

THREAT BREAKS THROUGH NAZI LINES

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OS BREAK THROUGH FOR 44-MILE GAIN

Aims At Cutting Off Danzig From Germany

RICHARD KASIBCHKE LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The army has broken through 44 miles in a drive through Poland and captured Bublitz and Stettin from the Balte. Stalin announced to push by the second White army, aimed at cutting Danzig and Gdynia from Poland. Also toppled the Polish government in Lublin, Hammerstein and Gdynia. Stalin said in an order to reach Rummelsburg. German high command also ordered the Russians to advance east of Bublitz and 30 miles from the Baltic coast. A new Russian push struck westward from fallen Poland. Berlin broadcast said the Germans had forged even beyond Rummelsburg on the military front running 31 miles north of Danzig. Communications junctions 11 miles east of Danzig. The Russians had thrown the Neisse 50 to 60 miles southeast of Danzig (Continued on Page Two)

MEMBERS FEINT BLOW ON BERLIN

LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP)—A fleet of 1100 American bombers attacked Berlin from the northwest. The bombers still burned from the day's record blow then they moved south today and pounded the big railroad centers at Magdeburg and Halle. A giant bomber train, probably 700 long-range fighters stretched for 150 miles as it headed for the targets 90 to 100 miles southwest of Berlin. Fleets of probably 750 heavy bombers struck the city center of Mainz on the left bank, and a benzol plant near Gelsenkirchen late afternoon. The U. S. 15th Air Force, through intense flak, had 30 miles northwest of Mainz. Augsburg is a junction of the Danube and the Rhine. Stuttgart and Switzerland. Sounding Thunderbolts from strafed rail lines in southern Austria. It was the 15th consecutive of ruinous aerial blows on Berlin.

Increase Eyed Gold Price

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The price of gold is expected to increase from \$35 to \$36 an ounce introduced today after the Federal Reserve board proposed to raise the gold reserve ration per cent. Legislation was sponsored by Senator McFarland (D-Ariz.) and Congressman (D-Nev.). The price of gold is added to \$5 per ounce it will be the same expansion of the reserve notes as decrease the reserve ration to 25 per cent, the Federal Reserve board said in a statement. The price of gold is added to \$5 per ounce it will be the same expansion of the reserve notes as decrease the reserve ration to 25 per cent, the Federal Reserve board said in a statement.

Western Hemisphere Frontier Plan Sidetracked by U. S. Group

NORMAL CARRIGAN WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The United States today sided at the last minute a recommendation for an inter-American treaty guaranteeing hemispheric frontiers and providing for the use of force against aggression. The declaration of Chapultepec, put before the third inter-American conference at the conference here. It was acclaimed by members of the committee just before the vote was taken. The United States until tomorrow because of a plan which would have been before the delegates of the conference. It is a combination of proposals put forward by Colombia and Brazil. The plan is an iron-bound system against aggression in this continent even more far-reaching than Dumbarton Oaks for the world. The Argentine problem projected itself into the inter-American conference again today but despite apparently encouraging statements from Buenos Aires, the conference continued to leave the situation up to the Farrell regime. The latest move was an interview statement by Argentine Vice President Juan Peron yesterday declaring Argentina's desire to reestablish cordial relations with the United States. He also indicated his support of holding elections in Argentina in which the former political parties would be allowed to participate. The two statements appeared to be Argentina's tentative answer to certain solutions advanced by some of the delegates here for settling the issue.

Carrier Aircraft Scores Two Plane Plants, 5 Vessels

By ELMONT WAITE U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 27 (AP)—Carrier aircraft of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's forces heavily damaged two Japanese aircraft factories, destroyed or damaged 233 planes and sank five small enemy vessels in strikes at the Japanese capital and Hachijo Jima, 175 miles to the south, Sunday and Monday. Faced only by light opposition, although flying under "extremely adverse" weather conditions, the attacking force lost nine planes and suffered slight damage to two of the fleet's lighter units while withdrawing from the action, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced. Five of the pilots of the downed American planes were saved. Nimitz gave no indication of the size of the air force making Sunday's raids although Japanese reports have varied from 600 to 1800 planes. Primary targets of the Tokyo strike were the Nakajima aircraft plants at Ota, 50 miles northwest of Tokyo, and Kaizumi, three miles away. The Ota plant has been 75 per cent destroyed as a result of this attack and B-29 raids, Nimitz reported. Fifteen per cent of the remainder was damaged. The Kaizumi factory was described as "heavily damaged."

