

ALLIES POISE FOR RHINE DASH

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Weather News
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 Max. (March 22) 40 Min. 26
 Precipitation last 24 hours .03
 Stream year to date 7.79
 Normal 8.93 Last year 5.98
 Forecast: Frost tonight. Warmer Saturday.

Jap Premier Vows Recapture of Isles

SOVIET DRIVE NOW 31 MILES FROM BERLIN

LONDON, March 23 (AP)—A German frontline radio report tonight said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's Russians had broken through Berlin's defenses and smashed to Goltzow, six miles west of the river and 31 miles from the capital.

The enemy reported the thrust to Goltzow was made from the sector of Kuestrin fortress, held by the Russians, with six infantry divisions and waves of tanks, and the "battle still rages to and fro."



By LEONARD MILLIMAN
 Associated Press War Editor
 Sixty thousand tank-supported Japanese troops opened a new campaign in central China today as Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso promised to launch "an offensive toward the recapture of Iwo Jima, Saipan and Guadalcanal."

Koiso's bland pledge ignored the loss of another Philippine island—Guimaras the 27th to be invaded by American assault forces—a new Australian amphibious advance in the Solomons and feverish defense preparations in Japan itself.

Japan's new China offensive stemmed from the Hankow area. It appeared to have a three-fold purpose—raiding the wheat crop of southern Honan and northern Hupeh provinces, knocking out U. S. air bases, and strengthening Nippon's west wall along the Chonghsien-Hankow sector of railway stretching from Manchuria to Canton in southern China.

The railway becomes more necessary to maintain communications with Japan's southern region as the American blockade tightens on Japan's shipping lanes. Twelve more small freighters were sunk or damaged off the China coast by air raiders from the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today. Six more were bagged in the Dutch East Indies.

The newest Philippines invasion was accomplished Wednesday by Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th division. Assault forces made a two-mile water crossing from newly captured Iloilo on Panay, where the 40th is mopping up. The conquest of Guimaras was not opposed. Seizure of mountainous, 25-mile-long Guimaras protects the shipping lane to Iloilo, one of the best ports in the central Philippines.

An invasion of Cebu in the Central Islands was threatened by a heavy three-day bombardment, in which rockets sank a midget submarine, coordinated with increasing PT boat patrols of Cebu's shores.

North of Manila, Yanks began to close a pliers on Baguio, supposed headquarters of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, supreme commander of the emperor's scattered forces in the Philippines. The 33rd division drove to the edge of Naguilian and its airfield, 16 miles northwest of Baguio. Another column was eight miles south of the Philippines summer capital.

Australians Clean Up
 Australians cleaning up in the Solomons made another amphibious advance on Bougainville, landing on Soraken peninsula, 12 miles from the island's northern tip.

All of these actions were ignored by Koiso and his war-and navy ministers as they talked of an impending Nipponese offensive.

The Japanese cabinet adopted an emergency "war labor board mobilization plans calling for drafting of workers for construction of fortifications and air defense installations" as well as war industry. It is a companion piece to pending legislation to put Japan under virtual military rule. Supplies and munitions are being redistributed so that any section of Japan will be able to fight to the death if invading forces cut it off from the rest of the country.

HARBOR HEARING SET
 WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Army engineers have advised Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) that a public hearing will be held at Coos Bay, Ore., in May to determine what additional harbor improvements are needed.

Cheer Up, Smokers! The Fag Shortage Is Only 'Apparent'
 LEXINGTON, Ky., March 23 (AP)—Cheer up—the cigarette shortage won't last forever, or even for very long. So reports the University of Kentucky after a study, which also says:

The result is that there are more smokers for some individuals but fewer for those who have been heavy smokers in the past.

Any real danger of a continuing shortage is forestalled by the big 1944 burley and flue-cured tobacco crops.

To make a good cigarette tobacco must be aged at least four years. Marketing of the 1944 burley crop is just being completed.

So, the report says, the scarcity will probably continue only until the 1944 crop is ready for manufacture.

More cigarettes were manufactured in 1944 than ever before. But wartime wages and wartime tensions increased consumption.

The report was prepared by the department of markets and rural finance of the university's agricultural experiment station.



