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FORECAST

with moderate north and north-

Yesterday's temperatures:

## 60 German Places Strike At Rhine Bridge; Yanks Gain Slightly, Menace Superhighway; 100,000 Russians Across Oder, Nazis Claim

Berlin Says Double Bus Collision Yanks Seize Allies Preparing To Cross Rhine Third Lashes Reds Are 33 Injures 25 Persons Batangas In In Force, British War Head Says Out In Drive

### Miles Away

#### Three Soviet Armies Expected To Make Final Drive On City

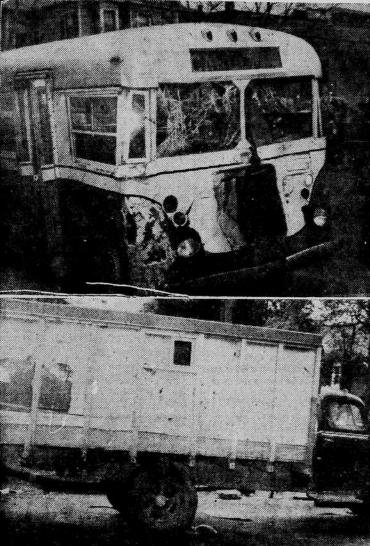
LONDON. Wednesday, March 14 P-Marshal Zhukov, achieving ough in a frontal assault ward Berlin, has pushed nearly n 000 Russian troops across the der river between Frankfurt and ewly-captured Kuestrin and has ent spearheads within 33 miles of he Reich capital, the Germans said last night

The German DNB agency connded the breakthrough was only emporary but said nine Russian divisions now were fighting on the west side of the river on the 16mile - wide. Kuestrin - Frankfurt

While the boradcast Soviet communique made no mention of any crossings in that critical area, Moscow dispatches told of preparatory artillery fire by heavy Russian guns wheeled into position in battered Kuestrin. Reports from the Russian capital indicated that aree Russian armies were expectd to make the massive assault on

According to the Germans, Rusian task forces are attempting to force open the forefield defenses of Berlin in these three areas: Westward from Kitz on the der's west bank opposite Kues-

In the bridgehead opposite Gosix miles below Kuestrin. In the Lebus bridgehead, six miles north of Frankfurt. The Russians' breakthrough was secured in the Lebus bridgehead area, a Nazi commentator said, adding that fighting on the high ground commanding the Frankfurt-Berlin highway was heavy and fluctuating.



The top photo shows the Tide Water Power Co. bus which struck a heavily-loaded converted bus carrying shipyard

South Luzon Nation Cautioned Against Optimism As To Early End Of War; At Saarburg Many Britons Will Be Released From Army And New Men Called For Drive Against Japan, Commons Is Told

Resistance Stiffens On Mindanao But Four **Villages Fall** 

MANILA, Wednesday, March 14. through southwestern Luzon seiz- of the war. ed the provincial capital of Ba-Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Men of the 158th Regiment combat team of Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Swing's 11th Airborne Division captured Batangas after an advance of 15 miles from their last reported positions. They also capured the airdrome adjacent to Baangas, capital of the province of the same name.

Seizure of Batnagas gave Mac-Arthur's forces another big harbor which fronts on the passageway leading through the central Philippines from the Pacific Ocean up to Manila Bay. It was at Batangas that one of the main Japanese forces landed in December, 1942, to fashion the southern arm of a pincers drive against Manila.

Other troops of the 11th Air- IWO AIRDROMES borne, striking along the southern shores of Laguna de Bay north of Eatangas, scored sizeable gains as they reached Los Banos, site of a former internment camp, and

and rail route to southern Luzon

LONDON, March 13 .- (AP)-War service with long periods of duty, "We are fighting this war for Secretary Sir James Grigg told overseas would be released and the establishment and maintethe House of Commons today that men now in civilian 'reserved oc- nance of a principle," the War Allied armies were preparing to cupations" would be called up. Secretary said. "The elimination cross the Rhine in force, then cau-tioned the cheering members Laborite member, demanded that ope cannot assure even the estab-- (U.P.) - American troops driving against counting on a quick end the government announce "the lishment of that principle, let

purpose, size and cost of the ar- alone its maintenance for all time, American Remagen-Erpel bridgeed the provincial capital of Ba-tangas, 56 miles south of Manila, while 41st Division forces driving idly being cleared of the enemy "it would be impossible to satisfy" wing Cmdr. Archibald James, a