A total of 158 enemy planes were destroyed, 37 shot from the air, and 75 damaged on the ground, as pilots hit at ground installations, hangars and airfields in the two-day strike. In addition, five small enemy vessels were reported as sunk and 26 others probably sunk or destroyed in the Tokyo area. The two aircraft factories constitute an extremely important part of Japan's airplane industry. And the damage suffered should be a severe blow to Japanese productive capacity. Hachijo Jima, which belongs to the Izu island chain, is situated almost directly athwart the air route from the Marianas to the industrial area of Tokyo. Since Pearl Harbor, the Japanese have developed the island for aviation purposes, expanding one air strip and constructing others.

GREAT POWERS PREPARED FOR NAZI COLLAPSE

By JAMES F. KING LONDON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today the great powers were prepared for the collapse of Germany, asserted the proposed Polish frontier would "not sow the seeds of future wars," and gave his personal assurance of Russia's good faith in plans for the peace. The British leader demanded a vote of confidence from commons on the Crimea plans for a peaceful world, challenging particularly those who have criticized the Polish decisions. Urges Surrender He promised drastic and effective steps "to render offensive action by Germany utterly impossible for generations to come," and called on Germany again to surrender. Churchill said the United States would play "a vitally important part" in a new, far-reaching world security league "which will not shrink from establishing its will against the evil-doer" by force of arms.

TAX INVESTIGATION PASSED BY HOUSE

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Feb. 27 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell's requested tax investigation resolution, so changed in form that the governor is not expected to approve it, was passed by the house 47 to 9 today, and sent back to the senate for concurrence in house amendments. After the senate originally had defeated it, the governor persuaded the senate to pass it, including a provision to let the 15-man tax study interim committee hire a firm of nationally-recognized tax experts. But the house deleted the provision for the tax experts, but allowed employment of assistants. After the senate finally did (Continued on Page Two)

Group Approves Deficiency Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—A \$2,463,177,125 deficiency supply bill, more than two-thirds of it for the navy, was approved today by the house appropriations committee. It makes up deficiencies in funds previously supplied miscellaneous agencies for the fiscal year ending next June 30. In addition it finances a stepped-up veterans' placement program contemplating an army discharge rate of from 200,000 to 250,000 men a month after Germany's defeat.

George Carnes Killed in Action

S/Sgt. George T. Carnes, 25, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Carnes of Klamath Falls who was previously reported missing in action, was killed January 20 in Belgium, according to information received from the war department. He lived in Klamath Falls before induction into the armed forces at 236 E. Main and was a former resident of Bonanza. He has three brothers in the service, Hester in the navy, and Orland and Raymond in the army. All are serving overseas.



S/Sgt. George Carnes

Seizure of Iwo Expected Soon by Marine General

By ELMONT WAITE U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 27 (AP)—Capture of Iwo Jima "in a few more days" was predicted today by Lt. Gen. Holland M. (Howlin' Mad) Smith after his marines won a critically important hill in the central plateau during a 400-yard advance through probably the heaviest fire of the bitter campaign. As American planes flew from Iwo's main airfield for the first time, the top marine commander in the Pacific told newsmen that heavy fighting was ahead of the devildogs on northern Iwo but "we expect to take this island in a few more days." The general estimated that almost half of the five-mile-long island was in American hands at the start of the second week of the fiercest battle of the Pacific war. "I consider that progress is satisfactory," General Smith said. The marine commander reported the Yanks were becoming more battlewise "and casualties are relatively smaller each day."



In what was described as a "virtual breakthrough" of German lines, army troops pushed to the Erft river, near the Ruhr industrial basin, and poured down shells on Cologne from positions 10 1/2 miles distant.

