

TANKS, CANNUCKS JOIN FORCES

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Weather News

Max. (March 2)	43	Min.	28
Precipitation last 24 hours	.03		
Stream year to date	5.11		
Normal	8.17	year	5.18

Forecast: Slightly warmer.

Marines 600 Yards From Cutting Last Jap Pillbox Line

By LEIF ERICKSON

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, March 3 (AP)—Only 600 yards from cutting the last stand for the Japanese.

It was a rugged stretch, by anybody's definition. It sloped irregularly downward to the sea, and they no longer will have the advantage of connecting strongpoints.

The Japanese back up beyond the cliff they will be in the open, between the devil and the sea, and they no longer will have the advantage of connecting strongpoints.

Fourth marines, on the flank of the third, also advanced a little after being stopped for five by ferocious enemy fire.

No fire reported significant feature of today's communication was the absence of any reference to enemy fire.

Communication also reported count of 7127 enemy dead in four days. There have been no American reports on losses since February 23, a communication said the enemy casualties as of 6 p. m. February 21, were 644.

Field nearly ready leathernecks soon may the aid of land-based planes. Engineers have captured in the early stage of the invasion, almost ready to be used.

Carrier and land planes, later from the Marianas, neutralized attacks on the islands, north of two, and navy search planes bombed Japanese-held island, in mid-Pacific, the day.

Act of Chapultepec, modified by the United States from original document combining the United States, Uruguay and Brazil, was approved by the commission on Inter-American Affairs.

Passage a formality session by the conference in session is now a formality. All 20 nations participating are represented on the conference.

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Model For Monument?



This picture showing 28th regiment marines hoisting the American flag atop Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, was proposed as the model for a monument in congress by Rep. Hendricks, (D-Fla.) He introduced a bill authorizing the erection of a monument as a tribute to the "heroic action of the marine corps as typified by the marines . . . in this photo." The picture was taken by Joe Rosenthal and distributed through the wartime still picture pool.

Carrier Raid Destroys 55 Jap Ships, 11 Nip Planes

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, March 3 (AP)—American carrier planes swept across the Ryukyu islands virtually unopposed Thursday, destroying or damaging 55 Japanese ships and 11 planes, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

That night a task force from Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's fifth fleet followed up the daylight raid with a night-long bombardment of Okino Daito, 210 miles east of the main Ryukyu chain which guards the approaches to southern Japan and the China coast.

Bombarding warships were only 350 miles south of Japan, the closest announced approach to the enemy mainland in a naval gun attack on shore objectives.

Nimitz said 13 enemy vessels were sunk, 13 probably sunk and 29 damaged. 41 Planes Destroyed

Forty-one Japanese planes were definitely destroyed and 50 others either demolished or damaged on the ground. Only four of the total were shot down in the air and American pilots had to chase Japanese planes to bring them down.

The attack cost the raiders eight airmen and 13 planes. Airfields, barracks, warehouses, radio, radar, mills and lumber yards were destroyed in the sweep over six islands in the center of the chain.

Okinawa Center of Raid The attack centered around Okinawa, frequently hit by Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's fast carrier forces and now almost a daily target of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's land-based bombers from the Philippines.

MacArthur's Saturday communique told of sinking five small freighters off Okinawa and leaving another five in flames.

Treaties to Be Submitted To Senate on Peace Plans

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) President Roosevelt, as a result of Crimean conference decisions, will submit to the senate six or more treaties relating to the general problems of shaping and preserving the peace.

Three principal treaties will deal with establishing the post-war world security organization. At least three more will concern the liquidation of the European and Pacific wars.

Projected in Report The subject of treaties was prominently projected by Mr. Roosevelt in his report to congress on the Yalta meeting. The chief executive said various treaties will be submitted for ratification but he specifically mentioned only one—that dealing with the world security organization.

SOVIETS CUT GERMAN LINES; ISOLATE ARMY

Reds Battle Within Sight of Baltic Sea

By JAMES F. KING LONDON, March 3 (AP)—Second White Russian army tanks have severed communications between Danzig and Stettin, isolating the German troops being backed against the Baltic in eastern Pomerania, the "Polish corridor," and the Danzig territory, the Berlin radio said today.

The Russians were fighting within sight of the Baltic at three places and have captured Rummelsburg and Pollnow in eastern Pomerania, Premier Marshal Stalin announced.

Both towns are at the base of the Russian wedge. Pollnow is 16 miles south of Schwawe and 20 miles southeast of Kooslin and Rummelsburg is 14 miles southeast of Pollnow. Pollnow is the farthest northwestern penetration officially announced by Moscow.

Moscow clothed in a security blackout the exact extent of the soviet penetration northward in Pomerania, but AP Correspondent Eddy Gilmore said in a dispatch from the Russian capital that Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's wedge driven between Rummelsburg and Bublitz southeast of Kooslin "has broken the German's line as a line."

By German account, Russian armored spearheads cut across the Danzig-Stettin communications east of Dossin, seven miles from the Baltic coast.

Moscow has not confirmed this report nor a German statement that the Russians were in the outskirts of Kooslin.

