First Army Tanks Drive Mile Into Cologne; Reds Captur Stettin's Outer Defense Ring; Six Japanese Divisions Destroyed On Luzon

Kolberg, Site Of U. S. Prisoner Camp, Also Under Russian Fire

LONDON, Tuesday, March 6--(P)- Russian troops, anchoring ther Pomeranian flank securely on the Baltic coast, yesterday wheeled toward Stettin and captured that port's outer bastions of Stargard and Naugard, while other Soviet forces to the northeast cut deeper into two pockets where possibly 200,000 Germans were trap-

Overwhelming Stargard in a vicious street battle that cost the Germans 4,000 killed, the Russians pushed on toward Altdamm, east opposite Stettin and 15 miles west of Stargard. Altdamm and other localities ringing Stettin, Pomeranian capital and Berlin's main port were reported under Sovier artil-

Naugard, 22 miles north of Stargard, also fell as the Russians folded back the Germans into an 1,-800 square-mile pocket in which the enemy was battling with his back to a 45-mile waterline formed by the lower Oder, Stettin Bay, and the Dievenow river.

Kolberg, on the Battic 65 miles northeast of Stettin, also was being stormed by Soviet troops "under cover of a blizzard," Berlin infiltrate American positions. said. The enemy broadcast claim ed that the Russians had been held in the fringes of the town, site of large American prisoner of war FRANCE REFUSES

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army and the adjoining Second White Russian group under Marshal Rokossovsky captured a total of 230 towns and Nation Will Attend Peace villages yesterday in 10-mile gains, Moscow announced. A third major stronghold toppled by Zhukov's men was Polzin, 52 miles northeast of Stargard. It had been bypassed earlier in the race to the

Rokossovsky's troops seized sent a note to the United States on March 5 (Monday)." Gross-Tychow, site of a large yesterday cancelling its acceptance American prisoner of war camp on the Baltic, but the fate of the Francisco April 25 as a sponsor ed pressing the Japanese toward Americans was not immediately nation, a Foreign Office spokes- cliffs on the north and northeast determined. It was possible they had been moved westward before! the twin Russian breakthroughs to that France will attend as an in- cilitated unloading operations in the Baltic, although the American vited nation instead of as one of Ivo's beaches.

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BUCHAREST VIOLENCE

Pro-Fascist Element Reported Rioting In Romania

MOSCOW, March 5.-(A)-A Tass news dispatch reported today that Cabinet overruled de Gaulle and pro-Fascist bands were rioting in decided to accept sponsorship of the streets of Bucharest and tearthe conference and at the same ing pictures of United Nations time to draw up reservations. leaders from buildings in the Ro-These reservations were submitted manian capital, which has been by note to the Big Three. It was Without a government since that understood that they were: of Prime Minister Radescu resigned a week ago.

The Tass report quoting the Romanian newspaper Momentul said as provided in the French-Russian that bands of Legionnaires, pro-tected by Radescu's ministry of (2) the interior, were racing through ified regarding an international pothe streets in automobiles, shooting up the homes of democratic

day, made no mention of disturbances at that time. It said young cept sponsorship. King Mihai had asked Petre Gro-Za. v.ce president of the fallen Radescu government, to form a new government, to form a The United Statute to be followed ber of the Property of the Propert ber of the National Democratic by the proposed World Security front

Tass said 174 dangerous criminational disputes. nals escaped Bucharest prison
Saturday despite the fact that the
warden had been invited to join the Big and one Jewish student was reposted seriously wounded.

Other Soviet 2,050 Marines Killed On Iwo; Enemy Force Units Strive Forrestal Cites Isle's Value Declared In

To Trap Nazis Latest Total Compiled Through Saturday; Jap Dead Estimated At 12,864; Enemy Believed to Have Divisions for Combat and Navy Secretary Warns They May Be Able to Raise That Number

Jima as of last Saturday.

