

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild today and tonight, somewhat higher temperatures over north central portion today. Thursday cloudy and little change in temperature.

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State Theatre Today - "Experiment Perilous" Starring Hedy Lamarr - George Brent - With Paul Lukas

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TELEMAT PICTURES

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IMPORTANT NAVAL BASE, TWO AIRFIELDS SEIZED

Reds Crash Through Nazis' Queis River Line, On Road To Dresden

ALLIES REPEL DETERMINED NAZI COUNTERATTACKS

CANUCKS GAIN SLOWLY IN DRIVE ON GOCH

Warmer Weather Slows Ground Action, Improves Air Support

MASSED ARTILLERY

By The Associated Press PARIS, Feb. 14.—(P)—The Canadian First Army in a flanking threat to the Ruhr industrial valley advanced today within a mile and a half of heavily fortified Goch, beating down with cannon and planes the most determined German counterattacks yet mounted on the northern front.

Massed artillery firing from the dank recesses of the captured Reichswald forest roared incessantly at the seven crack German divisions opposing the Allied thrust between the Rhine and Meuse, through the northern end of the original Siegfried line.

Wave after wave of rocket-firing typhoons flew low over the foe to hurl their deadly lances. With flamethrowers, tanks and bayonets, the Canadian, British, Scotch and Welsh troops commanded by Gen. Henry Crerar advanced up to two miles in mud and icy flood waters of the Rhine northeast of Kleve. The Scots attacked with bagpipes skirling.

Goch, meeting place of 11 roads and railways, was outflanked by the capture of Hasselt and Bedburg east of Kleve. Kellen and Griethausen fell.

The nearest approach to Goch was a Welsh smash into See CANUCKS Page 2

JAYCEES PLAN PAPER DRIVE

Boy Scout Troops in County Will Cooperate; Two Sundays

Shelby's Junior Chamber of Commerce is making plans to launch an all out paper drive during the month of March. They are asking the Boy Scout troops in the county to cooperate with them in making this the greatest drive conducted here.

Government Said Moving From Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(P)—The Paris radio, quoting German frontier reports, said today the German government was moving from Berlin to Nuernberg, 225 miles of Berlin and 90 miles north of Munich. Nuernberg is in Bavaria many miles from the nearest Allied front but nearer the American than the Russian sector.



TORNADO FLATTENS HOMES IN MONTGOMERY OUTSKIRTS—Shattered, flattened homes lie in an outlying residential district at Montgomery, Ala., after a tornado swept through Feb. 12, killing at least 17 negroes and eight white persons. The main part of the city was missed by the storm's center.

GERMANS PROBE ALLIED LINES

Action On Italian Front Confined To Patrol Clashes

ROME, Feb. 14.—(P)—The entire Italian front subsided into minor patrol clashes and artillery duels today, with the Germans probing more actively at Allied lines.

A Brazilian platoon with artillery support raided an enemy-held hill a mile east of Gaggio, 29 miles southwest of Bologna, and engaged the Nazi defenders in a sharp clash, Allied headquarters announced.

South of Bologna an enemy patrol was driven from Montecalderaro and a small party was captured near Frassineto. In the Tyrrhenian coastal sector, American tanks made a demonstration which drew enemy fire in the vicinity of Galliano.

City Election To Name Two Aldermen In May 8 Voting

With less than 60 days remaining for filing of candidacies in the off-year city election, in which aldermen from Wards One and Four will be named in balloting May 8, little interest appeared today as yet the forthcoming spring municipal campaign.

Debt Limit Likely To Reach 300 Billion Dollars Soon

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(P)—Congressional fiscal leaders bit their lips today as they conceded that the national debt limit will have to be boosted to \$300,000,000,000 very shortly.

Liquor Referendum Bill Is Introduced

Measure Calls For Vote On Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages Six Months After War

RALEIGH, Feb. 14.—(P)—A bill calling for a referendum six months after the war on the sale of alcohol, brandy, whiskey, gin, beer, ale, porter and wine of more than one-half of one per cent alcoholic content, was introduced today in the legislature.

