, Ore., Mar. 30.—(U.P.)—Ninety-eight new laws are now on Oregon's statute books and in full effect this week, following the 43rd session of the legislature which passed them.

Ordinarily bills do not become law for 90 days after their signature by the governor, but these 98 bills carried the emergency clause, making them in "full force and effect" after their signature.

Of these 98 were senate bills, 68 were house bills.

Cover Wide Range
The new laws cover a whole variety of subjects—from appropriating millions of dollars to granting claims against the state for less than \$500, and from making administrative changes in the unemployment compensation law to accepting a new dental school for the state.

The emergency clause which caused the most furor in the recent session was the one attached to senate bill 62, the "PUD" bill, designed to prevent the purchase by people's utility districts of outlying facilities. Opponents thought that the emergency clause was tacked on to prevent a referendum of the measure to a vote of the people.

The clause prevents referendum, and it is unquestioned that in some instances the clause is used for that purpose, but ordinarily it is placed on a bill for the reason its name implies—that an emergency does exist and the law is needed, and right now.

Money Bills Needed
Among the bills which carried the emergency clause, are now part of Oregon's law, are the appropriation bills; laws raising either permanently or temporarily the salaries of county officials in many counties; bills appropriating money to finance interim committees and the bill authorizing a special election on June 22.

This last bill needed the clause so that preparation for the election could proceed.

Other new laws include a number of changes in the administrative procedure in a number of departments, particularly the compensation commission; money for forest land acquisition and the eradication of pests; authorization for the fish and game commissions to propagate wildlife, place screens on irrigation ditches, and change the fishing season in many places; authorizing the destruction of useless papers by county courts; changing the bounty laws; authorizing loans to veterans and funds for the burial and relief of indigent veterans, and creating a director of apprenticeship.

TO BERLIN
By United Press
The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:

Eastern front—31 miles (from Zaackerick).
Western front—188 miles (from south of Paderborn).
Italian front—524 miles (from Po Di Primaro river).

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BOMBARDING OF OKINAWA ISLAND IN EIGHTH DAY

Japs Report 150 TO 2,000 Ships Engaged in Blasting Broad Installations.

Guam, Saturday, March 31 (U.P.)—American naval task forces have invaded the coastal waters of Japan's home islands, approaching within a few miles of the enemy's "sacred soil," Tokyo reported today.

One U. S. naval force appeared near Ashizuri Zami, at the southern tip of Shikoku island, on Thursday, Tokyo reported. It was on Shikoku that Japan first established its major prisoner-of-war camps.

Some Near Tanaga
"Part of the enemy task forces made its appearance near Tanaga Shima," Tokyo said. Tanaga is only 25 miles from the coast of Japan. Ashizuri Zami lies across the Bungo channel from Kyushu, site of some of Japan's biggest industries and naval bases.

The enemy said the task force off Ashizuri Zami "has made its retreat." There was no reference to a bombardment or of any counter-measures.

"Japanese forces," said Tokyo, "are still hunting down the enemy task forces in the neighboring waters of the Japanese homeland."

The enemy, reported at least four allied task forces, including 17 battleships, were blasting away at Japan's southern approaches for the eighth straight day in preparation for an invasion of Okinawa island in the Ryukyus.

Big Force Seen
Japanese estimates of the task forces which the enemy said had been hitting installations all the way from Japan proper to the Sakishimas, 600 miles to the southwest, ranged from 150 surface ships to 2,000, including transports and landing craft.

One Tokyo broadcast said "almost the entire American Pacific fleet" was mobilized for the assault.

(A German transoceanic dispatch recorded by the United Press in London said 150 American Superfortresses raided Tokyo this morning with new-type incendiary bombs and caused fires at several places.)

KENNETH LINDLEY SUFFERS INJURIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Kenneth Lindley, 16, received severe head injuries late yesterday afternoon when a model A Ford he was driving hit a soft shoulder at the corner of East Jackson boulevard and Hawthorne avenue and overturned.

Larry Coates, 15, only passenger, was uninjured. Lindley was taken to Community Hospital by the Perl ambulance and his attending physician stated today that he was being allowed to rest before x-rays were taken.

According to police records the youth, who was driving a car belonging to Carl Anderson, 419 Pearl street, was driving at a high rate of speed on the wrong side of the road when the accident occurred. Reports to police earlier in the afternoon were to the effect that the car was being recklessly driven in the vicinity of the high school.

Lindley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lindley, Spring street, and young Coates resides at 1307 Reddy avenue.

Many Soldiers To Observe Easter Rites In Holy Land

Jerusalem, March 30.—(U.P.)—Msr. Luigi Barlassina, Latin Patriarch of the Holy Land, entered the gate of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher this morning, followed by hundreds of pilgrims along the "way of the cross," to start Easter services.

The sun shone on the old city's streets. Throngs of civilian and uniformed pilgrims came to the Holy City to celebrate Easter.

Among them were hundreds of British and American soldiers, some of whom came from as far as Morocco and Burma.

Four special planes brought 112 American Jewish soldiers to Palestine Wednesday for Passover Eve and then returned them to their mid-east camp, making the trip back to Jerusalem with Christian soldiers who are spending Easter here.

Special services have been arranged in the various holy places for the pilgrims. Many of them walked the Via Dolorosa early this morning. Others went to Gethsemane and Bethlehem.

The traditional music of the "Crucifixion" will be sung to-night by the choir of Christ Church and members of the armed forces. An Easter broadcast (NBC) to New York will be transmitted from the Jerusalem YMCA Sunday afternoon.