

# Yanks Take Hannover, Sweep on at Mile-an-Hour Clip

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### ACTION FLARES ON BOTH SHORES OF OKINAWA ISLAND

#### New American Landing Reported; Greatest Artillery Duel On West Section.

By United Press  
Action flared along both coasts of southern Okinawa today with a new American landing reported off the east side and the greatest artillery duel of the Pacific war thundering on the west.

Tokyo said American troops had landed on tiny Tsukata Island lying eight miles off the southeast coast and controlling the entrance to the newly-conquered Nakagusuku Bay naval anchorage.

Other troops driving along the bay shore on Okinawa advanced more than a mile and a half to Naha on the edge of the Yonabaru airfield and only a mile and a half north of the Port of Tonabaru, an enemy broadcast said.

American destroyers and other warcraft already were reported to have entered Nakagusuku Bay.

Tokyo claimed that during the landing operation on Tsukata Sunday afternoon, Japanese forces, presumably artillery, sank an American destroyer and a small craft which entered the bay.

There was no American confirmation of the east coast operations.

On the west coast, American troops battled from cave to cave and from pillbox to pillbox against savage resistance.

Advances were limited to yards as they fought to enlarge their wedge in the Japanese main defense line four miles north of Naha, the burning capital.

Greatest Barrage  
Japanese guns laid down a heavy barrage. Brig. Gen. O. P. Smith, deputy chief of staff for the 10th army, said the Americans were being supported by more battalions of artillery than ever used before in the Pacific.

Hundreds of American carrier planes and big guns of the fleet off Okinawa joined in hammering the Japanese positions. Naha gradually was being flattened by the bombardment.

Seven of 10 Japanese planes which attacked the Okinawa area last evening were destroyed.

American troops in the Philippines steadily compressed three large Japanese pockets on Luzon while airmen bagged 12 more Japanese ships in their blockade of the China Sea.

Intercept Convoy  
Liberators intercepted a 15-ship convoy leaving the Chinese port of Swatow, sank one destroyer and a 8,000-ton transport and damaged another destroyer and a cargo vessel.

Fifth army bombers accounted for eight merchant craft in raids from the Dutch East Indies to Hong Kong and Formosa.

Two U. S. divisions were reported closing in on Baguio in northern Luzon. In central Luzon the Sixth Division was advancing slowly against stiff resistance.

First Cavalry Division troops were reported nearing a junction with airborne troops to complete encirclement of Japanese by-passed south of Laguna Bay.

The 158th Regimental combat team was reported still encountering heavy resistance at a point five miles north of Legaspi.

NAVY DESERTER JAILED ON BAD CHECK CHARGE  
Wyatt Drennan, Jr., 23-year-old navy deserter and escapee from a navy quarters in San Diego, was arrested in a local hotel last night by state police on a charge of passing souricous checks and lodged in the county jail. He is wanted in several cities on the same charge, police said.

HITLER AIDE KILLED  
London, April 10 — (U.P.) — A German DNB dispatch said today that Col. Heinrich Borgmann, former aide de camp to Adolf Hitler, had been killed on the western front. Borgmann was standing beside Hitler when a bomb exploded in the Fuehrer's headquarters in the abortive attempt on his life last summer.

### New Jap Premier



(Acme Telephoto)  
Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, 77, president of the Japanese Privy Council, was ordered by Emperor Hirohito to form a new Japanese cabinet to succeed cabinet of Premier General Kuniaki Koiso which resigned en bloc "because of the gravity of the situation."

### FUNERAL SERVICE 11 A. M. THURSDAY FOR ELINOR BUSH

Funeral services for Elinor Hanley Bush, pioneer resident of Jackson county who passed away at her home, 826 East Main street Monday morning, will be held at the Perl funeral home Thursday at 11 a. m. The Rev. Harry Hansen of the First Presbyterian church will officiate at the ceremonies and cremation will take place at the Portland crematorium.

Mrs. Bush was born on the Hanley ranch near Jacksonville Dec. 17, 1867, and lived in this county most of her life, spending 16 years in South America between 1903 and 1919. She attended school in Jacksonville and was married to Harry P. Bush at Punta Arenas, Chile, in 1903. Mr. Bush was a mining engineer.