In this dramatic sequence from film "Fury in the Pacific," made by 35 army, navy and marine corps during invasion of Peleliu, Palau islands, two marines watch (left) as Jap, unwilling to be taken prisoner, dashes from his cave. A single shot drops him (right) and he bites the dust. Other Japs wisely surrendered. Nine photographers were wounded in making film.

HOTEL WAGE HIKES CONSIDERED BY WLB

War labor board hearings continued at the Klamath county courthouse today as members of a panel considered the charge of wage increases made by the Willard hotel without approval of WLB.

William A. Babcock Jr., regional WLB, Seattle, presented his case to the panel early today. This consisted of testimony of Lynn Garrison, inspector for the wage and hour division of the United States department of labor. Garrison's testimony was to the effect that total wages paid by the Willard hotel on which he alleges violations occurred, amount to \$84,491.35.

Since October 1942
 The total includes wages on which violations are claimed for a period extending from October 3, 1942, to the present time. The October date is the date of the wage stabilization act. Three branches of the Willard are included in this alleged violation, wages paid to hotel, grille and the Officers' club employees.

W. D. Miller, owner of the Willard, said in defense that he had filed Form-10's, voluntary application for wage adjustment, with the WLB.

Lost In Transit
 It was pointed out that the first forms were lost in transit, the second were filed and cancelled due to insufficient information, and the third and fourth forms are now pending.

Garrison explained the alleged violations to the panel. Alma Sweetman, assistant secretary of the culinary alliance, explained (Continued on Page Two)

LaGuardia Asks Curfew Change
 NEW YORK, March 23 (AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, still clinging to his "hour of tolerance" on the Byrnes blackout, has suggested that congress create an "enforceable" midnight curfew by establishing a license system fixing hours of operation.

This could be inserted as a proviso in the internal revenue law, he said.

LaGuardia indicated to the nation his belief that enforcement of any closing hour except the 4 a. m. deadline set by state law would prove impossible among a large percentage of New York City's bars and restaurants.

Cheyne Awarded Purple Heart
 The Purple Heart, awarded posthumously to Cpl. Rollo B. Cheyne of the U. S. marine corps, was received on Tuesday by his mother, Mrs. Fannie M. Cheyne of Merrill road.

The 21-year-old youth, a member of the 3rd marine division, was killed in action in the South Pacific, and word was received July 30, Cheyne enlisted in the marine paratroopers, and following its disorganization, transferred to the 3rd marines, and saw action in eight major campaigns. He was in the Marianas islands at the time of his death.

Cheyne is a graduate of Henry grade school and Klamath Union high school. His younger brother, Dale, is now in the South Pacific, and is also in the 3rd division of marines.

\$10,000 in Cash Found on Drunk
 PORTLAND, March 23 (AP)—A Beaverton man was arrested early today and booked on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Police went through the regular routine of checking his valves. In pockets he carried checks and cash totalling nearly \$10,000.

Fury In the Pacific

Crawford Enters Not Guilty Plea

Merle Malcolm Crawford, indicted on charges of sodomy and rape by the Klamath county grand jury last Tuesday, entered pleas of innocence to both counts before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg this morning.

Crawford, held in the county jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail, was represented by William Kellington, associated with George Roberts of Medford. Roberts will defend Crawford. Judge Vandenberg set June 4 as date of trial on the sodomy charge and June 18 as date of trial on the rape charge.

REICH STAGGERED BY AIR POUNDING

The terrific devastation is almost beyond comprehension, but the relentless flailing of every type of military objective from the smallest crossroads to Berlin itself unquestionably has made the way easier for the doughboys, as Gen. Eisenhower has declared.

During the past 10 days of this greatest air blitz in history the industrial Ruhr valley and the vast rolling Rhine plain have been systematically isolated from the rest of the reich and deprived of rail and highway movement necessary to resist a (Continued on Page Two)

13 SQUARE MILES OF TOKYO IN ASHES

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Lauris Norstad said today that approximately 13 1/2 square miles of Tokyo was reduced to ashes by the March 9 Superfortress raid.

The incendiary bombs dropped by B-29s, he declared, knocked out at least 20 per cent of the Japanese capital's industrial production for three months and five per cent for a full year.

