

# SEA-BORNE PLANES BLAST JAPAN

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### Weather News

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Max. (March 18)	47	Min.	31
Precipitation last 24 hours	.11		
Stream year to date	7.45		
Normal	8.78	Last year	5.98

Forecast: Occasional showers

## Nips Absorb Heaviest Air Blow of War

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

Great flights of carrier planes and Superfortresses gave Japan its heaviest mauling of the war today.

Perhaps 5000 tons of explosives and incendiaries were loosed by sea-borne planes raking airfields of southwestern Japan in a two-day attack, and by 350 Superfortresses in setting fire to the aircraft city of Nagoya for the second time within eight days.

As the war closed in on Japan, Tokyo reported medium bombers from Iwo Jima raided a guardian island 200 miles south of the capital city and a fleet of allied submarines began moving from Indo-China waters into the China sea toward Japan.

American forces on the Philippines invaded their 24th island, advanced on all fronts and counted a total of 282,000 Japanese soldiers killed in the campaign, to 18,579 American casualties, including 3813 killed.

Fighters and bombers from Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's fast carrier forces, reported to number 1400, swept over Kyushu, Shikoku and southern Honshu island for eight hours Sunday, and Tokyo radio reported they returned to the attack at 6 a. m. today.

## REDS ADVANCE AGAINST NAZIS IN NEW DRIVE

### Battle Still Rages for Possession of Stettin

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON, March 19 (AP)—A new Russian offensive in Hungary has advanced to the north of Mor, 39 miles west of Budapest and 98 miles from Vienna, the German high command said today.

In southern Silesia the first Ukrainian army of Marshal Ivan Konev has plunged forward for gains of 15 miles from the border of Czechoslovakia, and attacking on both sides of Neisse, 15 miles northwest of Neustadt, the Germans said. Neustadt is 57 miles southeast of besieged Breslau.

### Battle Rages for Stettin

In the north Marshal Gregory Zhukov wheeled Russian troops westward from the operations around captured Kolberg on the Baltic to add impetus to the battle for Stettin and the mouth of the Oder.

Kolberg, devastated by a 13-day siege, fell yesterday, a Russian communiqué announced, as a savage struggle mounted from the eastern suburbs of Stettin to Wollin island in the Oder estuary.

Marshal Zhukov's infantry and artillery today were pressing home new attacks in this flank drive, which is a preliminary to the grand assault on Berlin.

### German Reel Back

Meanwhile, German forces trapped southwest of Koenigsberg in East Prussia reeled back into final defensive positions on the outskirts of Braunsberg and Heiligenbell, and other soviet troops punched ahead in southern Slovakia in the low Tatras mountains west of Zvolen.

It appeared that German offensive power in western Hun-

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### Klamath County Grand Jury Meets

Members of the Klamath county grand jury gathered this morning at 10 o'clock in the circuit court to begin their fourth session of deliberation since they were called the first of the year.

This will probably be a two-day session, according to the district attorney's office, however, Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg said he would call the jurors again within a short time.

Members include B. S. Grigsby, foreman; Margaret W. Blohm, Linda P. Putman, Edward G. Murphy, John M. Anderson, Charles A. Voght, and Anna M. Funk.

### Senate Subcommittee Will Investigate Food Shortage

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The senate voted unanimously today for an investigation of food shortages.

Proposed in an effort to find a solution to tightening supplies of meat and other commodities, the resolution was approved by voice vote without debate.

The resolution provides \$5000 to finance hearings by a senate agriculture subcommittee.

A similar group inquired into food problems last year, Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) said, in recommending quick acceptance of the proposal.

Not only food, but shoes, tires and manpower may be more tightly squeezed on the home front as the battle lines approach Berlin and Tokyo.

A 12 per cent cut in the home front's meat supply was announced over the weekend as the OPA slashed April passenger tire quotas 37 per cent below this month's level.

In another reflection of the

## 80,000 Nazis Run for Rhine In Major Rout

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, March 19 (AP)—An estimated 80,000 Germans ran for the Rhine today in desperate daylight retreat under perfect strafing weather which turned the northern half of the Bavarian Palatinate into a slaughter ground and the rich Saarland into a death trap.

