### FORECAST partly cloudy and continued warm Yesterday's temperatures: High. 78-Low, 61.

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American Planes Rain Hail

**Of Germans** 

# Third Army Threatens To Trap 80,000 Nazis; Americans Invalle Panay, Drive On Iloilo; Yank Carrier PL les Attack Kobe And Kure Losses Light **Plasma At Front** Food Shortage Port Authority Bill Navy Silent FDR'S New Aide **Enemy Dooms**

Probe Slated Passes State Senate On Results

cated Houses To Be Handled Through

Local Terminal By Salisbury Co.

The unopposed passage in the development enthusiasts as a Senate of the North Carolina Ports "very auspicious" beginning of the

passage".

Authority bill, providing for the traffic year 1945.

# In 25th Isle Taken By U.S.

## Many Sections of Island Already Cleared By Guerrillas

MANILA, Tuesday, March 20 .-(P)-Fortieth Division infantrymen under Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush, with Naval and air support, invaded panay island in the central Philippines Sunday and rapidly closed

An Army medic connects transfusian tubes to bottles of freshly nixed blood plasma at an advancthe capital city of Oloilo. The landing, on the southeastern anding, on the southeastern was made with practically s, Gen. Douglas MacArthur a Senar Plasma, processed from blood do-nated through the American Red powers. said in his communique today, Cross, provides another vital link again achieving "complete tacti- from the home front to the men cal as well as strategic surprise." in khaki

This was the 25th Philippine invasion and the seventh of major importance. The Yanks went ashore at Tig-

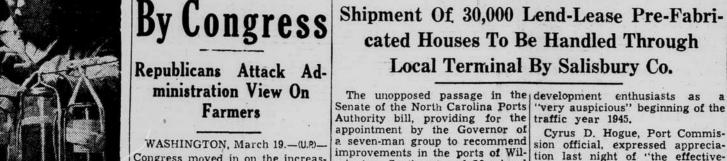
bauan, 14 miles west of Iloilo, and mmediately drove inland four miles to Cordova and eastward **Liection Set** ing meat production, and what effect lend-lease shipments are have miles to Cordova and eastward halfway to the capital city. "They are rapidly closing in on

the city," MacArthur reported. been well cleared by guerrillas, including parts of the southeast

shore where the Yanks poured ashore. One Panay guerrilla leader was Tomas Confesor, new Secretary of the Interior in the Philip-

A primary election of City Counpine Cabinet. He was the former governor of Panay.

Fred Hampson reported Filipinos at a special meeting yesterday.



Lounci

23; Final Vote For

May 8

Congress moved in on the increasingly serious food shortage situation today.

The Senate voted unanimously to by Rep. J. Q. LeGrand. Together with the disclosure investigate all phases of food production and distribution. It authorized \$5,000 for the inquiry by a Senate Agriculture subcommittee and gave the committee broad

Farmers

Three resolutions calling for a

authorize an investigation to destockpiling meat supplies in this senate passes country "at the expense of citizens of the United States"; if government directives are discouraging meat production, and what efng on civilian and military meat

supplies. House Republicans spearheaded Many sections of Panay had Primary Slated For April a general attack on Administra tion food policies. They accused Government agencies of "interfer-

ing with, harassing and hopping on our farmers"; charged that"the Government has done everything

vide Grant For Rural Expansion

manufactured by the Salisbury plant of the Walsh Construction "It keeps North Carolina in line Co., of New York City, and other with other seaboard states which similar inquiry were introduced in firms allotted contracts by Fedthe House. One specifically would eral agencies, would be exported (Continued on Page Five; Col. 7) **PRICE MARK-UPS** 

appointment by the Governor of

a seven-man group to recommend

improvements in the ports of Wil-

HOSPITAL BILL

**FROZEN BY OPA** Measure Amended To Pro- Agency Moves To Reduce Cost of Clothing,

**Furniture Items** 

RALEIGH, March 19 -UM- The WASHINGTON, March 19 .- (U.P)--Senate today passed a State-wide Paving the way for consumers to by the carrier's Hellcats, Helldiv. possible to discourage the food hospital and medical care bill af- benefit by future price reductions, cil nominees was ordered for April producer, to drive him out of bus- ter amending the measure to pro- the Office of Price Administration

