

its vast reservoir. The dam syste

48,000 enemy casualties so far accounted for on Luzon, dotted scenes of Wanton destruction in the liberated sector north of the river. South of it, demolition groups started more fires. The liberating Yanks, whose Luzon casualties total 7,076, are superior in armored might and have a monopoly in air and naval support but desire to save as much as port but desire to save as much as possible of this pearl of the Orient. Artillery duelled across the Pasig, a river varying from 200 to 300 yards in width. The screaming shells of the Nip-ponese tore holes in buildings at Santo Tomas University. They wounded sold is there and also some of the nore than 3,000 internees who hid under-some three years of mprisongone three years of imprison-ment prior to being reached Saturday night by the first Yanks to enter the city. The first cavalry and 37th infantry divisions have won all the city north of the Pass, including the Escalota busines district where the enemy devastated a

within the week.

participation in European settlements, they will mark the beginning of a new period in

Bills Would Amend

Silesia to Gruenberg, 50 miles southeast of Frankfurt.

The Moscow radio said Heinrich Himmler had mased SS troops in the capital. Roads south and west of Berlin were reported jammed with the traffic of refugees in flight. While Marshal Stalin had not confirmed the breaking of the Oder line on the Berlin front, Soviet advices said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's massed artillery was pounding at the weakest link of the capital's defense, the low western trin and Stettin, where it runs northeast of Berlin. Berlin said one bridgehead was at Goeritz, 5 1-2 miles south of Kuestrin and 41 miles east of Ber-

ion reached the northern bank of preparatory to a sweep into the heart of Germany, will be one of the greatest confronting Allied commanders once their troops have crashed through the Siegfried line on a broad front. A logical solution to the problem, in the opinion of military observers, would be to throw the American-British-Polish air fighters over the river to seize crossings for infantry and armored forces It is considered unlikely, however, that the signal for the takeoff of the paratroopers will be given until powerful ground forces reach a position from which they can advance quickly to a junction with them. Once before, at Arnhem in Holland, the airborne soldiers hurdled the Rhine only to be forced back when supporting troops were unable to come up quickly enough to anchor the bridgehead they had won. This mistake in timing probably will not be repeated.

Japanese suicide squads. sector. The task of establishing bridge-heads across this mighty barrier, preservery to a sweep into the Calling for active American

Stalin at an historic conference

now believed to be at least half-

finished somewhere in the Black

The meeting is on Russian soil,

Actually the discussions

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have

sea area.

of sending an 18-foot wall of water down the 36 miles of the Roer to Roemond. Any troops which had crossed the Roer to the Cologne plain last fall could have been trapped by German-made floods within

four hours.

Farther south in the 70-mile active front, the Third Army poured through a seven mile breach in the Sigfried line to within a mile and a quarter of the fortress and communications hub of Pruem, 53 JUNCTION miles southwest of the large Rhine city of Coblenz.

In Southern Alsace, American and French troops stamped out all but a few square miles of the German pocket below Strasbourg. Blodelsheim, nine miles south of Neufbreisach, was reached and six more miles of the left bank of the Rhine was cleared. Some 12,500 Germans have been taken in the pocket.

The hard hit westwall appeared to be leaking badly. It has been run through at three places this week by the First and Third armies; a 35 mile gap around Aachen was capeured last fall.

Although the Siegfried line was backed up a depth of recently dug In fact, one of the greatest probearthworks and hastily fortified villages, it seemed highly questionable whether these improvised defenses could be held after the stronger concrete permanent works military experts say, probably are in strength. gave away.

FULL STEAM Gen. Eisenhower was turning his

offensive on full steam-aimed at least to the Rhine and likely be-

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AIR BLOWS MAY **BE PRELUDE TO GROUND ATTACK**

LONDON, Feb. 8.-(AP)-German radio warnings to cities all along the western front this morning in dicated Allied planes were continuing the mass onslaught launched last night by the RAF, perhaps as a prelude to a big new ground offensive.

One bomber formation was reported swinging east over Holland today and the enemy radio said scores of single Allied planes were blown off and he was crying for roaming the sky behind Nazi lines. Water, but the three Germans ig-A force of 700 British heavies nored his pleas. They wired ex-

last night in full moonlight swoop- plosives to his body, and left him -a human booby trap. ed over Nazi troops and equipment concentrations at Kleve and Goch, Edwards told his strange story between the Maas and Rhine riv- today at McCloskey General Hospi-

