

Capture Of Iwo Jima's Second Airfield Appears Imminent Today

3,000 Tons Of Bombs

Dropped On Berlin In

Heaviest Raid Of War

Lewis Gives Notice Of **Possibility Of Coal** Strike In 30 Days

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- (P)-John L. Lewis and his united mine workers policy committee served notice under the Smith-Connally act today of the possibility of a bituminous coal strike in 30 days. of procuring a new basic wage

The bituminous contract expires agreement for the industry, we will March 31 and negotiations with work dilligently and forthrightly the operators begin Thursday. The for the ensuing 30 days to prevent, policy committee gathered today if possible, any interruption of coal Feb. 26.-(AP)-Capture to formulate demands for a new production so vital to the prosecucontract. The strike notice was tion of the war in which our country is now engaged, and to which the first action of the meeting. Lewis, in a letter to Secretary we pledge our full devotion." of Labor Perkins notified her that: ACT ASSAILED

'In order to protect our membership under the terms of this tion of the Smith-Connally Act, act, this letter is now directed to which was enacted in the summer you as formal notice that a labor of 1943 after Lewis had engaged push. dispute exists within the meaning of the act, as interpreted by this He said "the mine workers are committee, between the United thus coerced into giving this no-Mine Workers of America and the tice even though such conditions as bituminous coal operators of this country. the very issuance of the notice it-"This notice is not intended to self."

apply to any bituminous coal mine Lewis quoted President Roosevelt now under governmental seizure as saying on June 25, 1943 that and control.

"To the end and for the purpose

AIR SUPPORT AIDS MARINES IN HARD FIGHT

Toughest Battle Of Pacific War Moves Into Second Week

CASUALTIES MOUNT

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Iwo Jima's second airfield, in

the center of the strategic little island, was imminent today as three marine divisions

Lewis issued a bitter denunciadrove north with considerable air support in an intensified

The stiffest fight of the Pacific war went into its second week with the Yanks grimly holding almost half the island, 750 miles south of Tokyo, and making inexorable above described may be forced by progress northward.

The devildogs, already on the main airfield in the southern part of Iwo, captured the east-west run-way of the central Iwo fighter field (Motoyama No. 2) late yesterday and enveloped two thirds of the

north-south runway after a fullday of heavy fighting. Their assault followed a preli-minary bombardment by artillery and warship batteries. Carrier planes and Marlans based Liber-ator heavy bombers gave close support to the ground forces

Superforts Hit Tokyo support to the ground forces. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz an-nounced the push today in a com-

More Than 200 B-29's, Greatest Superfortress Fleet munique which made no further mention of the second heavy strike

By HENRY B. JAMESON

LONDON, Feb. 26. -(P)- In the biggest air attack ever made on Berlin, more than 1,200 American heavy bombers dropped 3,000 tons of explosives and fire bombs into the heart of the city during the noon hour today.

More than 500,000 small incendiary bombs were showered upon the refugee-crowded capital, with three railway stations-Schlesischer, Alexof anderplatz and Berlin north-as the main targets. All three are within two miles of the air ministry building in the middle of the city.

The bombers were guarded over the target by 700 long-range Mustangs and Thunderbolts.

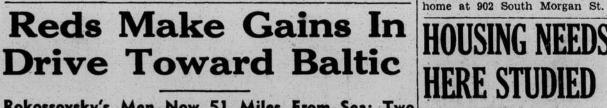
OVERCAST

The first announcement by U. S. Strategic Air Force headquarters said the attack was directed against railway targets and most of the bombs were dropped through clouds.