The deceased interested herself in community affairs and was a member of Adalee chapter, O.E.S., of Jacksonville.

She is survived by four nieces and three nephews, Alex, Martha, Mary, Claire, Michael and Edward B. Hanley and Katherine E. Heffernan.

### ASHLAND COUNCIL TO GROUP PETTY CASES

Ashland, April 10 — The city council will meet tonight to discuss plans to group more than 75 types of petty offense and health and safety into one ordinance. The proposed ordinance would impose penalties from \$1 to \$200 in fines and not less than one day or more than 30 days in jail for violation of the many petty offenses.

### April Snow in Foothills Is Unusual, Claim Old Timers

Long time residents of the valley are unable to recall an April like the present one, with fresh snow glistening on the foothills on the tenth of the month. Few ever saw snow on Roxy Ann at that late date though William Bates remembers a Fourth of July more than forty years ago when it snowed on the parade and melted as it fell.

Ludo Grieve, Copco superintendent at Prospect, reported an inch of snow at his place Sunday and Monday morning which melted by noon each day. He reports never having seen such an April in the hills.

The county agent reports the pear crop is ten days behind and other vegetation being retarded, but not hurt. Some farmers recall the old adage "a cold April makes a full barn."

Irrigationists report the new snow in the hills will increase the spring run-off and be of some benefit.

Frost Observer Roy J. Rogers reports the fruit crop needs some warm nights as well as days.

Searching the weather bureau records this morning, Robert Church reports that snow in

### TRUMAN DEFEATS POSTWAR END OF BLANK CHECK ERA

#### Vote Breaks Senate Tie on Amendment to Prevent Relief for Foreign Lands.

Washington, April 10 — (U.P.) — The senate today passed and sent to the White House an act to extend lend-lease until June 30, 1946.

The action came by unanimous voice vote after the senate beat down two attempts to amend the act.

Washington, April 10 — (U.P.) — The vote of Vice-President Harry S. Truman today defeated a proposed amendment to the lend-lease extension act which would have prevented the use of lend-lease for postwar relief and rehabilitation of foreign countries.

The vote was 39 to 39. Truman's "no" vote broke the tie. The amendment was proposed by Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.). It would have strengthened a house amendment which would prevent the use of lend-lease for rehabilitation but would authorize settlement of contracts which might extend into the postwar period.

The tie vote came after Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.), charged that the Taft amendment would strip the lend-lease act of its original contract settlement provisions.

Truman voted immediately after the rollcall was completed. "On this motion," he said, "the vote is 39 to 39. The chair votes no."

Sen. Millard E. Tydings (D., Md.), had called for an end to "the blank check era" as soon as the war is over.

### BRITISH CRACK ITALY DEFENSE

Rome, April 10 — (U.P.) — A new British 8th army offensive crumpled the Adriatic wing of the German defenses in Italy, carried over the Senio river on a broad front, and today spilled out over the eastern Po plain between Bologna and Ravenna.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of allied forces in Italy, announced that the 8th army attacked yesterday evening after a pulverizing air assault in the Senio sector by almost all of the air forces in this theater.

The first onrush of Lt. Gen. Sir Richard McCreery's forces broke the Senio river line. His assault forces swept across the stream on a broad front around Lugo, 27 miles east of Bologna and 18 miles west of Ravenna.

The famous Egyptian crocodile is now found only in the extreme northern reaches of the Nile Valley.

### April, and even in May and June, have been recorded in past years. In 1912 two inches of snow fell on April 11, this being the heaviest snowfall ever recorded for April. In 1929 snow was recorded on five consecutive days, .6 inches fell on April 5, .2 inches on April 6, .6 on April 7, a trace on April 8 and .4 inches on April 9, this being the second heaviest April snowfall of record. Third heaviest was half an inch on April 17, 1933 and latest snowfall for April was in 1915 when it snowed on the 29th.