BABY FLATTOP HAS BEEN SUNK

Ommaney Bay, Which Helped To Save Leyte Beachhead, Lost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(P)—The Ommaney Bay, one of the intrepid "baby flattops" which defied a Japanese battleship force and saved the Leyte beachhead last October, has been sunk.

JAPAN Will 'Not Reject Any Hand That Offers Peace'

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(P)—A Tokyo radio commentator told the world today that it is Japan's policy "not to reject any hand which offers peace."

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Officers and teachers of First Baptist church meet at the church.

OTHER UNITS ENTER JUNCTION CITY OF SORAU

Konev's Forces Threaten To Split Germany Below Berlin

ZHUKOV MASSES MEN

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(P)—Red army troops have crashed through the Germans' Queis river line less than 68 miles from Dresden, a Moscow dispatch said today, and Berlin declared armored units to the north had broken into Sorau, junction city 83 miles southeast of Berlin.

Marshal Ivan Konev's forces hitting westward "in a sensational threat to split Germany asunder south of Berlin" were approaching the upper Neisse river, which runs about 50 miles from Dresden, a direct Moscow dispatch declared.

The German high command said Konev's armor, beating northward toward a junction with other Red Army men along the Oder east of Berlin, had broken into Sorau, eight miles northwest of Sagan and across the Bober river. Sorau is five miles inside Berlin's province of Brandenburg.

Poland May Be Test Case For Big Three Plan

By FLORA LEWIS WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(P)—Historically-troubled Poland emerged today as the first crucial test of the Big Three formula for liberated Europe.

The Allied commission established in Moscow is empowered to "select a new provisional government (for Poland) and prepare for an election," in the words of War Mobilizer Byrnes.

Byrnes provided a first-hand account of the momentous Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill conference shortly after his flying return from Yalta in the Crimea.

He told a news conference the idea behind the declaration on liberated Europe was to show everyone they can't "play off one big power against another."

The pledge of major Allied unity should "act as a deterrent and prevent acts of violence," Byrnes said. For this reason, the Allies don't expect that they will have to set up commissions similar to the one on Poland for other countries.

OBJECTIONS The exiled Polish government in London has already voiced its objections to the Big Three decision moving Poland's eastern boundary westward and promising recognition to a reorganized and unified government in Poland.

According to Byrnes, however, the See POLAND Page 3

FDR Expected To Report To Nation On 'Big Three' Parley

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(P)—President Roosevelt may report directly to Congress and the nation on the accomplishments and far-reaching significance of his meeting with Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

TO SPEAK HERE



LARRY ALLEN

LARRY ALLEN TO SPEAK MARCH 16

Jaycees Arrange Engagements As Benefit For Youth Center

Arrangements were being completed this afternoon by Doris Bolt, president of the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce, to bring Larry Allen, celebrated war correspondent, to this city March 16 for a lecture as a benefit event for the projected Youth Center.

17 WHITE MEN GO TO BRAGG

Curtis Gilmore Sanders, Sr., Leader Of Group Leaving Today

A contingent of 17 white men from the Shelby draft board left via bus this morning for induction into military service at Fort Bragg.

The class was headed by Curtis Gilmore Sanders, sr., as leader. Comprising the group were: Isaac Walker.

Joseph Astor Anthony. Odell Thrift. James Samuel Towery. John Eric Tessner. Curtis Gilmore Sanders, sr. Lester P. Lail. Carrell Propst. Dow Charles Southard. Ralph Orville Putnam. Paul Walker. Lewis Childers. Ralph Montgomery Wallace. James Robert Wilson. Bill Eugene Gold. Billy Edwin Ledford. Howard Lee Addington. Jene Downs Hambricht.

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CAVITE TAKEN TUESDAY:

Battle Of Manila Is In 12th Day, End In Sight Says MacArthur

MANILA, Feb. 14.—(P)—Grim Yanks, advancing among ruins strewn with bodies of the foe, loosed the decisive blow for Manila today as Japanese cornered in a three square mile area near the Pasig river's mouth after other doughboys on the southern outskirts seized Cavite naval base and two airfields.

"The end of the enemy's trapped garrison is in sight," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced on the 12th day since his columns entered the city, which since has become the most devastated battlefield of the southwest Pacific campaign.