MacArthur Reestablishes Manila Government; Verde Island Invaded by Yanks

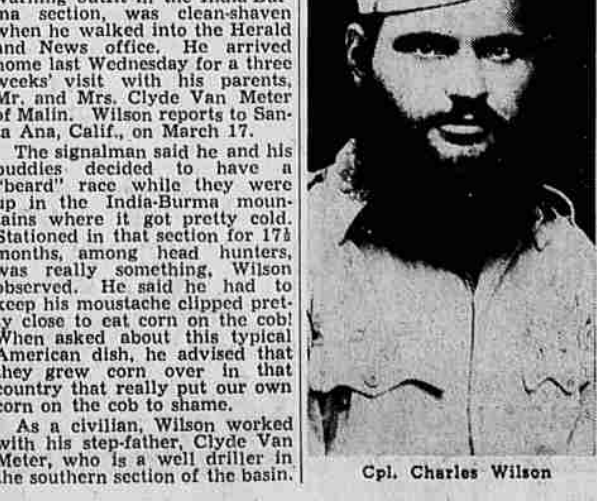
By JAMES HUTCHESON MANILA, Feb. 27 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, with a catch in his voice and tears in his eyes, today named the war-ravaged city of Manila as democracy's citadel in the east during impressive ceremonies at Malacanang palace marking reestablishment of the commonwealth government. While the general spoke in solemn voice with taut, grim face his soldiers, operating 70 miles southward, invaded another island to clear the shortest shipping lane between the United States and Manila.

Johnson Asks Jap Sterilization

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Rep. Johnson (D-Okla.) has proposed that congress authorize the sterilization of Japanese aliens held in U. S. segregation camps. His suggestion—in emphatic words—became public today in testimony released by the house appropriations committee considering the resettlement of enemy aliens. "I will say for the record—and I want to be sure that it says on the record—that we should make an appropriation to sterilize the whole outfit," Johnson told his fellow committee members.

Beard Race Results in This Show of Hirsute Elegance

This is the way Cpl. Charles Wilson looked while serving in the India-Burma theater of war, and it took him 8 1/2 months to grow this fine chest-length bit of hirsute elegance.



Cpl. Charles Wilson

NO VIOLATIONS OF CURFEW REPORTED

No reports of violations of the midnight curfew law, which went into effect throughout the nation last night, were forthcoming here, according to Jack Almeter, office manager of the U. S. employment service in Klamath Falls. Nothing but food will be served after midnight in any Oregon restaurant or other establishment and no coin operated or other amusement devices can be played after that hour, according to a telegram just received by Almeter from L. C. Stoll, state manpower director.

Enforcement of the new curfew regulation will be handled jointly by city, county and state police forces and the federal agencies in accordance with a cooperative agreement between Mayor Ed Ostendorf, Sheriff L. L. Low and Almeter. Existing law enforcement officials will report violations to the local police manager, who will investigate to determine whether the non-compliance of the operator has been willful. If so, Almeter is authorized to reduce the violator's employment ceiling to an absolute maintenance minimum.

Failure on the part of the non-complying operator to reduce his labor force to the specified minimum would result in further penalties invoked by the USES-WMC staffs in cooperation with other federal agencies such as the war production board. These penalties or sanctions could be the denial of operating essentials such as materials and power. Affected by the WMC directive are night clubs, sports arenas, theatres, dance halls, road houses, bars, shooting galleries, bowling alleys, billiard and pool halls, carnivals, circuses, places with coin operated amusement devices, ice and roller rinks, entertainment activities of such organizations as yacht and country clubs, dance studios and dance schools and gambling establishments.

This includes all private, as well as public clubs, Almeter said in a statement made this afternoon, including the Elks club, Moose club, etc. The only exemptions are those restaurants serving nothing but food, and entertainments for military personnel sponsored by responsible agencies, such as the USO, under a non-profit basis, he concluded.

City Engineers To Visit Here

Eleven city engineers, accompanied by Associate Professor Fred Merryfield of Oregon State college and Kenneth A. Spears, state sanitary engineer, will visit Klamath Falls Wednesday and Thursday for an inspection of sewage disposal plants in this area. The visitors will arrive at 4 p. m. Wednesday. The chamber of commerce and the city are jointly sponsoring a dinner in their honor at the Willard hotel Wednesday evening.