The records further show that it snowed in April last year, this occurring on April 11 and April 20. Latest snowfall ever recorded for spring was June 4 in 1914 and snow is also recorded for May in 1936. Mr. Church pointed out that these observations are taken at one point and that conditions could vary in other parts of the valley or district.

The cold predicted for the west coast states last night failed to develop in Medford when a cloud covering brought by a storm area off the coast developed about 2 a. m. continuing until past the danger point at sun-up, Church said.

### Jet Planes Suffer Record Mauling in Defense of Berlin

London, April 10 — (U.P.) — American airmen report that they shot down 18 German planes and destroyed 227 a ground today in a raid by 2,150 U. S. bombers and fighters on seven air fields in the outlying regions around Berlin.

The Germans sent a record force of jet planes against the 8th air force raiders and paid a record price. The bag aloft and a ground was the greatest ever scored by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's men in one day.

Violent air battles raged over the general area of Berlin as formations of up to 50 jetters attacked the heavies which were plastering their home fields.

### FIVE CHILDREN DIE IN TRAILER HOUSE GASOLINE BLAZE

Portland, Ore., April 10 — (U.P.) — Five children are dead today as result of fire caused by explosion of a gasoline can in a trailer house. Three were burned to death while a frantic father — mistakenly believing his son was in the inferno — tore the dwelling apart in attempts to reach the youngsters. Two more died in hospitals this morning.

The dead are: Donald Cumpston, 3, Lois Cumpston, 5, and Barbara Cumpston, 6 — all children of Bert Cumpston, widower, in whose home the fire occurred; Victor Jaeger, 4, and Shirley Jaeger, 6, children of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Jaeger, trailer camp residents.

Tois Build Fire  
According to officers, Cumpston went to work, leaving the children in the charge of his eldest daughter, Mary Lou, 14. With Mrs. Jaeger, she went about 100 yards from the house to do some washing.

In her absence, Charles Cumpston, 7, and Eugene Cumpston, 10, decided to build a fire in a small "pot-bellied" stove. Eugene poured gasoline from a can over the wood in the stove, and while still holding the can, struck a match and dropped it into the stove. There was a violent explosion, and the two boys ran out screaming.

Their cries were heard by John Lynn, 31, who told police he believed his boy was among those inside wailing pitifully. With the doorway in solid flame, Lynn tore out a section of the house, but was unable to reach the children in time. He was later treated for burns to both hands.

He had lifted the two little girls out of the holocaust first.

### BIBLE TEACHER IS INTERVIEWED FOR CITY SCHOOL POST

Miss Katherine Green of Pacific College, Seattle, appeared before the regular monthly meeting of the Medford Ministerial association as a prospective representative to teach Bible history in the Medford public schools, according to Rev. Fred M. Weatherford, president of the association. E. H. Hedrick, city superintendent of schools, was present to advise the association and to interview Miss Green.

The association again endorsed the daily vacation Bible schools and set June 4 to June 14 as the period for classes which will be conducted by various churches of the city. Rev. Weatherford said the association hoped that other organizations sponsoring youth programs would arrange their plans in order not to interfere with the Bible school period.

The pre-Easter series sponsored by the association was declared to be one of the most successful projects ever carried through by the group, Rev. Weatherford said.

### BEST CROP WINTER WHEAT PRESENT OUTLOOK

#### Agricultural Department Reports Production Will Be 862,515,000 Bushels.

Washington, April 10 — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department today forecast the biggest winter wheat crop in history for 1945.

The Crop Reporting Service said production of winter wheat would reach 862,515,000 bushels, 37,000,000 more than the previous record crop of 1931 and almost 100,000,000 bushels more than 1944 production.

On Dec. 1 the winter wheat crop was estimated at 761,591,000 bushels. Highest for that date since 1919 and the condition of rye is the highest since 1914. No production estimate was given for rye.

The wheat crop apparently escaped injury in the recent cold wave which brought zero temperatures to many parts of the northern plain, the board said.

A 1945 wheat crop of 862,515,000 bushels would be 37,000,000 bushels larger than the previous record crop in 1931.