Swift tank and infantry columns of the third and seventh armies surged within 15 miles of each other between St. Wendel and the Zweibrücken areas of the Saarland and within 42 miles of a junction farther east in the Palatinate.

Tanks shot within 14 miles of Mainz on the bend of the Rhine.

This was the last debacle west of the Rhine and the German first and seventh armies were losing terrific numbers of men and machines in their rout.

Patton Threatens

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army threatened the great Rhine valley cities of Mainz, Frankfurt on the Main, Weisbaden, Ludwigshafen and Mannheim.

His assault troops crashed into St. Wendel, closing all but the eastern end of a death box 25 miles long and 15 miles wide along the whole Saar line.

From the south, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's seventh army jabbed through the Siegfried line east of Saarbrücken and pushed into Wissenbourg and the French corner town of Lauterbourg, a bare nine miles from Karlsruhe.

Bridgehead Expands

Between them, Patton and Patch were using at least 27 divisions, hard hitting and heavily armored, of about 380,000 troops.

North of the two powerful assault armies, the first army fought slowly to expand its 15 by eight-mile east Rhine bridgehead beyond the collapsed but repairable Ludendorff bridge at Remagen.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' warriors were within 17 miles of the Ruhr and hard upon the edge of flat tank country leading to that greatest of European industrial centers.

The enemy was making what might be his supreme effort to block a drive from the east Rhine salient toward Berlin, hurling in reinforcements into the man to man combat.

The Americans slugged out gains of a few hundred yards which carried them into the towns of Orscheid and Ober Orscheid across the Ruhr-Frankfurt superhighway.

In the Saarland which is west of the Palatinate—the one-twelfth of Bavaria west of the Rhine—there was no escape for the Germans. The enemy in the Saar among the ruins of its steel mills and above its tremendous coal deposits appeared to be disorganized completely.

The Germans still fought hard in the Siegfried line sections which prevailed, but even this stand was being menaced increasingly from the rear. The days of the German hold on the Saar which produced six per cent of the enemy's coal and a tenth of her iron and steel were numbered.

The fourth armored (break-

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## Fire Destroys Vancouver Store

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 19 (AP)—A three-alarm fire which destroyed the Metropolitan 5 and 10 cent store in the heart of the business district was estimated to have inflicted \$150,000 loss.

Fire Chief Pierre DuPaul said the blaze, which burned eight hours after its discovery at 1 a. m. yesterday, caused an estimated \$75,000 damage to stock and equipment and \$75,000 to the building. The adjoining J. C. Penney Co. store was heavily damaged by smoke and water.

Although the mill Jaksick plans to install will be a great deal smaller than the one which the Pickering interests planned, nevertheless the buildings will be utilized to as great an extent as possible. The mill pond will also be used.

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## Salvage Depot Opens for Business



Fifteen tons of tin cans were stacked in the new Salvage Depot erected at 606 Market street by the AF of L carpenters, in the kick-off salvage collection sparked by the junior chamber of commerce. Shown in the picture are some of the carpenters and Jaycees at work at the depot Sunday.

## Allied Planes Hit Vital German Areas

By HENRY B. JAMESON

LONDON, March 19 (AP)—Only one of Germany's 20 synthetic oil plants and but 19 of her 78 coke ovens are operating and the allies are gaining a mounting mastery over "all forms of movement inside Germany," a high personage in Britain's war councils told a specially summoned press conference today.

His statement was made as 1800 American bombers and fighters hit jet plane installations and war industries in southern Germany and the RAF again showered 11 and 6-ton bombs on the Arnsberg and Bielefeld viaducts in the Ruhr area.

These strikes followed yesterday's record American daylight assault on Berlin by more than 1300 Fortresses and Liberators in which the Rheinmetall-Borsig armament works, one of the world's largest, was set blazing.

The British official, whose name must remain anonymous under the established press conference customs of his position, said German shortages were severely limiting the mobility of Adolf Hitler's tanks and reducing the already dwindling effectiveness of his air force.

