

WEATHER

North Carolina—Mostly cloudy and cool today and tonight with occasional light rain today. Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer.

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STATE THEATRE TODAY "HERE COMES THE WAVES" Bing Crosby — Betty Hutton Sonny Tufts — Also News

AMERICAN ARMIES SLASHING INTO SIEGFRIED LINE

MacArthur's New War Cry Is 'On To Tokyo' From Liberated Manila

THREE RUSSIAN BRIDGEHEADS THROWN OVER ODER

SOVIETS TAKE STEINAU IN NEW OFFENSIVE

Red Army Guns Batter Germans Across River On Long Front

CITY IS ABANDONED

By The Associated Press LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Berlin radio declared today Russian troops had thrown three bridgeheads over the Oder river east of Berlin, and the Nazi high command announced loss of Steinau, 140 miles southeast of the capital, to Soviet troops lashing out in a new offensive in Silesia.

An afternoon broadcast from Berlin said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's men had established two more bridgeheads south of Frankfurt in the frontal assault on Berlin. A crossing 35 miles northeast of Berlin in the area northwest of Kustrin was announced earlier.

Berlin said one of the latest crossings was at Furstenberg, on the Oder's west bank 14 miles southeast of Frankfurt and 47 miles southeast of Berlin.

Soviet units won a third bridgehead about three miles south of Furstenberg, a transoceanic broadcast declared.

It added that a "temporary" crossing had been made between Frankfurt and Kustrin on a line from 38 to 40 miles from Berlin, but that this bridgehead had been wiped out.

"Eastern front operations assumed the character of fighting for establishment and smashing of bridgeheads," the

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N. C. NURSE IS AMONG RESCUED

Family Of Evelyn Whitlow Of Leasburg Notified She Is Safe

LEASBURG, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Joyous parents of a 29-year-old army nurse who was captured when the heroic survivors of Coregidor were overwhelmed by the Japanese in June, 1942, today were told that their daughter had been rescued by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's victorious American soldiers.

Evelyn Whitlow, who landed in Manila just 16 days before the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor, had been a prisoner almost three years when she and 68 other army nurses from 31 states were given their precious freedom yesterday.

Because there were no phone communications here late last night, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norwood Whitlow could not be told of Evelyn's rescue.

However, two sisters contacted in Danville, Va., shortly after midnight described the news that Evelyn had been saved as "wonderful."

5 IN SERVICE Evelyn is one of five Whitlow children in the service.

Two brothers are in France, a third is in the navy and another sister sailed in January for foreign service as an army nurse.

The rescued nurse, described by her sisters as an "athletic type," went to elementary school here, graduated from the Yanceyville High school and took her nurse's training at Memorial Hospital at Danville, finishing in August, 1939. She joined the Army Nurses Corps 10 months later and was assigned to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she applied for foreign service. She sailed for the Philippines in October, 1941.

Shortly after she arrived there she wrote her parents that she

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CIVILIAN INTERNEES AT SANTO TOMAS PRISON CAMP—U. S. and British civilian internees stand with their baggage on the grounds of the Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila, P. I. This photo was taken by a Jap serviceman and was found in a Jap barracks after the capture of Taobonan on Leyte by American forces. (AP Wirephoto from U. S. Navy).

2,200 U. S. Planes In Mass Raid On Reich

1,300 Heavy Bombers Fly In 250-Mile Long Sky Train; Leipzig, Magdeburg, Chemnitz Hit

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Some 2,200 American planes staged one of the greatest mass raids on Germany today, attacking Leipzig, Magdeburg and Chemnitz, the latter less than 30 miles from the Czechoslovak border.

More than 1,300 Flying Fortresses and Liberators flew in the 250-mile long sky train which broke into three sections.

Leipzig, 85 miles south and west of Berlin, is a possible haven for Nazis fleeing Berlin. Industrial Chemnitz is 40 miles farther southeast. Magdeburg is 70 miles west and south of Berlin.

Several other towns in central Germany also apparently were hit. A preliminary announcement said the targets were industries and communications.

About 850 Mustangs and Thunderbolts flew escort.

The raid on Chemnitz, 35 miles from Dresden, represented a round-trip flight of 1,300 miles.

The day raids followed a night Mosquito attack on Berlin, where delayed action bombs planted in Saturday's huge Flying Fortress raid still were exploding.

NEW FIRES SET Fast two-engine British Mosquitos kindled new fires in Berlin last night, and hit other objectives in central and western Germany. One plane was missing.

A Stockholm dispatch said the

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MERRY-GO-ROUND:

Pearson Addresses Column About Wallace To Gardner

(Editor's Note—Drew Pearson's column today takes the form of a letter to his old friend, ex-Governor O. Max Gardner of North Carolina.)

Governor O. Max Gardner Shelby, North Carolina Dear Governor:

We were talking last week about Henry Wallace. And since you as an old friend have been so patient and generous in defending me in the past, I thought I owed you a further explanation of my ideas on Henry Wallace.

