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Than 30 Miles

Away

LONDON, Wednesday, Feb. 7 .-

(P)-The Red Army has stormed

night, while German reports said

the water barrier protecting Ber-

Broadcasts from Berlin, again

the Oder northeast of Berlin, per-

Silesian city which the Germans

The announcement of the Silesi-

an crossing, made first in an order

repeated in the nightly communique broadcast from Moscow, broke

the silence that had blanketed

operations of Marshal Konev's

First Ukraine Army for several

Konev's forces, Moscow fell silent

regarding Marshal Zhukov's First

White Russian Army deployed

The communique's only refer-

ence to this army was a state-

along the river farther north.

two other sectors as well.

said they had evacuated.

Reds Drive Across Oder On 50-Mile Front; West Wall Crybling Under Allied Attacks; Manila Busine's District Burned By Japanese

Patton Slugs To Within Three And a Half Miles Of Prum

mile front today as the Germans' Towns. fixed West Wall defenses buckled and crumbled under the steadily

Third Army Doughboys clamped a Greater Wilmington".

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This action followed a stormy strangle-hold on the entire Eifel

from the Third Army front report- stood "seriously ready" to carry (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) ed, and only a few pillboxes were left before them in the rear defenses of a Siegfried Line belt which was two miles deep at that

In this area Patton's men stormed and captured the German Siegfried fortress towns of Schlausenbach, Habscheid, Lutzkampen and fought off enemy attacks to regain the vital road hub of Brandscheid, five miles east of Prum, which commands an important network

of Siegfried supply roads. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army tanks and Infantry to to crumbling West Wall defenses with a two-mile gain northwest of Steckenborg. All along the perimeter of the Monschau sector, Hod-coming Secretary of Commerce

In the eastern tip of the Mon- George bill. schau salient, the Americans cap-1 Schlieden, and came within a half tion and subsidiary sending agen- Service law would speed the prosepillbox belt on the Olef river ment, received favorable action afguarding both the main fortress ter Democrats beat down a Re- inforce the Army and Navy with towns of Schleiden and Gemund. publican attempt to repeal part of the men they need, and at the

Allied Supreme Headquarters the President's war powers. announced that 6,912 prisoners The banking committee's action were taken in the First and Third transferred to the House floor the forces.

along a 75-mile front in the north nounced immediately he would carby seizing control of the Roer river ry the fight to the floor. am system controlling 1,000,000 House Republican Leader Mar-The attack against the Roer, that without the amendment the tons of pent-up floodwaters.

spearheaded by tanks driving President could "give Wallace 25 through heavy German minefields, or 30 Federal agencies other than tolled northwest of captured Steck- the RFC. enborg to within one mile of Schmidt and within thre miles of on Mr. Roosevelt's nomination of linking with the Mr. Roosevelt's nomination of Comlinking up with the U. S. Ninth Wallace as Secretary of Com-Army along the main Roer river merce, pending final disposition of merce, pending final disposition of line south of Duren.

the bill by Senator George (D-Ga), The Germans, finding the Sieg- which lifts control of the RFC and fried defenses unable to stop the other Federal loan agencies from Yanks, sowed the approaches to the Commerce Department. Schmidt with the most extended | Some leaders of the anti-Wallace fields of anti-tank and anti-personforces hoped a coalition of Repubforces hoped a coalition of Republed mines ever encountered by licans and Southern Democrats lidges' First American forces hoped a countern Democrats

Hodges' First Army forces. could force amendments into the At this strategic town, the Ger-bill that would prompt a Presidenmans are hanging grimly to the tial veto and thus bring about outlast of the Urft river dam system right Senate rejection of Wallace. controlling the floodwaters of the Roer, which barred an Allied attack in the posts will be read were shying away from such a cotack in the posts will be read with the read and read to the read tack in the north until Hodges' alition, following the admonition of troops neutralized the entire system by seizing the key Urftalsper
re dam east of Public and Publ

te dam east of Ruhrberg. "my bill goes far enough." For months the enemy's pillboxes and strongpoints have been to the House, Defeated two to the House, Delinor two less a barrier to forcing the Roer than the Udan to forcing the Banking committee defeated two Banking committee defeated two Roer than the "drowned earth" de-fense system whereby the dams to flood scores of towns and iso-late any Allied force across the

The Berlin radio said that the joining the Republicans. new Allied offensive in the west, which a German radio said that the which a German military spokesman predicted would come on a corporations controlled the provides the roman predicted would come on a corporations controlled the provides the roman predicted would come on a corporations controlled the provides the roman military spokes-75-mile front from Duren north to amendment by Senator Byrd (D-Nijmegron Duren north to amendment by Senator Byrd (D-Nijmegron 2011) and all the senator B