The forecast for wheat production by states:

Kansas 231,557,000 bushels; Oklahoma 75,127,000; Texas 75,429,000; Washington 45,292,000; Ohio 54,816,000; Indiana 33,300,000; Pennsylvania 21,850,000; Illinois 26,028,000; Michigan 22,517,000; Missouri 26,100,000; Montana 28,899,000; Colorado 21,672,000; Oregon 17,031,000, and Nebraska 70,818,000.

Except for a small railroad yard in Lerbeck itself, there is nothing an aerial reconnaissance target maps to mystify a second look.

Yet, when infantrymen crossed the river and cleaned out resistance on the heights they found a huge German war plant factory cut into the solid rock.

The plant, burrowed at least 300 feet into the cliff, was jammed with huge, intricate machines. I saw row upon row of gleaming lathes.

Mostly the machines were German made but several showed that the nazis supplemented their machine shops with loot from occupied countries.

Key workers were Germans but several hundred Poles and Ukrainians were herded into the shops daily.

Only a few were above ground and they were camouflaged.

Indiana lost 74 men in the Spanish-American war.

### Sweeney Heads Oregon Templars

Ralph Sweeney, Jackson county treasurer and Medford resident, was elected and installed grand commander of the Oregon Knights Templar at a streamlined conclave held yesterday in Portland. He succeeds J. Roy Roberts of Bend. Only business sessions were conducted, with no social events due to the war.

### General Killed



(Acme Telephoto)  
Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, Denver, Colo., commander of Third Armored Division, shot to death by Nazi tank men while taking off his pistol to hand over to his German captors.

### SPINSTER ADMITS ROMANCING WITH GERMAN PRISONER

Del Norte, Colo., April 10 — (U.P.) — Spinster Adele Sophie Weiler, 42, short and plump, was held in technical custody today while unromantic officers investigated her admitted romance with a German prisoner of war.

Miss Weiler had been released from the Rio Grande county jail but still was under technical custody.

For at least three months, the authorities said, Miss Weiler and her 37-year-old German lover had kept their tryst a secret until last Friday night, when officers surrounded her home and found the war prisoner there.

She Tells Story  
Deputy Sheriff Harry Wells, who headed the investigation until army officers and FBI agents took over, said that Miss Weiler "told the whole story" of her affair with the war prisoner. She was employed at the local cheese factory as a bookkeeper, and it was there that the romance developed, the deputy sheriff said.

The war prisoner, because of a shortage of help in the area, was assigned to the cheese factory. Miss Weiler, who speaks German, told the deputy that she "took a liking" to the prisoner, and last January arranged to drive 14 miles into Monte Vista, where the war prisoners are quartered nightly. She met him near the prisoners quarters and they drove back to Del Norte.

From that time until last Friday night, according to Wells, Miss Weiler and the German held their trysts at least weekly, and on some occasions "several times weekly." Always, Miss Weiler succeeded in returning the prisoner to his quarters before daybreak.

Albino troops (large arrow) landed in Muelhausen area, according to German reports, to assist American drive streaming toward Berlin. Other Allied spearheads pushed closer to the Nazi capital, while in the north troops battled into Bremen and Hannover. Far to south, the U. S. Seventh and French First made headway toward Bavaria, where Hitler is expected to make his last stand.

### MOST OF VIENNA IN RUSSIAN GRIP

London, April 10 — (U.P.) — The red army announced tonight that it had captured all of Vienna lying west of the Danube canal, leaving only a thin slice of the northwestern part of the Austrian capital in Nazi hands.

Stockholm reports said all organized resistance in Vienna had ceased. It was plain that the soviets had the second largest city of Adolf Hitler's "greater Germany" within their grasp.

A Moscow communique reporting the virtual conclusion of the battle for Vienna said that the Germans lost 134,000 men killed or captured at Koeningberg, capital of east Prussia, which fell yesterday.

## Brunswick Next Goal Of 9th Army Force in Drive Toward Berlin

With U. S. Third Army, Germany, April 10 — (U.P.) — Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th army group has captured 1,018,387 prisoners since D-day. It was announced tonight. The 1st and 3rd armies each took more than 400,000 prisoners.

