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Yank Carrier Planes Attack Japanese Fleet In Home Walrs; 15 To 17 Warships Damaged; U. S. Seventh, Third Armies Join In Saarland

Mainz, Worms and Zweibruecken Swept Up In Rapid Drive

PARIS, Wednesday, March 21— B-The U. S. Seventh and Third Armies formed a junction in the Saarland yesterday in a great cordinated assault that virtually wined out the last German resistance west of the Rhine and captured the historic cities of Saarbruecken, weibruecken and Worms.

Contact between the two armies was made at a point about 12 of Kaiserslautern by elements of the Seventh Army's Third Army's 26th Infantry Di-

The Third Army, which drove through Kaiserslautern, reached Director Byrnes and his midnight the ancient Rhine-bank city of curfew, but indicated he wasn't (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 1)

onomic center of the industrial Saar, fell to Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army as did Zweibruecken, 17 miles to the east. Worms on the Rhine about mid-

way between Mainz and Ludwigshafen-Mannheim, was seized in a lightning stab by the Fourth Ar-mored and 90th Infantry Divisions of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's'

The sensational drive by the two

Under the unrelenting assault, to increase salaries of County emthe enemy's defenses in the Saar- ployes. eastward by the thousands under a were passed without opposition. storm of explosives from Ameri-

The fall of Saarbruecken and swift evacuation of all Germany

west of the Rhine. Saarbruecken fell to the 70th Division, which crossed the Sear, initiate its operation. sliced through the West Wall and stormed the city from the west

against light opposition.

firece fighting. The comparatively easy conquest

At the same time, German re-

On a day of crushing defeat for

German arms, Gen. Eisenhower himself boldly pointed toward the sector of the Reich presumably ext marked for destruction, broadcasting a proclamation warning all German civilians and forign workers to flee from the great Ruhr industrial area.

This 600-square mile region just

assault. bombers and fighters, how-

Three Cities Guaranteed Wage Plan Reds Capture Taken; Enemy Study Ordered By FDR Altdamm And

Force Broken President Also Indicates He Is Not Planning Wipe Out Foe Action Against LaGuardia for Violation

Of Curfew Edict

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(R)— planning any action against New President Roosevelt today ordered York for relaxing the ban. a study of plans for a guaranteed annual wage, described by the War on the food situation, saying the Labor Board as "one of the main country ought to know what's hapaspirations of American workers." pened.

He told his news conference the will be made by the Office of War any plans to keep the coal mines Mobilization's advisory board of 12 running in event of failure of the headed by O. Max Gardner, former North Carolina Governor. The board is composed of public, labor, farm and management represen-

At the same conference, held an hour earlier than usual and con-Sixth Armored Division and the fined for the first time in months exclusively to domestic phases of the war, the Chief Executive: 1. - Stood by War Mobilization

2.-Promised a statement Friday

3.-Described as "iffy" a quesinquiry-requested by the WLB- tion whether the Government had contract agreement. 4.—Said it would depend on the

individual case a good deal when Moscow announced. asked if he favored penalties against workers who fail to get into essential war jobs, as well as against employers who disregard that the Government is trying to get manpower the best way it can.

Saarbruecken, a city of 135,000 JUNIOR COLLEGE **MEASURE PASSED**

Also Approved By Senate

American armies operating in uni- approved a bill providing for a Rotary club, Harry Bliss, staff on disposed of the German junior college in New Hanover member of the American City Bu- began last weekend, and created seventh army and bottled up much of the German First army—the last county and likewise passed a reau of the American Red Cross, a "temporarily critical situation" enemy armies west of the measure which would permit the who is heading the current Red for the Nazis. Berlin said the Rusboard of County Commissioners Cross drive in Wilmington, made

Both measures, introduced by organization's war funds. land salient collapsed and Nazi Rep. J. Q. LeGrand last week, troops were attempting to flee were passed without opposition.

weibruccken foretold the possible authorize the County Commission "he profits most who serves best." exceed seven cents per \$100 to opportunity to investin the Amer-

> While no definite site has been who are fighting for it. located for the college, reliable

fured, one front dispatch saying wages up to \$1,200 yearly: At pres-

aries only by \$700. Another measure, a County Box-At the same time, German reAnother measure, a county box
If he is wounded at the same time, German reAnother measure, a county box
If he is wounded at the same time, German reing Regulation bill, was not inthere is a Gray Lady at his side lin its 29th straight night assault.

Way. She was to have been floated erly point on Luzon yet reached be hiding in the former British to falter and Lt. Gen Courtny H. cluded in the Associated Press to write his letters.

