

# MARINES LAUNCH TWO KNOCKOUT

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# East, West Drives Pinch German Armies

## GERMANS SAY BATTLE OPENS FOR BERLIN

### Towns Won Northeast Of Stettin, Say Russians

LONDON, March 7 (AP)—German broadcasts today declared the Russians had opened the battle for Berlin, breaking into the northeastern defenses of Kuestrin on the Oder 39 miles from the reich capital, and assaulting Zehden on the Oder's east bank 31 miles from Berlin.

The capture of three towns, Gollnow, Massnow and Stepenitz, northeast of Stettin, by the first White Russian army was announced tonight by Premier Stalin in a third order of the day.

**Front Aflame**

Berlin said the Oder front was aflame along a 70-mile stretch from south of Kuestrin almost all the way north to Stettin.

Tanks of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's first White Russian army attacked Zehden, 28 miles northwest of Kuestrin on the winding Oder, the German radio said, and possibly were trying to drive a wedge across to turn on Berlin or Stettin from the flank.

Attacking after a 24-hour artillery barrage, the Soviets pushed into the northeastern defenses of Kuestrin, due east of Berlin, another Nazi broadcaster said.

**Major Assault**

The German high command said Zhukov launched a major assault intended to overwhelm Kuestrin and "establish further attacking bases" for a push on Berlin.

The Germans weeks ago said the Russians had shovered bridgeheads over the Oder 30 to 40 miles below and above besieged Kuestrin.

Kuestrin was reported under attack from north and south. Moscow was silent concerning this front.

**LUZON CAMPAIGN IN FINAL PHASE**

By RICHARD BERGHOLZ

MANILA, March 7 (AP)—The 58-day-old campaign for Luzon took the Japanese more than five months to conquer it—already is entering its "final phase," Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today.

With Manila liberated, Bataan and Corregidor retaken and the central Luzon plain over-run, the more than 10 tank divisions committed to the operation from the U. S. sixth and eighth armies are regrouping to go after scattered Japanese in the mountains.

**Seal Caves**

On rocky Corregidor, at the entrance of reopened Manila bay, Yanks of the 503rd parachute regiment have sealed off 300 caves and tunnels, a spokesman disclosed today. In those underground places, the few survivors of 8000 Nipponese which had formed the fortress

**Pan-Handlers Not Tolerated**

Hey, Bud, can you spare a dime for a cup of coffee? This familiar approach of the professional pan-handler is seldom seen in Klamath Falls and will not be tolerated under present conditions when there are plenty of jobs available for everybody that wants to work, according to city officials.

Bodily crippled persons who have something to sell are not tolerated, however, and may go their way unmolested by police. In the case of an out-and-out pan-handler, strict measures are enforced.

One Harold E. Tinson is an example. This man was seen to approach three people for alms two weeks ago, and he was successful with his hard-luck story in at least two cases.

When being arrested by city police he was sentenced to 30 days in the city jail for vagrancy by Police Judge Harold Franey. He was made a trustee in the jail and released off March 1, and nothing has been seen or heard of him since.

He explained today by Judge Franey that the welfare agency takes care of cases where the man or woman is actually blind and that the sob story is one not viewed with much sympathy by city authorities.



Marines Enjoy Winter Sports At Camp Wilson

On a short winter vacation from their duties at the Barracks, a group of marines take off for an all-day trek in the mountains near their Crater Lake national park snow camp. The resort is being operated for the marines by P1Sgt. Carl Fisher, NCO-in-charge, shown leading the party above, and has a permanent personnel of two ski instructors and two cooks. A maximum of 24 men or eight married couples can go up for two and one-half days of snow sports.

## TROOPS GAIN FIVE MILES IN ITALY

ROME, March 7 (AP)—American mountain troops have gained five miles in the rugged Apennines southwest of Bologna in the strongest advance on the fifth army front in weeks.

The German high command said in a broadcast communique that British troops made a "local attempt" to land behind German lines on the Adriatic coast, but the attack was beaten off.

