

NAZIS BREAK IN WILD RETREAT

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Yank Tanks Prowl Heart Of Germany

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, March 28 (AP)—The Germans declared tonight that American third army tanks were prowling in the heart of the rich 213 miles from Berlin as their armies north of the Ruhr broke into wild retreat before the massed might of allied armor and infantry.

The scope of enemy disintegration increased as four powerful armies of Gen. Eisenhower broke clear through collapsed defenses at points 145 miles deep in Germany.

The mystery fourth armored division of the third army was definitely on the loose again. It speared 27 miles today—but went north—and reached an area six miles southeast of Giessen, 225 miles southwest of Berlin, in an advance from Hanau.

Giessen itself was captured by the first army, which raced on and captured Bellhausen, on up the Berlin road 221 miles from the capital.

Other third army troops, which smashed a new bridgehead over the Rhine, outdid others in river-hopping exploits by crossing two major rivers in one day, the Rhine and the Main, and captured the city of Wiesbaden, east of embattled Frankfurt.

Kastel, on the Rhine opposite Mainz, was quickly seized in this circling approach to Wiesbaden.

The German Communiqué said the fourth armored division crashed into Gemunden, 218 miles from Berlin, and had driven on farther northeast to within 213 miles of the capital. The enemy may easily have been mistaken as to the identity of any allied troops in the area, however. Gemunden is 145 miles deep in the reich and nearly 90 miles southeast of Geissen.

Exact forward locations of the third, first and British second armies all were masked in a news blackout, however, which kept the enemy confused.

The first army was 120 miles inside central Germany, 225 miles from Berlin at last reported positions. Indications were that the first was appreciably closer.

At least 14,000 Nazi Germans surrendered as American and British tanks raced through roadside towns without defenses and beyond bewildered Nazi civilians littering the landscape with white flags.

Pilots back from runs in the north where the bombing had been advanced sometimes every 20 minutes, said the Germans appeared to be in rout before a British armored breakthrough toward the Westphalian capital of Muenster, 30 miles away at last reports.

The American first, third and seventh armies united in a solid front 80 miles wide from besieged Mannheim to east of Bonn. The seventh army had raced 32 miles east of the Rhine to join the third on the main belt army Aschaffenburg, which third army troops were mopping up southeast of Frankfurt.

Frankfurt itself was doomed. (Continued on Page Two)

Tokyo Claims U. S. Warships Pound Ryukyus

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Carrier planes bombed and strafed the southernmost shores of Japan today, Tokyo radio reported between broadcasts warning that an increasing number of American warships were bombarding the Ryukyu islands, preparatory to an invasion of Okinawa, 325 miles southwest of Nippon.

Twelve hundred miles to the south Japanese incendiaries set fire to Cebu, second largest city of the Philippines, as invading Yanks overran elaborate but poorly defended Japanese positions on Cebu island and drove to the outskirts of the city.

Tokyo reported Superforts struck again at Kyushu island last night in their second raid within 12 hours on the southernmost island of Japan.

A Pacific fleet communiqué announced navy fliers from Iwo Jima flew to within 150 miles of Tokyo. They hit at three cargo ships near Machijo island, making a total of 11 Nipponese cargo ships reported damaged by land-based bombers over a 2000-mile arc from the gates of Tokyo to the Celebes.

Japanese broadcasters contradicted one another in reporting developments in the Tokyo-announced U. S. invasion of the Kerama islands, 11 miles west of strategic Okinawa. One said "savagely battles are raging" and reinforcements landed. Another reported "only a few" American assault troops have reached shore and "active fighting on land has not yet started."

All Japanese accounts agreed that the American armada "is definitely intent upon affecting landings on the main island of Okinawa." The Domei news agency added that invaders of Okinawa must "pay vastly more heavily" than the marines did in taking two Jims, 830 miles to the east.

Nimits Silent

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz was silent as to what happened Sunday, the day Japanese headquarters said the Keramas were invaded. He confirmed previous enemy reports that the U. S. fifth fleet continued bombardment of the Ryukyus yesterday while carrier planes of task force 58 continued their raids begun last Friday.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, confirming previous Tokyo announcements of the invasion of Cebu, said the American division stormed ashore Monday through mortar fire. It is the 28th Philippine island to be reinvaded. Field dispatches said the Japanese were disorganized although their extensive beach defenses included many tank traps, road blocks, land mines and barbed wire entanglements.