We were remarking that Wallace was politically inept. He has been presiding over the Senate for four long years. Usually when a Senator or anyone close to the Senate comes up for confirmation for an administrative appointment, he is confirmed by acclamation, regardless of his political views, regardless of committee hearings, and regardless of research into his past.

The Senate would have confirmed Jack Garner for the dual job of Loan Administrator and Secretary of Commerce without any hesitation whatsoever. Also Charlie Curtis—though neither was banker nor businessman. They were skilled, however, at poker and smoked-filled-room politics, and they would have been confirmed.

Henry Wallace, on the other hand, has hardly made more than half a dozen close friends in four years of presiding over the Senate. He has no private refrigerator. He does not even smoke. When Senators dropped in to see him he was timid and shy and talked about

foreign affairs and preclusive buying or seed corn. He just lacked the aptitude for winning close friends and influencing Senators.

WOODROW WILSON AND WALLACE But sometimes I wonder whether in the broader sense Wallace hasn't been a very smart politician. For

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HOUSE GROUP APPROVES BILL

Battle Over Nomination Of Wallace Thrown To House Floor

By FRANCIS M. LEMAY WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The house banking committee approved unanimously today the Senate-passed George bill divorcing the RFC from the commerce department.

Thus the battle over former vice President Wallace's nomination as Secretary of Commerce was thrown indirectly onto the house floor.

The vote came after committee Democrats beat back 15 to 11 a Republican attempt to repeal some of President Roosevelt's war powers, to make sure the President could assign no duties to Wallace except those of a trimmed-down commerce department.

Representative Wolcott (R-Mich.), ranking minority member, announced immediately the Republicans would take to the house floor the fight for this and other restrictive amendments not in the bill by Senator George (D-Ga.).

WITHERING VOTE The senate is withholding a vote on confirmation of Wallace's appointment to the commerce post pending completion of legislation taking the RFC and subsidiary lending agencies away from the commerce department.

Some house anti-Wallace leaders

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Lt. Col. Goforth Leading Attack On Prum Today

WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY TROOPS BEYOND THE SIEGFRIED LINE, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Lt. Col. George Goforth of Shelby, N. C., today was leading a group of American forces toward Prum, one of the fortified cities just beyond the Siegfried defense line.

Another Carolinian, Maj. James C. Kemp, of Clemson, S. C., led Third Army forces into Branscheid, an important German road center, yesterday.

Prum's network of roads and railways comprises an important part of the enemy's defenses on this front.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Lions club directors meet at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.—C.A.P. members meet at armory.

WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.—Sunday School officers and teachers of First Baptist church meet at church. 7:30 p.m.—Presbyterian prayer meeting. 7:30 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church. 7:45 p.m.—Prayer meeting at First Baptist church.

KNOCKOUT BLOW DELIVERED BY PARATROOPERS

More Than 5,000 Allied War Prisoners Freed As City Taken

CAUGHT IN TRAP

MANILA, Feb. 6.—Liberation of Manila and more than 5,000 prisoners from three years of Japanese subjugation was proclaimed today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who immediately took up the new war cry, "on to Tokyo!"

The knockout blow was delivered by paratroopers of the 11th Airborne division, who drove into Manila from the south in a 35-mile overnight dash as First Cavalry and 37th division Yanks smashed across the Pasig river barrier in the city's heart.

Complete destruction of the Japanese defenders "is imminent," MacArthur announced. Caught in a three-way trap, the enemy can only go toward Manila Bay, which is constantly under American bombardment.

Corregidor fortress at the harbor entrance and the nearby Bataan peninsula could serve as temporary refuge. Bataan now is under American control, all its roads sealed off at the north.

MacArthur proclaimed "the fall of Manila was the end of one great phase of the Pacific struggle, and set the stage for another." He added:

"We shall not rest until the enemy is completely overthrown. We are well on the way, but Japan itself is our final goal. Our motto becomes 'On To Tokyo!'"

BID FOR COMMAND The wording could be interpreted as a bid for continuing command in the campaign against Japan proper and a move to put down rumors that the Philippines would be the end of the road for the five-star general.

MacArthur made it clear a quick cleanup of Manila's remaining Ja-

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BRITISH TOLD BIG THREE TALKS ARE UNDERWAY

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Sir Walter Citrine told the opening session of the British trades union congress today that Prime Minister Churchill is attending a conference with President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin.

It was the first public pronouncement here, indicating that the "big three" meeting was under way, although there has been much speculation.

Citrine, secretary of the Congress, said Churchill was to have spoken at the trades union meeting but was unable to do so because he was attending the conference.

He read a message of greetings from Churchill on behalf of the British government.

Rain, Sleet, Snow Bring Winter With Groundhog Vengeance

A cold-hearted weather man pulled all the stops this morning to bring rain, sleet and snow in a symphony of ice that convulsed intermittently into the afternoon with a promise of rising temperatures and more rain tonight.