Hodges' First Army broadened its report on the Legislative Record "If he is a prisoner, let us make east bank bridgehead to 24 miles but Rep. LeGrand earlier yestereast bank bridgehead to 24 miles but Rep. Leed the opinion that it with advances measuring up to 4,- day expressed the opinion that it (Continued on Page 2; Column 1)

RED CROSS AIDE

Continued Support In Drive

The N. C. State Senate last night | At the Tuesday meeting of the an appeal for contributions to the

Introduced by Rabbi M. M. Thurman, Mr. Bliss, a member of the cated that Marshal Konev's First The junior college proposal, prepared by Cyrus D. Hogue at the instigation of the New Hanover county Board of Education, will his speech with the Rotary motto, the rest is proposed by Cyrus Commission.

International Kiwanis staff, Rotary motton across the Moravian-Upper Sileston and former Chamber of the county Commission. The County Commission is proposed by Cyrus D. Hogue at the county Commission is proposed by Cyrus D. Hogue at the county of the county Commission is proposed by Cyrus D. Hogue at the county of t to call an election to establish the He said that a contribution to the school and to levy a tax not to Red Cross was not a gift but an ican way of life by helping the boys

"We are going to win this war" sources indicated last night that he stated, 'because the boys fight-Zweibruecken fell to the Third the Lake Forest housing project ing it were sired by the builders project if abandoned by the Federal Housing three days of this country, raised under the west Wall after three days of in Authority after the war, would system of free enterprise, found make an ideal location. It also was by the men who built this Nation pointed out that the Lake Forest to be the best and only way for of the two stubborn cities dramati-cally symbolized the complete col-larse of the Nori defences of the

The County salary amendment will allow increases in individual a soldier reaches behind him for that the Third Army alone bagged ent, the County can increase sal- anything else, what he reaches for northwastern Cermany today and the Triday and the Trid will be there.

"If he is wounded, let us be sure

Three Leaders For World Are Termed Insufficient

ecross the Rhine from three Allled armies—the U. S. Ninth, the

Velt, Churchill and Stalin!" Rabbi

"Bide your time" he told his Canadian First and British Second M. M. Thurman urged a capacity attentive listeners, whom he deis Germany's industrial heart audience of Junior Chamber of scribed as potential leaders of the and now that Silesia and the Saar Commerce members and their future, "People are not prone to fallen under Russian and the saar guests in the Friendly Restaurant big unconquered industion and address in which he descributed in the guests in the friendly Restaurant banquet room last night as climax to an address in which he descributed the guality of leadership as no lea ed the quality of leadership as no his reaction to them is the gauge A net air forces have been pointing the Ruhr for weeks and it was battered again yesterday as part of the mighty Western open to the mighty Western with the world "he said."

He determined as in forces have been restricted, ready - made inheritation of his leadership.

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liminary remarks by Lewis F. Orliminary remarks by Lewis F. Orafed continuously and at Coast Line Railroad Co., who sug- course is right and his causes are 3,000 German motor vehicles gested as a Jaycee project, the just.

The function of the Third and Seventh Armies pocketed thousands of Germans in a sack ten miles long and eight wide extendibles on Page Two; Col. 3)

Thurman.

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"If you Christians are Christ- and the Hamburg port area. rockets and bullets, adding to the life" veterans of World War II. like" he asserted "you should preak forces' terrific toll of the last H. A. Patrill introduced Rabbi

Other Soviet Forces Slash Into Pocket South Of Koenigsberg

LONDON, March 20 .- (R)-Russian troops, laying open flaming Stettin to a final assault, today captured the Pomeranian capital's last outpost of Altdamm, 70 miles northeast of Berlin, and wiped out the powerfully fortified German bridgehead there on the east bank of the swampy lower Oder river,

Far to the east, other Soviet forces slashed into the enemy's partly-flooded East Prussian pockagainst employers who disregard et southwest of Koenigsberg, capemployment ceiling. He added turing the ancient bast on of Braunsberg and 40 other towns

> tories in two orders of the day, and a communique said that more than 3.000 German officers and men and more than 300 guns were captured in the fighting in East Prussia yesterday and today.

At the same time, the Germans said that Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin had hurled 200,000 of his County Salary Amendment Rotarians Hear Plea For Dukhin had hurled 200,000 of his Third Ukraine Army troops, and supporting armor, into a new offensive in northwestern Hungary, sweeping within 58 miles of the Austrian frontier on the road to Vi-

Moscow has not confirmed this operation, which the Gérmans said sians were beyond Tata, which is 117

Another German broadcast indi-

ALLIED BOMBERS HIT U-BOAT PENS

Jet Planes Fail To Block Attack On Nazi Oil Refineries

age attacks by Nazi jet-propelled planes, struck U-boat yards, oil battle which swung the Pacific drove ten miles northward along

dreds of vehicles in a veritable up the needed four inches by to-'mob scene.' The highways were morrow. illed with hundreds of vehicles, moving three abreast to the east scheduled, however. in scenes reminiscent of the Ardennes retreat.

