

FDR DODGES QUERIES IN PRESS CONFAB

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—President Roosevelt labeled as a crystal ball question today a news conference inquiry whether the war in Germany had reached a point where it might end suddenly.

He dodged right and left also when a barrage of other questions pertaining to the European and Pacific wars and related diplomatic and political subjects came his way.

For two or three months, he said, consideration had been given to who will be the American member of a German control commission. But, he added, it was only speculation that Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson might get the job. Equally speculative is whether a military officer or civilian might receive the appointment.

Tomorrow or the next day, he said, he expects to see Robert Murphy, top adviser to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on German affairs.

Mr. Roosevelt had Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific fleet commander, as his luncheon guest today. Yesterday he saw Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, former chief of staff in China; Admiral William F. Halsey, commander of the third fleet, and Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, his ambassador to China. Also in Washington is Lt. Gen. Alfred Wedemeyer, present chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Asked whether there was any significance to the fact that all these men were here at this time, Mr. Roosevelt said he supposed it was because there had been good flying weather.

To an inquiry whether he had any hope of seeing the Chinese generalissimo soon, the president said he didn't honestly know but you never can tell. He remarked cryptically that he might decide this afternoon.

Possibility that the Chinese leader might visit the west coast has been a subject of recent speculation.

Mr. Roosevelt said he had not decided yet exactly when he would appear at the United Nations conference opening April 25 in San Francisco.

He dismissed as pretty much routine the arrival of Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King at the White House today, remarking that King comes down all the time, here or to the Roosevelt home at Hyde Park, N. Y.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

DETROIT, March 9 (AP)—Clean diapers are "essential to a child's morale," Circuit Court Commissioner William J. Cody ruled in refusing to evict the parents of an 18-month-old baby from their apartment. The landlord contended the mother was a "nuisance" because she washed twice a week instead of once, as provided in the building rules.

STILL HOPING

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 9 (AP)—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Madison is a person who never gives up.

When she and 24 neighbors filed a petition for a street light, the city council looked up old records. She's been appealing for the same street light since 1917. But the corner is still dark.

GOING TOO FAR

KANSAS CITY, March 9 (AP)—Fumes from a chemically operated machine made him feel faint to Ray Frye, 16, leaned out of a second story window for air. He leaned too far, fell 20 feet and suffered cuts on his chin and lips.

DILEMMA

MILWAUKEE, March 9 (AP)—Maj. Stephen Sitter, arriving in San Francisco after nearly three years in a Jap prison camp in the Philippines, telephoned his wife and two young sons.

Nine-year-old Steve remembered his father, but Larry, 5, was just excited. After the call, Larry rushed back to the telephone, called his grandmother and exclaimed breathlessly: "What do you think, Grandma? Mother's husband is coming home!"

The War At a Glance

By The Associated Press
The western front: U. S. first army troops reinforced Rhine bridgehead steadily under news blackout; Germans said it was at Remagen, 277 miles southwest of Berlin; first and third armies pull nose tighter on perhaps 50,000 Germans in Elfer pocket; Canadians in north captured Xanten, ferry point guarding German escape route.

The Russian front: Russians prepared to cross Dammshcher See in outflanking threat to Stettin; Moscow silent on frontal assault on Berlin at Oder, where Germans reported red army 10 miles west of river and 25 from Berlin. The Italian front: Americans closed in on Vergato, highway strongpoint 17½ miles southwest of Bologna; Germans shelled Bologna-Pistoia road positions.

The Pacific front: Iwo Jima battle assuming pattern of final phase in other island conquests by Americans; Americans in Philippines reported by Tokyo to have landed on Mindanao, second largest of the islands. On Luzon, U. S. troops closed in on Baguio, summer commonwealth capital, widened holds on southern coast.

MORALE BREAKING ATTEMPTED BY JAPS

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—An army officer liberated after three years' imprisonment in the Philippines reported today the Japanese tried to break prisoners' morale by "clumsy propaganda."

"They told how badly things were going at home—of strikes, shortage of manpower... they sank the Lexington a hundred times," related Lt. Robert F. Augur, one of the first Oregon men to win the Distinguished Service Cross. He came home on crutches—one leg had to be amputated after he was shelled on Corregidor.

"But their morale-breaking tactics did not succeed," he declared. "We knew we had not been forgotten. We knew MacArthur was returning. We heard of Nimitz' victories. A day after the landing on Leyte we heard of it and knew it was progressing satisfactorily."

He is here on 10-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Augur. Augur did not witness the Bataan death march.

Few Japanese Return To Pacific Coast

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—Although 4000 Japanese-Americans were evacuated from Oregon, not quite 100—three fourths of them settled in Multnomah county—have returned, a war relocation authority official said today.

Of the 35,000 Nisei transferred inland from the Pacific coast, about 30 per cent had relocated elsewhere before the army lifted its exclusion ban, reported Clyde W. Linville, senior WRA officer. He said most of the Nisei are going to central and eastern states. Aid will be given to returning Japanese here without "approved plans"—assured housing and visible means of support—the Portland WRA office announced.

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Com. R. R. Darron, commanding officer of the naval air station, is shown presenting the Bronze Star to Lt. Com. Berger for his service during the invasion of Normandy.

