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ALLIES REACH TWO POSITIONS NEAR HANNOVER

DNB Says Americans Only 90 Miles From Berlin

By JAMES M. LONG
 PARIS, April 6 (AP)—The famous Heil on Wheels (second) armored division fought five miles past the Weser river to day possibly to within 18 miles of Hannover while the British desert-rats of the seventh tank division closed to within 25 miles of that Prussian metropolis.

A wholly unconfirmed broadcast by the official German news agency DNB said other American troops had been reinforced in "the area of Eisleben," 90 miles from Berlin.

40-Mile Gain?
 This was 40 miles beyond last reported positions of the third army at Schlotheim, 130 miles from the capital. There was no confirmation at supreme headquarters of the operation, which the Germans suggested was by airborne forces.

"Light tanks have been landed from the air," the enemy agency said. The tanks were said to be fanning out toward Arnstadt, Hameln and Muehlhausen, 55 to 100 miles behind Eisleben.

Fight in Hameln
 The U. S. ninth army fought through the streets of storied Hameln on the Weser and walked at leisure through the vast rail yards of the Ruhr terminal city of Hamm, where resistance collapsed suddenly.

The American first drive which carried a total distance of 32 miles eastward beyond the Ruhr pocket and smashed through the Hessian gap—historic military gateway to the east which Napoleon once trod—to the upper reaches of the Weser river 10 miles northeast of Kassel.

Menace Bremen
 The British on the north German plains posed an increasing threat to the great naval base and shipbuilding center of Bremen, less than 35 miles away.

The desert rats menacing both Bremen and Hannover raced 54 miles in 24 hours past the Duemmer lake to within nine miles of the Weser in a general area between the cities.

Nations Able to Amend Oaks Plan
 WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—Each of the Big Four nations that joined in creating the Dumbarton Oaks world security plan will be able to submit amendments to the plan at the San Francisco conference.

That was made plain today by Secretary of State Stettinius. His statement differed sharply with a view recently expressed by the Russian magazine War and the Working Classes in an article reprinted by the Soviet embassy here. This article suggested the Big Four would press for the Dumbarton Oaks plan in its present form.

Yanks Gain in New Attack
 ROME, April 6 (AP)—American army troops attacking through the mountains near the Italian west coast, have gained almost two miles in a swift advance north of Azzano, allied headquarters announced today.

The announcement said the drive began yesterday and heavy fighting was continuing as the Germans met the onslaught with strong mortar fire.

Near Porta American elements which thrust forward from Strettoia were driven back by a Nazi counterattack.

Coal Wage Negotiations Collapse, Stalemate Seen

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—Wage negotiations between soft coal operators and John L. Lewis collapsed today with the producers announcing they will report a stalemate to the war labor board.

In an attempt to block a complete break-off of the contract bargaining, Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, defeated a motion of the operators to recess indefinitely, so the negotiations were scheduled to resume Saturday morning.

Operators Not to Attend
 Conference Chairman Ezra Van Horn said, however, the operators would not be present at tomorrow's session because they would be at the war labor board reporting that the negotiations, after five weeks, were at a stalemate.

By clinging to the formality of the negotiations, even in the absence of the operators, Lewis places himself in the position of continuing the talks.

The war labor board, after its hearing last Saturday which brought about an extension of the contract through the month of April, asked for a report by tomorrow on the status of the negotiations. This is the report which the operators will make tomorrow, although Lewis is not joining in.

A spokesman for Lewis asserted that the miners' union had not inspired a single work stoppage in soft coal mines. He predicted full production by Monday.

K. C. Adams, editor of the United Mine Workers Journal, said "no work stoppage in any mine has been inspired by the UMW wherever the operators and management has agreed to meet the terms and conditions of the extended agreement."

MacArthur, Nimitz To Command Final Phase of Jap War

JAP TRIES TO FORM CABINET; YANKS ADVANCE

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
 Associated Press War Editor
 Elderly Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki struggled today to form a "strong war cabinet" for Japan to meet the threat of Russian entrance into the Pacific war and the appointment of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz as commanders of the final American assault against Japan.