The bomber fleet exceeded by approximately 200 planes the size of the assault on Berlin Feb. 3.

ment Even though battered by scores of previous air attacks, Berlin still Sgt. Watts entered the army in is an important railway hub, and practically all supplies and reinforce-

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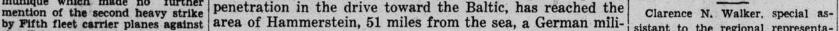


The armored thrust threatened to cut in two a 225 mile-

to Elbing, in east Prussia. Hammerstein is 11 miles south-

Rokossovsky's Men Now 51 Miles From Sea; Two Other Armies Ready For Drive On Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 26 .- (AP)-Marshal Constantin Rokossovsky's second white Russian army, scoring a deep new penetration in the drive toward the Baltic, has reached the



WAR CASUALTY-Sgt. John

Watts, husband of the former Miss

Corinne Queen, who was previous-

ly reported missing in action in

Luxembourg on January 23 is now

reported killed as of the same date,

according to a telegram received

by his wife from the war depart-

and their son are making their

Representative In

City Today

he might recommend that some

Commission with relation to simi-

tion Board and War Manpower land.

Dale Stentz, secretary of the men.

Chamber of Commerce tonight to

discuss the situation. He is in

touch with the housing situation

generally and with relation to

plants which are having difficulty

in some instances of maintaining

production schedules because of

inadequate housing to accommodate

Drove.

proaching the Erft river.

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

7:00 p.m.-Chamber of Com-

merce directors meet at Hotel

7:00 p.m.-Dutch oyster sup-

TUESDAY

per for men's Bible class

Presbyterian church.

at Hotel Charles.

Charles.



PARIS, Feb. 26 .- (AP)-Two American armies sped five miles across the Rhine valley today in tanks and on foot to within 13 miles of Cologne and within six miles of the great Ruhr arsenal and its border city of Munechen Gladbach.

Sweeping up 25 or more towns, the American Ninth and First Armies closed within three miles of the Erft riverlast water barrier before the sprawling Rhine metropolis of Cologne-and moved within 19 miles southwest of Duesseldorf, administrative center of the Ruhr.

Cologne's spires were in sight.

The assault front broadened to 40 miles and was strengthened continuously by the infusion of streams of tanks, self-propelled guns and fresh manpower. Some 60 miles below the Cologne

plain battle, the American Third plain battle, the American Third ASSEMBI reached the Nims river near Bitburg and outflanked the ancient carried fives miles into the Sieg-

cordon on three sides of the brist-

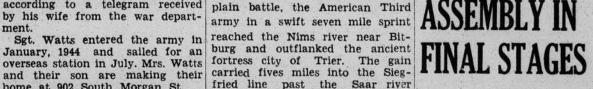
Revenue, Liquor, Pay For Legislators To Be Considered

RALEIGH, Feb. 26. -(P)- Reveling communications center of

nue, liquor, a proposed four year Erkelenz. Advance Ninth army elements medical course at the University of approached Kaulhausen, six miles North Carolina, and increased pay National Housing Agency approached Raumausen, Six miles miles northeast of their starting for legislators will be paramount point at Linnich. Kaulhausen is among the many concerns of the east of Erkelenz and within easy legislature this week as it enters artillery range of that section of the final stages of the session.

the Ruhr industrial district which The revenue bill, estimated to sistant to the regional representa- slopes over west of the Rhine. tive of the National Housing Muenchen Gladbach is the first yield about \$130,000,000 for the Ruhr city in the American path. general fund, should reach the Agency, Atlanta, is in Shelby con- RAPID ADVANCE long coastal corridor the Germans hold from below Stettin ferring with Chamber of Comhouse floor on first reading tomor-East of Juelich, Ninth army row. It must pass three separate merce, city officials and industrial troops reached Titz. Elsewhere, the plant executives about housing American Infantrymen were advancing as rapidly as they could the house and senate. needs which may be impeding the vancing as rapidly as they could walk, against only sporadic resis- A bill laying the groundwork for war effort sufficiently to warrant tance. The Germans, however, were a four-year medical course at the granting of priorities for imme-diate additional residential con-struction here. Should Mr. Walker find suffi-cient justification for such build-ing to relieve housing congrestion. ing to relieve housing congestion First Army troops of Lt. Gen. of cloakroom discussion this ses-

fried line past the Saar river town of Saarburg. The Canadian First army applied heavier pressure on the Ruhr from the north The Ninth army in advances of three to five miles threw a tight