23 by the present City Council iness and to create the food short- vide that \$500,000 of a \$1,000,000 tonight ordered approximately lifeblood artery through which Associated Press Correspondent and the City Board of Elections age which the American people de-contingent biennial appropriation 300,000 retail stores in the coun-for indigent patients be used for try to 'freeze'' their price markgrowed the beach to welcome the The munisipal election, at which chided President Roosevelt's re- grants for construction or enlarge- ups at the level prevailing today. hospitals and heal

Fleet Units Carry Raids Into Second Consecutive Day

Of Assault

Cyrus D. Hogue, Port Commis sion official, expressed apprecia-U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADtion last night of "the effective-QUARTERS, Guam, Tuesday, mington, Southport and Morehead City and issuance of State reve-and Sen Boy Bowe of Pender and Sen. Roy Rowe, of Pender, March 20.-IP-Carrier planes of nue bonds to finance them, was introduced the measure to the leg-reported from Raleigh last night islative houses and worked for fis an American task force, attacking Japan for the second straight day, raided Kobe and Kure on "It is the first definite recogearlier yesterday that 30,000 Lend- nition ever accorded by the State Honshu island and other enemy Lease prefabricated housing units, Legislature to the importance to installations around the inland sea the State of its seaports" he said. Monday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The carrier planes, which had swarmed on Kyushu island, south of Honshu Sunday, attacking in strength estimated by Tokyo at 1,400, dealt the second day's assault on the same day that more

than 300 Superforts dropped 2,500 tons of incendiaries on Nagoya, Japan's third largest city. In hitting Kobe, the carrier Watson as military aide to Presi-planes pounced on Japan's largest dent Roosevelt.

shipbuilding city and port while it still was smouldering from the Nazis Keport 2,500 ton incendiary aftack made Saturday by the B-29s. Kure is a Japanese naval base.

The communique supplied no details on results accomplished ers and Avengers either Sunday or Monday.

The inland sea of Japan is a Breakthrough In South-Nippon moves vital supplies from Korea, Manchuria and China to the homeland.

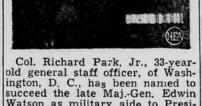
east Said To Have

other armored division, the U.S. Fourth, which set the stage for the Nazi debacle with a breakthrough along the Rhineland plain. Two thousand more Germans were trapped in the western Saar, and hundreds of others were driven to their death in a rain of steel from thousands of U.S. warplanes flailing every avenue of retreat. Guns and tanks were abandoned and scattered along the line of

flight. Already driven more than half the Saarland and Palatinate-their last holdings west of the Rhine-and routed from their final foothold in northeastern France by the U. S. Seventh Army, the even Germans were faced with greater peril to their vaunted

Rhine line farther north. The U. S. First Army east of the Rhine struck northward more





The invasion was the first direct Council will be chosen from the that no decent person would ques- centers. action to break the Japanese hold list of primary nominees, will be tion the allocation of food to liberin the bypassed central Philip- held May 8, it was announced.

pines. It was designed in part to During the joint meeting, Erclear shipping routes which pass- nest Beale and Robert Strange ed close to Panay airfields. were named to the City Board of Iloilo is the outstanding port Elections by the Council. Ex-officio of the central Philippines and has members of the board are August an important airfield nearby. The L. Meyland, clerk of court; Adrian capital has a population of 90,000. B. Rhodes, register of deeds; and A headquarters spokesman said H. G. Carney, chairman of the the troops encountered a small County Board of Elections.

enemy force on the road before The registration books will be seizing Cordova. Correspondent Hampson said fli- closed April 14. They will be availers flew at low level over the able at the polling precincts in Wilcountry behind the beachhead mington township under the same

by the usual naval bombardment, on the present general election although cruisers and destroyers books for Wilmington township and stood by if needed. Rocket ships, who have not changed their places too, were ready. of residence are eligible to vote The amphibious operation was in the primary and regular municexecuted by the 40th Infantry ipal elections without further reg-

Division, originally the California istration. Any person having moved from National Guard, with a New York regiment added. The 40th was one ward or precinct to another In the Luzon campaign in January. and having resided in another ward Rear Adm. Arthur D. Struble or precinct for a period of four commanded the amphibious move, months will be required to register in the ward or precinct to designed to clear the huge archi-

or precinct.

land Currin

p.m. April 13.

pelago of Japanese hindering free which he removed. The person movement of shipping. The landing beach was 180 miles west of the original Philippines istrar of the old ward or precinct invasion beach on Leyto, and is 250 miles south of Manila.