He did not know the latest figure on Marines wounded. The last Chester W. Nimitz were 5,732 casualties, of which over 60 were dead. Latest totals on enemy dead were 12,864 up to 6 p.m. Saturday dies is not easily faced, but these on the 13th day of the fight.

Forrestal revealed the figures at a press conference soon after his that island," he added. return from a tour of Pacific battle fronts including Iwo Jima. He disclosed also that the Japs are estimated to have altogether

rison troops-estimated in all at

BIG FIVE PART

Conference As Invited

Country Only

PARIS, March 5 -(UP) -- Gen.

Charles de Gaulle's government

The notification, which means

Invitations at first were to be

day, informants said, the United

declined to take part as a spon-

Last Wednesday, the French

(1) That a world Security char-

ter be modified to permit auto-

WASHINGTON, March 5-(UP-

The United States today made pub-

lice force.

quarers reported. At noon yester- in the Carolines.

initely sent out today and France American uniforms.

man said tonight.

Marines Break Up Jap

Counterattack On Iwo

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Tuesday, March

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said in his communique today the battle

n its 16th day.

edge of Iwo.

6.—(P)—U. S. Marines grimly pressing Iwo Jima's strongly-entrench-

major attack Monday but broke up a number of enemy attempts to

70 divisions of combat troops, in

that was in the Philippines.

severe and costly, the overall retotals given by Fleet Admiral sults were highly successful, he

> tion to the importance of taking He said the Japanese defense of Iwo was the most thorough and 70 days of bombing and three days skillful that the Marines have

faced in the Pacific. He described ment, there were still a great vergent groups," and "their posicaves 300 feet below the surface many pillboxes and guns left on tion is critical." bank Oder river crossing town just addition to maintenance and gar- with numerous galleries branch- Iwo. He said that the total shell ing out. He told of one series of caves which had nine entrances prior to invasion and the follow-"And they may be able to raise and a main passage 600 yards long. ing week came to about 10,000

ines remained substantially un-

changed as the three divisions of

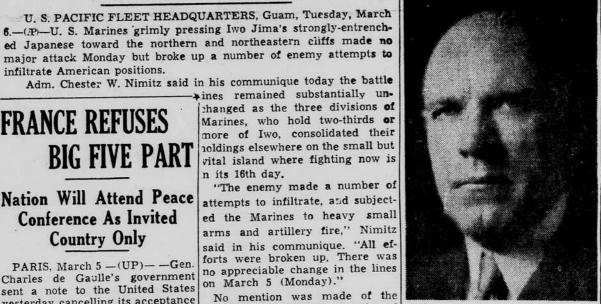
Improved weather conditions fa-

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- (U.P.) He said there have never been water distillation plant in another Secretary of the Navy James For- more than 12 American divisions cave which had a capacity of 300, restal revealed today that there were 2,050 Marines killed on Iwo seriously hampered the Japs who While the casualties on Iwo were are believed critically short of wa-

> Forrestal spent five days in the vicinity of Iwo Jima. He went ashore, visited hospital ships lying "The fact that any American off shore and observed the general operations.

> > He traveled 21,000 miles by plane and had a "more uneasy journey" in a destroyer, he said. He emphasized that despite the weight expended in the three days

BRYAN FUNERAL **SERVICE TODAY**



of an invitation to attend the World positions of the Third, Fourth and Peace Charter Conference at San Fifth Marine Divisions last reportnent Lawyer To Be Buried In Oakdale

Funeral services for Judge Eg-Funeral services for Judge Egbert Kedar Bryan. 75. former

East of Manila, troops of the bert Kedar Bryan. 75. former l4th corps enveloped enemy posimilitary mission in Moscow believing the proposed "Big Five" sponsors Chichi Jima in the Bonin Islands North Carolina Superior court tions along the Antipolo-Wawa line. ed some of them would be rescued. was sent to Washington, London immediately to the north was d some of them would be rescued. East of Pomerania in the Polish and Moscow after several days of bombed Sunday by Liberators of the Bod Army Air Ferce while and the Ruhr," said judge and a prominent attorney and Moscow after several days of the more than 50,000 troops still "Corridor" below Danzig the eastthe Seventh Army Air Force, while the Seventh Army Air Force, while the Capitals.