Chester Ferguson Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ferguson of Tennyson, Calif., have been informed by the war department that their son, Chester C. Ferguson, was killed in action on Luzon, the Philippines, on January 24. "Clair," as young Ferguson was known to his many friends, was born April 7, 1924, in Cascade, Ida. He attended public school in Klamath county and high school at Tennyson. He enlisted in the United States army, June 23, 1943, and received his training at Camp Roberts, Calif., going overseas in December, 1943. "Clair" was a volunteer with the assault troops of the anti-tank division, 169th Infantry, 43rd division, which participated in the invasion of Luzon. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Robert and Gadois, who recently enlisted in the Seabees, and Richard Ferguson of Seattle, Wash.

Decrease Planned In Clothes Cost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles told congress today he hoped to bring down prices of clothing 6 to 7 per cent by next August. "They are at the top of our order of business," he testified before the senate banking committee. "It is here that we have had our most dangerous increase in living costs since the hold the line order became effective."

PUSH CARRIES NEAR EDGE OF RUHR SECTOR

Towns Taken In Huge Offense On Germany

By JAMES M. LONG PARIS, Feb. 27 (AP)—The American ninth army broke clear through German defenses before the Rhine today in a wide open advance of more than ten miles which carried to the banks of the Erft river and almost to the edge of the Ruhr industrial basin. U. S. first army tanks blasted their way to within nine miles of Cologne and almost reached the Erft in their sector where the river forms the last water barrier before the great but ruined metropolis.

Morken Captured Ninth army troops captured Morken of the RFT, 15 miles southwest of Duesseldorf, and nearby Konigshoven. The coup badly outflanked Muenchen Bladbach on the south, Rhein-dahlen, 24 miles from Muenchen Gladbach, was taken after a tank encounter.

The whole ninth army front rolled forward toward the Ruhr, greatest arsenal region in Europe, in advances so swift and impetuous that the Germans were described officially as in "extreme confusion."

Fail to Halt Drive The Germans strove desperately to arrest the headlong drive of the first army toward Cologne, greatest of the Rhineland cities and the southwestern gateway to the Ruhr. They rushed tanks across the Erft and engaged American armor in tank to tank battles, but they failed to halt the German drive. Canadian and British troops to the north broke the Hochwald line where the Germans have their last defenses before the northwest corner of the Ruhr.

The offensive in the northern (Continued on Page Two)

Naval Facility Expansion Set

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Expansion of several inland naval training facilities in the west is contemplated by the navy, it was made known today. Listed in hearings on the first 1945 deficiency appropriation bill, are seven stations in western states which Capt. E. H. Hillenkoetter, director of planning and control, said are included in the navy's expansion program. He listed the Marine Barracks at Klamath Falls, Ore.; the naval air stations at Klamath Falls, Fallon, Nev. and North Bend, Ore.; the naval air station at Pasco, Wash., and facilities at Saffron area and Mojave, Calif. He did not discuss the type of expansion contemplated.

Chevron Sewing Ceiling Set

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The two-bit ceiling established in San Diego, Calif., last May for sewing chevrons on a service man's blouse was extended by the office of price administration today to other military centers on the Pacific coast. The action, effective March 3, establishes dollar and cents prices for various tailoring operations, exclusive of alterations made when the garments are purchased.

For sailor blue uniforms there are 25 listed ceilings, ranging from 25 cents for machine sewing of new stars on the uniform to \$5 for changing unders jumpers to dress jumpers where all necessary operations are performed. For marine corps and army enlisted men's uniforms there are 24 listed ceilings, ranging from 25 cents for sewing on chevrons to \$2.50 for shortening a marine dress coat. The ceilings will be applicable in Klamath county.

Aide to FDR Dies at Sea

ABOARD PRESIDENTIAL CRUISER IN THE ATLANTIC, Feb. 20 (AP) (Delayed)—Mr. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, the aide who made President Roosevelt's official appointments, died at sea today on the way home from the Crimea conference. General Watson was 61. A cerebral hemorrhage caused the death of the presidential secretary and military aide. Expressing his great personal sorrow at the loss of a "close friend and associate," Mr. Roosevelt said it was Watson's "sense of duty and determination to see the war through that made him insist on taking this trip with me."