

# COLOGNE FALLS TO FIRST ARMY

## Herald and News

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### Weather News

March 6, 1945  
 Max. (March 5) 40 Min. 25  
 Precipitation last 24 hours Trace  
 Stream year to date 8.95  
 Normal 8.29 Last year 5.79  
 Forecast: Little change in temperature.

## 3rd Spurts 25 Miles in New Attack

By JAMES M. LONG  
 PARIS, March 6 (AP)—The U. S. first army captured cathedral-spined Cologne today, and south of that great communications and industrial center the American third army spurred 25 miles in a sudden breakthrough to within 20 miles of the Rhine in the Coblenz area.

Fall of Cologne was announced officially tonight.

American first army tanks and troops fought past the famous cathedral in Cologne, Germany's fourth city, and a front dispatch declared "Cologne for all military purposes has fallen."

Germans retreated south from Cologne along a corridor to Bonn.

The third army tanks broke out of their Kyll river bridgehead farther south yesterday morning and in 30 hours raced 25 miles, or more than half way the distance to the Rhine. They were meeting "only medium resistance" in the push to the river in this sector. More than 1500 Germans, including a corps commander, were captured.

American troops had driven to the Rhine all along a line north of Cologne except for a bend in the river south of Dueseldorf, and captured the Ford motor plant just north of the city.

In Cologne, greatest prize yet taken in Germany by the western allies, only a knot of resistance was left in the main part of the city. Infantry and armored columns were driving against it.

## Blast Rocks Vancouver

### Marines Poise Clincher Blow At Iwo Enemy

By VERN HAUGLAND  
 U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, March 6 (AP)—The clincher blow in the savage 18-day-old battle for Iwo Jima, where more than 2000 marines have died while killing more than 12,000 Japanese, was poised today—grown in power by supplies pouring ashore on the east and west coasts.

There were no appreciable changes in the lines yesterday as the leathernecks, holding more than two-thirds of the eight-square-mile island, built up their positions for a grand scale assault on the rocky defense-studded north end.

In Washington yesterday, Navy Secretary Forrestal disclosed on his return from a visit to Iwo that 2050 marines have been killed, adding the loss was not out of proportion to the importance of taking the island. It is needed to put American fighter planes and Liberator bombers within range of Japan.

Forrestal gave no figures for wounded and missing. The last official figure supplied by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz covered casualties for the first three days. The figures included 644 killed, 4198 wounded and 560 missing, although some of the missing since have been located.

Both Forrestal and Nimitz have given the incomplete count of Japanese dead found inside American lines at more than 12,500. Other enemy dead are known to be buried under smashed pillboxes. Still others are behind the Japanese lines, a dwindling area which has been shelled by fifth fleet warships, pounded by marine artillery and bombed by planes.

### SHIP EXPLODES; SEVERAL MEN THOUGHT DEAD

Freighter Blows Up With 150 Aboard At Docks

VANCOUVER, March 6 (CP)—Several men were believed killed and scores injured at noon today when four heavy blasts shook a ship at the Canadian Pacific railway docks near Vancouver's downtown business district.

The Vancouver Sun said it learned about 150 men were aboard the vessel, the S. S. Greenhill Park, a 10,000-ton freighter, when the explosions occurred.

Others Feared

About 45 minutes after the blast the ship, operated by the Dominion government-owned Park Steamships limited, was towed into Burrard inlet and it was reported there were fears there might be further blasts if flames reached other holds.

Michael Giraud, Canadian Press reporter, said that a guard told him that several men were still trapped in the vessel including the chief and chief engineer. He added it was not known immediately how many were still in the ship.



First army troops today completed the capture of Cologne, Germany's fourth largest city, as the news blackout on third army action was raised to report a 25-mile advance in a sudden breakthrough.

### RUSSIANS SMASH TO BALTIC SEA

By RICHARD KASIBCHKE  
 LONDON, March 6 (AP)—Russian troops smashed to the Baltic at the eastern end of Stettin bay today, seizing Cammin and five other towns in overrunning a large area northeast of Stettin, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

Cammin is on Stettin bay, 37 miles northeast of Stettin, and 21 miles across water and islands from Siniemuende, the U-boat base controlling the entrance to the bay.

Coastal Control

This surge gave the first and second White Russian armies virtual control over nearly 85 miles of the Baltic coast, securing the flank for a drive on Berlin.

Berlin said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's first White Russian army also had reached the Oder near Greifenhagen, 11 miles south of Stettin, whose suburbs were exploding under Russian heavy artillery.

Towns Taken

Stalin announced the capture of Cammin, Greifenberg, 17 miles to the southeast, and Belgard, Treptow, Guelzon and Plathe.