U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Feb. the Tokyo area this month. The 26.-(P)-Industrial targets in the Tokyo area and else- 2,827 JAP DEAD where on Japan's main island of Honshu took a powerful one- The count of Japanese dead on two punch from American aerial might yesterday as wave after wave of carrier-based planes roared over followed by 28 more than the 2,799 total remore than 200 Superfortresses-largest B-29 fleet ever as- ported the day before. The enemy

sembled.

Ever Assembled, Took Part

U. S. Carrier Planes,

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twin aerial attacks Sunday. Sub-



Tenth Division Trained In planes and 165 sky giants made the **Rockies To Meet Italian** Terrain

ROME, Feb. 26-(P)-Maj. Gen. 200 Superfortresses participated. oratorical, will be held in Cleve-George P. Hayes' U. S. 10th divis- All returned. ion consolidated gains today in the The Superforts dropped bombs April it was announced this mornmountainous country around cap-tured Mount Belvedere, west of through a heavy snowfall. Snow ent of schools. the Bologna-Pistoia highway, and has little effect on incendiaries. won new high ground northeast Damage was done to airfields, the recitations will be of a serious and northwest of adjacent Mount military installations and transpor-tation facilities in the Tokyo area, to 12 minutes, Preliminaries will

A number of prisoners were ta-ken in the process of mopping up enemy pockets and pillboxes in the but "they were almost entirely auditorium on April 13 area after several savage German quelled by nightfall." counterattacks were repulsed yesto the guard house at the gates ium on April 6. The preliminaries terday.

The 10th division forces, trained of Omiya palace, residence of the will be held on March 31. The in the Rocky Mountains, overcame tough natural obstacles in gaining Buerau of the Imperial Stables the tion is 10 misural Buerau of the Imperial Stables, the tion is 10 minutes the heights dominating the impor-Japanese said. tant highway. ARTILLERY

Artillery pounded enemy troops and installations on the right flank time to "offer our profound apolo- ericanism essay contests, sponsorof the Fifth Army sector south of gies for the unforgivable negli- ed by the American Legion aux-Bologna, while activity on the front directly below that Po Valley to his person.

city was confined to patrolling. Prisoners taken by the Allies on the Fifth Army front said the Germans have suffered heavy casualties from the sustained Allied artillery barrages. One enemy unit was reported to have lost 40 to 50 percent of its fighting strength since Jan. 12.

It was disclosed, meanwhile that the U.S. 10th mountain division is composed of the 85th, 86th and 87th regiments. The 87th spearheaded the landings on Kiska in the Aleutians in August, 1943.

Liberators Sink **Two Jap Vessels**

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26 -(AP)-Liberators of the U.S. 14th airforce sank two Japanese vessels yesterday in the South China sea, east of the Liuchow Peninsula. while other bombers and fighters hammered enemy air fields and supply lines from Tungting Lake southward to the Lung valley. An American communique said

one aircraft failed to return.

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fleet could still be in the area.



All students of junior and sen-

today on behalf of the cabinet, this and the national award in the Am-

gence" in the approach of danger to his person. Explaining the Japanese fleet's be "Thomas Jefferson: His Con-

reluctance to come out and fight, tribution to American Democracy."

Radio Tokyo said that "the fleet has adopted the strategy of oper- speeches will be held at the Am-

ating within the radius of action of land-based aircraft." erican Legion building on March 15. A gold medal will be awarded

'Angels' Of Bataan Return

By NORMAN BELL

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 26

-(AP)-Back in their homeland af-

ter three years of war and cap-tivity, 68 "angels" of Bataan and Corregidor rested at the Army's

Letterman General Hospital here

Most of the valiant army nurses

and technicians and the one Red

The majority, while under

Cross worker, who arrived Satur-day by air transport command

today.

possible.

