

# 4189 MARINES DIE TO TAKE IWO

## Herald and News

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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...OKLAHOMA," which was... something new and different...

...NEW star is rising in the New York theatrical sky. It is...

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### REDS SHATTER INNER STETTIN DEFENSE LINE

#### Last Nazi Positions East of Oder Blasted

LONDON, March 16 (AP) — A Berlin war correspondent said tonight that the Russians had broken in to the "inner defenses of Stettin" and that a soviet tank army and five tank corps had been thrown into a violent new effort to liquidate the last of the German positions east of the Oder.

Preceded by a furious artillery barrage from hundreds of guns, masses of tanks and infantry were attacking on a narrow front trying to split the German bridgehead into three parts, the correspondent said.

"Small heights and villages have changed hands up to 14 times,"

Divides Lines In East Prussia the Russians announced a seven-mile breakthrough to the shore of the Frisches Haff, a Baltic lagoon, which divided the remnants of the 200,000 defenders of the Koenigsberg zone into two pockets.

Another major attack has been started by Marshal Ivan Konev's first Ukrainian army north of Ratibor and in the Grotkau area southeast of Breslau in Silesia, the German communiques announced, and penetrations were made.

Wide-Scale Move The Stettin and East Prussian offensives apparently were a part of a wide-scale mopping up behind advanced soviet lines preparatory to the climactic battle which the Russians may launch along the Berlin front at any time.

Stettin is the key to Berlin's north flank. For days the Russians have been reported on heights overlooking the city.

Military Aide Named by FDR

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) President Roosevelt has a new military aide, Col. Richard Park Jr., who succeeds the late Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson.

### Superhighway Slashed



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## Nazi Superhighway Slashed By 1st Army

PARIS, March 16 (AP)—The first army cut the Ruhr-Frankfurt superhighway east of the Rhine in two places today and extended the bridgehead to at least 13 miles in length.

The Americans beat off a German tank attack in heavy fighting four miles northeast of Linz, in the area where the bridgehead is six and a half miles wide. They fought into Koenigs-winter in the two-mile gains within three miles of open tank country leading to the great Ruhr basin.

Prepare for Attack "The Germans are building up for a major attack," AP correspondent Don Whithead reported from the bridgehead. To the south, the famous armored division broke loose again in a swift, unchecked 12-mile dash southeast of Coblenz.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army on the north and the seventh army's offensive on the south were squeezing the Ger-

### Lewis Rejects Operators' Counter-Proposals as Basis

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers policy committee rejected the bituminous operators' counter proposals today a few hours after they had been submitted as a basis for a new contract.

The policy committee expressed the hope, however, that collective bargaining between the miners and operators, suspended this week while the operators formulated their counter offers could result in an agreement before expiration of the present contract March 31.

The miners' 250 man policy committee, which officially formulated the 18 demands prior to the start of negotiations March 1, has been standing by ever since, leaving the negotiations to an eight man subcommittee headed by Lewis.

Reject Demands The operators earlier had rejected 12 of Lewis' 18 demands and offered counter proposals on six. The counter proposals included three involving wages which would boost miners' wages an estimated 28 cents a day.

Recess Called Negotiations had been recessed to permit Lewis to study the proposals.

The operators' wage proposals called for shift differentials of four and six cents an hour for second and third shifts, instead of the 10 and 15 cents requested by Lewis.

Teen Club Backed Youthful workers for a teenage club here won an initial victory today through action by the city recreation committee.

### \$110 Million Set For Loan Quota

PORTLAND, March 16 (AP)—State war bond officials worked today on the 7th War Loan drive, which has an Oregon quota of \$110,000,000.

E. C. Sammons, state war finance chairman, who just returned from Washington, said the treasury department will conduct two 1945 campaigns in which it hopes to equal the total sales of three 1944 drives.

He told county committeemen the drives would emphasize payroll savings—with payroll deductions from April 9 to July 7 counting toward the 7th loan quota.

### Tin Challenge Crosses Range

Klamath salvage leaders tossed an audacious challenge across the Cascades today, offering to bet a sack of Klamath potatoes against a similar quantity of Medford pears that Klamath's tin salvage this week will outweigh that of Jackson county.

Paul Lee, county salvage chairman, sent the challenge to Robert A. Duff, Jackson chairman, as follows: "Inasmuch as your Jackson county tin drive coincides with ours, we hereby offer you a challenge in poundage collected. Well realizing the excess value of our product, we nevertheless are willing to wager 100 pounds of Klamath No. 1 Netted Gems against an equal weight and quality of your peerless (?) pears. The loser to personally deliver in the winner's town at high noon at a date later specified. We believe our Klamath zephyr can harness your black tornado and out-perform it for the duration in the collection of salvage material."

### Weather News

March 16, 1945

Max. (March 15)	35	Min.	23
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace		
Situm year to date	7.45		
Normal	8.57		
Last year	5.98		

Forecast: Showers Saturday.

### Baby Gets New Shoes



A little repatriate girl, Eleanor Ruth Austen, being brought to St. Louis, Mo., on a troop transport from India, where her mother died, grins up at Chief Boatwain Mate Joseph Hegner of the coast guard, who makes her a pair of shoes. The girl, being brought back by her father, Army Sgt. James F. Austen Jr. learned to walk aboard the transport. (AP wirephoto from coast guard.)

### Duke of Windsor Resigns Governorship of Bahamas

NASSAU, Bahamas, March 16 (AP)—The Duke of Windsor, whose resignation as governor of the Bahamas islands was announced yesterday, said today that he and his duchess will leave for New York the latter part of April.