By enemy accounts Russian attempts to widen their wedge were repulsed in wild hand-to-hand fighting while Moscow dispatches said Rokossovsky, when he had driven his wedge as far as he needed it, turned his attention to the flanks.

Massacre of 150 Yanks Announced

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S March 3 (AP)—The massacre of 150 American war prisoners by the Japanese constabulary at Puerto Princesa, Palawan island, was officially announced tonight by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

In a special press release the general said "additional evidence" had been uncovered by the Yank 41st infantry division that the Puerto Princesa prison camp substantiated stories that the Japanese threw gasoline in on the helpless Americans, ignited it and then machine-gunned or bayoneted any who tried to flee.

British Dock Workers Strike

LONDON, March 3 (AP)—British troops were sent into the port of London today to restore the flow of war supplies to the western front as a strike of 7000 dock workers and stevedores continued to paralyze virtually the whole waterfront.

The war office announced that 150 British soldiers had been sent into the dock area and said 400 more would take over dock duties early next week if the strike continued.

Meanwhile, the national labor corporation said the strike had extended to cold storage depots at Smithfield and Blackfriars which might affect meat supplies.

Hunting, Fishing on All Indian Lands Eyed in Bill

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP) A bill to regulate hunting and fishing on all Indian lands is expected in congress shortly.

Nazis Down Bridges On Rhine River

PARIS, March 3 (AP)—U. S. troops fought to a new Rhine stand today at Uerdingen and joined forces with the Canadian first army, forming a solid allied front west of the river.

Ten miles farther south the Germans blew all the Rhine bridges in the Duesseldorf area. Americans entered Uerdingen, just northeast of fallen Krefeld, and were fighting on the approaches to the fine superhighway bridge there.

The Canadian-American juncture apparently trapped sizeable portions of two German armies. RAF pilots spotted German formations in headlong, disorderly flight eastward toward the Rhine. The Uerdingen highway leads on to the big port of Duisburg. Farther north another U. S. division was within eight miles of the Homberg bridge near Duisburg.

Farther south the U. S. first army struck to within four miles of Cologne, fourth city of the reich, by reaching Poulheim, and was within 12 miles of Bonn.

Two American armies and the Canadian army now had a solid front from Zanten near the lower Rhine bend to Bonn, showing Germans in pell-mell retreat across the river.

The ninth army pushed forward six miles today to link with the Canadian forces. Give Up Front

Russ Munro, Canadian Press correspondent, said the Germans had given up the entire western sector facing the Canadian army front.

Ninth army men held a six mile stretch on the Rhine's west bank at and near Neuss opposite Duesseldorf where the bridges were destroyed.

Disorderly Flight The German retreat in face of swift allied advances lost all semblance of order, and enemy troops were frantically attempting to scurry across the Rhine by ferries, small boats and a few bridges in a life or death race to escape, a front dispatch said.

The Canadians and Americans joined on a road between Geldern and Kevelaer. One Berlin broadcast declared the allies had not succeeded in destroying the two German armies—the 15th and the first parachute army—between Zanten and Cologne.

Rhine Crossed There were entirely unconfirmed reports that some U. S. units already had crossed the Rhine. Bridges in the Duesseldorf area were wrecked as the ninth army swept up to the river.

The spans, including the Neuss bridge built with loans from allied countries in 1929, were sent crashing down to halt the American ninth army surge at the Rhine, but their destruction hampered escape of German remnants rolled up in the victorious battle west of the great river.

The bridges were demolished late last night and early today, AP Correspondent Wes Gallagher wireless.

A Berlin broadcast this afternoon said bitter fighting was raging near Neuss "for the bridge across the Rhine." Captured Neuss is the western bank suburb of shell-wrecked Duesseldorf.

Senate to Vote Tuesday on Bill For New District

SALEM, March 3 (AP)—The senate voted 19 to 10 today to consider at 2:15 p. m. next Tuesday Klamath county's senatorial reapportionment bill.

The bill was on the calendar for final passage today, but Sen. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, author of the bill, made the motion to postpone consideration because Sen. Earl T. Newberry, Ashland, was absent.

Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, whose Morrow-Umatilla-Union district would be eliminated by the bill, opposed the motion to postpone.

"This bill ought to be considered today, when we have a light calendar," Ellis said. "It is a bill to cheat me out of my seat, and I want to clear it up and get it over with. This bill has been held over my head all week."

Planes Batter German Targets

LONDON, March 3 (AP)—While allied divebombers were mauling the Germans along the Rhine, more than 1800 U. S. eighth air force planes flew into central and southeastern Germany for the third straight day and battered more than a dozen rail, oil and industrial targets essential to the Nazi war machine.

This great fleet, including 1100 heavy bombers, first gave Berlin another scare, then swung south over the Brunswick-Magdeburg region where 103 Nazi planes were destroyed yesterday.

The targets included three factories at Brunswick where Panther tanks, trucks and oil refinery equipment are produced; four small oil refineries northeast of Brunswick; large synthetic oil plants at Rottensand, a suburb of Magdeburg; Ruhland, 27 miles north of Dresse, and Misburg near Hannover.

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