Japs Fire Cebu

Almost simultaneously with the landing, Japanese demolition squads put the torch to the city of Cebu, intent on leaving it in ruins as they did Manila. American infantrymen had little trouble reaching the suburbs of the city, where the principal fight on the island was expected. Most of the island is controlled by Filipino guerrillas.

Nipponese resistance along the once powerful Shimbun line of Luzon island, 20 miles east of Manila, was reported broken into isolated pockets as (Continued on Page Two)

Mustang Fighters Crash On Iwo Jima



Beyond a line of 7th fighter command P-51s on Iwo Jima, smoke towers from flames of a Mustang which was struck by a plane landing on the treacherous Iwo strip. The P-51, making its landing, rolled over one parked plane, flipped over the top of the plane burning fiercely above.—AAF photo.

STEVENS JURY STILL OUT AT MID-AFTERNOON

Jurors in the case of the state versus PFC Herbert Daniel Stevens, USMC, had not returned a verdict at 2:30 p. m. today after three hours of deliberation.

Stevens is charged with robbery not armed with a dangerous weapon, in connection with incidents that preceded the death of Karl Bold, Klamath farmer.

After hearing Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg's instructions the jurors took the case at 11 a. m. About 2:30 they sent out a request for further instructions, but this was denied. The jurors had taken a half hour out for lunch.

Deputy District Attorney J. Hawkins Napier, presenting the opening argument for the state, dwelt at length on the time element as introduced by the state's witness, Pvt. Gerard Brussier. Napier asked the jury to compare the size of the defendant as compared with that of Bold, who was described as 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighing about 130 pounds.

As Defense Attorney Joseph C. O'Neill presented the argument for the defense, he asked the jury to weigh the evidence of Stevens' reputation as sworn to by witnesses. He reviewed briefly the service record of the defendant. The attorney said that at no time had Stevens "acted like a criminal," but that he told a number of companions on the night of December 5, that he had struck Bold when he made improper advances, and that he had taken Bold's car.

In the closing argument for the state, District Attorney Clarence Humble used the evidence presented by Carol Anderson, nurse, that Bold's clothing was in order at the time of his admittance to Klamath Valley hospital, and Humble branded Stevens' entire story as false. Humble praised "the spirit of the corps," referring to testimony given by marines in Stevens' behalf, but intimated that (Continued on Page Two)

BERLIN STRUCK HEAVY AIR BLOW

By HENRY B. JAMESON
LONDON, March 28 (AP)—More than 400 U. S. Flying Fortress bombers hammered Berlin today where new orders for evacuation of women, children and all unneeded persons were issued—while more than 500 other Fortresses hammered similar targets in Hannover.

There was heavy anti-aircraft fire over the reich capital, where targets included plants making Panther tanks, armored cars and trucks in the Spandau and Falkensee districts eight and 15 miles west and northwest of the heart of Berlin.

The bombers were escorted by 350 Mustang fighters.

Light and medium bombers of the U. S. ninth air force based on the continent took up the task of blasting German oil stores—a task largely reserved heretofore to the heavy strategic bombers.

One mission went to Nuenheise, southeast of Paderborn, where reconnaissance showed 12 large tanks above ground protected by concrete blast walls.

Oil Centers Hit

Other large-scale attacks were made on oil storage centers at Erbach, east of Wursburg.

The German news agency DNB announced that steps would be taken to remove all unnecessary citizens from the city, which underwent its 36th consecutive RAF Mosquito raid last night.

Similar plans have been reported by the Japanese for Tokyo and thus allied air power was forcing further emergency measures in the last two remaining major axis capitals.

Armament plants in Berlin and Hannover were the targets for today's raiders.

Two Formations Hit Berlin

Today's raid was the fifth major daylight assault of the year on Berlin and was carried out by two formations of Flying Fortresses which thundered over almost an hour apart.

The first wave had dropped its bombs and was heading back to England as the second group arrived.

Both attacks, as well as the one on Hannover, were carried out between 10 a. m. and 11:05 (Continued on Page Two)

Packers Say OPA Driving Meat Industry Bankrupt

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) Senate investigators dropped their inquiry into the meat packers' difficulties with OPA controls today with the understanding that attorneys for both sides will try to work out an agreement.