Destruction of similar proportions was inflicted in the attacks against Nagoya, Kobe and Osaka, he told a news conference, adding that full reports of the damage there still are not available.

170 Lost

Since the Superfortresses started operations last June 5, he said, 170 of the big bombers have been lost, including 84 downed in combat and 86 lost through accidents and other operational causes.

Norstad said the B-29 losses were so far below expectations that operations in the future can be stepped up substantially. He did not disclose how many Superfortress crewmen had been lost.

Drydock Sunk

Since opening their attacks against the Japanese the B-29s have destroyed 367 enemy planes, he said, and probably destroyed 301, a total of 668.

He summarized other accomplishments as follows:

Destruction and sinking of the world's largest floating drydock at Singapore.

Razing of the Japanese repair and maintenance depot at Okayama, described as Japan's most important depot for air operations south of Formosa.

Destruction of wharves and storage facilities at Hankow, a Japanese communications center in China.

Floyd Darnell Killed in Action

Sgt. Floyd Darnell of the fifth division of the US marine corps gave his life in action on Iwo Jima February 26, according to word received by Mrs. R. B. Wilkins of 4717 Frieda, Darnell's sister.

Sgt. Darnell was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Darnell, former Klamath Falls residents who now reside in Chico, Calif. He was a veteran of Guadalcanal and Tulagi.

Darnell entered the service December, 1942. He had lived here all his life before entering the armed forces and attended Mills grade school and KUHS. He was 24 years old.

Sgt. Darnell is survived by four sisters, Cora Wilkins, Ruth Van Hoy Roseburg, Laura Darnell of this city, Hazel and Nora Darnell of Chico and one brother, Carl, of Portland.

German Radio Claims Yanks Cross River Second Time

By JAMES M. LONG
 PARIS, March 23 (AP)—German broadcasts said tonight that assault formations from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third army had gained a second allied foothold across the Rhine and Field Marshal Montgomery "seems to be ready" for a crossing in the north.

There was no allied confirmation, but Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the group which includes the U. S. first and third armies declared allied armies could cross the great river "most anywhere at any time."

The crossing was made last night near Oppenheim, 12 miles south of Mainz and 13 miles east of Darmstadt, a German radio announcer reported, with assault boats and amphibious tanks.

Although he declared German motorized troops counterattacked immediately and "wiped most of them out" he indicated Patton's forces still had a grip on the east bank of the Rhine to supplement the 33-mile long bridgehead of the first army stretching from north of Bornho within five miles of Coblenz.

All along the Rhine the Germans reported allied preparations to storm the river.

Smoke Screen Thrown Up
 Forty miles of the lower Rhine were blacked out in a dense smoke screen thrown up by Montgomery's chemical forces to mask what the German communique called the "offensive preparations" of his three armies. Heavy shelling arched across the river from allied artillery, and armadas of allied planes stitched a fence of explosives around the Ruhr.

The German communique said Patton's men also had made several attempts to cross the Rhine farther south, below Worms, a German radio last night told of other attempted cross-Rhine thrusts in the first army sector near Dusseldorf.

3rd Captures Speyer
 In the mop-up stage west of the Rhine the third army captured Speyer on the Rhine, last considerable city west of the river.

The Germans thus were reduced to a 19-mile stretch of the west bank of the Rhine.

While Speyer, at the north end of the German pocket was falling, the 36th division of the seventh army flanked the last 13 miles of the thickly studded Siegfried line on the south of the pocket and poured armor and infantry into Bergzabern, 25 miles southwest of Speyer and 19 miles west of Karlsruhe.

Far to the south, the cities of Mainz, Birmenshan and Landau toppled and Ludwigshafen was being cleared in closing hours of the great Palatinate-Saarland victory. More than 100,000 prisoners have been taken there; Bradley said 203,010 had been captured in the Rhineland since February 8.

Zero Hour Looms

"There is complete calm on the allied side of the lower Rhine," Rose Munro of the Canvans, described as Japan's most important depot for air operations south of Formosa.

Destruction of wharves and storage facilities at Hankow, a Japanese communications center in China.

Forest Reseeding Fund Hike Asked

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Several million additional head of cattle and sheep could be grazed on western ranges if barren areas are properly reseeded, in the opinion of Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.).

