

REDS BREAK THROUGH NAZI LINES

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 Max. (March 13) 44 Min. 30
 Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
 Stream year to date 7.32
 Normal 8.59 Last year 5.98
 Forecast: Continued cloudiness.

DRIVE PERILS BERLIN; CITY DEFENSE SET

Main German Defense
West of Oder
Breached

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
 LONDON, March 14 (AP) — Russian troops have broken through one of the main German lines west of the Oder in Berlin's forefield, a Reuters dispatch from Moscow declared today, while the German commander in Berlin ordered the rich capital defended "above and under ground" to the last bullet.

The German high command announced a powerful new Russian offensive aimed at wiping out nazis in East Prussia, but declared soviet attacks from the Lebus bridgehead west of the Oder north of Frankfurt "broke down."

The Reuters dispatch said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's first White Russian army overran a main German line on an 18-mile Oder front between captured Keustrin and threatened Frankfurt. Moscow still maintained official silence on this Berlin front.

Front Flames
 German broadcasts said the front was aflame for 115 miles from Stettin south to Guben and Forst, the Neisse river between on Marshal Ivan Konev's first Ukrainian front southeast of Berlin.

"Bitter fighting is raging all along this front for Stettin, Frankfurt, Guben and Forst, as well as from bridgeheads on the Oder aiming for the most attractive target of all—Berlin," said a transoceanic broadcast.

"All's Fair"
 Girding for defense of Germany's queen city, Lt.-Gen. Bruno Von Hauenschild, chief of Berlin's defense, declared in an order that the city would be defended to the last and that (Continued on Page Two)

Osaka Seared By B-29 Raid; Allies Advance

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
 Associated Press War Editor
 Fires kindled by Superforts seared five square miles out of industrial Osaka today as allied ground forces whittled down stubborn Japanese soldiers clinging to Iwo Jima, Mandalay and scattered hill fortresses in the Philippines.
 Osaka was the third major Japanese war-production center to feel the hot B-29 torch within 84 hours.
 Three 300-Superfort raids on Japan's three largest cities have burned out 24 square miles—17 in Tokyo, two in Nagoya and five in Osaka. In each case 2000 tons of incendiaries were poured on close-packed war industries and thousands of home factories, ideal tinder for the fire bombs.
 Damage was so great that the request of representatives from

TROOPS SLUG NEARER NAZI SUPER-ROAD

By JAMES M. LONG
 PARIS, March 14 (AP)—First army troops slugged their way through the hills rimming the Remagen bridgehead today to within a mile and a quarter of the Frankfurt-Ruhr Autobahn.
 The German radio declared Lt. Gen. George S. Patton was trying to cross the Moselle at several points west of Coblenz, but there was no confirmation from the allied side.
 The Germans said the third army attempts were beaten back but that now Patton had brought up four infantry and three to four tank divisions for a large-scale attempt to force the river.
 Attempts Made
 The Germans said crossing attempts were being made at Broeltenbach and Hatzenport, the latter 18 miles southwest of Koblenz.
 The captured Ludendorff bridge leading to American Cross-Rhine territory, meanwhile was reported in better condition than ever although it has been hit by enemy shells several times. Work done to repair the harm caused by American air raids accounted for the improved condition of the bridge, front line dispatches said.
 There were indications that the (Continued on Page Two)

Re-Districting Committee Okayed

SALEM, March 14 (AP)—The senate approved and sent to the house today a resolution for appointment of an interim committee to submit to the 1947 legislature a plan to reapportion the state's legislators.
 The resolution was introduced by Sen. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls republican, and Lew Wallace, Portland democrat.
 Yanks Hit Japs
 In Indo-China
 LONDON, March 14 (AP)—U. S. 14th airforce fighters based in China have hit targets in the Langson area of French Indo-China, where continued fighting was reported today between Japanese and French troops.
 The American planes attacked a Japanese headquarters garrison and storage areas in Langson and a highway bridge yesterday, it was announced in an American communique issued at Chungking.

Earth for Sale---Dirt Cheap

TULELAKE—Tulelake's rich black lake bed soil is to be packaged and sold as a product for raising house plants and in making hot beds. Plans for distribution of the earth, which will be sold in five-pound packages from Los Angeles, were completed here this week with the announcement of a partnership between Bernard C. Schultz, Tulelake, and Thomas Hamilton and N. S. Gustin, both of Los Angeles.
 The southern California partners were acquainted with the growing possibilities of the black loam here through frequent hunting trips to this country. Distribution will be from their office at 712 Olive street, Los Angeles.
 Schultz for several years has been manager of the Tulelake Boat club on the west side of the lake.
 The new company will be known as the Ebon Earth company.