Radio Tokyo insisted Nippon's "policy for the prosecution of the war remains unchanged" under Premier Designate Suzuki. American observers predicted peace feelers might be put out by the third Japanese war cabinet under the 77-year-old moderate. The baron failed in his first day's efforts to form a new government "equal to the fierce war situation."

Still Effective
 Tokyo acknowledged that Moscow had denounced the Russian-Japan non-aggression treaty but pointed out that the treaty would still be in effect for another year.

Japanese spokesman said the action was not unexpected and allied commentators remarked that fear of Soviet Russia may have been partly responsible for the extraordinary absence of Japanese opposition to the American invasion of the Ryukyu islands 325 miles south of Japan.

Both Adm. Nimitz and Gen. MacArthur reported new gains, including the invasion of an island off Okinawa in the Ryukyu's, wrecking of 34 Japanese vessels, and destruction of 63 aircraft.

Marines on Okinawa advanced (Continued on Page Two)

Mrs. McAdoo to Arrive in City
 Mrs. Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, daughter of the late President Woodrow Wilson and widow of William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury during World War I, will be in Klamath Falls April 12 in connection with the 7th War Loan.

Mrs. McAdoo, who comes here from Washington, D. C., will be accompanied by Mabelle B. Blake of Washington, and Mrs. Ellen MacVeagh of Portland. Mrs. McAdoo serves as regional director of women's activities for the drive, Miss Blake as director of the women's section of the war finance committee, and Mrs. MacVeagh as assistant director of women's activities, war finance committee.

The 7th War Loan is being handled in Klamath county by the Soroptimist club and the Business and Professional Women's club, with Mrs. Rose Poole as chairman. Mrs. Poole will preside at an invitational 9 o'clock breakfast at the Pelican honoring the visitors.

Mrs. Poole announced today that the visitors are coming here for the purpose of meeting with heads of the women's organizations which have undertaken to put over the next loan.

Mrs. McAdoo, Mrs. MacVeagh and Miss Blake will leave at 12 o'clock the day of their arrival for a meeting in Eugene, going from there to Portland. Klamath Falls, Eugene and Portland are the only Oregon cities where the women will stop for group meetings.

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WASHINGTON, April 6—General Douglas MacArthur had his "on to Tokyo" marching orders today, hard on the heels of Russia's denunciation of her neutrality treaty with Japan.

With the Pacific war thus portending possible new and startling developments, allied military leaders were in agreement on the quickest way to end the fighting in Europe: Kill or capture Hitler.

Capitol hill, quick to speculate that the Moscow decision is a forerunner to soviet participation in the Pacific conflict once formal Nazi resistance ends, at the same time read diplomatic implications into the Russian action.

FAST DEVELOPING NEWS
 In brief, this was the picture in this war capital today as developments tumbled one upon another:

1. The joint chiefs of staff assigned MacArthur, together with Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, to command the final massive offensives against Japan.

2. Disclosure that General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, told the senate military committee that death or capture of Hitler would contribute tremendously to a collapse of the already faltering Nazi military machine.

3. General belief among law-makers that President Roosevelt had extracted from Premier Stalin at the Yalta meeting a promise that the neutrality treaty would be denounced and that Russia would enter the war against Japan.

4. Belief, too, that Russia's action may smooth some of the rough spots out of the path to the United Nations' conference at San Francisco April 25.

Japan Two-Man Job
 The joint staff, composed of the top uniformed men of the war and navy departments, decided that turning the full offensive power of the United States on Japan was a job to be directed by two men. Accordingly they announced last night that:

1.—MacArthur will command all army forces in the Pacific theater.

2.—Nimitz will command all naval forces.

3.—Strategic direction (the broad plans for the war) will be retained by the joint chiefs of staff. The nature of a specific operation (whether essentially sea or land) will determine which man directs it.