Mile after mile was left a scene

of burning vehicles and bodies. The planes destroyed at least James M. Cox and widow of a 990 motor transports and damaged more than one thousand.

American and British heavy bombers, escorted by fighters, en-countered a sizeable force of Luftwaffe planes futilely attempting to ward off the attacks. One U. S. ortress formation engaged in a 30-minute running battle with jet

planes over Hamburg and another

encountered a group of 20 jets, Some 400 Liberators and Flying the newest type prefabricated Uboats, and also hit an oil refinery

Another oil refinery at Hemmingstedt, some 60 miles north of Peace would have you do, while Hamburg on the Danish peninsula,



U. S. Carrier Planes Attack Japanese Fleet

American carrier planes, attacking the Jap fleet in its home waters, have driven into Japan's inland sea (arrow at bottom) to severely cripple the remnants of that once-mighty armada.

Yanks Drive Into Iloilo Outskirts; Filipino Troops Take San Fernando

Bear New Type Navy Aircraft

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 20.—(UP)—The mightiest of all aircraft carriers—the 45,000-ton Midway—was christened today, but an uncooperative tide delayed the actual laws. In the same of the city, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today. The Japanese, it was disclosed. the actual launching.

will not be a 'pleasant combination hills. to be contemplated by the Japanese warlords."

tonight RAF Mosquitos gave Ber- instead of on the conventional Medium and fighter bombers, at 9:43 a. m. by the simple process by the Americans.

On Panay, MacArthur said that swarming over the Western Front, of letting sea water into the dock took a terrific toll of German at high tide. But the tide failed to 40th Division, which landed Sunroops and civilians fleeing in pan- do its job. It fell four inches short day, was taking full advantage of of expectations, so the floating had the Japanese confusion. Returning pilots reported Saar had to be delayed. Navy officials oads were jammed with hun-said they expected the tide to pick miles eastward to break into the ordered to fight to the death.

> The christening proceeded as Sponsoring the new queen of air-

W. Ripley II of Dayton, Ohio, which runs through the city. daughter of former Ohio Gov.

Japanese Put Torch To BRITISH FORCES Capital City of Panay Island

MANILA, Wednesday, March 21. have driven into the outskirts of burning Iloilo, capital of newlyinvaded Panay island, and cut all

Philippines island. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's troops for Air Artemus L. Gates revealed pushed seven miles eastward aloft planes so modern that they in the 25-mile drive that cleared to be of supreme importance. have not yet been used in combat. the Panay plains and made con-He said the carrier and her planes tact with Filipino guerrillas in the at noon while artillery of the

Smashing triumphs alos were announced for the Yanks and Fili-LONDON, March 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers, defying saverage attacks by Novi et al. 20.—(U.P.—Allied heavy bombers) attacks by 30 miles north of Lingayen Gulf, northwestern Germany today, and the Midway was built in drydock ang, six miles south of San Fernando. That was the most north-

One column advanced seven outskirts of Iloilo, a city of 90,000, to the west.

craft carriers was Mrs. Bradford bridge across the Iloilo river of the 19th Division and the Sec-At the same time, other forces from the Irrawaddy river. The bestruck inland for an overall ad- ginning of their end was heralded

SEIZE MANDALAY

Taken After 12-Day Siege

days of Japanese occupation, and were destroyed there. Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, Allied Southeast Asia commander, Spruance moved ships of his Fifth in a special order of the day re- Fleet into position from where that when the Midway goes into along the coast to enter Iloilo and minded his troops that the enemy battle against Japan she will send struck inland on a 15-mile front had held the old Burmese capital his carrier planes—Hellcats, Cor-

The end of the 12-day siege came 19th Indian Division was pounding Fort Dufferin, the mile-square moated fortress dominating the city. Four Burmese bearing white flags and the Union Jack came troops had sneaked out of the fort under cover of darkness.