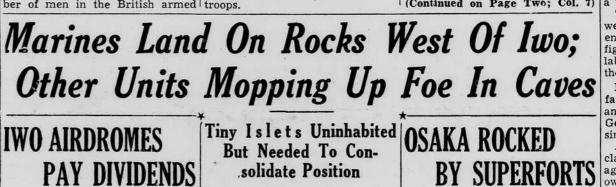
Wing Cmdr. Archibald James, a into Mindanao captured four vil- and our forces are preparing for a large number of men in the Conservative member, expressed U. S. First Army troops pushed lages against stiffening opposition, the task of crossing the Rhine in forces that they really are need- the hope the British army "will relentlessly deeper and reached force," he said. ed.

"In spite of this miraculous bet-terment in our fortunes it would be unwise to act as if all were French are going to make toward over, bar the shouting. In recent recovery of their Far Eastern em-The conservative said he had

months we have had one false pires, Belienger said. dawn and I am sufficient of a Sir James declared Britain's bor figures on the extent of the pagan not to want to provoke a participation in the Pacific war manpower mobilization in Britain memesis." was "not only right but inescap-The War Secretary also told the able," but said it would call for ed Nations and had received an nemesis."

House that after the final victory a "very complicated and difficult "impertinent and arrogant" reply over Germany, a substantial num- process of re - deployment" of

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GUAM, Wednesday, March 14 .--

Ninth Air Force Battles To Keep Vital Span Infact

PARIS, Wednesday, March 14-(JP)-The Germans attacked the head with at least 60 planes yesterday and fought stubbornly in the

hills east of the Rhine river, but not be called upon to bear more within two miles of the great six-

Gains made by American infantry were measured in yards, but it was pointed out that the advances gave the Doughboys control of important heights controlling the bridgehead, which now was bei g speedily built up with the help of newly-erected pontoon bridge.

Throughout the day the skies were filled with dogfights as the enemy made frequent raids and fighters of the Ninth Air Force labored to keep them away from the bridgehead area.

Half a dozen or more lightningfast jet-propelled planes were among the enemy attackers in the Germans' strongest air effort since the Rhine crossing March 7. American planes shot down ten, claimed five probables and damaged six while losing four of their own. Anti-aircraft gunners destroyed others, but no tabulation of their

score was yet available. Monday. Santo Tomas, on the main road Superforts Already Using (P)-Marines landed unopposed on 2,000 Tons of Incendiaries when the German raids were lighter, ack-ack batteries shot do

enemy planes.

Sixty miles north of Kuestrin, Znukov's armored and storm units eastern suburbs of Altdamm, Finkenwalde and Podjuch. The Germans claimed that counterattacks had thrown the Russians back near Greifenhagen, 11 miles south of Stettin

The Second White Russian Army on the Bay of Danzig tightened its siege ring around the ports of Danzig and Gdynia. Midnight Sovet supplementary communique area.

Northwest of Gdynia, the Rus-Rheda, four miles east of Wejhero-Wo (Neustadt), northward to Chlapau, Moscow announced in a broadcast communique.

Capture of Chlapau put the Russians at the base of the Zatoka Pecka, a narrow neck of land juting out 21 miles into Danzig Bay north of both Gdynia and Danzig. his operation, but no new gains

Polish Baltic port.

towns including Neukirch, 14 miles Rhodes, Jr., and James C. Smith President Roosevelt may be call-ed. Southeast of the former free city and forwarded by H. Edmund ed upon to settle the issue because Sov et units previously had driven Rodgers.

to within nine miles northwest and southwest of Danzig. More than 1,000 prisoners were

laken by the Russians in the fight- Board of Education, will authorize ing in the Gdynia-Danzig area. Russians units which took Kues- County Commissioners to call an trin Monday captured more than election to establish a junior col-3,000 German officers and men, lege and levy a tax not to exceed includ ng Col. Gen. Krueger, com- seven cents per \$100 to initiate its mandant of the Kuestrin fortress, operation. Tuition fees are expectthe bulletin said.