In an earlier order, he proclaimed the seizure of Grudziadz, surrounded Polish corridor city 55 miles south of Danzig, and 5000 prisoners by Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's second White Russian army.

### SIX JAP DIVISIONS DESTROYED BY U. S.

By JAMES HUTCHESON  
 MANILA, March 6 (AP)—Destruction of six of the 10 Japanese divisions on Luzon island was announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who said the really bottled-up in the mountains, were under continuous attack and "their position is critical."

Six Japanese divisions could number close to 100,000 men, 225,000 dead.

More than 125,000 Japanese have been killed on bloody Leyte island, south of Luzon, making a total for these two islands alone of 225,000 dead Japanese troops, including some of the empire's best.

MacArthur, reporting gains on all Luzon fronts and effective air strikes against Formosa and China coast shipping, said that on Luzon "the equivalent of six divisions, with supporting elements, have been destroyed, to (Continued on Page Two)

### France May Be Rallying Point for Small Nations

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
 Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP)—France may become a rallying point for smaller nations seeking to make major changes in the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world organization.

Many diplomatic authorities regard this as the most significant development likely to result from the failure of Gen. Charles De Gaulle's government to join with the United States, Britain, Russia and China in sponsoring invitations to the April 25 San Francisco conference.

Controversy Looms

It already is apparent that there will be considerable controversy at the conference over the powers of the small and middle-size countries in relation to the great nations which would have a dominating position in the proposed world security council.

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### Todd Submits Low Housing Bid

Todd Construction company of Roseburg, with an offer of \$149,000, was low bidder on the 33 Homaja huts to be constructed at the Klamath naval air station, according to Lt. Commander J. F. Fitzgerald, public works officer at the station.

The bid has not yet been awarded but definite word is expected in a few days. The huts, housing 61 families, will rise on a site just to the west of the entrance to the air station, and will be for navy personnel only. Their principal use will be by squadron men and their families.

### Snow Brings Needed Moisture

A steady snowfall throughout Tuesday brought much needed moisture to the Klamath basin and coupled with the trace of precipitation which fell earlier in the week, brought the stream year total closer to the normal figure.

Hills surrounding the city held the snow although the flakes melted rapidly on city streets and sidewalks.

Reports from Lakeview advised that two inches of snow had covered that area and it was still falling. Early this morning one inch of snow was reported at Fort Klamath with a heavier fall in the mountain area to the north.

### Cornett Re-Districting Bill Fails to Pass Senate

SALEM, March 6 (AP)—The senate today (12 to 10) rejected the Klamath county reapportionment bill, by which the county sought to get a senator of its own and to eliminate the district represented by Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton.

The vote was taken after Sen. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, author of the bill, released the 16 votes which had been pledged to support him.

The bill would have split the 17th senatorial district, giving a senator to Klamath county, and one to the other four counties in the district—Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake. Ellis represents the 19th district, which includes Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties.

ONLY BACKER

Cornett was the only speaker for his bill, while those who spoke against it included Sens. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland democrat; Ellis; Ernest R. Fatland, Condon republican; W. H. Strayer, Baker democrat; and Frederick S. Lampert, Salem republican.

Those voting for the bill were Sens. John Carson, Salem; Merle Chessman, Astoria; Cornett; Frank H. Hilton, Portland; Lee Patterson, Portland; Paul L. Patterson, Hillsboro; Dean H. Walker, Independence; Lew Wallace, Portland; William L. Walsh, Marshfield, and President of the Senate Howard C. Bellon.

VOTE AGAINST

All other members of the senate voted against it.

The galleries were packed during the half-hour debate.

Senator Cornett said the purpose of the bill is to "equalize senatorial representation." He denied there is anything personal on his part.

He pointed out the large area and population of his district.

"This bill," Cornett said, "does not impair the senatorial representation of the counties represented by Senator Ellis. It has been unfairly stated that my purpose is to get Ellis out of the senate. I told him in high (Continued on Page Two)

### FLOODS THREATEN RIVER VALLEYS

By The Associated Press

March showed its lionish side today as subzero weather overspread seven midland states and heavy rains sent the Ohio and Mississippi rivers rising threateningly. Scores of families fled to high ground.

The cold wave which began in the northwest yesterday pushed southward and eastward today. Subzero readings were recorded in Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wyoming, Montana, a northwest Iowa, and extreme northern Nebraska. Freezing temperatures reached from lower Michigan, northern Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma into northern Texas.

Bemidji, Minn., had the nation's official low of 35 degrees below zero, in contrast to Jacksonville, Fla., which recorded 91 above yesterday.