The action was officially described as "a most successful limited objective attack."

Striking northeastward west of the Pistoia highway three days ago, the Americans have captured a number of dominating peaks and the town of Castel D'Alano, 20 miles from Bologna. More than 1200 prisoners have been taken.

**News Withheld**

The attack began at 7 a. m. March 3 under a 20-minute artillery barrage and with air assistance. Headquarters permitted disclosure of the assault only this morning.

Brazilian troops, advancing simultaneously with the U. S. 10th mountain division, seized the town of Castelnuovo, three miles southeast of Castel D'Alano and a mile west of Highway 64, running between Pistoia and Bologna.

## Italian Revolt Spreads in Rome

ROME, March 7 (AP)—Disorder spread to the Regina Coeli prison and sporadic bomb explosions throughout Rome punctuated Italy's political crisis today.

Following yesterday's clash between the royal palace and carabinieri and a crowd in which a communist demonstrator was killed and several persons wounded, convicts and persons awaiting trial for fascist crimes burst out of their antiquated cells at the prison before dawn. Police and firemen quelled the riot with fire hose streams.

Bombs burst sporadically in various sections of the capital and crowds were reported to have demonstrated before carabinieri barracks in outlying sections.

## Robert Bischoff Killed in Action

Cpl. Robert Bischoff, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rude Bischoff of Murphy, Ore., pioneers of the Langell valley area, was killed in action February 16 in the Luxembourg sector, according to word received from the war department.

Bob entered the armed forces in October, 1943, and had been overseas for several months. He attended Bonanza grade school and later moved to Beagle where he was graduated from the Sams Valley high school. In addition to his parents, Bob is survived by a sister, Cleo. He was a nephew of the Miller brothers, formerly of Langell valley.

## Ski Camp Operated Near Ft. Klamath by Marines

Up in the mountains bordering Crater Lake national park, only 43 miles from Klamath Falls, the marines are now operating a ski camp which is probably the only one of its type in this country's armed forces.

Camp Wilson, leased for the snow season by Barracks officials, is located about six miles from Ft. Klamath in country which is usually blanketed by snow six months each year.

The resort has modern cabins, mess hall and galley, with comfortable living facilities for a maximum of 24 men and the permanent camp crew, and parties of marines go up twice a week for two and one-half day outings.

**Varied Slopes**

Within a short distance of the cabins are several gentle slopes for beginners—many of the marines going out have never before been on a pair of skis—and further along in the mountains are jumps and slides to catch the fancy of an expert.

Beginners are taken in hand by the camp instructors and taught the rudiments of the sport, how to stand up and walk on the runners, before going out on their own. After a couple of sessions with these experts, Cpl. Harold Francis Chavis and PFC Paul Richardson, even the novices begin to talk of "herring-bones" and "christies" and "snow-plows" like Olympic champs.

Chavis was a professional ski instructor at Mt. Hood before joining the marines, and Richardson is from ski country in Maine.

**Sight Tracks**

Some 12-16 inches of snow covers the flat country near the camp site, but visitors who have trekked into the mountains report measuring the snow up there in feet instead of inches, and have come across numerous deer and bear tracks.

A favorite all-day ski jaunt for the more hardy sportsmen is a trip to Annie Springs six miles away. The passes to Crater Lake are all snowbound, but later in the day they are open.

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## Ohio Surges Over Banks; 7 Killed; War Output Hit

By The Associated Press

The Ohio river, out of its banks along nearly all its 981 miles today, took 17 lives, and crippled war production, but a cheering note appeared in the official forecast of clearing and colder weather for most of the valley.

Heavy rains which had spilled as much as 1.73 inches by the time it ended virtually had stopped, the U. S. weather bureau at Chicago reported, and clearing and colder weather was en route. The cold, extending below freezing, was expected to check the runoff, and thus give the river an opportunity to drain its crests.

**Report Crests**

Louisville, Ky., where a 45-foot crest was expected later today, reported 1.55 inches of rain. Pittsburgh, at the confluence of the swollen Monongahela and Allegheny rivers which form the Ohio, reported precipitation totaling 1.31 inches.