First, Third House Group Passes Battle Rages Armies Gain City-Extension Bill In Houses Of

Against Foe Action Follows Debate By Delegations From Wilmington; Passage In Senate Com-Wilmington; Passage In Senate Committee Sighted During Week

War_Department Official

By JOHN CONLY Star-News Staff Writer

RALEIGH, Feb. 6.—Representative J. Q. LeGrand's City-extendress, which appeared to clinch

vor, the committee expressed disreputable to prosperous. through its chairman, Rep. W. E. While disclaiming any sta increasing Allied offensive into Horner of Sanford, the hope that they would prove to have done Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's "the best thing for the future of ident, or the Chamber of Com- had been burning 36 hours.

Lutzkampen, nine miles southeast suburban residents, climaxed by a ringing declaration from City Patton's men at one point have Attorney W. B. Campbell that com-Patton's men at one point have plete extension of City services gard and Robert Dannenbaum.

The case for extension was Prum, a United Press dispatch that the people of Wilmington

WALLACE'S CHANCES

BETTER AFTER OKAY

WASHINGTON. Feb. 6.- (A) -

The measure, which divorces the

it out "adequately, fairly, sincere-

PARIS. Feb. 6.— (UP) —The U. sion bill today was started on its the case for extension, followed way to likely passage in the State H. A. Marks' drawing of an analo-8. First and Third Armies smash-ed out two-mile gains at three double approval of the House Com-stricted City and a vest-sprung main points of attack along a 40. mittee on Counties, Cities and bay-window bearer, in need only

While disclaiming any status as a representative of the Community Council, of which he is presmerce, Mr. Marks pointed out that mountain range with gains of near- hour-and-a-half neariny of the body, men of distinction in their sions were followed by sheets of mountain range with gains of hear- bill's pro's and con's from City two miles along a front extend- bill's pro's and con's from City callings, are residents of the ex- flame Monday at sundown, and the ing from Schlausenbach, five miles Planning Board delegates and a tra-city suburbs marked for annex-business area soon was a raging rinwest of Prum, southwest to representation of anti-extentionist ation and hence unavailable at inferno. present for positions of official

The case for extension

Water Mains Empty As Huge Explosions Rip At Capital

MANILA, WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7. -(AP)-Liberated Manila's business district was ablaze Monday from Japanese torches, Gen. Douglas of a properly fitting suit of clothes MacArthur announced today, but After according it unanimous fa- to change his appearance from three American columns still were liquidating the desperate enemy in a tightening three-way trap.

(CBS radio correspondent William Dunn reported today the fires

(Arthur Feldman of the Blue 12 of the 15 directors of the latter Network said earth-shaking explo-

(He quoted a disappointed Ameri-City leadership. He was backed can Doughboy as saying, "well, in this stand by Dr. J. T. Hog- there goes our good time in Manila!

House to house fighting was in progress in some sectors as the Yanks of the First Cavalry, 37th Infantry and 11th Airborne Divisions closed in for the final mop-

"The trapped and frustrated Japnese garrison has wantonly se Pleads For Labor Draft fire to the downtown business district along the Escolta and is practicing general sabotage de-struction which has no relation to WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(A)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. the military operations," Mac-Patterson pleaded urgently today for passage of a manpower control bill, telling senators "no one is entitled to a free ride in this war."

Arthur announced. Flames soared from building to "Half hearted mobilization is not building in the business section and the way to bring about uncondispread toward ancient Bilibid tional surrender at minimum cost in lives," he told the Senate Miliwar and 500 civilian internees were tary Affairs Committe which be-ON GEORGE MEASURE gan belated hearings today on the House-approved work-or-jail bill. freed by American troops Sunday. Water mains were empty and the Water mains were empty and the

"The fighting men are doing the hard part. They should be given pumping stations several days ago. ges' forces were reported break- was brightened today by the House behind closed doors, as was that taan peninsula are probing south- conference on war and postwar

approval of the Senate - passed Stimson, but later was made public by Chairman Thomas (D-Utah). schau salient, the Americans captured Scheuren, one mile north of Reconstruction Finance CorporaScheuren aboard a warship in the Black Sea schlieden, and came within a half tion and substituty sending agent, while the penetrating the West Wall cies from the Commerce Depart- cution of the war in these ways: are reported to have fled from exiled leftist Bolivian leader, said French telegraph agency said it "First, it will enable us to re-

Airdromes still in Japanese hands also were pounded in widespread scheduled to start February 21 and foot of the Caucasus mountains. same time to step up the output air activity which reached again end March 5, with attendance of of munitions for the fighting across the China Sea to hit For- delegates from all American re-

were taken in the First and Third Army drives during the four days dending February 3, and the crumblas yielded another 3,500 prisoners in the past 48 hours alone.