Panay, bombed frequently by heavy bombers, was an ominous file for candidacy was set for 6 threat to the convoy route to American-held Mindoro and Luzon while Japan still had strength in the Philippines, Ships passed wilnin sight of the triangular island. a small-scale operation. otaer American troops landed the same day, Sunday, on Malanau Island, south of Zamboanga at the southwestern tip of Mindanao. MacArthur announced gains on all Luzon fronts and another heavy air raid on Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines and sup-

posed Philippine headquarters of Japanese Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita

Cross for continued and greater MacArthur reported that recent support, the outlook for a successful 1945 War Fund drive was the Wilmington Public Library, mopping up operations in the Zambales mountains along Luzon's "bright" here last night, accord- Strange added, northwest coast resulted in an ing to Robert Strange, campaign additional 2,654 Japanese. dead. chairman. The 38th Division has been en-

The success of the campaign, tor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, gaged in the grim cleanup job in which was opened officially yes- told the assembly of division workhe mountain area generally west of captured Clark Field.

To the east, the 25th and 32nd Divisions were converging on church parish house, was attribut- going to help provide the means Balete Pass, which leads into the big Cagayan Valley, against in-toward the Red Cross, 'realizing The minister termed the Red Creasing the toward the red Cross, 'realizing The minister termed the Red creasing opposition. Aircraft lent they can depend on it to aid their Cross the "cross of hope to many close support.

man in the service." Strange servicemen and women and many On Mindanao, the 41st Division said that the firms he has visited on the home front." Mr. Freed, Yanks, with tank support, steadily had equaled or exceeded their who was introduced by Strange, expanded their positions north of quotas, and that campaign head- related the incident of a woman until he saw what others were go-San Roque and Pasonanca, and quarters had received requests who learned the whereabouts of ing to do.) 29 dead were found abandoned for thousands of 'Memos for Joe.'' A list of all people who (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7) dia's defiant extension of the cur- (Continued on Page Five; Col. 3)

by the enemy.

time five members of the City cent press conference state ated areas.

of the country."

next three months probably means that meat rations for Britons will per person each week. Ottawa dispatches said Canada may attempt

reduced U. S. Lend-Lease ship-

ments.

also will be required to first secure a removal certificate from the regin a few ceks. .

"The House resolutions were to the registrar of the new ward The deadline for those desiring to

(R-Kans.), and Clinton P. Ander-

The present City Council is com-Committee to find out how cur- Fiorello H. LaGuardia. posed of Ronald Lane, mayor; Edrent shortages developed. Andergar L. Yow, R. S. Romeo and Gar-

**Red Cross Chairman Says** 

Drive Off To Good Start

With residents quickly rallying send the "Memos" and the serv-

(Continued on Page Five; Col. 3)

selling clothing textiles, furniture Three hours of debate went into and house furnishings.

passage of the amendment, of Under provisions of the order-Assistant War Food Administra- fered by Sen. Lumpkin of Frank- hailed by OPA as "one of the most tor Grover Hill said meantime that lin. The amendment provides that important events in retail price there is no danger of a meat the North Carolina medical care control" since the general maxi-"famine" despite the 10 per cent commission created in the bill mum price regulation went into cut in civilian allocations for the make grants in aid to rural hos- effect in May, 1942-the additions next three months. He made the pitals or health centers provided retailers may add to wholesale statement after the American Meat Institute at Chicago report. of the total cost involved and that allowed to increase.

ed, on the basis of a Nation-wide not more than \$125,000 be made The order is the prelude to consurvey, that shortages are 'bor- available for any one project. The amendment sliced in half possible under the joint War Pro-The registration books will be dering on famine in many parts The amendment sliced in half possible under the joint war Pro-opened at 9 a.m., March 31, and dering on famine in many parts funds appropriated in the original duction Board-OPA textile and