Similar conditions prevailed along the watershed, Clarksburg, W. Va., had 1.73 inches.

**Check Expected**

Cold air moving across southern Illinois and southwest Indiana changed the rain to sleet, and by freezing the ground was expected to check the runoff. Temperatures of below freezing were expected to cover most of the Ohio valley by nightfall.

The cold spell, the weather bureau said, will be of short duration, and be followed by clearing and warmer temperatures from Minnesota southward.

**Babies Drown**

Deaths in the Ohio flood totaled 17. William Plinon, 15, drowned attempting to swim to a barge. An unidentified woman drowned at Owensboro, Ky., and at Davidville Run, Holsopple, Pa., two 3-year-old girls fell in while watching the rising waters.

From the Allegheny-Mon-

## CREATION OF NEW DISTRICT STUDIED

SALEM, March 7 (AP)—Sen. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, said today he would introduce a proposed constitutional amendment to create a 31st senatorial district comprising Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake counties.

Those counties, plus Klamath, now make up the 17th district. Klamath, under the new proposal, would be the 17th district by itself.

**Earlier Proposal**

Earlier today, Cornett said he would introduce a proposed constitutional amendment providing that no county have more than one senator, but he said later that he would not have time to work this out before the legislature adjourns.

This will be his "long-range program," Cornett said.

The house still would be apportioned on a population basis. The constitution now provides that both houses be apportioned according to population, and that the legislature shall be reapportioned in the year following a federal census. This latter provision has been ignored for many years.

**30-Member Senator**

Cornett's proposed amendment, which would be submitted to the people if the legislature approved it, still would call for a 30-member senate. Each county would have its own senator, except that some smaller counties would be consolidated into joint districts, since there are 36 counties.

Cornett said Sen. W. H. Strayer, Baker, democrat, is looking for a similar proposal.

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## Officer Shoots Sergeant Trapped in Burning B-25; Freed of Manslaughter

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH

KUNMING, March 2 (Delayed AP)—An officer at a forward American air base who fired two mercy bullets into the head of a flier hopelessly trapped in a wrecked and burning plane was acquitted today of voluntary manslaughter.

A general court martial of seven colonels drawn from the U. S. 14th air force and associated service organizations returned the verdict after hearing 10 witnesses piece together one of the most soul-searing episodes of the war.

The defendant was a 31-year-old lieutenant colonel, commander of a fighter group, and ranking officer at the base. The accident victim was a 20-year-old sergeant gunner in a B-25 bomber.

(No names were given in this dispatch. Presumably censorship withheld them.)

The incident happened Jan. 18. Two other crew members of the five-man bomber were killed in the crash, which occurred when the craft overshot the runway on returning to base from a mission against the enemy. The plane hurtled down a 60-foot embankment.

Witnesses said rescuers reached the wreckage almost immediately. Three men were in the flight compartment at the time—the pilot, co-pilot and the sergeant gunner, whose duty on missions was to man the twin 50-caliber machineguns in the top turret.

## YANKS DRIVE ON BONN; HIT NEAR COBLENZ

### Censorship Blackout Closes In On 1st Army Drive

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, March 7 (AP)—The American first army moved within two miles of the Rhine city of Bonn tonight while the swift and powerful third army closed within 14 miles of the middle Rhine and less than 20 of Coblenz.

A censorship blackout suddenly was imposed on the first army operations—secrecy similar to that which prevailed before the great Rhineland breakthrough and the third army dash through the Elfs.

The blackout suggested transcendent developments were in progress.

**Gains Seven Miles**

The first army, closing on Bonn from all sides, was said officially to have gained up to seven miles during the day, overrunning more than a dozen settlements including Brühl, five miles south of the captured ruins of Cologne. The blackout prevented pinpointing the advances on the first army right flank, which has lagged far behind the left and center in the Cologne and Bonn areas.