Northwest of Steckenborg, the First Army was aiming straight at the Germans' main Roer river in the Germans' main Roer river at the Germans' main Roer river defenses after having set the stage for an imminent Allied attack for an imminent allies and the Germans' main the Republican proposal to fence in the former Vice President on the fighting fronts—the men in the figh

"Third, it will serve notice on of Iupao, to the south. Progress was made throughout the northern who also seized most of the town of Iupao, to the south. Progress was made throughout the northern tute a denial of democracy in the countries where they exercise their tyrany. They constitute a pomany is only a part of the larger

Women Wash Hair In Santo Tomas Internment Camp



Using an old fashioned tub as a sink, three women wash their hair on the grounds of the Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila, P. I. This photo, taken by a Japanese serviceman, was found in a Jap barracks after the seizure of Tacloban, Leyte, by American forces. (AP Wirephoto from U. S. Navy.)

ing future aggression.

might have been settled.

a majority or unanimity would be

required to determine an aggres-

A difference of opinion rose at

the Dumbarton Oaks conference

by a majority vote.

British Union Head Says Big Three Now In Session

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(P)—It was disclosed definitely today that the Big Three actually are in conference, and the expectation was expressed in informed quarters in London that President Roosevelt,

AMERICAS URGED TO BLOCK NAZISM IN WESTERN WORLD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.-(UP)ges' forces were reported breaking through the enemy's fixed coning through the en gidor fortress, where Japanese aggression, Jose Antonio Arze.

> tonight. The Mexico City meeting is publics except Argentina and el

tyranny. They constitute a po- many is only a part of the larger ential danger of Fifth Columnism. issue of international security.

"Hitler's days in Europe are counted, but there is the danger hat his Quislings will help the between Russia and the United States on voting arrangements of Nazis to prepare for a new longrange aggression, which might find a proposed security council, the in this hemisphere an adequate terrain to 'dig in'.

"The anti-Fascists of Bolivia, the same as those of Argentina, do not MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 6.— (UP) — affiliated unions, all state federa- identify the Bolivian people with The American Federation of Labor councils, to noti-their present government. The executive council, charging that manpower difficulties were caused the May bill, and urge passage of the Reliving delegation which will go A statement rea dby Green de- to Mexico City is not qualified clared that the Army ordered cut- to discuss problems which rebacks and conversion of factories fer to the organization of the lem, the council asserted, lies in making munitions and other war struggle against Nazi-Facism and utilizing all labor already avail-

council's session today, said that "At the same time," the state- livian military group overthrew better, more scientific" distribu- ment said "an attempt was made the government of President Ention of manpower could be gain- to convince the public that lack rique Penaranda December 20, Before reporting the George bill ed by cancellation of as many of manpower was at the root of 1943, recognition was withheld un-"cost plus fixed fee" contracts as production difficulties and that the til certain elements, which were re- Berlin and northern Germany are said. possible, and placing of contracts only solution was compulsory na-in less critical labor areas. only solution was compulsory na-tional service. The executive counnated from the new cabinet. "These are all back in the gov-

in his body from an attempt to as- in the command of thousands of against Allied troops and for the Lt. Col. Alfred von Olberg, German

GERMAN SUPPLY days. But as the spotlight returned to LINES BLASTED

Over 3,000 Tons Of Bombs Hit Industrial, Rail Prime Minister Churchill and Pre-mier Stalin already might have Centers

tackled the thorny problem of haltpresent to address today's open- Mosquitos attacked Berlin, dropped port center behind the Western er.

was being held at Sochi, on the Black Sea's eastern shore at the planes-over 1,300 Fortresses and munications junctions and power-Liberators and 850 Mustang and fenses on the west bank of the With indications that the confer-Thunderbolt fighters - braved Oder.' ence had been in progress for some cloud, rain, and headwinds of up Also taken were Loewen and days, it seemed that the more to 100 miles an hour to carry out Schurgast, both approximately urgent problems of defeating Germany and controlling that nation their first strategic missions since might have been settled.

Konev's front west of the Oder This would clear the ground for discussion of a future world organition of Dumbarton Oaks, whether Britain.