Chairman Thomas (D-Okla.) announced the understanding to the senate agriculture committee, which is investigating the whole food situation. He said the committee would resume its study of the alleged "price squeeze" on the packers next month if no agreement is reached with OPA.

The committee recessed until next week, when complaints by wholesalers of meat will be heard.

Just before it quit, Senator Wherry (R-Nebr.) declared he had received information that 90 per cent of all meat sold in New York City is "black market" and sold at above 40 cents a pound. He asked Deputy Price Administrator James H. Brownlee if he did not think that under such circumstances price controls should be lifted.

"I don't know where you get this information but I doubt that 90 per cent of meat sold in New York is on the black market," Brownlee replied.

Brownlee added that he did not believe lifting price controls would cure the black market.

Thomas E. Wilson told senate investigators today that OPA price regulations are "squeezing" meat packers and must be eased or the government will have to take over the whole industry.

The board president of Wilson and Company, one of the "big four" packers, thus backed up testimony of smaller packers that OPA is driving the industry into bankruptcy.

"We can't buy livestock at controlled prices and sell at controlled prices without losing money," Wilson testified, adding that the "squeeze" is "getting awfully close to our breathing apparatus now."

"It isn't right," Wilson told the senate agriculture committee. "It isn't fair. It is un-American and it should be changed."

FDR URGES PASSAGE OF MANPOWER BILL

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) President Roosevelt today urged quick passage of the manpower bill to forestall an exodus of workers from war plants.

In a letter which Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) read to the senate as it began consideration of the measure, the president said:

"The manpower situation is still serious. In the days ahead of us there will be great temptation for workers to leave war plants.

"The failure to enact this legislation will make our conduct of the war even more difficult."

3RD UKRAINIAN ARMY SURGES ACROSS RABA

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON, March 28 (AP)—The third Ukrainian army has smashed to within 10 miles of the Austrian frontier and 54 of Vienna in a power surge across the Raba river, last natural barrier in western Hungary before the Austrian border, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

In the north, he proclaimed the fall of Gdynia, Baltic port and last big Polish city in German hands.

Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army smashed well over the Raba and captured Csorna, 54 miles from Vienna and 25 south of Bratislava, and also seized Sarvar, 29 miles farther south on the Raba's west bank.

Csorna is 30 miles east of Sopron, stronghold in a tip of Hungary which juts deeper into Austria, while Sarvar is 13 miles from the Hungarian fortress city of Szombathely on the route to Graz.

Tolbukhin's lunge was part of a huge pincers closing on Czechoslovakia and hitting for Vienna and Prague. Csorna's fall outflanked tottering Gyor, 19 miles to the northeast.

Stalin said 9,000 prisoners were taken in Gdynia.

The Raba at some points is a scant 20 miles from the Austrian border.

Fighting at Sarvar

The spokesman said fighting had broken out at Sarvar, a communications center west of the Raba, and that the focus at the battle had shifted to that place and the large hub of Gyor, 45 miles to the northwest.

Berlin declared in an after- (Continued on Page Two)

Ackley Mill Changes Hands

Modoc Lumber company, of which Lawrence and John Shaw of a well known local lumbering family are owners, has just completed purchase of the Ackley mill on Lake Ewauna in Klamath Falls.

A deed on file in the county records shows the sale was made by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Payne, Mrs. Katherine Cole, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Maize. Revenue stamps indicate a consideration of about \$10,000.

Operating the mill this season is the Link River Lumber company, which includes the Shaw brothers, Michael Thiesen, Charles Kemper, Rollin Rodolf, Mitchell Tillotson, R. C. Groesbeck and King Gray as partners.

Iwo Jima Hero Reported Killed

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 28 (AP)—Platoon Sgt. Ernest I. Thomas Jr., the marine who planted the United States flag on Mount Suribachi during the invasion of Iwo Jima, was killed in action on the island several days later, the marine corps notified his mother here today.

Mrs. Thomas, an employee of the Florida state road department, said Lt. Gen. A. Vandegrift, commandant of the marine corps, advised her that her son died March 3, his birthday.

Sgt. Thomas, the lieutenant in charge after the lieutenant was wounded and led the charge of his unit up the volcanic Mt. Suribachi on the third day of the Iwo Jima invasion.

Soft Coal Miners Hold Strike Vote

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) The nation's soft coal miners participated in the biggest strike vote on record today as negotiations between operators and John L. Lewis made "no progress."

