

RECESS IS TAKEN IN MEADOWS' CASE

GREENVILLE, March 10.—(AP)—Trial of Dr. Leon R. Meadows, former president of East Carolina Teachers College, was in recess today after completion of all testimony Friday afternoon when Judge Clawson L. Williams, presiding, overruled motions of the defense for the elimination of certain counts in the indictment and a motion for a directed verdict of not guilty on the case as a whole. Meadows is charged with embezzlement and false pretense, the State charging that he misappropriated special college and student funds to the extent of more than \$18,000.

At the conclusion of testimony the defense lost a motion before the court to strike out the charge of false pretense from the indictment and the court also ruled adversely on a motion to quash the charge of embezzlement and for a directed verdict of not guilty on the case as a whole.

The court, however, directed a verdict of not guilty on one count in the indictment involving the expenditure of \$264 for a Kelvinator bought for the college during the term of Meadows as president. Judge Williams also took under advisement other motions of the defense to strike out certain other counts in the indictment and announced he would rule on these Monday morning before arguments to the jury are started.

REUTHER CLAIMS UNFAIR TACTICS

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...but have been thwarted by the unions," Romney said, adding: "The United States government menaces industry by an outdated and weakened labor policy."

He testified that management had lost, "to a degree," its power to manage by labor's development of grievances which he said were "used to promote strikes."

Reuther told the committee that "failure to plan now for full employment after the war is responsible more than any other single factor for the loss to war production in Detroit and other critical areas."

Asserting that the UAW-CIO was not satisfied with the volume of production in the area, Reuther said:

"Manpower needs in the Detroit area can still be met by more efficient production scheduling and by proper allocation and utilization of available manpower, as well as by the establishment for the workers of a sense of security about tomorrow's job."

Reapproachment Sought Between Reds, Vatican

LONDON, March 10.—(AP)—The Rome radio, quoting what it said were Vatican City reports, said today that Vatican circles had authoritatively confirmed there have been American attempts to bring about a reapproachment between Russia and the Vatican.

The broadcast said Vatican circles pointed out that it is possible an agreement between the Vatican and Russia may be reached. Later, Rome radio said, this agreement could be strengthened to a concordat between the Holy See and Russia.

GERMANS OUSTED

LONDON, March 10.—(AP)—Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery told the people of Brussels in a broadcast today that no Germans remained on Belgian soil and "never will they return—never."

LI, ICKES WOUNDED

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—Second Lt. Raymond Wilmarth Ickes, U. S. Marine Corps, son of Secretary Ickes, was wounded at Iwo Jima March 7, it was learned today. The Navy, upon inquiry, confirmed that he was wounded in the chest.

Battered Cologne Echoes To Yanks Boots



This graphic picture, showing the great Cologne cathedral in the background, depicts how the big Rhineland city of Cologne has been busted to pieces in the U. S. drive to the Rhine. Shattered buildings are shown to left and right—and down the littered street move troops of the 3rd Armored division of the First Army. The cathedral was reported remarkably undamaged compared with smashed areas around it. AP Wirephoto from Signl Corps radiophoto via London.

THREAT TO WAGE FORMULA LOOMS

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—Industry members of the National War Labor Board asserted today that fringe wage issues are "threatening the flanks" of the Little Steel Formula.

If not brought under control, they said, the attack may destroy the entire wage stabilization line.

The assertion came in a statement on a wage report to the President February 20, in which public members of the board recommended that no change be made now in the Little Steel Formula but that wage controls be removed in the postwar period.

Declaring permissible increases under the formula largely have been granted, industry members termed demands for fringe increments as "now the weakest segment of our line" and called for their control under fixed standards.

The Little Steel Formula, limits basic wage boosts to 15 per cent of the rates of January, 1941. Fringe issues involve such side issues as vacation pay, shift differentials, provision of tools and safety equipment, and the like.

Asserting that certain types of wartime wage increases are "wholly abnormal," the industry members said they "regard as unwise the suggestion that war-caused invocations be made post-war norms." Public members had declared that the Little Steel Formula will have to give way in peacetime to a general rise in wage standards to maintain high level production.

Strikes In England Hamper Transportation

LONDON, March 10.—(AP)—Strikes in progress in England this weekend have hampered bus transportation, lowered coal production and affected the output of vital war factories in five areas of Britain.

More than 3,000 drivers and conductors of buses serving several Tyneside towns ceased work today in protest over new working schedules.

An unofficial sidown strike, said to have been precipitated over the meals in the company canteen, continued at the Boulton Paul Aircraft Company in Wolverhampton, involving hundreds of workers.

