

YANKS, BRITISH TAKE MUENSTER

Weather
 Forecast: Increasing cloudiness with rain showers tonight and Wednesday. Warmer tonight.
 Temp. ————
 Highest yesterday 52
 Lowest this morning 37
 Precipitation to 5 a. m., none

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CITY REDUCED TO RUBBLE HEAP IN THREE-DAY FIGHT

Red Drive Nears Vienna Outskirts

GERMANS REPORT HEAVY FIGHTING IN SUBURB TOWN

Stalin's Forces Capture Industrial Centers in March Toward the Capital City.

London, April 3.—(U.P.)—Red army troops tonight drove toward the outskirts of Vienna after capturing the chief Austrian industrial centers of Wiener-Neustadt, Neunkirchen and Gloggnitz.

At last reports red army advance columns were only 11 miles south of Vienna. Wiener-Neustadt is 23 miles south of Vienna. Neunkirchen lies 13 miles to the south and Gloggnitz is eight miles southwest of Neunkirchen.

TAX COMMISSION SHAKEUP URGED

Salem, Ore., April 3.—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Board of Control was tentatively considering possible replacements, to the State Tax Commission today, following a motion by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., that the two members whose terms expire on June 4 not be reappointed.

No action was taken on the motion, and the board decided to consider further whether the two men, Charles Galloway and Earl Fisher, be reappointed or whether two new men be named to take their places.

Farrell explained that there was "nothing personal" in this motion, but that he felt that two new men could better serve the state on the tax commission. He said that if they were not to be reappointed that he felt it only fair to give them notice of the fact.

Captured Nazi General Says Hitler Plans to Die Fighting

By W. R. Higginbotham
 UP Staff Correspondent
 London, April 3.—(U.P.)—A captured German general told front correspondents today that Adolf Hitler plans to die in battle at the head of SS elite guard troops especially picked for the honor of dying with the fuhrer.

U.S. Not To Ask For Added Votes In World Assembly Is Decision Of Roosevelt

Washington, April 3.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt has decided that the United States will not ask for additional votes for this country in the proposed world assembly, it was announced today.

It was disclosed last week that during the Crimea Conference, Russia asked for three votes in the assembly. The White House said then that Britain and the U. S. agreed to support this request in the San Francisco conference.

SENATE REJECTS COMPROMISE ON MANPOWER BILL

Washington, April 3.—(U.P.)—The senate today rejected the compromise manpower bill. The vote was 46 to 29.

The decision had been expected ever since the bill came to the floor last Wednesday.

Washington, April 3.—(U.P.)—Oregon's senators Guy Gordon and Wayne Morse voted against the compromise manpower bill.

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER PLANS TO OPEN HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CLASSES FOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN IN THAT CITY.

Other high nazi chiefs still were alive and making their escape to some hideout, presumably in the Bavarian Alps, he told a London Daily Telegraph correspondent on the American 9th army front.

RETURNED VETS TO BE HONORED HERE THURSDAY

Parade, Program Will Highlight Celebration Honoring War Vets of County.

To honor returned veterans in the county at this time, and particularly those men who were released recently from Japanese prison camps in the Philippine islands, Thursday of this week has been set as "heroes' homecoming day."

Stettinius, Jr., at a record-breaking press conference attended by nearly 100 correspondents. No Postponement

Stettinius also announced that plans for the April 25 San Francisco conference are proceeding with no thought of postponement. On the contrary, because of the rapid tempo of military and political events, it is increasingly necessary that the plans for creating a world organization be carried on promptly.

EARL WOOLDRIDGE DIES IN SMASHUP NORTH OF REDDING

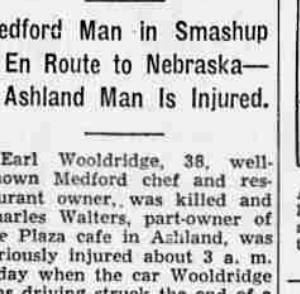
Medford Man in Smashup En Route to Nebraska—Ashland Man Is Injured.

Earl Wooldridge, 38, well-known Medford chef and restaurant owner, was killed and Charles Walters, part-owner of the Plaza cafe in Ashland, was seriously injured about 3 a. m. today when the car Wooldridge was driving struck the end of a loaded freight truck a short distance north of Redding, Calif., and rolled over several times along the highway. Walters was taken to a Redding hospital.

FLIERS DESTROY 92 JAP PLANES

Chungking, April 3.—(U.P.)—U. S. 14th air force planes, striking at the Shanghai airdrome 500 miles from Okinawa, destroyed 92 Jap planes and damaged 16 in surprise raids Sunday and Monday, it was announced today.