> on a Ruhr airfield by the diving lau. planes heading east.

with cloud and rain. Some return-Russians favoring unanimity while ing bomber crewmen said the Informed sources expressed be- cessive amounts of gasoline. Some sector, but a Soviet broadcast dehad barely enough fuel to get clared: (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6) home.

ment that it had captured a Lt. Gen. Luebbe, commander of the 433rd German Infantry. Aside from reporting minor gains in East Prussia and Buda-Sir Walter Citrine, British trade bombers of the U. S. Eighth Air pest, the Moscow bulletin ignored union leader, explaining why Prime Minister Churchill was not Force, hitting Germany after RAF Silesian sector.

Konev's drive across the Oder, Patterson's testimony was given behind closed doors, as was that behind closed doors, as was that taan peninsula are probing southcan and Russian leaders were in the areas of Chemnitz and Leip- the Oder's west bank; Grottkau Citrine did not hint as to the zig, through which enemy supplies south of Brieg and 10 miles west Softening up Manila bay de that the Nazis, defeated in Europe, location. The German radio said move toward the flaming Eastern of the Oder, and Thomaskirch, The undersecretary contended fenses. army liberators dumped a may try to establish bases in the fenses. army liberators dumped a may try to establish bases in the the meeting was being held either Front, and on Magdeburg, transone-half miles southwest of the riv-

> The announcement described all More than 2,150 American war- these points as "important com-

Saturday's great blow at Berlin. thus extended from captured Op-

nearly 1,000 miles from bases in His offensive had been reported First reports showed no combat who said it might indicate a drive in the air, although at least one on Dresden, 160 miles to the west, enemy plane was knocked down, as well as a move to outflank Bres-

Mustang of First Lt. James Wood, But German accounts stated this Jr., Richmond, Va., and other was not the only sect in which Mustangs dipped down to shoot up the Red army had crossed the Oder.

A more sturdy foe was the Broadcasts from Berlin said the weather; harrassing the attackers river had been forced at six or more places in the Kustrin-Frankfurt sector, northeast and directly the Americans preferred decisions headwinds cut their speed drasti- east of Berlin. Moscow yet has not cally and forced them to use ex- announced any bridgeheads in that

"Kustrin and Frankfort are being outflanked. No miracle can save Berlin. Its fall can be delayed only for a few weeks at the most.' Kustrin, reported from Berlin, forces within 30 miles, perhaps less, of the Nazi capital. Official BERN, Feb. 6.-(P)-New arriv-pected to flee or bargain for their announcements from Moscow place als from Germany reported today freedom, but that preparation for Marshal Zhukov's army 32 miles

miles south of Frankfurt and at a Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler, en formed a line across a highway south of that city. It said another these sources said, will join Hitler at Munich, stopped an Army truck "temporary" crossing was made

Zhukov' has broken into the outer Arze, who still carries a bullet the defense of Berlin He will aid ing prepared both for a final stand defenses of Frankfurt itself, said

try and we exiles believe that the Bolivian degation which will go Hittler Reported Planning Last-Ditch War At Munich

Arze recalled that when the Bo- that tremendous new stocks of sup- the last stand was going forward from Berlin at Zellin, on the Oder's livian military group overthrew plies were being poured into moun- at top speed. Civilian transport east bank. tain strongholds in the Munich around Munich has practically area, where Adolf Hitler is preceased and the normal food supsaid the newest Russian bridgeparing a last-ditch defense when ply is disrupted, these sources heads were at Furstenberg, 14 One story is that last week wom- point a little more than three miles

(Continued on Page Three, Col. 2) sector. AFL Council Begins Work To Defeat Manpower Draft

by poor planning by military leaders, marshalled its forces tdoay to defeat the May "work or jail" bill

in the Senate.

AFL President William Green, summarizing discussions at the war situation worsened.

Cost plus fixed fee contracts, he cil submits that no law short of declared, were responsible for a great deal of labor hoarding by employers who feared profiles at on such a basis."

These sollies sale, will join the sollies sollies sale, will join the sollies sollies sale, will join the sale at Munich, stopped an Army truck and some of them will in his mountain-top stronghold at Berchtesgaden after he conducts the defense of Berlin He will aid ing prepared both for a final stand defenses of Frankfurt.

Arze, who still carries a bullet the defense of Berlin He will aid ing prepared both for a final stand defenses of Frankfurt. would drop if their payrolls de- Green said the substitute man-

creased.

tripled production schedules with- cratic reconstruction in the postout advance warning, when the war period."

reased.

The council again asserted that here is no actual manpower short- feated in the House, had some here is no actual man trem Duren north to will not long be de
This vote was 15 to 10.

The description of the Reich and the city and the compulsory features but was vastto revolt or chaos, it was said. establish a bridgehead in the city had been repulsed.

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