As yet Moscow has not reported officially any crossings of the tage of the Federal education submiddle Oder in the Kuestrin- sidies to be granted to local vet-Frankfurt sector east of Berlin. erans of World War II whose ed-Dispatches from the Soviet capi- ucation was interrupted by inductal told of a Russian artillery bar-Tage hurled across the river from junior, college project will utilize Kuestrin and said the Soviet com-mand mand was woking out the tacti- and possibly those of the present cal situation for a Berlin offensive Lake Forest school, providing it In the case of me

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 1) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) Administrator Marvin Jones pro- (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) uary.

at the intersection of Fourth and Princess streets. The lower picture indicates the light construction of the converted vehicle as both sides were pierced in the collision.

Twenty-five people were injured yesterday afternoon when a daring rescue operation on Februtruck, converted for use as a bus to transport shipyard workers, ary 23. The town is 31 miles south traveling north on Fourth street, and a Tide Water Power Co. bus, going west on Princess street, collided at the intersection. James Tompkins, 33, of Rocky Point, driver of the converted

bus, told police officers that he stopped before entering the intersec-

steadily whittled down German po-sitions east of the Oder in Stettin's HOUSE APPROVES PORT AUTHORITY Junior College And Box- reported to have been thrown out. while were encountering stiffer and "probably will be very useing Rules Bills Also left side.

**Before Assembly** 

bill, embodying State Planning

area from the road junction of ports of Wilmington, Southport and Morehead City, passed the House injuries to persons and property. ported ground operations. Medium of Representatives yesterday on its third reading and went to the

Senate. Rep. J. Q. LeGrand, who has shephereded it through the House intimated from Raleigh that the support of Sen. Roy Rowe, of Fen-Advances of up to five miles der county, might perform a like were scored by the Russians in service for the measure in the upper chamber.

ed to keep it running.

the Russians occupied seven tion bill, prepared by W. K. controversy.

The Junior College measure, prepared by Cyrus D. Hogue at front psychology.

the instance of the New Hanover . Fundamentally, the issue should be reduced further to meet matter to the White House. the Eoard of Education to ask the international commitments and obligations. With food production now

Dsigned in part to take advan-The issue came to a head late

last week in a WFA effort to algroups - the military, civilians, functioning under Jones. At the pect a repetition of the violent war-

In the case of meats, War Food

It was from Los Banos that American and Filipino forces rescued ,146 Allied civilians in a

is 25 miles north of Batangas on big dividends. main communication routes lead-

tion, and that when he had driven the Japanese-held Legaspi area. of B-29 Superfortresses, damaged to the center, the Tide Water bus Shortly before the capture of in raids on Japan or otherwise was about 100 feet up Princess Batangas, a naval patrol boat crippled, have made emergency street. The shipyard bus was sank two Japanese patrol boats in landings on the field. The planes

struck from the right rear wheel Batangas Bay. back to the rear end, police said. Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st Its plyboard sides were ripped Division veterans who stormed in- central airfield, also taken from open, and a few passengers were to Mindanao last Saturday mean- the Japs, is progressing rapidly

The bus was turned over on its resistance as they pushed the Jap- ful soon." anese into the hills north of Zam-James Harper, 27, of 527 South boanga city.

Front street, driver of the Tide Led by tanks, the Americans were reaching a point where Ad-Water bus, stated that he was go- seized the villages of Santa Maria, miral Chester W. Nimitz will an-The Wilmington-sponsored North ing about 10 miles an hour, and a mile north of Zamboanga, Sin-

ing on the rim of that fertified Carolina State Ports authority saw the other bus trying to stop. unug, a mile and a half to the two.

and that apparently the driver tried Medium bombers and fighters, attack on the enemy homeland, Board recommendations for State to pass the intersection before him. some operating from the two newsians cleaned out a 14-mile coastal aid in the development of the Harper was arresed for reckless ly-captured San Roque and Wolfe the number one Iwo Jima airstrip right the job was new one of mon operation of a passenger bus and sirfields around Zamboanga, sup- a few days after the American in- right, the job was now one of mop-