"It is technically impracticable the winner and to the winner in

See U. S. CARRIER Page 2 each high school \$5 in war savings stamps will be awarded.

vidson, 59.

Stettin. Neustettin, important communications center in northeastern Pomerania, as about 90 miles east and slightly north of Stettin. The reaching of the Hammer-Four contests for high school sequently Tokyo trimmed the car- students, Schoolmasters, Clyde R. stein area by the Russians would represent a 10-mile gain from rier planes to 600. The war de- Hoey, American Legion auxiliary

east of Neustettin.

partment reported that more than essay and the American Legion Bruenfeld, whose capture the Rusland county during March and also fell in the new Soviet drive, Moscow said.

tary spokesman said today.

By EDDY GILMORE

and Reetz, 19 to 40 miles east of

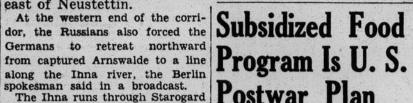
In the Schoolmasters contest MOSCOW, Feb. 26. -(P)- Two great Russian armies maneuvered today for the approaching drive on Berlin, while other Soviet forces made important gains on either flank-towards the Baltic through Pomerania, and in besieged Bres-The annual Hoey contest will be lau in Silesia Bombs fell in an area adjacent held in the high school auditor-

All signs indicated the coming offensive against the German capital will be stronger than any let loosed by the Russians in the central sector, and one which may reach the gates of Premier Kuniaiki Koiso made a lor high school age are eligible to econd call on Emperor Hirohito compete for departmental prizes

Still there was no immediate in-

M'NEELY IS

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Postwar Plan

By OVID A. MARTIN WASHINGTON, Feb. 26-(AP)-A

government-subsidized food program designed to assure the nation's low-income families an ade- lar needs in other communities quate diet may be advanced as a and priorities would be granted Golzheim, Girblerath and Rommel-

PRIORITIES The outline of such a program

Already some construction priorhas been drawn by agriculture deities have been granted here unpartment economists and submitder H-3 which covers special hardted to high administration leaders. ship cases and there have been some GI houses approved for con-Proponents say it would cost in struction, but not until his survey excess of \$1,000,000,000 a year under conditions similar to those preis completed will it be clear whevailing in 1942. Funds required ther H-2 application will be made would increase with a lower level here

of jobs and income and would drop as prosperity increased. The program bears some resemblance to the food stamp plan in effect between 1939 and 1943. It would, however, seek to aid all low-income families, whereas the stamp plan was employed as an emergency measure for helping only persons on relief and for disoosing of farm surpluses.

The suggested new program would supplement the purchasing Lloyd George's power of families financially un-**Condition Unchanged** able to spend a specified amount

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LONDON, Feb. 26. -(R) A bul-letin from the North Wales home of David Lloyd George this morning said the former prime minister had passed a comfortable night and that his physical condition was about the same. He was described yesterday as "very weak."

available help.

7:30 p.m. - C.A.P. members meet at armory. Battle Of Manila Officially Over, Fighting East Of City

By FRED HAMPSON Robert S. Beightler to Japanese in MANILA, Feb. 26-(P)-Officially Manila's agricultural and finance he battle is over, but Manila rum- buildings to "surrender, commit bled today as American artillery suicide or be killed." blasted Japanese who used a sur-The Japanese answered with are in. render period to improve their sniper fire in the direction of the Several other churches which

positions in the two buildings they loud speakers. When the warning made appeals yesterday had not still hold. And at the entrance of Man-

ila Bay, Corregidor fortress was shaken anew by underground explosions touched off by enemarines committing mass suicide.

Last night loud speakers blared See BATTLE Page 8 a final warning from Maj. Gen.