MOVIE STRIKE THREATENS TO AFFECT U. S.

Theatre Closure May Be Result of Walkout

HOLLYWOOD, March 14 (AP) International and local union officials are in "complete accord" concerning conduct of the motion picture strike, and representatives here are not defying any orders from higher executives, the conference of studio workers declared today.
 Meanwhile, the steadily spreading walkout threatened to close thousands of the theatres throughout the nation.
 Herbert K. Sorrell, conference president, said a telegram received earlier from L. P. Lindeloff, general president of the International Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, was the result of a misunderstanding, "and should be disregarded."
 "Unauthorized"
 The telegram from Indianapolis headquarters characterized the strike as "unauthorized."
 "Lindeloff and I straightened this out by telephone," said Sorrell. "Lindeloff did not understand the situation, but he does now, and he approves."
 Sorrell added that Lindeloff told him:
 "When I send you a wire then it is all right. But pay no attention to other wires."
 Explains Situation
 He said he explained to Lindeloff that the strikers would return to work only in accordance with a war labor board arbitration award.
 "The International urged us to go back to work when we were on strike in 1937," Sorrell declared, "but we stayed out and won the strike. That's what we are going to do this time. We cooperate with the International, but this strike will have to be won and we're going to win it."
 As the controversy rocked into its third day, Richard A. Walsh, president of the powerful International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, sounded his warning in a message to his union, which include motion picture projectionists, machinists and stagehands.
 "Stand by for an order to stop handling or exhibiting any motion pictures made by any west coast producer."

LAWMAKERS BEGIN DRIVE TO ADJOURN

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
 SALEM, March 14 (AP)—The Oregon legislature began its drive for final adjournment today, completing action on unemployment compensation benefits and paving the way for final solution of the fish, civil service and retirement problems.
 The house passed a senate bill to pay unemployment benefits of \$18 a week for 20 weeks of any one year, compared with existing benefits of \$15 for 16 weeks a year.
 The house-approved bill to further restrict commercial fishing in coastal streams won unanimous approval of the joint senate committees on game and fishing industries, thus averting a senate battle similar to the one that occurred in the house. The senate added an amendment that the fish and game commissions must conduct a study of the coastal fishing problem beginning next January 1, when the bill would take effect.
 The joint ways and means committees virtually finished their job, recommending that the senate pass the house bill to provide compulsory retirement systems for employees of the state and public schools, and optional systems for employees of all other subdivisions of the state. The committee also will approve the civil service system for state employees.

House Completes Work on Bills

SALEM, March 14 (AP)—The house completed legislative action today on a proposed constitutional amendment to increase the senate's membership from 30 to 31, and on a bill to give the new senator to Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake counties.
 The vote on the amendment, which will be submitted to the people, was 53 to 4, with Bain, Brady, Gleason and Meyers voting against.
 The vote on the bill, which would become law only if the people approve the amendment, was 55 to 4, with Bain, Gleason, French and Meyers opposing it.
 The bills were introduced by Sen. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls. They would accomplish Cornett's purpose of giving Klamath county a senator of its own by splitting Cornett's 17th district.



1st Lt. John A. Raffetto Jr.

Klamath History-Making Days Recalled



"Ma" Sunday, visiting in Klamath Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haines, 416 N. 9th, remembers well her brief stay here with her evangelist husband, the late Billy Sunday. In the top picture stands the tabernacle, built in one day near the SP depot back in the spring of 1919. Left to right: the late Judge James Evans of Bend, Mrs. Evans, now of Ashland, A. B. Epperson of Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Sunday and Billy Sunday. Below, Mrs. Sunday and her grandson, Paul Haines, sports editor of the Herald and News.