From New York, he added, they may go to his ranch in Canada, and later plan to visit Europe.

Plans to Work "My resignation does not mean a permanent severance from public life," the duke declared, "because after the war men with experience will be badly needed, and I'll fit in anywhere that I can be helpful."

Attired in a smart grey check suit with a red carnation in his lapel, the youthful-looking former king held a meeting with newsmen this morning.

Other Interests "Now that the war in Europe is near an end," he continued, "I have interests in Canada, America and Europe that need more than the spasmodic attention that I can give them from this distance."

"I shall go to England some day, but there are no definite plans or dates."

He explained that the announcement of his resignation was made two days before he expected it, and therefore the word appeared to come as a surprise.

This tiny colony will bid a regretful farewell to the royal governor who steered the Bahamas safely through a wartime economic storm.

### Troops Capture Italian Village

ROME, March 16 (AP)—Fifth army forces have captured the village of Serra and won positions from which they may be able to cut highway 64 behind the German stronghold of Vergato, allied headquarters announced today.

After occupying Serra, about 1000 yards west of the highway, the allied troops pushed toward the village of Salvato against stiff enemy resistance.

### Irish Have Big Day---Cop Most of Filmom's Oscars

HOLLYWOOD, March 16 (AP) It's a big day for the Irish—and a lovely miss from Sweden, Inggrid Bergman.

Bing Crosby, Leo McCarey, Barry Fitzgerald, little Margaret O'Brien, all as Irish as Paddy's pig, and Miss Bergman, walked off with the major share of honors as the academy of motion picture arts and sciences awarded its famed "Oscars" last night.

All Out And the movie capital went all the way in voting "Going My Way" the most outstanding picture of 1944. The hit film outdistanced such nominees as the epic "Wilson" and "Double Indemnity" and earned, all told, seven awards. In addition to being named best picture, other awards were:

## LEATHERNECKS BREAK THROUGH JAP DEFENSES

### Costliest Battle of Pacific War Ends

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor American marines have won the battle of Iwo Jima at a cost of 4189 killed, 15,308 wounded and 441 missing, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported shortly before noon Friday.

The admiral said organized resistance ceased at 8 p. m., Friday, two time, when the leathernecks broke through Japanese lines on the northern end of the bloody island.

Of the total casualties of 19,938 many of the wounded already have returned to action.

21,000 Japs Killed Counted Japanese dead exceed 21,000.

Organized resistance on Iwo ceased on Friday (two time) when elements of the third and fifth divisions broke through the enemy lines at Kitano point at the northern tip of the island.

The casualties on Iwo, greatest of the Pacific war to date, topped those on Saipan of 16,525 in 24 days of organized resistance on that island in the Marianas, about 650 miles south of Iwo. The Iwo campaign lasted two days longer.

Life Saver Iwo Jima is a life saver for hundreds of B-29 bomber whose flaming raids on Japan have killed thousands of the enemy, a Superfort spokesman disclosed today as a major breakthrough in the Philippines threatened to trap two Nipponese battalions.

The spokesman said 30 Superforts have made emergency landings on Iwo for repairs or refueling. (Continued on Page Two)

## SUBURB CONSIDERS SANITARY DISTRICT

More than 30 interested property holders of the Altamont district gathered last night in the junior high school to discuss the possibility of postwar construction of a sanitary district.

W. M. Bartlett of Salem, consulting engineer for the postwar reconstruction and development commission for the state of Oregon, told the group of similar projects in other parts of the state and stressed the necessity for long range planning.

The postwar commission sent Bartlett to Klamath county for the purpose of meeting with any municipal or suburban planning committees for whom he acts as consultant.

Organization Bartlett told the group the only way the proposed Altamont district would be eligible for federal aid would be through the organization of a political subdivision such as a sanitary district organized through the proper channels and as prescribed by law.

Those attending brought up the subjects of sewage, fire and police protection and roads. It was suggested that the Altamont district would probably need three separate improvement projects under the political subdivision to handle all needed protection.

Committee A committee was named with W. S. Metter, chairman; S. R. Balsiger, Lee S. McMullen and Bert Baggett. This group will look into boundaries necessary for such a district, find out the assessed valuation of property and (Continued on Page Two)

## County Manager Bill Approved

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR. SALEM, March 16 (AP)—The Oregon legislature, expecting to end its session by tomorrow night, began taking action today on the last of its major issues, with the senate approving house bills to provide machinery for counties to set up the manager form of government, and to provide retirement systems for employees of the state, counties, cities, school districts, and other subdivisions of the state.

The vote of the county manager bill was 21 to 8, while the retirement bill was 27 to 2.

Counties May Elect The county manager bill provides that any county, upon petition by 10 per cent of the voters, may hold an election to decide whether to adopt the system. The people would elect a county board, who would select the manager. The manager would name all county officials.

The bill is the result of a constitutional amendment approved last November when the voters provided that the legislature may establish machinery for the county manager plan.

Efficiency Cited Sen. Dean H. Walker, Independence, declared that county government is inefficient, and that the proposed form would make it more efficient. Opponents of the bill contended that the manager would have too much authority.

Voting against the bill were Senators Booth, Burke, Ellis, (Continued on Page Two)

Downward Tariff Adjustments Eyed WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP) Administration legislation that would permit downward tariff adjustments on some import items of as much as 75 per cent under the Smoot-Hawley act levels made its appearance in the house today.