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OUTFLANKING MENACES RUHR INDUSTRY AREA

British Troops Crush Violent Counter Attacks

By HOWARD COWAN
PARIS, Feb. 15 (AP)—Canadians fought through flood waters to the west bank of the Rhine opposite Emmerich today and swung slowly along the northern end of the Rhine valley in a drive behind the Siegfried line threatening to outflank the Ruhr munitions industries.

The 20-mile Kieve front was the only active one in the west. On its south flank, British Empire troops crushed a series of violent German counterattacks and pressed close to the key defense bastions of Goch and Calcar.

Gathers Momentum
The Canadian first army attack gathered momentum today after the troops shook off six more frenzied counterattacks, the same number as yesterday. There were signs of enemy faltering under the bombardment of massed batteries of artillery and skies full of planes. Kessel, five miles west of Goch, was taken.

Newly-captured prisoners in sodden mud-caked grey uniforms struggled to the rear looking like a parade of scarecrows. They were silent and weak; their eyes were red with fatigue; their stubbled faces (Continued on Page Two)

SUPERFORTS RAIN BOMBS ON JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Superfortresses rained fire and explosives anew on Japan's home island today, and War Secretary Stimson said Nippon's "diminishing area of conquest offers no secure haven of safety anywhere."

A 10 o'clock simultaneous war department announcement that a new group of the giant bombers now is operating from Tinian island in the Marianas.

Damage Acknowledged
The cabinet member's comment, evidently a reassessment of his views of the air war against Japan, came shortly after the Tokyo radio acknowledged damage to the important industrial city of Nagoya from a fleet of 60 B-29s. The enemy account said the planes loosed their explosive and incendiary bombs across Atsuta bay from Nagoya.

Discussing the Superfortress blows against the Japanese homeland at his news conference, Stimson said "the Japanese admit the present damage to their industry and the certainty of much greater damage in the future when they speak of moving airplane factories and other vital plants to Manchuria." Enemy accounts have confirmed reconnaissance pictures showing the dismantling of some important factories. Tokyo said (Continued on Page Two)

Draft Menaces Striking Workers Destruction of Records Decried

SEATTLE, Feb. 15 (AP)—The draft, looming as a real threat to some striking shipyard welders, will "have to take its course," Henry A. Doty, president of the strikers' independent union, said today.

Production at the two affected plants, the Todd Pacific shipyards and Todd dry docks, was crippled further when more employees were laid off because the lack of welders slowed work, company spokesmen said. The strike started Friday.

Prospects of Exchanging Tule Nips for Workers Dark

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—The possibility of obtaining Japanese government consent to exchange imprisoned construction workers for Japanese nationals interned at Tulelake, Calif., appears none too good, Rep. Dworshak (R-Iowa) reported today.

When the Japanese took Wake, Guam and the Philippines, they imprisoned several hundred civilians engaged in naval construction. Most were from western states. More than 40 have died but 1254 are still held in camps in Japan or Shanghai.

The Japanese government recently indicated a willingness to exchange American civilian internees for the Tulelake Japanese, but has refused to release the construction workers for repatriation.

The state department, Dworshak was informed by Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew, will continue to use every opportunity to bring about the repatriation of the civilian workers.

But, Grew added, the department has "no grounds to hope the Japanese will alter their viewpoint" as to the construction workers.

Repatriation Method
He further pointed out that the Gripsholm, which he thought might be used for the exchange, carries only 1500 passengers. The present method of selecting persons for exchange, he said, is (1) those held under close arrest; (2) interned women and children; (3) the seriously ill and repatriable sick and wounded prisoners of war; (4) interned men, with preference for married men who have been longest separated from their families.

"It would be difficult," he observed, "to justify the inclusion of healthy, able-bodied male construction workers, in any further exchange in preference to classes 1, 2 and 3."

Russians Cross Neisse River; Units Fight For New Bridgeheads

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP)—A German military spokesman said today Russian tank and cavalry forces, smashing ahead 17 miles in 24 hours, had crossed the Neisse river in an area only 65 miles from Berlin in the drive on the German capital from the southwest.