From the mountains west of here came reports of snowfall as much as six inches deep at Lookout point, but buses continued were maintaining schedules with but little lag despite the bad weather.

To followers of Mr. Groundhog it was evidence of his vengeance following last Friday's visit when either his shadow or the inadequate coal pile sent him scurrying back to cover for six more weeks of winter.



SHELBY DRIVE LEADERS—W. L. Angel, upper left, and Earl Honeycutt, upper right, are chairmen of solicitation for the outlying business district in the Red Cross War Fund drive, while Mrs. Rush Stroup, lower left, is chairman of the women's division, and C. Rush Hamrick, sr., lower right, is co-chairman with J. D. Lineberger of the special gifts division.



Red Cross Seeking \$39,825 In Drive

Off To Flying Start With Strong Organization At Work; Four Churches Oversubscribed

Cleveland's 1945 Red Cross War Fund drive for \$39,825 was off to a flying start today as the largest and most effective campaign organization ever put together in the county swung into pre-campaign activity under the direction of Rural Chairman Horace Easom.

More than 150 Red Cross leaders, most of them ministers and leading laymen from the county's 69 churches, heard a mighty challenge flung at a luncheon Monday when Dr. I. G. Green, the Baptist educator, orator and orphanage director, termed the meeting "the greatest demonstration in Christian citizenship I've ever seen."

He termed this Red Cross drive "an opportunity to give the best in you that humanity might live, an opportunity to show appreciation for the sacrifices our boys are making at the fighting fronts and an opportunity to break down barriers he sees interfering with unity of our peoples."

WOUNDED VET APPEALS Sgt. Alpin Hendricks, who was one of the first American soldiers to land in France on D. Day and who a month later lost a leg in the Cherbourg peninsula fighting, told the group that he was present be-

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WITHIN YARDS OF EAST EDGE BASTION TOWNS

Third Army Takes Habscheid, Germans Recapture Branscheid

CLEAR THROUGH LINE

PARIS, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Infantry of the American First Army slashed into the second concrete belt of German fortifications today to within 1,500 yards of Gemund and 1,000 yards of Schleiden, last bastion towns of the Siegfried line.

Just to the north, the 78th (Lighting) division drove through the west wall fortifications to within 1,500 yards of Schmidt, north of the network of dams controlling headwaters of the Roer river. Two of the five dams have been captured.

The Third army, fighting seven miles deep in Germany, captured the Siegfried Line village of Habscheid, six miles southwest of the fortified communication center of Prum. Germans, however, moved back into Branscheid, where the Third army had driven clear through the Siegfried Line.

The Second (Indian Head) division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robinson, and the Ninth division of Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig carried the assault to Gemund and Schleiden, both towns of about 2,500.

On the Third army front to the south, however, 250 resolute Germans burst back into the fortified village of Branscheid where Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops had broken clear through the Siegfried Line late yesterday. Heavy fighting ensued and the issue was still in doubt.

Elsewhere, foot troops of the Third army advanced a mile and a quarter along an eight-mile front, capturing Habscheid, seven miles southwest of Prum, and Schlausbach, six northwest. At other points, the Third Army was seven miles inside Germany and just over three from Prum, where a spiderweb of rails and roads serves the German front.

Supreme headquarters disclosed

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U. S. FORCES GAIN IN ITALY

Fifth Army Advances Up Serchio River Valley, 3 Towns Taken

ROME, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Fifth army troops advanced steadily up the Serchio river valley today after virtually wiping out gains made by the Germans last December and taking three towns against light opposition.

The allied troops occupied Albano and Castel Vecchio Sunday and recaptured Lama Di Sotto yesterday in an advance on a 10,000-yard front spanning the valley. The gains virtually restored the line held before the enemy drove the American 92nd division back several miles in December.

TEMPERATURE INCREASES The tempo of activity increased in the fifth army area southeast of Bologna where an allied combat patrol pierced enemy territory and engaged German forces.

Patrol brushes which left the lines unchanged were reported on the eighth army front. Fog and mist blanketed visibility over much of the front.

Allied planes were active, flying over 1,700 sorties yesterday with more than 500 U. S. 15th air force heavy bombers battering oil storage facilities at Regensburg and rail yards in Germany and Austria. Large forces of medium and fighter bombers hammered the Brenner pass rail line. Seven allied planes were lost.

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Nazis' Winter Offensive Written Off As Total Loss

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Feb. 6.—(AP)—A supreme headquarters war review wrote off the Nazi Ardennes offensive today as a "complete defeat" for an enemy who has suffered 1,200,000 casualties since D-day, and a strategic error on Hitler's part upon which the Russians are now capitalizing.

At the same time the review, issued yesterday, disclosed that the U. S. first army, which was transferred to Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's command at the outset of the offensive, was return-

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