Lt. Com. Berger Presented Bronze Star at Air Station

In a ceremony at the Klamath naval air station, the commanding officer, Cmdr. R. R. Darron, presented the Bronze Star medal to Lt. Cmdr. N.L.A. Berger, USN, the operations officer of the station.

The citation which accompanied the medal was as follows: "For meritorious service as commander of U. S. naval forces in Europe, in the name of the president and read as follows:

"For meritorious service as aide and flag lieutenant, and assistant air officer on the staff of the naval commander of the western task force, during the invasion of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

"Lt. Cmdr. Berger exercised exceptional professional ability in assisting in liaison duties with the ninth United States army air force, in addition to the performance of his regular duties as flag lieutenant. He also organized and supervised the operation of the signal bridge on the flagship of the naval commander of the western task force. His outstanding initiative and extraordinary devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of the operation.

"The efficient performance of duty displayed by Lt. Cmdr. Berger was in keeping with the best traditions of the United States naval service."

As naval aide for air to Vice Admiral Allan Kirk, U. S. navy, Lt. Cmdr. Berger spent several months in London assisting other naval officials in planning the air operation of D-day. He was aboard the USS Augusta, flagship of the invasion fleet, as it lay offshore and participated in D-day landing operations.

Lt. Cmdr. Berger remained in the European theater for approximately two months after

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
1. Eastern front: 25 miles from Seelow; German report.
2. Western front: 277 miles from Remagen; Brussels report.
3. Italian front: 544 miles from Reno river.

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TUG OF WAR FOR PLACE ON CALENDAR SET

SACRAMENTO, March 9 (AP)—A behind the scenes tug-of-war for position on the legislative calendar between administration supporters of Governor Warren's "no tax increase" program and exponents of a \$140,000,000 post-war building subsidy to cities and counties dominated legislative interest today.

Warren men obtained the jump on their opposition by getting committee hearings set for the next week in both branches, but proponents of the local post-war construction fund were rallying in an effort to get their measure to the floor for advance or at least simultaneous consideration of bills to continue the 1943 \$115,000,000 tax reductions another two years.

Attorney General Robert Kenny, who denied to news men he will be a democratic candidate for governor in 1946, lent his support to the cities-counties measure today.

"We are willing," he said, "for both the taxation and the building fund issues to be considered with alacrity but it seems the logical precedence would be to determine expenditures first and then decide how much taxes are needed to provide the appropriations."

Governor Warren at a recent press conference espoused the opposite philosophy.

"Let's find out how much money we have to spend," he

Double Donation Given to Red Cross

"Here's a donation for me, and one for my son, Sgt. Tony Molatore."

That was the greeting given Mrs. E. H. Balsiger, Red Cross solicitor, when she knocked at the door of Mrs. Tony Molatore's home, 711 Eldorado, late Wednesday.

Mrs. Molatore explained that Tony, now in France, had arrived in England one cold, drizzly day and the men were weary and uncomfortable. The first thing they knew a Red Cross unit set up hot coffee and doughnuts all around.

"Never has anything tasted so good to me," Tony wrote. "Mom, when the Red Cross comes to your door, give them a special donation from me, will you?"

The Molatoreds have two other sons in service, Cpl. Leo Molatore, awaiting overseas orders with the army in Delaware, and Clifton Molatore, S/C, USN, stationed at Tillamook.

said, "before we start earmarking or spending it."

Supporters of the League of California Cities proposal for the state to earmark several tax sources to provide the funds for financing public employment-providing projects after the war conceded their chances of getting the money would be slim if the Warren tax reduction bills were to be passed before their measure comes to a roll call.

INCREASES GRANTED

SALEM, March 9 (AP)—The house passed and sent to the governor Thursday a bill continuing for the next two years the 1943 salary increases granted to the Salem justice of the peace and the Salem constable.

SHUTDOWN OF CANOL PROJECT BY ARMY EYED

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The senate war investigating committee called on the army today to move up a scheduled June 30 shutdown of the Canol project in northwestern Canada.

Chairman Mead (D-N.Y.) quoted Interior Secretary Ickes as saying that by dropping the whole thing now and transferring 281 of Canol's skilled workers to specific refineries, aviation gasoline production could be increased 2000 barrels daily.

"In view of the urgent need

for aviation gasoline we cannot afford to waste manpower. Canol any longer," Mead said in a statement.

The war department last week announced that operations at the project will end June 30. It said the decision resulted from the proved military position in the Alaskan area and from the tanker situation.

Canada and the United States will name representatives to appraise the property. Under a recent agreement, Canada holds the option of purchasing Canol at its commercial value.

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- Q. The first license to sell coffee in the American Colonies was issued to...
- ☐ William Penn ☐ Dorothy Jones
☐ Ben Franklin
- Q. Coffee was carried as an original "K ration," in concentrated form, by...
- ☐ Napoleon's troops ☐ Cleopatra's slaves
☐ African warriors
- Q. The firm now known as M. J. B. Co. (packers of M. J. B. Coffee) started in business in the year...
- ☐ 1881 ☐ 1902 ☐ 1779
- Q. In which of these countries do 65 coffee trees grow for each inhabitant?
- ☐ South Africa ☐ Chile ☐ San Salvador



(Jerry Colonna answered 2 out of 4 questions correctly in the above Coffee Quiz. Correct answers, in order, are: Dorothy Jones; African warriors; 1881; San Salvador.)

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