Stockman appeared before the house appropriations committee to urge increased appropriations for the forest service reseedling program and continued support of the wood products laboratory at Portland, Ore. He opposed increased grazing fees on public lands.

Large areas in the 12 public land states of the west, Stockman told the committee, are now producing very little except brush and useless weeds.

Three Japs Get Jail Sentences

NEWELL, Calif.—R. R. Best, project director of the WRA at Tulelake, today sentenced three Japanese men to 100 days in jail for illegal activities in connection with the organizations known as the "Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan" and "Hokoku Seinen Dan," of which they are leaders.

The men were Sakutaro Kakuada, Masado Saichigashi and Shigeo Wake.

Earlier in the week three other men, including the president of the organizations, were given 90-day jail sentences by Harry Black, assistant project director, who sat as hearing officer.

Help Asked to Curb Shoplifting

Main street merchants were urged by County Juvenile Officer Harold Hendrickson, to assist in curbing shop lifting and petty thievery. Numerous cases have been called to the attention of his office, Hendrickson said.

Early Thursday evening city police picked up two sisters, 10 and 11 years old, who had in their possession four pairs of bobby sox and quite a few trinkets taken from Newberry's.

The youngsters said they were picking out sox for members of their family, but inasmuch as juvenile officers said the family included 23 persons, this was considered quite a large order for the little girls.

Faye Lucas, assistant county juvenile officer, asked the little lifters what she should do with them? The pair advised her that she shouldn't do anything as their mother took care of them with a whipping every time they did anything of this kind. Both girls were taken home and are to report in the juvenile office with their parents Saturday morning.

Revised Cattle Subsidy Outlined

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—The office of economic stabilization today outlined the revised cattle subsidy program under which slaughterers will be eligible for an additional premium of up to 50 cents a hundredweight.

OES Director William H. Davis also formally announced a cut from 80 cents to 30 cents a hundredweight in the special subsidy paid to non-processing slaughterers.

Both steps were disclosed earlier this week. The OES said they are designed to bring beef distribution to equalize more nearly the competitive position of slaughterers.

The program is effective April 1.

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Divorce Rumors

HOLLYWOOD, March 23 (AP)—A 23-month-old daughter, planned to call at her father's home for a possible discussion of the future of her marriage. Flynn is said to be confined to his home by an attack of malaria.

WILLIAMS REJECTED AS REA CHIEFTAIN

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—The senate rejected today President Roosevelt's nomination of Aubrey Williams as rural electrification administrator.

The vote was 52 to 36 against confirmation.

Former NYA Head
 Senate action came two months and a day after the president submitted the name of the former national youth administrator for director of a lending program opponents said soon may reach the proportions of a billion dollars.

Some southern democrats joined with republicans to defeat the 54-year-old Williams, an ardent new dealer.

First Since 1939
 It was the first senatorial rejection of a presidential appointee, other than a postmaster, since June, 1939, when a nominee for United States attorney for Nevada was turned down. Some other nominations were withdrawn, however.

Supporters contended that Williams was falsely accused of communist leanings. Opponents said he was not fitted for the job.

Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky, pleading for confirmation shortly before the vote was taken, called Williams a champion of the underprivileged.

Hughes Death Laid to Pills

HOLLYWOOD, March 23 (AP)—Mrs. Rupert Hughes, wife of the author, died today in Hollywood receiving hospital shortly after she had been taken there by police ambulance from her home.

Officers C. B. Sylvester and James Temple, who answered a call from the Hughes home, said she apparently took an overdose of sleeping tablets in an effort to overcome the pain of an ailment from which she had long been a sufferer.

Mrs. Hughes, 42, was known in literary circles as Elizabeth Patterson Dial and was a well known writer. She married Hughes in Madison, Fla., in 1924. They have no children.

Husband Wounds Estranged Wife

PORTLAND, March 23 (AP)—Mrs. Marian Morrison, 25, who was to have begun divorce proceedings today, was in the hospital instead with a bullet wound in the thigh.

She was quoted by Detective Capt. John J. Keegan as saying her estranged husband came to see her last night, and fired when she tried to close the door. The husband, Eldred Morrison, was held for questioning.

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