Courtney H. Hodges surged closest sion houses be authorized under H-2; to Cologne, a city of 768,000 which REFERENDUM that recommendation would then is described officially as the most Proponents of a bill to call for a be weighted by the War Produc- devastated city in all the Rhine-

statewide referendum on liquor six

The nearest approach was be- months after the war appeared last yond the villages of Morchenick, week before the senate finance sians announced last night. The stronghold of Preussich-Friedland part of the administration's post- to be given the war effort. Tuesday. On that day, too, a ten-tacks. First Army troops fought intacks. First Army troops fought in-to Frauwullusheim and beyond equitable taxation of insurance companies will be discussed.

Legislators now are paid \$600 a The Americans were seven miles session and their officers \$700. It past Dueren, which was cleared is proposed that a constitutional out yesterday, and swiftly ap- amendment be authorized to raise the members' salaries to \$900 and Tanks streamed across the Roer that of the speaker to \$1,500. Spebridges to power the attacks of the cial sessions now pay members \$8 American Ninth and First armies, a day and officers \$10 a day for 20, which the Germans said were us- days; the proposal would pay \$15 a Mr. Walker conferred with J. ing 40 divisions or up to 600,000 day to members and \$20 to officers. The Lieutenant governor, under The great Ruhr and Rhineland authority of a 1944 amendment, now

city of Duesseldorf, with a popu- draws \$2,700 the year the legislature meets and \$2,000 the year it does not.

Mt. Sinai Doubles **Red Cross Giving**

Mt. Sinai church more than doubled its Red Cross contribution of 1944 at Sunday's appeal and W. M. Putnam, chairman, in his re-

NEW HOPE GIVES \$757 A contribution of \$757.25 by the congregation of New Hope 7:00 p.m.-Lions club meets church to the Red Cross War Fund was reported this afternoon to Horace Easom, chairman of the rural church division, by B. Austell, of Earl,

> port to Chairman Horace Easom today said the collection is not yet completed.

chairman for New Hope church.

Last year the Mt. Sinai congregation contributed \$65 but yester-day's totalled \$140.57, a sum Mr. Putnam confidently expects to become larger when all contributions

voice gave the enemy thirty min-utes to evacuate, 1st Lt. Richard quarters in the Finance building K. Bishop of East Brady, Pa., said, this morning pending completion some Japanese dashed from the of solicitation in their respective building and dove into defense communities.

positions at its base, using the Next Sunday Double Springs immunity period to improve their Baptist church will make its Red Cross appeal with a special speaker arranged for the occasion.

To America; 14 Litter Cases be improved. He is still regarded as being in a serious condition. The left lung was punctured by one of the bullets but there was no normal weight, appeared to be in fairly good health. internal hemorrhage. Mr. McNeeley fired two bullets

up on things they have missed. Most of them had new wrist watches, to replace the ones taken gun fire. He was removed immeplanes from the Philippines, hope from them by the Japanese when

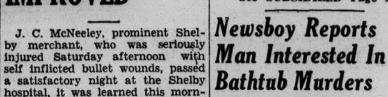
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Only 14 were classed as litter cases, including Veteran Senior Chief Nurse Map. Maude Dahome with members of his family

The joy of being back in Amer-ica was matched by the eagerness of the repatriated nurses to catch

to visit their homes as soon as they were captured on Corregidor

for the act



ing and his condition was said to NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26. -(AP)-

A newsboy's story of a man ap-proaching him and wanting "to read about the latest developments in the bathtub murder cases" sent

police on a search for Joseph Med-Mr. McNeeley fired two bullets into his chest at his home on South LaFayette street early Sat-urday afternoon. He had gone home with members of his family Detective Chief John Grosch, home with members of his family for lunch but said that he did not feel like eating. He went into his bedroom and within a far mining.

bedroom and within a few minutes for a paper but that he didn't sell nembers of his family heard the him one because he had only enough for his regular customers. diately to the Shelby hospital. Despondency over ill health is believed to have been the cause wego, just across the Mississippi from New Orleans.