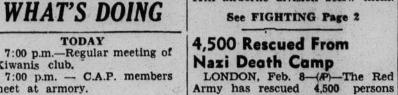
ers, while a large force of Mos-quitos attacked seven key indus-had been blown off by a mine . . . trial and communications centers. How the Germans fastened the The attacks were staggered over explosives to him . . . How he two and one-half hour period knew that if he moved he was

and kept half of Germany on the doomed . . . Or if help came when alert until after midnight. he was unconscious, he and his

square mile area of office buildings The Germans, of course, are and other non-military structures by firing gasoline drums and touchaware of the threat of Allied aer-

ial landings and probably have off explosives. taken measures to thwart them. IN STRENGTH IN STRENGTH Japanese still operated in strength south of the River. Some American troops also were on the south bank but the destruction of four big bridges delayed a crossing in strength lems in such an operation will be the location of an area suitable for the landings. Most of the logical areas behind the Rhine,

The fate of these Japanese was studded with stakes, wires and sealed by the presence of the U.S. 11th airborne division below them.



meet at armory. FRIDAY held in a Nazi death camp 12:30 p.m.-Rotary club meets Brzescze, 35 miles southwest of 4,475. A decraese in the latter cate-Krakow, the Moscow radio said gory reflects transfers to other today. at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.-Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A.F. & A.

other obstacles.

Kiwanis club.

in third degree.

The broadcast said the camp had four gas chambers and 12 in-M. at Masonic Temple for work cinerators.

Only The Heroic Survive Horrors Of Battlefield

rescuers would be killed. And he lay there for hours

between American and German lines in the Huerigen Forest, under a constant artillery bar-rage. German 38 shell frag-ments hit his left leg as he waited.

today. The inmates used planks and It all started simply enough, Private Edwards said today. This member of the Fourth Infantry diand improvised the noose from tacks. electric wire, the newspaper report-Private Edwards said today. This electric wife, the newspaper report for the function in the said today. This electric wife, the newspaper report for the function in the said today. This electric wife, the newspaper report for the function in the said today. This electric wife, the newspaper report for the function in the said today. This electric wife, the newspaper report for the function in the said today. This electric wife, the newspaper report for the function in the said today. This electric wife, the newspaper report for the function in the said today. This electric wife, the newspaper report for the function is the said today. The function is the function in the said today. This electric wife, the hewspaper report for the function is the said today. This electric wife, the hewspaper report for the function is the said today. The function is the function is the said today. The function is the said today is the said today. The function is the function is the said today is the function is the said today. The function is the said today is the function is the said today i children in Hayti, Mo., had be-gun what was to have been a 40oner found dead at the ca ip last

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TOTAL 764,584

Army's Losses Since Beginning Of War 676,796. Navy's 87,788

possibly in the Crimea in order WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. -(AP)-American combat casualties since invasion of Germany.

A joint announcement late yesthe beginning of the war have terday, evidently direct from the reached 764,584, the Army and conference, was released in Lon-Navy disclosed today. don and Moscow as well as at the Secretary of War Stimson placed

the army's losses at 676,796 while the Navy listed its total as 87,788. This represented an overall ined the fact that political problems crease of 27,242 since last week's of Europe are a prime concern of the meeting. report.

Stimson said the army casualties represented a compilation of individual names received in Wash-

German Prisoners

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Feb. 8.

(AP)-German prisoners of war erect-ed a crude scaffold in a Madicine

Hat camp in July, 1943, and hanged

a fellow prisoner they accused of making derogatory remarks about Hilter, the Lethbridge Herald said

year evidently had been strangled,

the Herald said.

Hanged Another

For Disloyalty

ington through Jan. 28 and reflected battle developments at the end of December and the beginning of January.

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The secretary said 865,000 Ger-STALLED mans have been taken prisoner on the western front since the invasion last June. BREAKDOWN

ualties and corresponding figures for last week follows: Killed 130,266 and 121,676; wounded 396,176 and **Enemy Positions**

379,638; missing 91,476 and 91,573; prisoners 58,878 and 57,533. By NOLAND NORGAARD Stimson told a news conference that 4,522 of those killed previously ROME, Reb. 8. -(P)— The limit-ed offensive of American Fifth had been listed as missing but now

army troops in the mountains southeast of Bologna was stalled have been declared dead. He also disclosed that 191,439 of the woundtoday against strongly fortified and ed have returned to duty.

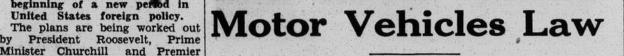
heavily defended enemy positions, Similar figures on the Navy breakdown; Killed 33,192 and 32,the Allied high command announced. 889; wounded 40,248 and 39,807; missing 9,873 and 9,750; prisoners

> bitter fighting in weather con-ditions made difficult by a sudden thaw in the Apennines mountains.