The command assignments came in an announcement that spoke of "the large forces to be redeployed from Europe" and the "rapid advances" up through the southwest and central Pacific "which have brought us into close proximity with the Japanese homeland and the China coast."

MacArthur's Command Cut
 One effect of the directive apparently was to remove the navy from MacArthur's sphere of command. In the Southwest Pacific, where MacArthur had been supreme allied commander, naval forces were under his jurisdiction. Nimitz now appears to have direct command of all that is afloat, including such allied sea forces as British naval units now in the Pacific.

General H. H. Arnold retains exclusive control of his 20th air force, operating agency of the growing B-29 fleets. The other units of Arnold's air forces, however, are left under the field command of MacArthur.

While the Washington announcement, with its references to the Japanese homeland and the China coast, suggested present strategy was being patterned with those areas in mind, the Russian action raised new and interesting strategic possibilities.

The Moscow announcement did not make clear immediately whether the USSR considers its treaty with Japan ended now or whether the non-aggression pact runs for another full year to its original maturity date. In any event, many in official circles believed the Russians would strike when they felt the situation most militarily propitious.

That time, these circles suggested, undoubtedly would await end of serious resistance in Germany.

Disclosure of Marshall's views on the latter subject came from two senators who declined to be quoted by name. They said the general contended that Hitler, as a symbol, if not the man, is the chief inspiration for the fanatical resistance about which Gen. Dwight Eisenhower spoke in a letter to President Roosevelt.

Cut on Modoc Forest Land To Exceed 50 Million Feet

The cut of government timber on the Modoc national forest will be in excess of 50,000,000 feet this year, according to word received by The Herald and News from Supervisor Mel Barton at Alturas.

Logs from the Modoc will go to Alturas, Adin, Canby, Weed and Klamath Falls for manufacture.

Shaw Lumber company will complete its cut of government timber on the west side of the forest by September 1, the cut amounting to 8,000,000 feet. This timber will come to Klamath Falls.

Edgerton brothers at Adin will cut between 10,000,000 and 11,000,000 feet this year. The Edgerton operation is now on a substantial yield basis.

Sam Jacksack, who has taken over the Shaw contract in the Badger unit, will cut 7,000,000 feet this season and after this year his cut on government timber will be 15,000,000 feet annually. Jacksack is building a mill in Alturas, which he expects to have in operation by the latter part of July.

On West Side
 Long-Bell Lumber company is operating on the west side of the forest, taking logs to Weed for manufacture. The Long-Bell cut will exceed 25,000,000 feet, coming mostly from the Round mountain and Lava Beds units. The Long-Bell cut on private lands will exceed that from the national forest.

The Ralph L. Smith Lumber company cut will come mainly from the Walker-Hovey lands south of Canby, but during the season this firm will cut about 6,000,000 feet of government timber.

\$58,000 Mark Hit In Fund Drive

The Klamath county Red Cross war fund drive which was extended into April to reach the goal set for \$64,000, will reach a successful conclusion Saturday, April 14, John Ashley predicts.

To date contributions to the fund have reached \$58,000. Thousands more have been pledged, Ashley stated, and all money should be in and the books balanced by the end of next week.

Drive officials and solicitors wish to thank residents of the county for their co-operation.

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Patton's Forces, Soviet Troops Near Juncture



Third army troops, closest American forces to Berlin, advanced to 23 miles southeast of Gotha, as 8th army men fought into Hameln, three miles past the Weser river. Britons were within 35 miles of Bremen and Russian troops carried their battle into Vienna, advancing to 4 1/2 miles of the heart of the city.

CITY-COUNTY JAIL COMMISSION NAMED

A city-county jail, long under consideration as a much needed facility for both branches of law enforcement here, advanced another step this week with the naming of a city-county jail commission.

At a meeting held Wednesday afternoon in the county court rooms, County Judge U. E. Reeder named Dick Henzel as his appointee, Mayor Ed Ostendorf appointed Vernon Moore. Together with Sheriff Lloyd L. Low and Acting Chief of Police Orville Hamilton, Nelson Reed was named to the commission.