Famed Evangelist's Widow Returns to Klamath, Where Billy Sunday Made History

"Ma" Sunday, who believes her 76 years, was in Klamath Falls today looking over the town where her late husband, the famous evangelist, Billy Sunday, made history back in the spring of 1919.
 Mrs. Sunday, maternal grandmother of Paul Haines, sports editor of the Herald and News staff, remembers Klamath Falls well.
 Tabernacle Built
 "Of course I remember this place. It is the only town in Mr. Sunday's 39 years of evangelistic campaigning, where they built a tabernacle for a single meeting," Mrs. Sunday chuckled. "In fact, Mr. Sunday thought it so unusual, and appreciated the gesture so much, that he stayed for another day and preached to a capacity house."
 "You know what?" Mrs. Sunday queried, "Klamath Falls was just about ready to take the census for 1920, and someone suggested they get Billy Sunday down here and take the count under one roof!"
 It was on May 5, 1919, that the Sundays paid their only visit to Klamath Falls. They were badly needed to put over the last Liberty loan drive connected with World War I. A. B. Epperson, who still makes his home in Klamath Falls, was county chairman of the Victory Liberty loan campaign. Interest was lacking and a nationally known speaker was suggested to pull the community out of its complacency with the successful conclusion of the war the previous November.
 Sunday on Monday
 Contacting Portland headquarters, the message that came Sunday read like this: "Billy Sunday will be in Klamath Falls next Monday for an address on Liberty Loan. Please arrange."
 There wasn't a place in town big enough to hold the crowd that the committee knew would welcome the evangelist. And another thing, if volunteer labor was available, it could only be had on Sunday. The boys worked six days a week then. So Epperson sent this wire:
 "We start construction Sunday morning of a building to (Continued on Page Two)

Reds Liberate John Raffetto

The joyous news that their son, 1st Lt. John A. Raffetto Jr., prisoner of war, had been liberated by the advance of the soviet army, was received today by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Raffetto, 1948 Portland.

\$5000 Appropriation Set To Finance Rates Bureau

An appropriation of \$2500 as a starter for a fund to be used in financing a rates bureau for Klamath was authorized by the board of directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce today. Other important chamber action included a request to the U. S. reclamation bureau to conduct a land and water resources study of this area, looking toward extended agricultural development.
 The rates bureau project grew out of recommendations to the chamber from its rates and transportation bureau. The committee declared that there are freight rate inequities which hamper industrial development and otherwise handicap the economy of this area, but that the problem is so complicated it can be remedied only by the technical work of a rates bureau. It is believed from \$8000 to \$10,000 is needed for the first year's operation.
 The chamber agreed to put in \$2500 with the understanding that this amount will not be used if \$10,000 is subscribed by shippers and others directly benefiting, and that if the project does not succeed, the money will be returned to the chamber reserve fund.
 Fund Recommended
 Chairman Vernon Moore of the finance committee made the report recommending the appropriation, and Chairman George Davis of the rates committee has indicated his group will undertake to obtain further subscriptions.
 The land use committee reported to the directors that it favors asking for a reclamation bureau survey that will look toward basin development along (Continued on Page Two)

\$1500 PROPOSED FOR YOUTH CLUB

The city recreation committee today had before it a proposal that it appropriate \$1500 from reserve funds for use of the Klamath Teen-Age club.
 Members of the committee heard the proposal at a meeting at the Elks lodge Tuesday evening, when the problem of financing a teen-age club here, tentatively proposed for a location in the armory, was thoroughly discussed. Committee members agreed to reach a decision in time for a pro or con recommendation to the city council Monday night.
 \$18,000 Reserve
 Recreation committee reserves amount to about \$18,000, and were built up through a policy of saving money for a public swimming pool, for which there was wide agitation here for several years.
 The advisory committee of the Teen-Age club, headed by Clarence Humble, had suggested that the Elks lodge give \$500 to the project, and the Tuesday night meeting grew out of that suggestion. It was brought out that \$1500 would be needed for remodeling armory quarters for the club, and that additional funds would be necessary to furnish the club and for other incidentals.

11-Ton Bombs Fall on Germany

LONDON, March 14 (AP)—New 11-ton bombs—the largest ever carried by an airplane—were dropped for the first time today by RAF Lancasters attacking railway targets in northwestern Germany.
 The largest bomb previously used was six tons.
 Lancasters hit railways and Benzol plants at Bochum and Recklingshausen in the afternoon after 1250 U. S. bombers smashed at rail targets, oil refineries, armament plants and submarine pens.
 The American eighth air force raids on this 30th straight day of attacks on Germany were made with manpower equivalent to a full infantry division.

Fertilizer Supply Reported Short

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) Oregon farmers were warned by the federal department of agriculture today that shortage of nitrogen fertilizer will make it necessary for them to rely partly on animal manures.
 A department official said that although the total supply of commercial fertilizer will be about the same as last year, there will be no special allowances by the war food administration. Farmers seeking more fertilizer than they can obtain from dealers were advised to locate supplies of animal manure