Sunday at his home, 11 South fensively by the enemy and continue to the Capitals.

Sunday at his home, 11 South fensively by the east bank of the Palau Isthe Capitals. lands with the loss of two air- from the residence at 3:30 p. m. countered.

sent out last Saturday, diplomatic craft. Navy fighters swept Ponape today. The Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Desperate Japanese infiltrating pastor of the First Presbyterian abang river in the eastern ex- Pomerania are in Russian hands. west of Mandalay. States said that they would be defthe American lines even wore church, will officiate. Interment will be in Oakdale

cemetary. Five Japanese, wearing full Active pallbearers will be Thom-American Marine battle dress, as W. Davis, P. R. Smith, Major were killed by 24th Regiment pa- Harry Stovall, T. E. Brown, C. B.

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Five; Col. 1) Fred Vinson Nominated As Federal Loan Chief Japs Say Yanks Bomb Home-

matic action against an aggressor, (2) That the charter be mod-(3) That there be modificastrongly urged de Gaulle to ac-

blocked all attempts of the War Labor Beard to grant wage inLabor Beard to grant wage inlabo creases requiring price hikes.
Whether his successor—and one Jones and Council in handling future inter-

icy, remains to be seen. White House Secretary Johathan The rioters were said to be trytions. France declined an offer to post, but there will be no announcea good administrator. He knows a ing to stir up anti-Semitic desturb-ances among university students, and one January tions. France declined an one January tions. France declined an one in the United States, Britain, ment until the Senate confirms youngers and good deal about the Reconstruction Vinson. His nomination was refer-red to the Senate Banking Com-(Continued on Page Three; Col. 1) red to the Senate Banking Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 5-(UP) | Vinson, 55, former Kentucky Con-—President Roosevelt today nominated Stabilization Director Fred other half of the job left vacant M. Vinson to succeed Jesse Jones when the President fired Jones so and spreading panic among the population.

(A) delayed Associated Press dispatch from Budapest, filed Satur
(B) That there be modifical as Federal loan administrator in a move that won swift approval of a mov as Federal loan administrator in Wallace could be given the appoint. early this morning and "several the Commerce Department.

Jones and Wallace, at loggerhas been chosen-change that pol- heads on most issues, concurred in hailing Vinson's selection.
"It was an excellent appoint-

warden had been warned three Five at San Francisco next month Daniels said that Mr. Roosevelt ment," Jones said. "He is a man 200 Saipan-based Superfortresses. The rioters are break occurred. The rioters are the break occurred. The rioters are the break occurred. The rioters are the break occurred to organize the new League of Na. has decided who will get Vinson's of sound judgment and will make

Bad Position

Approximately 215,000 Nipponese Troops Killed In Islands

MANILA, Tuesday, March 6.—
(AP)—Six Japanese divisions perhaps 90,000 troops-of the ten divisions defending Luzon have been destroyed together with considerable war materials, and the remaining forces bottled up in the mountains are under continuous attack by ground and air.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur today announced that Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's forces still on this largest island of the Philippines

Only yesterday, MacArthur announced that thousands of Japanese had been cleaned out of Ilocos Norte province, on Luzon's northwest corner, by guerrillas operating under an American Army officer, Col. R. W. Volckman. On bloody Leyte Island, south of Luzon, more than 125,000 Japanese

have been killed. This makes a total for these two islands alone of more than 215,000 Japanese troops killed, including some of the

MacArthur announced: "The remaining enemy forces vergent groups which are bottled up in the mountains where supply lied Headquarters said today. is difficult, movements restricted and control and communications present insuperable obstacles."

our ground forces compresses them into a smaller and smaller maneuver space."

"Our guerrilla forces constantly our naval and air forces blocking. General Points To Hope- Mandalay, was captured. their route of evacuation.