Official Appointees
 This five-man commission was then officially appointed by the county and will serve until successors are elected or on further order of the court.

There is now \$20,000 in a special jail fund as budgeted by the county in the 1944-45 budget. Present plans by the county call for an additional \$40,000 to be budgeted this year and a second \$40,000 the following year, bringing the total fund up to \$100,000.

No Bond Issues
 The city, in turn, will be asked to provide \$50,000 toward the fund and officials said that there will be no bond issues for the (Continued on Page Three)

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Russian Armies Seek to Close Pincers on Vienna

LONDON, April 6 (AP)—Two Russian armies sought to close a giant pincer around Vienna today as tank-led soviet storm units, knifing through a Nazi defense belt at the southern city limits, drove within four and one-half miles of the center of the Austrian capital.

Deployed along an 83-mile siege arc, the Russians were within 46 miles of completely encircling Vienna. One Russian wing seized positions 13 miles south of the Danube river town of Tulln, 10 miles northwest of Vienna. The capture of Tulln would sever all Vienna's westward communications along the south bank of the Danube and also the main Vienna-Prague railroad.

Breaking across the Schwechat and Liesing rivers, a canal and a network of suburban railroads and highways constituting a highly-fortified defense belt, units of Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's third Ukrainian army battled to Vienna's southern city limits.

Suburbs Captured
 The suburbs of Ober-Laa and Unter-Laa, adjacent to the boundary and four and a half miles southeast of famed St. Stephens church in the center of the city, were captured in the face of violent German artillery fire from the capital's parks. Two of Vienna's vital supply links with the war arsenals of Germany and Czechoslovakia were cut.

The Russians also battled into the outskirts of the industrial suburb of Schwechat, site of a big aircraft plant, captured Laxenburg and thrust a two-to-three-mile wide wedge through the famed Vienna Woods. The old imperial Austrian castle is located in Laxenburg, six miles south of Vienna.

Malinovsky Gains
 Southeast, east and northeast of Vienna, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's second Ukrainian army surged forward in gain of seven miles along both banks of the Danube.

While Tolbukhin's forces cut the high-speed highway linking Vienna with Linz and Munich, Malinovsky's troops severed a nine-mile stretch of the railroad along the Morava river's east bank linking the Austrian capital with Moravsk-Ostrava, Czechoslovakia's third city, and Bruenn (Brno), 50 miles northwest of soviet spearheads. The railroad was severed at Malacky and Zohor, 22 and 27 miles northeast of Vienna.

FAMILIES HOMELESS IN WAKE OF FLOOD

NEW ORLEANS, April 6 (AP)—The Red Cross estimated today that 25,000 families were affected by the record flood in the Red river valley through central Louisiana and that a half million acres, many of them fertile farm lands, had been inundated by backwaters and levee breaks.

J. Fritz Thompson, Red Cross relief director at headquarters in Alexandria, said more than 5,000 families had been evacuated from a large block of central Louisiana parishes and that no improvement in the situation was in sight. The homeless were housed in tented camps and other refugee quarters dotting the flooded area.

Floods Developing
 Similar figures were announced by Brigadier General Raymond H. Fleming, head of the Louisiana state guard, who estimated that the developing floods in Louisiana would leave 25,000 to 50,000 refugees.

Water was spreading in all directions down the Red river basin from the Shreveport area in northwest Louisiana to its junction with the Mississippi in eastern Louisiana, where the Red had begun increasing the burden of the badly-swollen Mississippi.

Meanwhile, from Cairo, Ill., to New Orleans engineers kept a 24-hour vigil in the flooded Mississippi. Crews worked all night sandbagging levees and building new embankments.

A sandbail developed suddenly at Lake Providence on the Mississippi and engineers promptly sandbagged it. Minor sandbails and seepages have also developed on the Yazoo, Red and Ouachita rivers.

Twenty miles west of Natchitoches the levee at Armistead broke and marooned 300 families. A Texas and Pacific train rescued them and they were sheltered in the Northwestern State college stadium.

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