Residents of the Ohio valley watched with trepidation as leaden skies poured rain into the swollen Ohio river. In the last 24 hours Cincinnati had 2.97 inches of rain, Evansville, Ind., had 2.60; Louisville, 1.78; Columbus, 1.74; Dayton, 1.54, and Pittsburgh 1.51.

Rain also covered the entire Mississippi valley. St. Louis had 1.12 inches.

### ROMANS CLASH OVER ESCAPE; THREATEN KING

By GEORGE BRIAN  
 ROME, March 6 (AP)—A civilian was killed, another was injured and a British soldier was wounded when Romans waving red flags attempted to attack the royal palace today while Crown Prince Umberto was inside.

Two bombs were thrown and shots were fired in the clash between mounted carabinieri and the crowd near the entrance to Quirinal palace in the midst of an Italian political crisis generated by the escape of an Italian general accused of war crimes.

"Death to King"

Umberto, who as lieutenant general of the realm has taken over the duties of King Vittorio Emanuele, failed to appear during the demonstration, in which the demonstrators shouted "Death to the king."

March on Palace

The crowd, thousands strong, marched from Colosseum square after a mass meeting at which they protested the escape of Gen. Mario Roatta during his trial on war crimes charges.

The escape has brewed a situation in which the government of Premier Ivanoe Bonomi is imperiled, with the possibility that Count Carlo Sforza, once voted for a position in the government by the British, may make a bid for power.

A bomb exploded and the carabinieri fired into the crowd when the marchers surged up to the palace.

A truck and two jeeps loaded with American and British military police arrived on the scene to insure that no allied soldiers became involved.

Just as swarms of Italian (Continued on Page Two)

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By mid-morning today, the first army had won one-third of Cologne, and then smashed on through.

Blacked Out

The third army's surprise stab toward the Rhine had been blacked out for security reasons for 30 hours since it started at 7:30 a. m. yesterday.

Bad roads were delaying the fourth armored division's drive on the approaches to the Rhine. Infantrymen followed it in vehicles of all descriptions because the tanks' pace was so fast, a front dispatch said.

### Vinson Backed By Committee

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt's nomination of Fred M. Vinson as federal loan administrator was approved unanimously today by the senate banking committee.

The committee acted without hearings. Chairman Wagner (D-N.Y.) said the nomination was approved "enthusiastically."

### Wanted --- 75 to 100 Babies

Trend of the times! When the gold runs freely thousands of families throughout the nation cause a veritable run on child-placing agencies hoping to adopt homeless babies.

Klamath county is no exception. County Juvenile Officer Harold Hendrickson said today that between 75 and 100 requests are received annually by his office from would-be parents. In the two and one-half years Hendrickson has been in office, only three children were available for adoption here, and these three came from one family.

In the case of children born out of wedlock, the major portion of whom are born at the Salvation Army White Shield home in Portland, most are kept by the mother or by relatives of the mother, Hendrickson said. Very few are offered for adoption.

Requests for babies are referred to child-placing agencies, the two in Oregon being the Catholic Charities, Inc., and Boys and Girls Aid Society, Portland.

### 125 Pro-Alien Japs Transferred

NEWELL—One hundred and twenty-five men, judged by the department of justice to be dangerous enemy aliens, were transferred late Sunday for an unannounced destination to be placed in an enemy alien internment camp. The group included Shigetoshi Kawabata, president of Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan, and Minoru Hinoki, president of Hokoku Sienan Dan.

The two are pro-Japan society leaders, and were sentenced recently to the project jail after conviction of unlawful assembly in a project trial. Their arrest followed a raid by center police on an unauthorized meeting.

### Chiang Considers Attending Confab

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek of China is considering a proposal that he visit San Francisco at the opening of the United Nations conference April 25.

It was learned today this proposal had been advanced by Washington. Coupled with this information, however, was the advice that Chiang probably will decide against the trip.

### Anti-Discrimination Bill Protects New York Workers

ALBANY, N. Y., March 6 (AP)—A law which New York employers willfully exercising religious or racial prejudice in selecting workers face fines and imprisonment will go on the statute books after early signature by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Legislative action on what both supporters and opponents termed "the most drastic measure ever enacted in the United States" was completed last night when the senate voted the bill, 49 to 6. The assembly approved the proposal last week, 109-32.

Dewey, 1944 republican presidential nominee, threw his support behind the bill which was passed with unanimous minority democratic support in both houses. Individual republicans strongly opposed the proposal,

### Dog Held Victim Of Poisoner

"Hans," the little copper-colored Dachshund belonging to Mrs. Paul Keller, died a cruel death late yesterday afternoon, victim of a dog poisoner. His mistress thinks that he picked up the strychnine in the vicinity of the J. J. Keller residence, 718 Jefferson, where the dog had played for a short time Monday.