"Their position is critical." Luzon was invaded January 9. The largest single engagement in which the enemy sustained heavy losses was in the three-week-old battle for Manila.

against Japanese mountain posi- to German army officers Monday tions north and east of Manila and via the American Broadcasting progress of other Yanks moving Station in Europe, urged that they toward the Cagayan Valley were reconsider the situation of Ger-

43rd Divisions closed on Nipponese surrender to the Allies. in the Zambales mountains.

Villa Verde trail and the Ambiay- parts of Saxony, Brandenburg and road. Pakokku is 70 miles south- Runr city of Wesel, and the Ninta tremity of Pangasinan province to- The end is merely a question of In its first clash at Taungtha, miles north of Homberg. ward the Cagayan valley. This is time. at the northeast end of the central Luzon plain and due east of the Lingayen Bay sector where the

Further detailing accomplishments against Yamashita's army,

TOKYO ADMITS RAID

land And Amoy

WASHINGTON, March 5 .- (U.R)-Tokyo radio announced today that 10 American Superfortresses bombed the Japanese homeland

machinegunned the Japanese occu-Labor was pleased that Vinson will be removed from the realm of wage control. It withheld direct wage control. It withheld direct wage for 14 years wage control was pleased that Vinson is expected. He was a bombs at several points. The planes over Japan dropped bombs at several points. The planes over Japan dropped bombs at several points. The planes over Japan dropped bombs women and children today, bear order came of the House for 14 years. comment temporarily but he has and is well liked in Congress, es- and incendiaries south of Tokyo, ing their little bundles of food and Looking into faces, it was diffi-

Tokyo claimed the raiders, which They were returning to their parent. In most stolid countewere overhead for two hours short- homes-or in most cases to piles nances there seemed to be worly after midnight, did "practically of rubble and debris that once had no damage." Their raid followed been home. They could not get on catastrophe which had come so The fighting started when the ly after midnight, did "practically of rubble and debts a heavy one Sunday by possibly the roads, for roads were jammed swiftly. The Japanese Domei agency dis- moving forward. So they walked wandering aimlessly or running streets in shackles. The crowd

The students will operate in three | These were the people who such a little while ago listened to and (Continued on Page Five; Col 4) draw, the dispatch said.

Dog Hero Dies in Iwo Fighting



With his Marine pals he gave his life on bloody Iwo beach-a U. S. war dog, killed when a Jap shell exploded near him. One of dogdom's many war casualties, this stout-hearted fighter was charging up the beach with U. S. forces during the invasion. (International).

British Armor Threatens Entire Jap Hold In Burma

CALCUTTA, March 5.—(A)-British armored units, cutting across the Irrawaddy river valley in an 85-mile dash, have severed the main are split up into a number of di- Japanese land, air and water links between Mandalay and Rangoon hard on the 104th' right flank, and have seriously threatened the entire enemy position in Burm, Al-

With the aid of British airborne infantry, flown in at the climax

ed to continuous attack by our air force while the pressure of our ground forces.

less Position In Message To Nazi Officers

By The Associated Press An appeal from General Eisenenveloping movements hower's headquarters, addressed many, the situation of their men North of Manila, the 38th and and their personal situation" and

dubitably be taken into account by ed.

*of the operation, the armored col- rific drum fire. umn seized eight airdromes intact, captured 40 guns and destroyed ting the Ge GERMANS TO QUIT

enough enemy supplies to feed a Japanese division for 10 days. The important communications center inside Cologne. important communications center

was partially self-sustaining, re-ceived some supplies from cargo planes

cut off from the south. Their only fore the charge of the U. S. Ninth clear escape roads run generally Army, which overran the coal and southeast through mountainous synthetic oil city of Homberg and country into Thailand (Siam). It is smashed into Rheinberg in gains believed, however, that the Japa of as much as six miles. "Germany has lost the West for Mandalay before beginning a bridges between Bonn and the retreat.