Doomed to be added to the more than 68,000 enemy casualties inflicted on Luzon Island in five weeks, the Japanese survivors within Manila are massed behind thick walls of the centuries-old Intramuros, within government buildings and among docks.

Cavite, on the south shore of Manila Bay, fell Tuesday. The last Rising Sun warrior was killed at Nicholas airfield near the city's southern outskirts, ending five bitter days of struggle. Nielson airfield, on the southeast, was cleared of the foe.

Most of the enemy's big guns within Manila have been silenced. Thousands of Japanese have died here, adding heavily to casualties which during the fifth week of the Luzon campaign exceeded 20,000.

Every Yank knows the last Nipponese will fight as long as there is one man left with a gun. Enemy troops man the thick walls and fill the narrow streets of the Intramuros (walled city), built by the Spanish who founded Manila in 1571.

STREET FIGHTING Thirty seventh division infantrymen of Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler, using flamethrower, rifle and bayonet, moved on the Intramuros after a slow push through streets and alleys, over and around wrecked houses, churches, hospitals and cemeteries. Many Japanese yet to be added to the casualty lists are buried in the debris.

The First Cavalry division of Maj. Gen. Vern D. Mudge which crossed the Pasig on the eastern edge of Manila and skirted the devastated battle pit of the 7th, plunged all the way west to Manila Bay yesterday See BATTLE Page 2

Dresden Gets Rain Of U. S., RAF Bombs

City Is In Path Of Advancing Russian Troops; Nerve Center of Central Reich

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(P)—More than 2,250 U. S. bombers and fighters struck Germany in widespread attacks today, delivering a main blow at Dresden which was already burning from a night assault by 800 heavy RAF bombers.

Dresden is only 68 miles or less from advancing Russian troops, and is a nerve center of Nazi defenses in Central Germany. The day and night air blows were in direct and coordinated support of Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian army.

The RAF bombed Dresden twice in attacks three hours apart. Announcing the night operations, the British air ministry declared:

"As the center of a railway network and a great industrial town it (Dresden) has become of the greatest value for conducting any defense the Germans may organize against Marshal Konev's armies."

Altogether the RAF dispatched 1400 aircraft to Germany during the night. Other targets were a synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, south of Leipzig, objectives at Magdeburg, 75 miles southwest of Berlin, and the railroad towns of Nuernberg, Bonn and Dortmund. All the night operations were at a cost of 16 bombers missing.

GUAM REVEALED AS FLEET BASE

Marines And Infantrymen Still Clearing Out Last Japs

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 14.—(P)—Marine and army patrols—sometimes armed with guns and sometimes with loud speakers—are clearing out the last few hundred Japanese from this island which Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today as his advance headquarters.

Nimitz said several weeks ago he had moved from Pearl Harbor to a "forward area" to keep up with the war marching westwardly toward Japan.

Guam, long mentioned as the site of the new headquarters, also is the base of Maj. Gen. Curtis Le May's 21st bomber command which dispatches Superfortresses from the Marianas Islands to the Japanese homeland.

SNIPER BULLETS At this headquarters "You can get a sniper bullet from almost any area of the island," said Col. Shelton C. Zern, operations officer for the island commandant, Marine Maj. Gen. Henry Larsen.

Such fire however usually comes only during darkness or in unpopulated jungle areas.

"Our patrols are gradually ferreting out these people," said Colonel Zern. "Sometimes, too, the stragglers for food drives Japanese stragglers to our camps or supply points. Then the camp guards get them."

Some Japanese on Guam are in good health and well adjusted to jungle-hiding. Others are emaciated. "Most of them are scantily armed," said Zern—"sometimes one rifle to four or five men."

SERVED AS CHAIRMAN:

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He disclosed that the President had acted as chairman of the meeting and proposed two of the agreements—those on liberated areas and the Dumbarton Oaks voting issue—which were announced in Monday's communique. The Dumbarton Oaks decision, like many others arrived at, remains temporarily secret, but it cleared the way for the April 25 United Nations conference at San Francisco. That date, Byrnes indicated, may reflect important estimates of future military developments by the Big Three. He expressed conviction that it had nothing to do with Russia's See PRESIDENT Page 2