

MARCH SETS MARK FOR DRY SEASON

Local weatherman Paul Hess yesterday revealed that the total rainfall for the past month was less than any previous March since the establishment of the Weather Bureau here in 1871.

The average precipitation was 0.26 of an inch, the next driest March on record having .78 of an inch of precipitation. Farmers have expressed concern over the slow progress of their crops because of the lack of rain, may not have much to look forward to this month, Hess added.

April usually is the second driest month of the year.

Hess also said that last month was the second warmest March since 1871 with a mean temperature of 62.6 degrees; March, 1921, being the warmest on record with a mean temperature of 63 degrees.

The wind was on the prowl again yesterday as people chased their hats and one motorist had to run up Chestnut street to retrieve his radiator hood after it had been blown off by a south-west wind that reach 40 miles an hour about 3:15 p.m.

ROOSEVELT HELD OUT ON ELEANOR

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—President Roosevelt did not tell the First Lady about the secret vote agreement at Yalta. But Mrs. Roosevelt said today that was all right with her, and she thinks it should be all right with the rest of the country also.

"You have to trust people a little bit and not immediately decide they are trying to fool you," she told her news conference.

"I don't think everything can be told to everybody right away, but it doesn't mean it is being kept from you for a curious and strange reason."

Mrs. Roosevelt had reference to the agreement whereby the United States would back Russia's request for three votes in the assembly of the proposed world organization, provided it gets three votes itself.

The President's wife disclaimed any knowledge of why 47 days passed before the agreement was disclosed, but she said:

"I have faith enough, in all three representatives at Yalta to be quite sure there will be a perfectly reasonable explanation. It doesn't worry me."

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Capitol Hill Surprised By Byrnes' Resignation

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Mobilizer James F. Byrnes' unexpected resignation, and the appointment of Fred M. Vinson to succeed him, stirred up a variety of comment today on Capitol Hill.

Nobody seemed to have any idea who will succeed Vinson as Federal Loan Administrator, because, one Senator explained, "we haven't even had any time to speculate."

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the Senate Finance Committee, who led the fight for the separation of the loan agency from the Department of Commerce before former Vice President Wallace was confirmed as Commerce Secretary, told reporters:

"I regret that Mr. Byrnes is leaving his post there at this time, or before the end of the war with Germany.

"Mr. Vinson will be confirmed without opposition, in my opinion.... He's an excellent man and well-qualified for the job.

"I hope the President finds an equally good man for the RFC setup."

Byrnes' resignation surprised every one on the Hill, including Vice President Truman, who got his first word from reporters. All had thought Byrnes would remain at his post until VE Day.

Senator Hatch (D-N.M.) added his regret at the decision of the former senator and former Supreme Court justice, but said he

Presbyterian Women To Open Talks Today

The Rev. Dan T. Caldwell, D. of Richmond, Va., will be the principal speaker at the 57th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. today at St. Andrew's-Covenant Presbyterian church. He will talk on "The Homecoming of Service Men and Women." The session will be presided over by Mrs. Newton Robinson.

Reports from officers and various committee chairmen also are scheduled to be heard.

The evening session will convene at 7:30 p.m. Miss Sue Hall and the Rev. C. R. Blain, D. D. will speak. A communion meditation will be given by the Rev. Frederick W. Lewis. The chorus choir of St. Andrew's-Covenant church will sing an anthem and Arthur John will offer Negro spirituals.

The session Wednesday morning will begin at 9:30 o'clock with an address by the president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod, Mrs. George V. Baucum. She will talk on "Now, Proving Your Love." Mrs. L. G. Calhoun, of Wilmington and Brazil, also will speak on "Our Church at Work in Brazil."

On Rhine Front



FULL OF CONFIDENCE, Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower pauses during a tour of the front to chat with an officer of the 30th Division at the U. S. Ninth Army headquarters in Germany. Signal Corps photo. (International)

BARUCH WARNED BY WEREWOLVES

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British observers saw a Nazi trick in the claim that the organization was not directed by state and party authorities.

Firstly, the claim was believed designed to protect the party and SS officials in occupied areas against precautionary or reprisal measures.

Secondly, it would leave "werewolves" free to continue their campaign of murder in the event of official German capitulation.

Propagandist Dr. Otto Kriegel on the German radio exhorted Germans to resist through the Allies' political difficulties. "After defeat," he demanded that the Germans fight through the Werewolf. "The terrorists' underground radio said 'even if Germany is defeated we will get the satisfaction of causing havoc among occupation authorities and chaos in the heart of Europe.'"

"Now we have our hands free for the struggle for Germany—act comrades," the radio said. "The wolf trap is your sign. Scribble it on every tank truck and gun of the hated enemy. Paint it on every wall or ruin of house left standing."

"We have acted already. In Heidelberg acts of terror were committed against Americans and the perpetrators—members of the Werewolf—escaped unnoticed. In Frankfurt Americans had turned machine guns against the population. Next morning three high ranking American officers had disappeared."

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Nazis Reported Moving 'V' Weapons Eastward

WITH THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY IN HOLLAND, April 2—(AP)—With the Canadian forces on the loose east of Arnhem, the Germans have begun to remove their "V" weapons from the Hague area and haul them back eastward.

The weapons are some of those which have been bombarding Southern England.

The Canadians also are approaching sites from which V-bombs have been launched against the rear areas of Allied armies since last October.