Paris, April 10 — (U.P.) — American troops captured Hannover today in an armored sweep that caved in Germany's northern and central defenses and rolled forward at a mile-an-hour clip 115 and 120 miles from the Nazi capital.

Two Doughboy regiments of the U. S. Ninth Army's 84th Division stormed into Hannover from the northwest and southwest early this morning. By mid-day they had reached the center of the flaming stronghold that once was the 12th city of Germany.

ISOLATED POCKETS STILL HOLD OUT  
A few isolated pockets of German resistance still held out late this afternoon, but American riflemen were combing them out one by one.

Crowds of curious German civilians thronged into the streets, ignoring the bullets, to watch the death struggle of the Nazi garrison.

Other Ninth Army Forces stabbed 23 miles beyond the city toward Brunswick, 104 miles west of Berlin, and at last reports were only 16 miles from that town.

Far to the south, American First Army tanks broke into the Harz mountains covering the southwestward approaches to Berlin after a 26-mile advance that met only scattered and disorganized resistance.

Both attacks were rolling swiftly forward behind a blazing Allied aerial bombardment that reached back almost to the gates of Berlin.

In an explosive burst of power that threatened momentarily to cave in the Germans' entire northern flank, the Americans broke loose on the main Hannover-Brunswick-Berlin superhighway less than 16 miles from Brunswick and 55 miles from the Elbe river line that forms the enemy's last big defensive barrier in the west.

DOUGHBOYS STORM THROUGH HANNOVER  
Doughboys of the 84th Infantry Division swarmed through the streets of Hannover, Germany's 12th city, after a sudden breakthrough from the north.

Simultaneously, the Ninth Army's Fifth Armored Division stabbed 23 miles northeastward to cut the superhighway at a point mid-way between Hannover and Brunswick.

British Armored Forces to the north laid siege to Bremen and wheeled northeastward within 60 miles or less of Hamburg, Germany's second city and greatest port. A third British column cut the Hamburg-Hannover autobahn and raced eastward for Brunswick and Berlin on the Ninth Army's northern flank.

The strike across northern Germany shot the Ninth Army out in front of the race for Berlin, only a few hours after Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' American First Army had taken the lead with a new advance into the fringe of the Harz mountains in central Germany.

Hodges' men broke loose on an 18-mile sweep beyond their Weser river bridgeheads yesterday and followed through early today with an armored and infantry drive on Nordhausen, 115 miles southwest of Berlin.

The Americans knocked a 30-mile-wide hole in the German defenses and late field dispatches said they were closing fast on Nordhausen against weak opposition.

PATTON'S ARMY ALSO ON MARCH  
Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third Army also was on the move farther south. The Third's drive, a Berlin spokesman said, was fanning out east toward the Czechoslovakia frontier and south into Bavaria toward Nuernberg.

Powerful armored and infantry forces of the American First and Ninth armies also were teamed up in converging attacks on an estimated 100,000 or more Germans trapped in the Ruhr pocket. The Enemy Commander, Field Marshal Walther von Model, was believed also to be in the trap.

The whole Ruhr was ablaze from Allied bombs and shellfire, and field dispatches said the Americans advanced as much as six miles into the pocket today against weakening opposition.



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### GEORGE KRAMER DIES IN ASHLAND HOSPITAL

Ashland, April 10 — George N. Kramer, 322 Hargadine street, passed away at the Community hospital yesterday. He has been a resident on the city for 40 years. His railroad career as an agent and telegrapher began in 1898. He retired in 1933 and in point of service was one of the oldest operators on the Southern Pacific system. He was a member of the Elks lodge and Masonic order.

He is survived by his wife, a son Foss, a brother, James of Hollywood and a sister, Emma of Monmouth, Ore. Two grandsons also survive.

Washington, April 10 — (U.P.) — There has been no decision yet on what to do with the art treasures and gold found by the U. S. armies in a German salt mine, it was learned today.

### George Kramer Dies



Ralph Sweeney  
Homer Beale, Pendleton, grand captain of the guard, and Dr. Sherman L. Divine, Portland, former Medford resident, grand prelate.