Attacking troops gained the crest of one ridge but were forced to dig ir and were engaged against counter attacking Nazi troops yesterday. German resistance to the attack,

which opened Monday, was prompt and vigorous and included

regained it in a new thrust and timber found at their barracks beat off several enemy counterat-



Drivers Involved In Accidents Would Be Required To Make Financial Settlement

RALEIGH, Feb. 8 .- (AP)-Bills to amend the motor veto allow Stalin to continue his hicles law and to provide a financial responsibility law covclose supervision of the Red Army ering accidents were introduced today by Rep. Bridger of bank of the Oder between Kues-Bladen, chairman of the house roads committee.

Drivers involved in accidents resulting in damages of at least \$25 would be required to make proper SCOUTS WILL White House. This finally put the open secret of the meeting offi-if to blame for the mishap, or face **TAKE CHARGE** cially on the records and confirm- revocation of car and driver's license until such payment is made. Such accidents would have to be reported within 24 hours. Violation of the law also would be punishable Pete Frozier Will Succeed

with fines of from \$25 to \$500, or Harry Woodson As Mayimprisonment of from two to 60 or For 12 Hours days.

Other bills would allow transfer of for hire plates; impose a \$10 license fee on motorcycles with any control of the county and city govtype of body; allow transfer of farm truck license plates; provide application of the laws governing ernment early Saturday morning and continue their administration revenue collections to the motor throughout the day. They will man vehicles department; provide for every public office within the gift BREAKDOWN A breakdown on the army's cas-ualties and corresponding figures for last week follows: Killed 130,266 Doughboys Up Against Heavily Defended Heavily Defended of the people for this one day and municipal government, succeeding Mayor Harry Woodson for 12 hours. ful display of expired license He will have on his staff a compeplates; provide for empty maximum weights of 22,500 pounds for buses. SIGN PAPERS tent personnel, from other city scout troops.

Scouts from the Shelby city area Another measure would allow the assistant commissioner of motor are being used entirely on account of the fact that the county schools operate on Saturday and to use

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COUNTY OFFICES The staff of county officers has **Buzz Bomb Attack** been selected as follows: Clerk of LONDON, Feb, 8-(AP)-German court, Jack Patterson, troop 6, Lily V-weapon attacks on southern Mill: county treasurer, Buck Proc-England caused additional casualtor, Troop 8, Cleveland Cloth Mill; ties and damage during the 24 county auditor, Junior Horton, hours ending at dawn this morn-Troop 7, Second Baptist church; ing, the air ministry announced today

See SCOUTS Page 2 **Meeting Of Government Heads** Was War's Worst Kept Secret

Legislators, however, generally applauded the fact that President know the departure date and the approximate area in which Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchconference would be held. ill and Premier Stalin were con-Yet tight restrictions were ferring. They hinted that they exclamped on the American press. pected a report on the meeting Censorship on grounds of sewhen the chief executive returns. curity forbade factual or spe-Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the foreign relations' committee

The broadcast from Moscow said Himmler had been entrusted with the defense of Berlin and a de-

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Enemy Expects Shelby's Boy Scouts will take Invasion Of China Coast

CHUNGKING, Feb. 8.-(AP)-Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer said towill take over the reigns of the day that the American success on Luzon Island came more swiftly than Japanese expected and had caused the enemy to accelerate preparations to meet an American landing in China.

The Japanese hope to establish a deep belt in Asia to meet this contingency, the commander of U. S. army forces in China told correspondents. "Everything they do in China based in strategic defensive con-

siderations," he declared, "but this does not preclude the possibility of limited offensives. SHUTTLE BOMBING

Asked if he envisaged shuttle bombing between the Philippines and China Wedemeyer countered, 'the Japanese do.

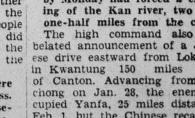
Chinese forces have checked a Japanese drive on Tayu, important Wolfram mining center in southern Kiangsi province, but heavy fighting continues six miles to the south, the Chinese high command announced today.

Another enemy column was striking southward in Kiangsi from the town of Kanhsien and by Monday had forced a crossing of the Kan river, two and one-half miles from the city. The high command also made belated announcement of a Japanese drive eastward from Lokchong, in Kwantung 150 miles north of Canton. Advancing from Lokchong on Jan. 28, the enemy occupied Yanfa, 25 miles distant, on Feb. 1, but the Chinese recaptured it the next day. Fighting was said to be continuing in that area.

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county scouts would interfere with

school work.



artillery support. RESISTANCE Enemy resistance stiffened also in the Serchio valley, where the village of Colle was taken. Fifth army units lost some ground a mile north of Castel Vecchio but regained it in a new thrust and

of Orbega ridge nine miles south-

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The doughboys were halted after forcing their way forward up to 600 yards in two days of