Other spearheads, Moscow dispatches said, had raced 22 miles in the offensive west of Breslau and reached Goerlitz on the Neisse only 53 miles east of Dresden and were now battling for bridgeheads in southern Germany.

A Tass broadcast from Moscow later said the Russians had reached a point only 45 miles from Dresden.

Marshal Ivan Konev's steadily reinforced blows fell with a speed and success which suggested that German resistance had been almost paralyzed.

Allied bombers continued one of their greatest offensives just ahead of the soviet columns.

The Berlin military spokesman said Konev's free-wheeling columns had reached the Autobahns, or military highways, both northwest and southwest of Forst, 65 miles from Berlin.

Forst is on the west side of the Neisse, 12 miles east of Cottbus and 40 miles north of Goerlitz.

The town is 17 miles west of Sommerfeld, which the Germans said the Russians reached yesterday.

The Germans said Konev in this area had established a "loose connection" with Marshal Gregory Zhukov's forces fighting east of Berlin, where they have established bridgeheads over the Oder south of Fuerstenberg. Fuerstenberg is 27 miles north of Forst.

To the south Konev apparently had bypassed the important railway junction and stronghold of Koffurt in his 22-mile jump from Bunzlau to Goerlitz on the Neisse, last natural barrier before Dresden.

Koffurt, 11 miles northeast of Goerlitz, is a five-point trunk railway center.

Yanks Tighten Trap On Doomed Japs

MANILA, Feb. 15 (AP)—Under skins black from new enemy demolition destruction, American troops cautiously tightened an inevitable death noose today on Japanese so desperate they cold-bloodedly shot and bayoneted civilians in south Manila.

Yanks of three divisions closed in on the enemy, fighting for each street intersection, amid a flood of front line reports of Japanese atrocities matching the rape of Nanking.

The Americans had to move carefully so as not to kill civilians within the Japanese lines. Front line accounts told of the enraged Japanese shooting and bayoneting the unarmed civilians at their mercy.

Fire Sweeps Town
Explosions and flames swept the old Intramuros, the Ermita and Malate districts along the Manila bay shore south of the Pasig river mouth. The devastation, wrought by demolition charges, threatened to equal that which ravaged the Escolta business district north of the river.

The doomed Japanese, holed up primarily in the Intramuros, where some walls are 40 feet thick at the base, were weakened but still fighting. Japanese artillery fire fell off markedly after American big guns poured a deadly barrage into the enemy-held sector Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reach Campus
Troops of Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler's 37th division, bearing the brunt of the house-by-house onslaught, yesterday reached the University of the Philippines campus, a half mile from the high commissioner's residence on the bay front.

The Japanese still held the general hospital nearby, however, and the American position was untenable. The hospital has been converted into one of the enemy's strongest positions.

Associated Press Correspondent Fred Hampson said the enemy was confined to an area about 5000 yards by 2000 yards.

WLB BRINGS OUT DRASTIC WEAPON

By KARL R. BAUMAN
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—The government brought out today a new, drastic weapon for use against defiers of war labor board orders.

Its first use cancelled the war contracts of, and denied priority assistance to, E. A. Laboratories, Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y. The firm manufactures ship landing lights and other electrical equipment.

Denial of priority assistance in these days of scarce materials is a penalty of extreme seriousness. Conceivably it could put a manufacturer out of business.

On the ground that the company had "persistently refused" to comply with WLB orders, Fred M. Vinson, director of economic stabilization, last night directed the army and navy to cancel "all contracts with this employer as rapidly as possible."

Vinson acted under executive order No. 9370 which empowers him to issue "such directives as he may deem necessary" in connection with the enforcement of WLB orders.

This he described as the "other weapon in our arsenal," the other being government seizure.