Fourteen million pounds of blue clay are required to yield one pound of diamonds.

City Briefs

WILL SHOW PAINTING
Munkacsy's famous masterpiece, "Christ Before Pilate," will be shown in full-color reproduction on the screen at the evening service of the Fourth Street Advent Christian church. Art adventures of the painting will be given to those attending.

MUST REPORT LOSS
Officials of the New Hanover War Price and Rationing Board yesterday announced that, effective Monday morning, the Board will not accept applications for replacement of lost food ration books unless the applicant has reported the loss to the police department, and has obtained a statement that such loss has been reported.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES
Evangelistic services at the Church of God, Fourth and Marsteller streets, will continue throughout this week. A baptismal service will be held at the east side of Greenfield Lake at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. "The Revival Hour" will be broadcast by Evangelist Ray Hughes over station WMFD each afternoon at 4:15 o'clock Monday through Thursday. Church services will start each night at 7:45 o'clock.

Japs Disarm French In Indo-China Area

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cupation of Indo-China meant "the colonial status of French Indo-China has ended," and: "It goes without saying that the Japanese government holds no territorial ambitions against French Indo-China. Instead, by wiping out hostile influences, the Japanese government now is able to extend whole-hearted cooperation to the people of Indo-China, who have been groaning for many years under foreign oppression."

(The Japanese radio also announced that the Japanese ambassador to Thailand had forced that country's government to adopt a program pledging it would cease and disarm any of the French who tried to flee across the border from Indo-China. It said Tokyo was holding out promises of eventual independence to Indo-Chinese natives in return for their cooperation.)

Reds Shell Stettin, Move Toward Danzig

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in three miles southeast of Altdamm. Oder river crossing town two miles from Stettin great ship basins, with the capture of Franzhausen. The village of Klebow, six miles southwest of Altdamm and about the same distance south of Stettin, also was taken.

Shelling City
Gaining this high ground opposite the Pomeranian capital, the Russians were reported in front dispatches relayed through Moscow to have begun shelling Stettin itself.

The northern wing of Marshal G. K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army captured 2,000 more prisoners, the Soviet communique said, and a dispatch said that Red army spearheads had broken into the streets of Altdamm.

The attack toward Stettin was a slow slugging match between hundreds of tanks, but far to the northeast Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army forces were making gigantic strides in narrowing the Baltic trip where thousands of Germans are pinned in the northeastern tip of Pomerania and the adjacent Gdynia-Danzig sectors.

Advancing up to 17 miles in 24 hours these troops overran more than 300 towns and villages and squeezed the Germans into a 1,750-square-mile pocket. The gains were so swift that it was indicated the Germans were retreating into the close-knit defenses around Gdynia and Danzig, important Nazi naval bases.

Lauenburg Falls
Premier Stalin in an order of the day announced the fall of Lauenburg, last big northeastern German stronghold in Pomerania. This 10-way junction town is 30 miles west of Gdynia, former Polish naval base, and 35 miles northwest of Danzig city.

The Russians also seized Landichow, seven miles north of Lauenburg, and a string of villages stretching 19 miles west to the Baltic coastal town of Schmolzin. Fourteen miles southeast of Lauenburg, which is on the main Stettin-Gdynia-Danzig railway, the Russians overran Sierakowitz. Thirteen miles east of the latter point they toppled Kartuz, an important road center only 15 miles west of Danzig and 17 miles southwest of Gdynia.

In their course through Kartuz (Karthauss), it appeared that the Russians were striking toward the Baltic coast between Gdynia and Danzig in an effort to split the Nazi pocket into two more vulnerable sectors.

A late Moscow dispatch said that Soviet troops which on Friday had captured Rheinfeld, nine miles southwest of Danzig, had broken into the suburbs of the once free city and were bringing up Red artillery to shell the Baltic port.

Twelve miles south of Danzig the Russians captured Grossgolkau, outflanking the big rail junction of Tczew, on the west bank of the Vistula river. Tczew itself was threatened with early capture by Russian seizures of Dolwin, six miles on the northwest, and Baldau, two miles on the south.

In the new drive into Danzig territory on the southeast the Russians captured 10 localities on a 22-mile front beyond Marienburg and Elbing, fallen East Prussian strongholds.

These included Junger, on the western end of the Frisches Haff (Lagoon), eight miles northeast of Elbing; the rail and road center of Tiegenhof, five miles to the southwest; nearby Ladekopp, 17 miles southeast of Danzig; and other points stretching down to Gross-Montau, on the east bank of the Vistula six miles southeast of Tczew.