"Hans" was nine years old this month and a friendly little fellow. His master, Paul Keller, is now serving in Calcutta, India, with OWI, and Mrs. Keller is here with her mother, Mrs. George Humphrey, for the present. Mrs. Keller expressed the hope that residents of the area where little "Hans" found the strychnine would watch carefully for further evidence of the poison as protection to other pets in the city.

### FUND BORROWING OKAYED BY SENATE

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.  
 SALEM, March 6 (AP)—The senate sent to the governor today by a 22 to 8 vote a bill permitting \$1,500,000 to be borrowed from the school fund to build a new state office building.

The building would be financed by rentals paid by state departments, but opponents of the measure tried to table it until the legislature considers the bill to refer to the people a 6-mill two-year property tax for new buildings for the state board of higher education and for state institutions.

The 1943 legislature approved \$1,000,000 for the new building, but the amount was increased because of increased building costs. Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, moved to table the bill, but was beaten 20 to 10. He said the new building is not needed, while college and university buildings are.

Sen. Dean H. Walker, Independence, chairman of the senate ways and means committee, pointed out that there is no relationship between the office building bill and the bill for the state board of higher education buildings, because the state office building is self-liquidating. The new building couldn't be constructed unless the state board of control and state emergency board approve.

### Yanks Capture Italian Hamlet

ROME, March 6 (AP)—U. S. fifth army forces have captured the hamlet of Bisopa, 13 miles southwest of Bologna, after scoring advances of 400 to 800 yards in a drive up both sides of the Pistoria-Bologna highway, allied headquarters announced today.

With the town, two 1250-foot heights designated as Hill 375 and Hill 476 make up a large dominating the area between the Bologna-Pistoria highway and the alternate Florence-Bologna road.

PHONE IN THE NEWS

The Herald and News welcomes telephone calls conveying news and news tips.

Personals and organization news should be called in the morning if possible. Reports of other news, such as accidents, etc., are welcome at any time.

Your help to our news staff is appreciated.

### News

FRANK JENKINS  
 WASHINGTON—En route to meeting—by taxi. (Every- goes everywhere here by taxi. You more or less have to want to get there the same way. There's a story that an official stranger in Washington tried to get where he was going by streetcar. Two days later, they say, his wife in a frantic call to the persons bureau of the Department of Columbia police, and a couple of calling-all-cars they finally found him bringing around dazedly in a taxi. Natives may be use the streetcar and bus, but outsiders wisely refrain from such experiments.)

back seat, two denizens the Washington squirrel (fully identified by brief discussions weighty—that is to say, one is and the other listening the talker:

cut the so-and-so in- back immediately to 144. If that seems too sharp comment, we'll up it to about millions. If the 144 millions to provide fairly ample we'll trim it a little. I mean is that we'll keep until we hit just the right

listener must be a boy the country, for he remains and apparently overawed. These conversations no in this squirrel cage is silent very long, and none overawed.)

ENING in on this con- sation is pure idle eaves- s. Reporting it in print normally amount to that erate form of journalism as "keyhole correspond- ing." As is mentioned here in its way it is significant things that are of consid- erable interest to our citizenship

officially and openly, RE- ERSION talk is taboo. Of Washington went much too on that limb last fall, was rudely shocked when undstedt went on the loose gium. It was caught in of having been mistaken, a politics nothing can be than being wrong and get- aught at it. So there is able talk of reconversion, ively everybody is talk- it and working at it. It can all read, and the news Europe points unmis- takeably to the conclusion that the are done for and that it is only a matter of time, conversion talk and recon- planning are going right as they should. We're caught unprepared by id the European war.

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only should we get this CT clear in our minds. Right as well be intelligent- istic about it.

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### Americas Back Press Freedom

KIO CITY, March 6 (AP)—American republics today advocated full freedom of press and radio, unhindered by sources of news and sources of peacetime censor-

resolution adopted by a ttee for final conference these nations, including United States, proposed that time press controls be immediately after the war, also recommended that and radio dispatches in atmosphere be treated with the privacy and freedom ers, telegrams and other of communication.

### Commissions for Babies Demanded

WASHINGTON, March 6 (AP)—The House today that three army officers be named as commissions as officers.

action came on a taller 135 to 98 adopting an ment to nurse-draft legis- prohibiting the induction who are not qualified commissioed and requir- insurance of commissions inducted. Representative as (R-Ind.) wrote the