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Meat Export Situation May Need FDR's Advice

Were reported in the frontal drive Were reported in the frontal drive on Gdynia which already has car-ment that Monday's introduction Ment that Ment that Ment that Ment that Ment that Ment that the ment that Ment th WASHINGTON, March 13 -(P)- posed to take Great Britain and hed to within eight miles of that of the New Hat.over junior col- to halt shipments of meats to liberated areas off the receiving ege bill would be his last local Great Eritain and liberated areas and to cut military supplies be-Below Danzig in the canal-cut legislation effort, Mr. LeGrand and to trim military demands has low Army requests. This action was celia area east of the Vistula riv. submitted a county boxing regula- precipitated a bitter inter-agency described as necessary if civilian

> Agencies representing foreign of its possible impact upon inter- claimants-the Foriegn Economic national relations and upon home-Administration and the State Department-protested. So did the Ar-

is my. At a meeting with Jones, Arwhether civilian food supplies my officials threatened to take the

Jones rushed to War Mobilizer James F. Brynes for support. The ply, particularly in the case of food. The committee, headed by ces.

meats, fats and vegetable oils, sug-Foreign Economic Administrator This opinion appears to be shar-tirely. ar, and some kinds of dairy prod- Leo T. Crowley, is, in effect, a ed by German civilians interview-

super food allocations committee. ed behind the Allied lines. The was in the thick of the recent of believes that the Allied armies will mercus small counterattacks, all Represented on this committee idea of a sudden wholesale colare the same agencies which have lapse, as a result of recent Nazi quite willing to fight as long as Germany before ending major Gerlocate supplies for the April-June representatives on a food alloca- disasters, is generally discounted. there is not too much danger of man resistance. As long as there is that 70,000 American troops had quarter among various claimant tions committe which has been However, military men do not ex- getting killed.

Lend-Lease, foreign relief, and oth- WFA there was little hope that the fare and stubborn defenses that without a fight, but once we by- ably will fight, they say. new committee would meet with characterized West Front fighting pass or reach their positions they

### **Fields As Emergency**

**Repair Stations** 

WASHINGTON, March 13.-(U.P)of Manila and the same distance The first of the captured Japanese north of Batangas. Santo Tomas airfields on Iwo Jima is paying

An official naval spokesman reing to Batangas and south east to vealed tonight "quite a number" might otherwise have been lost. He revealed that work on the

shore. As for the fighting on Iwo Jima, the spokesman said the operations

nounce victory within a day cr ties.

A Superfortress, cripped in an chine guns and mortars. made an emergency landing on

been able to take off after emergency repairs and refueling. "The knowledge that there is a friendly spot about half way along vesterday in the Third-Fourth Mathe route to Japan has caused a rine area.

crews," the spokesman said. There is no doubt that there will be a considerable number of Japa-

the Kama and Kangkoku rocks west of Iwo as three Marine divisions continued the tedious task of liquidating the remnants of a garrison of 20,000 men on the main

island, a Pacific Fleet communi-

miles off the coast. Tiny Kama, five days.

at the north tip of Iwo, made little early Saturday and Nagoya early to a pocket four miles square. progress yesterday but had slow- Monday.

others have landed there, both go- my pocket in their area but it ducts, airplane propellers, ma-

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que announced today.

The Fifth Marines, closing in as many planes in the attack as my troops north of the Moselle

ed up on orders to reduce casual-

resistance with small arms, ma-In the area of the Third and

ing to and coming back from Jap- was being steadily reduced. anese raids. The "cripples" have The communique, illustrating the difficult job of eliminating isolated enemy groups, said 115

big lift in morale among the B-29 Army fighter bomber planes continued attacks on Chichi island in the Bonin Islands north of Iwo. hitting airfield and harbor instal-

lations, and Army Liberator heavy bombers attacked airdrome in-

Strike Japan's Second City

21ST

day's assault.

sons per square mile.