Russian heavy bombers on Friday night set fires in both Danzig and Koeningberg, besieged East Prussian capital, the communique said.

HENRY ATKIN
HENDERSONVILLE, March 10.—(AP)—Henry Atkin, 61, city editor of the Hendersonville Times-News, died at a local hospital Friday night.

OHIO FLOOD CREST PASSES PADUCAH

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 10.—(AP)—The crest of the Ohio river flood reached the Owensboro and Henderson, Ky., and Evansville, Ind., area today without doing the major damage feared earlier when it was threatening upstream points.

At Paducah, Ky., not far from Cairo, Ill., where the Ohio flows 50.49 feet around 11 a.m. and then a fall of .11 feet by 2 p.m.

The weather bureau at Louisville said Paducah apparently had a first crest which may be followed by another about Wednesday. Meteorologists declared the crest, which measured 47.1 here at 6 p.m. Thursday and remained stationary 22 hours, could not have reached the Paducah area today.

Owensboro, which reported a crest of 49.7 at 2 p.m. today; Henderson and Evansville experienced nothing worse than the flooding of low sections.

Thousands of persons and hundreds of livestock were evacuated from danger spots up and down the Ohio valley when the flood threatened.

Must Wait
Portsmouth, O. March 10.—(AP)—Merchants and residents evacuated from the low-lying two-thirds of this Ohio river city for fear flood waters would sweep over the river barriers, were told tonight they must wait until the waters receded another four feet before returning to their properties.

Mayor John M. Salladay issued a statement banning a general return to the evacuated areas until the river has subsided to 60 feet, two feet below the top of a concrete floodwall, and 4.22 feet below the level at noon today.

"The city is still in danger," the mayor said.

Levee Crumbles
MEMPHIS, March 10.—(AP)—Part of a seven-mile stretch of private levee in Dyer county, Tenn., crumbled today as scores of families fled their homes.

Some 200 or 300 feet of the lower end of the Booth's Point levee on the Mississippi river, 15 miles west of Dyersburg, collapsed. But one expert, engineer L. O. Erayton, said little damage would be done "because the ground is higher in that area."

Goebbels Appeals To Nazis To Stand Fast

LONDON, March 10.—(AP)—Nazi propaganda minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, speaking on the eastern front in an hour of rising peril to the Reich, called on German troops and workers today to stand fast, and disclosed that if they did so "our capitulation will never come."

Paraphrasing Prime Minister Churchill's famed speech after Dunkerque; where German armies were tramping in triumph across Europe, Goebbels declared at the west Silesian towns of Lauban and Goerlitz:

"We must fight them in the fields, in the forests, in our cities, at every street corner and in every house until they are bled white and cannot continue the struggle."

End Of Bloody Iwo Campaign Is Near

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a small pocket, perhaps 500 yards long, reaching 200 yards inland.

Just south of that, a larger pocket is 1,200 yards long and extends 300 yards inland.

The Fourth division in order to reach Higashi, had to move over some of the worst enemy-held terrain.

Kitano point, however, will be another hard nut to crack.

It had been Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates' Fourth division which was slowed up for long as Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine's Third division in the center reached the northeast beaches and Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey is Fifth Division advanced up the West side.

Fourth Advances
Today's communique said the Fourth which is fighting up Iwo's "ridge," made substantial advances all along its left flank sector.

The report of decreasing resistance suggested what staff officers have predicted—that it is the "beginning of the end" of the bloodiest, toughest fight of the Pacific war, now in its 21st day.

Although the narrow warring front on the rocky north tip made pinpoint accuracy essential, warships still shelled the Japanese army planes based in Iwo's Southern airfield and carrier planes of the U. S. Fifth Fleet covered the advances.

Sweet-drenched American Marines fought on the northeast beaches of Iwo Jima, after 21 days of cutting their way through Japanese sacrifice troops from tail to shoulder of this five-mile long hellish insular triangle.

The Third Marine division in a forward surge Friday, which took it several hundred yards from hills to the beaches, widened its hold on the savagely contested sands, a Pacific Fleet communique said yesterday. Enemy resistance there appeared to be diminishing.

The Fourth Leatherneck division on the right of the Third and the Fifth division on the left also advanced against bitter resistance, the communique said.

But the remnants of a Japanese garrison estimated at 20,000 when the Marine invasion started 21 days ago still fought to the death and made strong attempts to infiltrate American foxhole lines.

The Fourth division killed 5,644 Japanese while repulsing an infiltration attack supported by mortar and sniper fire Thursday night.

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