Referring to captured Nazi documents and statements of prisoners of war, he said one German tank force had been ordered not to use any gasoline from the end of December until it was ordered up to the western front—and then it was issued an insufficient amount of fuel to get to the front.

Commanders of the German day and night fighters as long ago as early November were barred from using gasoline for training flights, he added.

Nazi Airpower Dwindles

Blows at Nazi aircraft production, he continued, had resulted in "almost complete disappearance" of long-range German bombers, denied the enemy effective aerial reconnaissance and prevented the Germans from getting into action any considerable fighter force.

The allied air campaign, he summed up, is having an "almost decisive effect" on the enemy's war effort.

Today's targets of the eighth air force ranged from Leipzig to Ulm, 60 miles from the Swiss border.

For the second straight day the Luftwaffe came up in what is considerable strength for German fighters nowadays, and at least 34 German planes were shot down.

## Lakeview Man Purchases Mill

LAKEVIEW, (Special)—Sam Jaksick, who recently acquired the Shaw Lumber company's interest in timber lying in the Alturas working circle, has purchased the Pickering mill west of Alturas and will install his sawmill and re-manufacturing plant there.

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## 15 TONS OF TIN SALVAGED SUNDAY

Fifteen tons of tin cans were picked up and stacked in the salvage depot, 606 Market street, Sunday by 30 junior chamber of commerce members in the kickoff salvage drive of the season, according to conservative estimates made by Paul Lee, county salvage chairman.

Despite the fact that Merrill, Malin, Henley and Chilquinn salvage collections are not in yet, Sunday's collection fell far short of the three-month-old Jackson county scrap drive which has gathered approximately 22 tons so far, according to Robert A. Duff, Jackson county chairman, who accepted Lee's challenge of a contest for the duration last week.

Collection Falls Short

Jaycees reported to the new salvage depot, erected by the voluntary work of the local AF of L Carpenter's union, at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, and worked until late afternoon, but the tin collection fell far short of expectations, according to Lee.

Though Klamath is lagging behind Jackson county thus far, the county salvage committee is confident that they will forge ahead before the drive is over. Four salvage tin cans per person per month will place Klamath abreast of its quota set by the Oregon State salvage committee, and perhaps top Medford and Ashland.

Continuous Drive

It was emphasized by Warren Whitlock, city salvage chairman, that this is a continuous salvage drive and that Sunday's collection was the kick-off for a big salvage year. Both city and suburban residents are urged to bring their tin, paper and other salvage at any time to the new depot which has been constructed for their convenience.

Next Sunday, March 25, the Jaycees will spark the kick-off paper drive.

## Byrnes Surprised At LaGuardia's Action on Curfew

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—James F. Byrnes announced today continuation of the midnight curfew for America's entertainment spots, but plainly indicated he could not force New York City to comply.

The government, said the director of war mobilization, has no intention of withdrawing its request for the curfew as a means of saving coal, manpower and transportation.

But Byrnes said the government has no police force to discover local violations and will not create one.

And, he added, a "controversial enforcement" in New York without support of local officials "would be impossible" and would divert from the war effort.

Reviewing with President Roosevelt's "full approval" his appeal for cooperation on the curfew and other conservation measures, at least until Germany's defeat, Byrnes said these must apply uniformly throughout the country and added:

"We can not set one standard for New York City and another standard for the rest of the country."

Byrnes said he was "surprised" at Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's action in announcing New York City night spots could operate until 1 a. m.

## OPA REMOVES BARRIERS TO VETS

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—OPA today removed ration barriers which would prevent veterans from setting up as bakers, confectioners, popcorn or refreshment stand operators.

Changes in regulations effective March 26 will permit homecoming soldiers to use rationed foods in starting small enterprises otherwise closed to newcomers.

To make sure that the businesses are truly small ones, however, OPA set limits on the amount of butter, sugar, lard and other rationed ingredients which may be used.

## Rumors Denied By State Police

Reports that women have been operating state police cars have reached officers here but were definitely denied today by Sgt. E. W. Tichenor. The charges, in the opinion of the sergeant, have been made by disgruntled motorists, picked up on traffic offenses and made to discredit the force.