"We made no progress today," Conference Chairman Ezra Van Horn told newsmen at the close of today's session. That has been the customary announcement of almost every daily conference since the negotiations started March 1.

Agency Guard Shoots Sailor

PORTLAND, March 28 (AP)—Raven Blackwolf, 67, private agency guard, was held for the grand jury today after waiving preliminary hearing on a charge of shooting a sailor in a lumberyard.

Claude A. Eldridge, 22-year-old seaman, was shot as he crossed the yard to his docked ship. Blackwolf is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

2 Sailors Charged With Rape Here

Charges of statutory rape, involving two 15-year-old girls, were filed late Tuesday afternoon in justice court against S 1/c LeRoy Junior Milliken, and S 2/c Richard Burdette Graham. Both men are on duty at the Klamath naval air station.

The girls involved are being held in custody, according to County Juvenile Officer Harold Hendrickson.

Both men are said to have been with the teen age girls who shared an apartment which had been rented by a mother of one who later left the girls together.

Milliken is held in the Klamath county jail following his arrest at the naval air station last night. He had not yet been arraigned before Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney at a late hour today.

The second navy man, Richard B. Graham, was in the station brig at a late hour today and had not been turned over to civilian authorities.

Minister Plans To Set Sail-- Seaman Aboard

PORTLAND, Ore., March 28 (AP)—A 26-year-old minister today prepared to take song and sermon to fishing craft and canneries in Alaska.

Rev. Byron Personous of the Assemblies of God church will be skipper of a 40-foot yacht which he earned by preaching in 125 northwest churches.

The mission boat will be taken to Seattle Monday for installation of a public address system with which to broadcast songs and sermons. Mrs. Personous, a bride of three months, will accompany her husband. An experienced seaman will be aboard.

Four Boys Try To Steal House

MEDFORD, March 28 (AP)—Four Central Point boys are slated for juvenile court here after their arrest on a charge of attempting to steal a small building.

Sheriff Syd I. Brown said the boys hatched a car to the building, constructed on skids, and had pushed with another car from behind the building.

It caught fire two and a half miles from Central Point when exhaust from the front car ignited the wooden siding, Brown said.

Quintuplets Born To Negro Woman

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) Quintuplet girls were born to a 36-year-old negro woman last night but by 6 a. m. today all had died.

The mother is Mrs. Ada H. Turner, whose husband, Harold, is a \$1320-a-year receiving clerk at the government bureau of standards. Mrs. Turner is the mother of eight other children, the youngest 10 months old.

Almost Left High and Dry!

The good neighbor policy was emphatically in evidence at the S. P. depot one night this week when a young Mexican almost missed his train.

Passenger No. 16 was just ready to pull out when the Mexican rushed into the depot and began tugging at the door of one of the self-operating lockers in the station lobby.

In accordance with custom, the door had been locked with a master key after it had been left locked more than 24 hours.

A well-wisher raced out to ask the conductor to hold the train while one of the ticket gals hurriedly dug up the master key to open the door for the excited Mexican.

By that time, people had gathered around. The Mexican, labbering his appreciation and relief, pulled a case of beer from the locker and raced for the train.

Violate Curfew-- Cops Wreck Club

PORTLAND, March 28 (AP)—The bartender of the Vagabond club, whose furnishings were demolished by police because of curfew violations, was fined \$250 in municipal court yesterday after conviction on a charge of illegal sale of liquor.

Police said Leon B. Grandinger, 23, was the fourth bartender arrested on the charge at the same club.

Cruiser Honolulu Damaged at Leyte

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) A Japanese aerial torpedo seriously damaged the light cruiser Honolulu on the first day of the Leyte invasion last October 20, killing 85 crewmen and wounding 47.

The navy, reporting this today, said the 12,000-ton cruiser is back in this country for repairs and will fight again. She made the 12,000-mile trip to the United States under her own power.

First disclosure of damage to the Honolulu, known to her crew as the "Blue Goose," came in Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King's annual report. The navy later released details.

Governor Snell Signs Wine Bill

SALEM, March 28 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell today signed eight legislative bills, left today on which he has not yet taken action, indicating he would finish his bill signing long before the April 10 deadline.

The governor has vetoed only five of the 450-odd bills sent to him by the legislature.

Bills signed today include senate bill 281, which compels the state liquor commission to give preference to Oregon wine.