Indicating the government may use the seizure procedure less sparingly in the future than in the Montgomery Ward and other cases, Vinson called government possession and operation (Continued on Page Two)

Allies Regain Ground in Italy

ROME, Feb. 15 (AP)—German infiltration tactics drove back American outposts on the Tyrrhenian coastal sector of the Italian front and a Nazi raid in the Serchio valley forced another slight withdrawal but the ground later was regained, allied headquarters announced today.

Describing the Tyrrhenian action, the official report said: "Between Strettoia and Seravezza our outposts moved back a short distance after enemy forces infiltrated our lines and also launched a raid about 500 yards east of Strettoia."

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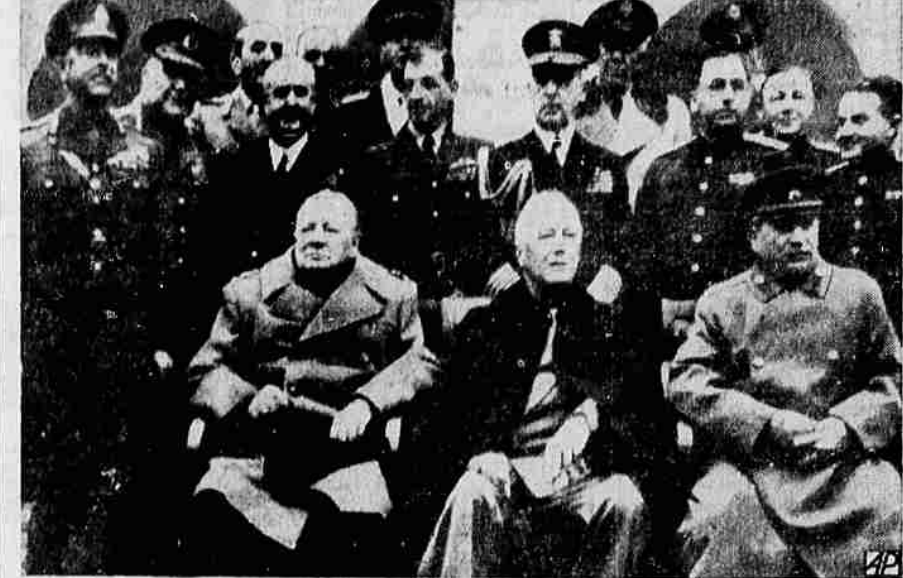
Uruguay Declares War on Axis

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 15 (AP)—The Uruguayan government decided today to declare war on the axis.

There have been indications that Venezuela will follow suit, leaving Argentina the only South American country not at war with Germany and Japan.

Today's Uruguayan decision was made by the cabinet and president, and now goes to parliament for ratification.

Allied Leaders At Big Three Meeting



Gathered at Livadia palace during the "Big Three conference at Yalta, Crimea, are: (seated, left-right) Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt, Premier Stalin; (standing, left to right) Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Gen. Sir Hastings Ismay, Admiral Ernest King, Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Admiral William Leahy, Gen. George Marshall and Russian delegates. This is an official British photo sent by radio from London. (AP Wirephoto).

Relaxation of Italian Armistice Terms, Query Into French Relief Loom

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Some relaxation of Italian armistice terms and a possible inquiry by President Roosevelt into arrangements for the relief of French civilians were indicated today by continental dispatches.

The best available information in Paris was that Mr. Roosevelt had not yet reached France, although a Paris broadcast said the president, on his way back from the Crimean conference, was reported by the Marseille press "to have made a short stay" at Marseille.

Expected in Italy
President Roosevelt was expected to visit Italy on his return trip and arrangements to receive him also have been made both by the French government and by allied headquarters, said a news story passed by allied censorship from Paris last night.

The dispatch, by AP Bureau Chief Edward Kennedy, said "one of the war's greatest scandals may come out" in connection with French relief if the president visited France. He said high-ranking administration officials and army officers had been summoned to be prepared to meet the president.

"Judging from this," it was added, "the president may intend to inquire into the problem of the relief of the French civilian population. It is reported that White House directives for more of this relief have not been fulfilled."