By blowing all the serviceable bridges between Bonn and the Dutch border except the road and

dustrial areas of Upper Silesia, near the Eurma oil fields, and tured one ferry crossing at Rees, Other Yanks advanced along the East Prussia, Ppsen (Poznan) and drove directly east on a farily good 11 miles northwest of the western

23 miles east of Pakokku, the colresponsibility for his men remains smashed southeast to Mahlaing,

(Continued on Page Seven; Col. 3) postwar Germany. Germany's fu- Four - hundred Japanese were ture will be hard, but there will killed when the column drove be a possibility for reconstruction. through an enemy supply dump (Continued on Page Three, Col. 2) The Allies do not intend to de- near Mahlaing and destroyed thou-

stroy Germany-only the politi- sands of artillery shells. (Continued on Page Five; Col 3) (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 6)

Nazi Dream Shattered For Cologne Residents

By DON WHITEHEAD

with tanks, trucks, jeeps and guns closed that a special students fire in fields and ditches soaked by a frantically from the thunder of including many sailors, attacked brigade had been formed in Tokyo. | cold dismal rain.

|believed in tales of world power NEIDERAUSSEN, Germany, which the Nazis told them. Now March 5.—(P)—In deep brown mud they were told of defeat. Their

Fall Of City Appears Near As Foe Flees

Germans Destroy Huge Bridge; Fate Of Many Troops Sealed

PARIS, March 5.-(A)-The U. S. First Army sent tanks plunging more than a mile into Cologne today, seized more than one-fifth of the city in assaults from the north. south and west, and the fall of the largest German metropolis ever stormed by the Allies seemed near at hand.

The Germans apparently wrote off the fourth largest city Reich, for they blew the big Honenzollern bridge and began shelling it from the east bank.

Field dispatches said the Germans were fleeing across the Rhine by boats, and one staff officer estimated that only 1,000 enemy soldiers remained to garrison

the city. Prisoners said these forces were falling back into the old part of the city, which represents only onefourth of Cologne's area of 25

square miles. The Third Armored Division, now within two miles or less of the heart of the city, was the first to enter at 7:10 and the 104th Infantry Division came in from the west at 9:23 a.m.

The Eighth Infantry Division, pushed into the city from the south. Cologne was shrouded in a pall of smoke from the fire of massed artillery laying down a ter-

All three divisions were meetkilled more than 1,600 Japanese, ing half-hearted resistance, indica-

important communications center Cologne is the largest city in Meiktila, 70 miles south of Rhenish Prussia with a normal population of 786,000 and is loaded In a long sweep through central with factories which once turned Burma American fighter pilots out weapons for the German war gave the ground units support machine. Now the civilians cowerfrom the air and the column, which ed in cellars while the battle swirl-

Besides blowing the bridge at The main Japanese forces de- Dueseldorf, the Germans destroyfending Burma now are virtually ed three bridges at Duisberg be-

rail bridges at Wesel and a make. The drive across the valley be shift structure at Rheinberg, the

captured another at Orsoy, five

The Canadian First and the U. "The responsibility for the out- umn killed eight of the enemy. S. Ninth pressed the Germans back come of the war no longer rests With its armor pushing on two into an area 10 miles long and six with the German officer. But the abreast to save time the column miles wide, and with the U. S. First Army held sway over 70 -and this responsibility will in- where 70 more Japanese were kill- of the 90 miles of the Rhine's west bank between Cologne and the Dutch border

Supreme Headquarters estimat-

NAZI RIOT REPORTED

Sweden Tells Of Battle Between SS And Sailors

LONDON, March 5 .- (UP) - Riotng in the north German city of Stralsund, including a street gun battle between sailors and military police, was reported from Sweden today, and other sources told of growing sabotage and unrest throughout the occupied Baltic region, particularly in Den-

mark. The Stockholm newspaper Aftontidningen said in an undated dispatch that the riots had broken out yesterday in Stralsund, during which gunfire was exchanged by German sailors and SS (Elite

Along the road, too, were horses who had deserted, through the city many motors. Cows with milk the guards, freed the Navy men and forced the SS guards to with-