Tichenor said that no women are authorized, nor are women permitted, to operate state police cars and the cars are assigned only to men on his force. The cars have evidently been confused with other state operated vehicles including the state highway department, welfare commission, or industrial accident committee, all used in this area.

## Negro Bootblack Has Stroke--Still Helps Red Cross

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—Tom Howell, aged negro bootblack, refused to let a paralytic stroke—which sent him to bed for a week—keep him from meeting a promise to give a day's earnings to the Red Cross.

The 92-year-old bootblack collected \$15.30 one day in 20-cent shins and tips, then turned it all over to the Red Cross war fund drive. He mourned he'd have made more if it weren't for his crippled right side.

"It would have been \$50 if I could have handled the day's business. Why, they were around my stand three deep," he declared.

## Super-Worms Await Season

Remember Klamath's super-coyotes? Now it's super-worms that have the outdoor element in a dither.

L. M. Rexford reports that he was bragging the other day about the fine angle worms he had dug up, putting them in a box and feeding them coffee-grounds and bran to fatten them.

Warren Scott, a friend of Rexford's, agreed that that method produces fair worms, but declared that if heavy clabber milk is mixed with the coffee grounds it really produces a savage and elusive worm.

On several occasions, Scott has witnessed in clear water the actual encounters of super-worms and fish. When the fish strikes, the worm dodges, so infuriating the fish that when he strikes again he doesn't miss and is thoroughly hooked.

Rexford and Scott today speculated that they ought to be able to add something that will so super-charge the worm he will strike back. Then the worm will get the blame when the big one gets away.

Thank heavens, it's less than 30 days until fishing season.

## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WASHINGTON — It is quite probable that no important in America is more generally understood than that of communism. It is equally probable that no truly important job is done by more different kinds of men. There are all kinds of communists—good, bad and indifferent.

MAKE no mistake as to this: The job IS an important one. It is in recent decades is due to the fact that the quality of membership of the house of representatives has not been as good as it might have been if the PEOPLE of the United States had been a little more intelligently intelligent in their choice of candidates for congress.

What is a congressman's job? You may ask. Well, it is a varied one. For one thing, he helps to make the laws. But, in addition, he is the business agent of his constituency, representing the people of his district, both individually and collectively, in his dealings with the government and sprawling GOVERNMENT of the United States.

For example, if you want government job, you take it with your congressman, and get his best—or his worst—offer. If you feel yourself overworked or injured in your business by the acts of some government department or bureau, you take it with your congressman. If you want a government contract, you take it with your congressman. If you want a government treatise or pamphlet, you ask your congressman to get it for you. And so on.

all of these purely industrial dealings, your congressman is your personal representative in Washington.

Isn't merely your personal business representative in these dealings you may have to deal with your government. He is your social secretary as well.

If you are visiting Washington and your wife wants to attend a party or a reception where there will be people of note (greater than you and the girls of her home) what they said and what they wore and what they did like, you take it up with your congressman and he takes care of it for you.

If you aim high and aspire to be invited to the White House to some semi-diplomatic affair, he takes it for you and as far as he can with it.

will be readily apparent to you that if your congressman doesn't watch his step he can become so enmeshed in the round of personal chores for constituents that he will have little time or energy left for larger duties as the representative of his district as a whole and as a LAWMAKER.

Indeed, many of them do just that. The halls of congress are full of them. Some of them fight hard, but never succeed in getting out of the net they have spun themselves into. Others fall prey to this petty routine, and are fairly sure road to votes.

There is a feeling (it can't be denied) that a definite change in the membership of the House is in the air.

ave Simpson coming for Chamber Meet

ave Simpson, nationally prominent Portlander, will come to this week for the membership meeting of the Klamath chamber of commerce, set for Friday night.

Simpson is immediate past president of the Portland chamber, and a candidate for national chamber director. He is also president of the National Association of Real Estate Agents.

He may be accompanied by McCaslin, president of the Klamath chamber. Chamber members are urged today to get their names immediately for the membership meeting, which will be a crab feed and promptly followed by an outstanding event.

It was suggested that chamber members attend the Thursday concert of the high school department, to avoid the traffic which occurs on Friday night when a concert and the feed are both scheduled.