The situation also had repercus- bill on a contingent basis to clothing order which will put sions abroad. London dispatches match Duke funds for care and greater quantities of lower priced said the recent U. S. decision to treatment of indigent patients. The wearing apparel on the market, ofsearching for enemy positions they might strafe, but found none. The invasion was not preceded by the usual naval bombardment, the present general election employes has been paid. The re- pensive furniture on the market.

be reduced to only one serving (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

to boost meat shipments to Brit-ain in an effor to offset sharply Byrnes Admits Inability To Enforce Curfew Edict

he is powerless to force New York police. But he said that voluntary carrier task force-which raided miles. or any other city to abide by his compliance is expected to every the Tokyo-Yokohama areas Febtroduced by Reps. ugust H. Andre- midnight curfew edict but, in an city in the Nation to show fighting ruary 16-17 and again February in gains up to three miles, Rus- many since their homeland fell sen, (R-Minn.). Edward H. Rees, appeal to partiotism backed up by men that "we are willing to make President Roosevelt, he put the some small sacrifice while we call ing south of Japan. son. (D-N.M.). Andresen and Ress rest of the Nation on its honor not upon them to make the supreme

would authorize the Agriculture to follow the example of Mayor sacrifice."

His statement was regarded as (Wilmington clubs, when inform- a slap at the patriotism of Laed of Director Byrnes' admission Guardia and of New York night new Nagoya raid. last night, seemed to be "mark- spot owners who were elated by ing time" until a policy was es- the mayor's challenge of Byrnes' tablished by club owners as a authority.

whole here. Byrnes' admission of Govern-(The owner of Stacy's Tavern, on ment impotency meant that all cihe Carolina Beach road, said "our ties could follow Laguardia's lead policy won't be changed since we but he put them on their honor not have always closed at midnight. to do so and emphasized that his The only difference is that where appeal "has the full approval of the we've been cutting the music off President of the United States."

at 11:55 and having our customers to the plea of the American Red icemen to whom they are sent out by 1, now we'll give them ten will be kept for public record at or 15 minutes to get out. The main measure that affects us is the "brownout", since our building continue to observe the curfew. Many municipal officials denouncis set back off the road." (The proprietor of Joe's club.

Speaking at the "kick-off' breakalso on Carolina Beach road, said, fast the Rev. Walter B. Freed, pas-"If everybody else stays closed, defection so far was by the Michi-I'll do the same. If they don't, I'll gan liquor control commission. It terday morning at a "kick-off" ers "as you go forth to participate go back to my old hours. I plan to ruled that bars would remain opbreakfast at St. Paul's Lutheran in this Red Cross appeal, you're continue complying with the curfew en until midnight central time, deuntil I see what the others are going to do."

(The owner of St. John's Tavern, at Second and Orange streets, said he would "follow the suit of the to take advantage of it. others" and, in regard to the Finca room, would continue complying

Kure, Japan's most important naval base, is 200 miles west of Osaka, another city hard hit by the Superforts.

Today's communique reported a continuing search for enemy two and three miles of the beleasnipers on conquered Iwo and air raids on the Bonins, the Kuriles, the western Carolines, the Palaus and the Marshalls.

Red Army tanks had plowed 17 to 25 miles through Nazi defenses in With defention of Uerdingen, Homber, Ossenberg, Orsoy and Rheinhausen. The one-two punches of the carrier planes and the Marianas-based B-29s came at a time when sumer benefits from reductions Tokyo radio broadcasts made it a three-day offensive southeast of clear so many Japanese are fleetrial Upper Silesia. ing their cities that evacuation

There was no Russian confirmaproblems have gotten out of hand. A Tokyo broadcast Monday appealed to authorities in Shizuoka extreme southeastern Germany, prefecture southwest of Tokyo to but Berlin said that massed Soviet promptly supply food to these air forces had clamped a great pincer raid damage victims even though on the war production area west of they may not possess air raid the Oder river and had broken into damage certificates but as long as Neustadt in a 25-mile dash from Third Army in the heart of the they are recognized as people fall- the river at Cosel.

ing in this category." The broadcast, a domestic one, also gave instructions for helping slovakia.