In Washington, OWI Director (Continued on Page Two)

HOUSE KILLS TAX BOOST ON POWER

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Feb. 13 (AP)—The proposal to boost the tax on gross income of municipal power systems from 3 to 9 per cent was killed unanimously by the house today, while the senate sent to the house by a 20 to 6 vote a memorial asking congress to approve a proposed constitutional amendment limiting the president to two four-year terms.

The house public welfare commission recommended passage of a bill to remove the \$40 monthly old age pension ceiling, the bill to be considered by the house tomorrow, with (Continued on Page Two)

Demos Win First Test on Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Democrats barely won their first house test today on the so-called "baloney" bill, key to confirmation of Henry A. Wallace as secretary of a trimmed-down commerce department.

The house voted 202 to 192 to proceed with consideration of the bill to rip the multi-billion dollar RFC out of the commerce office prior to a senate vote on Wallace's confirmation.

Two minor party members joined 200 democrats on the test vote while 18 democrats aligned with 174 republicans in opposition.

Even while this great armada of more than 1100 Fortresses and Liberators with 450 fighter (Continued on Page Two)

Blonde Denies Multiple Husbands, Dyeing Tresses

PORTLAND, Feb. 15 (AP)—Vilma Suberly, the petite blonde the federal government accused of multiple husbands, denied everything today, including an FBI insinuation that she dyes her hair.

She grew rather talkative in county jail while awaiting hearing on removal to Sacramento, Calif., where she was indicted on a charge of illegally obtaining \$4600 in dependents' allotments.

"Eight marriages they say—five sailors, a soldier, two civilians. She lifted her shoulders. "Am I that good looking a girl? I only had one husband. I married another but when a guy dies he is dead, isn't he? And I'm never going to marry again."

Small Woman
She's a small girl, with a small mouth and speaks rather quietly, if rapidly. She took issue with the FBI hint that she has as many changes in color of her hair as she allegedly does in husbands.

"That's another lie," she protested. "Look at my hair. It's like corn silk. If they can get anyone to prove it was ever black, or red, I'll holler: 'Guilty, here I come!'"

Charges "Baloney"
She said FBI charges against her are "baloney," that an FBI agent had a grudge against her and that if she sees him again she'll "tell him what he is—from the top of his head to the tip of his toes."

"He went into my postoffice box," she said glumly. "Can I help it if other people get mail in my box? I'm not guilty and I'll prove it. If I have the right judge, I'll never be before a jury."

"They may stick me—but the only thing they can stick me on is that I didn't pay an income tax last year."

"Don't believe that stuff about my being in Oregon only a year. I've been here two years and I can prove it. I was here during the flood and I know just how high that water got."

Almost shyly, the hazel-eyed blonde, who says she is only 25, declared she had been in love only once and that she doesn't think a great deal of marriage.

Record Size Tree Felled by WTC

LONGVIEW, Wash., Feb. 15 (AP)—A special logging train left the Weyerhaeuser camp today with 11 sections of log cut from "the big one," largest tree ever felled by the company.

The logs contain 71,541 board feet with the butt log measuring 11 feet in diameter and weighing 80,000 pounds. When the tree was felled in Mount St. Helens area last fall it was 256 feet long.

A count of rings in the stump showed the tree started growing about the year 1265 A. D., and was 227 years old when Columbus discovered America, a company spokesman said.

Juvenile Makes Brief Escape
A 14-year-old girl gained several hours of freedom Wednesday night when she tied several bedspreads together and slid from the second story of the Klamath county health unit to the ground. The juvenile court authorities who were holding her for a medical examination.

The juvenile escaped at 7:30 p.m. and was picked up at midnight in a Merrill hotel in company of a sailor from the Klamath naval air station. The girl, who was in custody of the juvenile patrol and is being held at the air station pending further investigation.

Handrickson said the girl was examined by Dr. Peter H. Handrickson, Klamath county health officer, when she escaped. She fled from the Main Street officers and they proceeded to Merrill. She told state officials she was on route to California. At the present time the girl is at the juvenile hospital at the infirmary.