On Jap Doorstep



American invasion forces sweep deeper inland on Okinawa Island against light resistance, although Japan proper is only 362 miles away. Airfields at Yontan and Kadena were captured, and troops were pressed on Naha, the capital. The Kerama Islands were seized preparatory to the Okinawa sweep.

Japs On Okinawa Gird For First Major Stand

Guam, April 3.—(U.P.)—Front dispatches said today that the Japanese defenders of Okinawa appeared to be making preparations for their first major defensive effort against American soldiers and marines who thus far have been virtually unopposed.

STAGG TO HEAD JUNIOR CHAMBER CLOTHING DRIVE

Reginald A. Stagg, civic director of the Medford junior chamber of commerce, was appointed general chairman of the United National clothing collection drive at a meeting held in the Jackson county chamber of commerce building last night.

KIEL ATTACKED BY U.S. BOMBERS

London, April 3.—(U.P.)—American 8th air force bombers attacked the big German base and Baltic port of Kiel today in a renewal of the campaign against the shipping facilities behind the threatened defenders of northwest Germany.

INDIANS PROTEST

Bombay, April 3.—(U.P.)—Business houses were closed in various parts of India today in protest against the scheduled hanging later this week of seven men arrested after the widespread rioting in 1942.

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SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
 Little Dickie Phair raising his voice to inquire why he hadn't received a certain Sunday school award.

NEAR HANNOVER

At Hameln the Americans would be only 24 miles southeast of Hannover and fewer than 95 miles due west of the Elbe river line at Magdeburg, the last big water barrier before Berlin.

MORE DIVORCES THAN WEDDINGS IN COUNTY

During the first quarter ending March 31, there were even more divorces filed than marriage licenses issued in Jackson county, according to the records of the county clerk's office.

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What Is Needed

Most urgent needs are for the following: infants' garments—all types, particularly knit goods; men's and boys' garments—overcoats, topcoats, suits, coats, jackets, shirts, all types of work clothes, including overalls, coveralls, sweaters, underwear, robes, pajamas, and knitted gloves; women's and girls' garments—overcoats, jackets, skirts, sweaters, shawls, dresses, underwear, aprons, jumpers, smocks, robes, nightwear, knitted headwear (such as stocking caps), women's hats, dress hats, and derbies cannot be used.

Victory Hailed

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower hailed the Ruhr trap as one of the biggest Allied victories of the war and predicted that the certain destruction of the pocketed Germans would speed the enemy's final collapse.

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Tank Columns Race Far Beyond to Envelop Holland; Mop-Up Starts in Hamm.

Paris, April 3.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tanks today roared into Gotha, only 150 miles from Berlin and a scant 185 miles from junction with the red army.

Kassel Captured

Kassel, Germany, April 3.—(U.P.)—The 80th division captured historic Kassel today after three days of the bloodiest fighting by 3rd army forces since the crossing of the Rhine.

Mop Up Hamm

Twenty miles to the southwest, soldiers of the American 9th Army fought their way into Hamm, the biggest railway center in western Germany, and began a house-to-house mop-up of its by-passed Nazi garrison.

ARMED SPEARHEAD OF THE 9TH ARMY

Another 9th Army column was reported racing for the Pled Piper town of Hameln, on the Weser 158 miles due west of the German capital.

Far to the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American 3rd Army

appeared to have broken loose on another armored run through central Germany. Official spokesmen said Patton's men were only 160 miles from a juncture with the west-bound Red Army at an undisclosed point.

Between the Berlin-bound 3rd and 9th Armies, the American 1st Army

is beginning a chipping through the eastern wall of the great Ruhr pocket to finish off a trapped force of perhaps 150,000 Germans.

Bedding—blankets, afghans, sheets, pillow cases, quilts.

(These are needed if in serviceable condition); shoes—either oxfords or high shoes of durable type with low or medium heels. (Shoes with high heels, open toes or open backs, evening slippers, and novelty types cannot be used. All shoes contributed should be mated and tied securely into pairs.) Usable remnants and piece goods in cut or uncut materials of one yard or more in length are wanted—but not rags or badly damaged, dirty, or worn-out fabrics.

Petty Officer Here

Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Robert L. McLean, former residents of Medford, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McLean, 227 South Oakdale avenue. They came to Medford from Ketchikan, Alaska.

Jack Bierma, fire warden, deeply chagrined to find that he slept through a neighborhood fire.

Hemmerley Conger receiving overparking tickets with remarkable regularity.