"those who have alighted from a report on the Red Army's grim steel mills. trains" in finding lodging and battle to wipe out trapped enemy food.

a resolution by Kennth S. Wher-ry, (R-Neb.). The Senate War In-vestigating Committee already is examining the entire food supply problem and will issue a report ket to little more than 100 square another enemy escape hatch at

25-26-was undoubtedly still rang- sian tanks and infantry seized to the Germans in 1940. more than 30 towns and villages

Some 350 of the Marianas-based and 2,138 prisoners, and brought Superfortresses, the largest fleet the last two big enemy strongholds yet in a ten-day series of massive of Eraunsberg and Heiligenbeil, incendiary blows at Japan's in- 32 and 25 miles southwest of Koe-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

### Advanced Kapidly

LONDON, Tuesday, March 20-

than two miles, reached the plains leading to the Ruhr at two points, and enlarged its bridgehead to 18 P-Russian troops battered within miles wide and eight miles deep. Opposite the Ruhr itself, the U. guered East Prussian outposts of S. Ninth Ariny charter by for a possible Rhine crossing by S. Ninth Army cleared the way Braunsberg and Heiligenbeil yes- ordering German civilians evacuterday while Berlin reported that ated from the west bank cities

With fighting manpower more Breslau aimed at clearing indus- urgently needed at home, the German high command was reported giving up long-held positions tion of the Soviet breakthrough in Hollond north of Nijmegen between the Wall Rhine and Neder Rhine. Allied patrols reached the Neder Rhine and saw few Germans in their path.

The U. S. Seventh Army was 14 miles from a junction with the Saar Basin after breaking clear Industrial Neustadt is only three through the Siegfried Line east of miles from the border of Czecho- Saarbruecken. Such a juncture would seal off Saarbruecken, the

Restricting its communique to capital, and most of the basin's

As the Seventh Army moved Karlsruhe. This was the first time

Advancing along a 25-mile front French units had invaded Ger-

American troops a few miles to the northwest fought three miles into Germany north of captured Wissembourg, and battled Ger-man tanks in Ober Otterbach.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Flying columns, engulfing 30 more towns, were bringing blitzkrieg warfare home with a vegeance to the country which gave it birth. The Third was traveling on the treads of enough fast-rolling tanks to fill seven comlete armored divisions, while overhead fighterbombers were pouring bombs, bul

lets and rockets on the enemy. The Fourth Armored Division, capturing Bad Krueznach, raced eight miles east of the shattered

These and other specific details Nahe river line toward Mainz. Kaiserslautern, a traffic city of 61.000 through which passes nearly who himself was delegated to con- all roads to the Rhine, was in the tact the Allies and try to "sell" path of the Tenth, Eleventh and a them the new setup in Germany new and as yet unidentified Armored Division.

Swinging eastward and southeastward almost shoulder to shoul-The first talks among the conspirators occurred in December, der, these hard-hitting outfits all 1941, immediately after Hitler's were about 14 miles west or northwest of the city.

The 11th Armored Division crossed the Nahe river in a 15 mile advance, and linked up with the unidentified armored division in the

One-armed one-legged Colonel (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

From one of the conspirators Louis P. Lochner has obtained a remarkable account of the attempt of last July 20 to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Lochner, chief of the former Associated Press Bureau in ler's life were given me by a man Berlin, is again in Germany ed LaGuardia for not cooperating. The only other major curfew

BONN, Germany, March 19 .munities observe Eastern time. (P)-Col. Gen. Ludwig Beck, form- declaration of war on the United This means a one hour extension for those communities if they want er chief of staff of the Germany States. My informant said that army who resigned when he realiz- America's entry made defeat a ed Hitler's reckless course, was the certainty to every thinking Ger-But Laguardia got strong sup-port among some members of Con-spiritual as well as active leader man. Military officers contacted gress. Democratic Reps. Emanuel in the plot to assassinate the men like Dr. Karl Goerdeler, Paul vicinity of Merzweiler, 14 miles Celler and Sol Bloom and Repub- Fuehrer, and Heinrich Himmler Lejeune-Jung, H. Johannes Popitz northwest of Kaiserslautern. was in on it.

Himmler Reported Active In Plot To Slay Hitler Count Claus von Stauffenberg, a From all indications, LaGuardia hero of the First World War, was for now will be a lone wolf in his the man who actually placed the defiance. A United Press survey of bomb under Hitler's chair. other cities showed they would of last July 20's attempt on Hit-

expecting to return to the Nazi capital. after Hitler's death, and also to

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Press spite the fact most Michigan com-