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Oversea Fashion



NAVY NURSE, Ensign Lucille Gemme, Stockton, Mass., makes a pretty picture beneath the palm trees of an island in the Marianas group as she goes for a swim on a section of the beach that was undamaged during our bombardment. Navy photo. (International)

Britain Fears Air Raids By 'Vengeance' Weapons

LONDON, April 2—(AP)—As Britain marked the longest lull in the nine months of German V-bomb attacks with fervent prayers that the end of the vengeance warfare was near, measures were authoritatively reported under way today for defense against a possible new revenge assault—a final desperate blitz with dynamite-packed obsolete bombers.

Stripped of all non-essential equipment and carrying only enough fuel for a one-way flight, old Junkers 88 bombers could carry several tons of high explosive, which could serve as remotely controlled flying bombs.

The British public was warned to take a cautious view of reports that the Germans were evacuating rocket sites in Holland. But Londoners hopefully turned the Easter Monday holiday into a celebration of what many believed was the beginning of the end of the Nazis' ruthless "vergeltungswaffen" (revenge weapons). The more optimistic believed it was more than mere coincidence that not a single V-bomb had fallen on Britain since the start of the Easter holidays Friday.

Late reports from supreme headquarters reflected the belief that many German V-weapon crews were making a dash to get out of northern Holland before it is sealed off by Sield Marshal Montgomery.

A dispatch from Associated Press correspondent Nedville Nordness on the Canadian First Army front said that the V-1 and V-2 danger to Brussels, Antwerp and Southern England was lessening hourly, and that the advancing Canadians had found evidence that the Nazis were abandoning their robot and rocket bomb sites in western Holland. Some newly constructed flying bomb bases in Holland have been overrun by the Canadians.

The London Evening News declared there were reasons to believe that the supply of rockets and flying bombs at Dutch Launching points had been exhausted. The constant bombing of supply

LEGASPI HARBOR TAKEN BY YANKS

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rested the drive toward Baguio, Philippines summer capital.

Aircraft swept the east coast of Luzon, destroying or damaging numerous enemy barges concentrated near Infata.

Elsewhere, the 40th Infantry Division on Negros and the Americal on Cebu are continuing their exploitation, MacArthur's communique said.

The magnitude of the disaster Japan has suffered in her ill-fated Philippines campaign grows larger almost daily as American forces liquidate additional Nipponese soldiers on battlefields or in mountain hideouts.

Gen. MacArthur's Monday communique added 10,971 to the number of Japanese dead, boosting the grand total to around 307,000 Nippon fatalities alone now stand at about 10 to 1 when compared with total American casualties of around 30,000 killed, wounded and missing.

American liberation forces made new gains on all Philippines fronts, especially on Luzon, Negros and Cebu Islands, while Yank fliers based in the archipelago swept local areas and ranged afar to strike across the China Sea, at Formosa and at targets in the south, including Borneo.

routes, this account pointed out, made it impossible for holdout sites to be replenished.

One report from British Second Tactical Air Force headquarters said a new spitfire had combed the rocket-firing areas late today and found virtually no German transport on the highways.

There remained—besides the dynamite-loaded plane device—another possibility that Southern England would feel the sting of German vengeance weapons again. This was in the launching of robot bombs from planes which sneak out of Germany by night.

'DOC SUNSHINE'



"Doc Sunshine" they call this friendly dog who goes from bunk to bunk visiting the wounded veterans being returned on a Coast Guard transport. His own berth is a K-ration box beside Coast Guardsman Leonard J. Smith, of Peekskill, New York.

Engineers' Club Plans Program By Ethyl-Dom

A program sponsored by the Ethyl-Dow Co., will be presented to the Wilmington Engineers' club at its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the assembly room of the Friendly cafeteria. It was announced yesterday by H. E. Hicks, secretary and treasurer.

High octane gasoline will be explained, a motion picture on the development of the automobile entitled "The Long Road" will be presented, and the Ethyl-Dow singers will entertain.

NAZIS SMOTHERED BY RECORD RAIDS

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Russian troops fighting their way toward the Austrian capital, Medtomb bombers hammered at the Brenner Pass and other tactical planes attacked targets in Yugoslavia and Austria.

U. S. Ninth Air Force Mustangs, supporting the racing American armored columns in the Gotha-Erfurt-Weimar area, destroyed 17 enemy planes and damaged five others without loss to themselves in three dogfights with 150 German fighters. Lt. Bruce Carr of Union Springs, N. Y., shot down five out of a formation of 60 ME-109s and FW-190s 25 miles north-east of Weimar.

More than 70 other fighter bombers, scouring the Autobahn leading northeast from Chemnitz to Dresden and east of Weimar, tackled convoys of trucks carrying troops and shot up 38 vehicles.

Second Tactical Air Force planes combed rocket-firing zones in Holland but failed to sight any continuing withdrawal movements. A Spitfire formation leader said "we patrolled for a considerable distance inland, but there wasn't the faintest sign of any German military traffic."

Figures released today of bomb tonnage dropped on Germany in March included 106,500 tons released by the American Eighth and Ninth Air Forces and 82,880 tons poured down by the RAF operating from England and Western Europe.

The official RAF summary showed Berlin was attacked by Mosquitos for 29 consecutive nights, stoking fires with more than 2,000 tons of bombs. The RAF reported stepped up bombings of oil targets and introduction of the 22,000 pound volcano bomb for precision bombing of viaducts and concrete U-boat shelters. It announced the loss of 256 British-based planes during the month.

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