In the Wesel pocket, last sizable German bridgehead west of the lower Rhine, the Germans resisted with the utmost violence in an effort to rescue the last of an estimated 20,000 troops sealed in a pocket eight miles long and four to five miles wide. British, Canadian and American ninth army troops closed within five miles of Wesel, Ruhr corner city.

**Solid Footing**

The ninth army cleaned out pockets south of Roosoy and gave the allies a solid footing on the great barrier river from Cologne to east of Rheinberg.

The 35th infantry division of (Continued on Page Two)

## Fertilizer Shortage May Reduce Potato Production

A prospective fertilizer shortage here which threatens to reduce potato production by 1,000,000 sacks was reported to chamber of commerce directors today, and the chamber joined the county agent's office and various farm organizations in a determined effort to obtain release of the needed ammonium phosphate.

Information from County Agent C. A. Henderson was that only about 75 per cent of the basin's fertilizer needs have been taken care of, and that growers are receiving notices from fertilizer companies that they will be unable to fill commitments made last fall due to government allocations.

In telegrams to Senators Cordon and Morse and Congressman Stockman, the chamber pointed out that this lack of fertilizer may result in a 2500-acre reduction in potato plantings in the basin and a 20 per cent loss in yield on other acreage for which there is insufficient fertilizer. Henderson said this could amount to 1,000,000 sacks under the 1945 potato goal.

**Work on Problem**

The Tulelake Growers are working on the problem, and have wired Congressman Clair Engle asking his help. The Oregon and California congressmen were asked to confer with the war food administration. Senator Guy Cordon wired the chamber today that he had already taken up the matter with WFA, and would notify the chamber immediately of results. Specifically, WFA was asked to arrange permission for fertilizer companies to fulfill the commitments made to growers last fall.

M. S. West was appointed a director of the chamber at today's meeting by President Malcolm Epley, and the appointment was confirmed. West, a lumberman, succeeds G. C. Blohm, who resigned when he moved to Malin and was no longer able to attend meetings.

**Adopt Report**

Chamber directors adopted a report of the roads and highways committee asking the public roads administration to place the Klamath Falls-Canby highway on the federal aid system. Support was also given national legislation to provide funds for acquiring roadside strip.

The chamber president appointed an elections committee composed of K. E. Hutchinson, chairman; E. Mullis, Henry E. Perkins, Ray Garrison, Paul Skern and Dr. Boyd Sprague. Annual election will be held in a few weeks.

## ARMY PLANES FLY FROM AIR FIELD ON ISLE

### Two-Day Lull Broken In Battle For Island

By VERN HAUGLAND

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, March 7 (AP)—An all-out push against the 6000 or so Japanese still entrenched on the rocky northern end of two Jima was underway today, with tremendous artillery support and army fighters operating off the southern airfield for the first time. Those fighters are based within flying range of Tokyo.

The ground drive, breaking a two-day comparative lull in this fiercest battle of the Pacific war, achieved small gains yesterday in the center and on the left flank of the marine line squeezing the bitterly-resisting enemy against the northern cliffs.

**Small Gains**

The marines moved out behind a deadly rolling artillery barrage, the most intense of the campaign. But the Japanese fought back so strongly with a continuous stream of small arms and mortar fire that the marines were confined to "small, local gains," in the words of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique today.

These gains were scored on the west side by Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey's fifth marine division and just east of the center by Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates' fourth division. Maj. Gen. (Continued on Page Two)

## ARGENTINA SOUGHT AS MEMBER NATION

By NORMAN CARRIGAN

MEXICO CITY, March 7 (AP)—Twenty American republics are about to invite Argentina back into the fold today provided she cooperates and takes the necessary steps to become a United Nation. Chief delegates have drafted the invitation and they said it would be adopted late today.

This presumably would include a declaration of war against the axis and would apparently carry with it a ticket to the San Francisco conference if Argentina complies.

**Country Isolated**

Argentina has been isolated from the hemisphere nations and was left out of this conference.

The resolution to be put before the steering committee expresses the hope that Argentina "may find herself in a position to express her agreement and (Continued on Page Two)