While fighting flared over and around the bridgehead, the U.S. Third Army lashed out in a new BOMBER COMMAND attack on a nine-mile front in the HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Wed- Saarburg area and advanced up nesday, March 14 .- (R)-Two thou- to 2 1-2 miles.

sand tons of incendiary bombs Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's new The islets, uninhabited but nec- were showered on Osaka, Japan's thrust spearheaded by the 94th Diessary to consolidate the Marine second largest city, early today by vision, was made on the Third Arhold on Iwo, lie just off the bulge American Superforts in the third my's right flank against the only of the west coast. Kangoku is mass bombing of Nippon's densely sizeable salient still held by the about 500 yards long and is 1 1-5 populated industrial centers in Germans west of the Rhine, This drive extended from a point eight

only 135 yards long, is a little less . The B-29 task force was describ- miles northeast of Saarburg to than a mile south of Kangoku and ed in a 20th Air Force announce- about six southeast. Resistance was a little less than 3-4 miles off- ment in Washington as "very said to be light to moderate. large," indicating that there were On Patton's left flank Third Ar-

slowly on the main enemy force the 300 or more which hit Tokyo river cleared eight more towns as at the north tip of Iwo made little early Saturday and Nagoya early they compressed the enemy there

The Third Army processed a rec-As in the other saturation at- ord number of 6,446 Germans captacks which left block after block tured during the day, exceeding its Japanese troops continued fierce in flames, Osaka's congested in previous high of 4,992 set August dustrial area was the target of to- 10, 1944. Together the First and Third Armies have taken approxi-

In the 10 square mile area mately 40.000 prisoners in eight bombsights were factories turning From the headquarters of Field

vasion started. Since then many ping up. There was one small ene- out iron, steel and aluminum por- Marshal Montgomery came an announcement that the final prisoner count for the Rhine operations of chine tools and bearings plants. The area also included countless the U.S. Ninth and Canadian First Armies was 50,477 and that Amerthousands of ramshackle homes, some of which likewise were ican forces in the 21st Army Group caves were sealed in mopping up small-piece workshops in Japan's have taken 46,303 prisoners since the Germans' Ardennes breakwar industry setup. It was esti-mated that the population in the

Weather improved during the day target area averaged 61,000 perand tactical air forces flew 2,750 sorties, downing 22 German planes The 2,000-ton bomb storm directat a loss of four medium bombers ed at Osaka also indicated the and 13 fighters. number of planes in the raid was

More than 150 Marauders and (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) Havocs of the Ninth Air Force bombed an airfield near Frankfurt from which German planes were believed to be operating against the Remagen bridgehead.

field dispatch tonight from Don Whitehead of the Associated Press disclosed for the first time that Lt. Gen. Hodges' First Army Engineers had succeeded in throwing a temporary bridge across the fashion last Wednesday.

of the Rhine from which their arare ready to give up the fight en- tried desperately to get away to tillery observers had direct ob servation . of both traffic-laden

spans. The Germans made nu

Berlin broadcasts declared a free area with Nazis or SS men been jammed into the bridgehead "They aren't ready to give up in control, the soldiers in it prob- and were waging a "ferocious" battle with tremendous air support

Allied military men expect a in an effort to break out of the

described as necessary if civilian shortages were not to be aggravat-ed. In Summer After General Destruction

There has been a definie change surrender with 'honor'. They shoot mide, swift river to share the BY WES GALLAGHER WITH THE U. S. NINTH ARMY IN GERMANY, March 13 — (P)— Many Allied military men now be by the character of their resistance taken prisoner." lieve the European war will end during the Allied drive to - and He contrasted this to the fierce

on the downgrade, total demands latter took no sides in the matter, early next summer, rather than across-the Rhine. German morale November fighing along the Roer while not great in yardage, drove being made upon this country are but set up a special committee to next fall, after a gradual destruc- has deteriorated, but seemingly and the bulge battles, where many the Nazis from high ground east considerably greater than the sup-pass on foreign shipments of tion of the enemy's remaining for-not to the point where Nazi soldiers Germans fought to the last or else

> fight again. Rather, as one American who Almost every American officer fensive put it, they appear to be have to fight all the way across of which were repelled.

in November, December and Jan-uary. uary. in November, December and Jan-he said. "They are quite happy to (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)