The Sikhs, Punjabis and Gurkhas of the 19th Division immediately entered the fortress in search be hiding in the former British barracks or the garden surrounding the red lacquer palace of the ancient Bumese kings. The palace

field, a 1,500-yard long strip a mile out in the southern part of the city were hopelessly trapped be-They also seized Carpenter's tween eastern and western prongs ond Division which drove eastward

Enemy Fails To Sink Any U. S. Vessels

Daring Attack Inflicts Crippling Damage, Nimitz Says

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-March 21-(A)-American aircraft, flying from the mighiest carrier fleet ever assembled, attacked the Japanese fleet in the empire's inland seas Monday in one of the boldest exploits of the war, and damaged 15 to 17 enemy warships, including one or two battleships, and destroyed at least 475 planes. The enemy fleet thus was hit in its home waters for the first time, but no actual engagement between surface units was announced.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the daring attack today in a communique which said preiminary surveys of damage showed that two or three aircraft carriers, four light carriers, two cruisers, four destroyers and various other war vessels also were in-

cluded in the bag. Six freighters were sunk and a number of ground installations

were destroyed. Admiral Nimitz said the brilliant raid inflicted "crippling damage" on the Japanese fleet, which was decisively whipped last October in the second battle of the Philippine

Although Nipponese fliers made many attempts to bomb the Amercan armada, not a ship was lost. One ship, not identified as to class, was seriously damaged, but is returning to port under its own

"A few others sustained minor damage, but all are fully operational," Admiral Nimitz said.

The Pacific Fleet, whose planes twice routed the Japanese fleet last year, swung northeast after a MANDALAY, March 20 .- (U.P.) - day of destructive attacks on the The ancient and fabled city of enemy air force on Kyushu, south-Mandalay fell to the British today ernmost of the Japanese home isafter two years, 10 months and 12 lands. One hundred enemy planes

> On Monday, Adm. R. Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher sent sairs, Helldivers and Avenger torpedo-bombers-in the first seaborne attack on the home bases of the enemy in Japanese inland sea. The report of the sinking of six small freighters and damaging 22 other ships, the latter mostly combatant vessels, was described as

only preliminary. This indicated forth and reported that Japanese the likelihood of even greater damage or a revision of types of ships blasted by the Yank bombs and This is the preliminary report from Admiral Spruance, who was

in tactical command of the fleet forces: Sunk: six small freighters.

Damaged: one or two battleships, two or three aircraft earitself was left blazing by the riers, two light aircraft carriers or beaten Japanese, who had been escort carriers, two escort carriers,, one heavy cruiser, one light It now was estimated that 500 cruiser, four destroyers, one subafter first seizing Mandurriao air- Japanese who had been holding marine one destroyer escort seven

American planes also destroyed a large number of installations, including hangars, shops, arsenals and oil storage facilities.

The communique did not specify which parts of the inland sea were the targets of the raiding aircraft. The inland sea is bounded on three sides by three of the Japanese home islands-Kyushu to the west, the southern portion of Honshu to the north and Shikoku to the south. It is clogged with scores of small

Likely targets were Sasebo and Sasebo is by reputation one of the four great naval bases of Japan. pair facilities as well as several drydocks and considerable

The bold foray into the heart of Japan's dwindling sea power unno longer possible to keep track It is estimated that 20,000,000 doubtedly will mean the erasure of Germans already have fled from the Imperial fleet as a source of their homes to escape bombs and opposition in the future.

Carrier planes may have hit enemy ships undergoing repairs of

devastating that they have reductivall runs from ruined house to (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) Swedish Writer Says German, People Hate Nazi Leaders And Wait Revenge

(Editor's note: Christer Jaederlund, for 17 years Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Stockholms-Tidningen, has just returned to Stockholm with the latest first hand account of conditions in Germany. Jaederlund left Berlin because he found it no longer possible to work there.)

By CHRISTER JAEDERLUND STOCKHOLM, March 20 .- (AP)-In all Berlin, once the fifth city of the world, there are today habit-of masonry has sealed off a whole able accommodations for no more block of houses in the Spittelmarkt The mi

In the remnant of Berlin which In Munich there is neither light, still stands there is gas, water and gas nor running water. Just as at Nagasaki, there are addining the cities of western Germany, tional facilities for fleet anchorthe Bayrischer Platz in the south- Munich's population has been western end of the city already obliged to melt snow to obtain wahave been evacuated because it is ter for cooking. of all the time bombs which land in the ruins.

|ed the houses and apartments in|ruined house to prevent the spread which 4,250,000 once lived to a of infection from this district, It has a large fleet anchorage with state in which they now can house which once was the center of Ber- extensive machine shops and relin's flourishing clothing industry.

guns. This figure is constantly

than the population of New Or- area where piles of corpses have brought on other nations now has fleet's grandiose but unsuccessful

been rotting because it was found Allied bombings have been so impossible to remove them. The

The misery which this war has damage suffered in the Japanese