

WEATHER

North Carolina—Fair and moderately cool today and tonight followed by partly cloudy and slightly warmer Friday.

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Red Drive May Have Cut Off Large Section Of Eastern Pomerania Rhineland Fortress Under Siege

Tokyo Reports Palawan Island Invaded

Two Thirds Of Iwo Jima Now In American Hands; Supplies Are Parachuted

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Mar. 1.—(P)—All but the northern third or rocky little Iwo Jima was in American hands today as the marines, their special supplies parachuted from transport planes, fought to clear the vital central plateau.

CAPTURE WOULD CLOSE ROUTE TO CHINA SEA

MacArthur Reports Virtual Destruction Of Japs On Corregidor 'VIOLENT BATTLE' MANILA, March 1.—(P)—American invasion of Palawan island, the occupation of which would go far toward sealing off Japanese holdings in the southern Philippines from across to the south China sea, was reported today by Tokyo radio.

STAR EDITORIAL:

ONE HOUR AND 36 MINUTES There is not the least doubt but that Cleveland county will meet its quota in the Red Cross drive which opened today. This is the drive in which the people of this county are asked to give enough for the whole year to operate the Red Cross for the short space of one-hour and 36 minutes.

SOVIETS CRASH THROUGH INHA DEFENSE LINE

Germans Forced Into Retreat South Of Bublitz; City Taken SURGE TOWARD BALTIC LONDON, March 1.—(P)—The Russians have crossed the Inha river defense line east of Stettin in their offensive toward the Baltic, the German high command said today, and Moscow dispatches said a large section of eastern Pomerania appeared to have been virtually cut off.

Doughboys Five Miles From Cologne; German Defense Lines Breached

PARIS, March 1.—(P)—Powerful First Army forces poured today through breached defenses within five miles of Cologne, placing the great Rhineland metropolis under siege. To the north, the Americans of the Ninth Army burst closer to the Rhine banks and increased the peril to the fabulously rich Ruhr in gains still masked by security silence.

Air Offensive In 18th Straight Day

Nearly 2,000 British And American Heavy Bombers Join In Smashes Against Reich LONDON, March 1.—(P)—The massive allied air assault carried through its 18th straight day. More than 1,800 U. S. and British heavy bombers smashed almost simultaneously against at least ten targets in the Reich.

CHINA WANTS CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

CHUNGKING, March 1.—(P)—A national assembly to inaugurate constitutional government will be convened Nov. 12 subject to approval of the Kuomintang (National people's party) Congress meeting in May, President Chiang Kai-shek announced today.

U. S. Responsible For World Collaboration

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—President Roosevelt told congress and the nation today that America will have to take the responsibility for world collaboration "or we shall have to bear the responsibility for another world conflict."

MEAT POINT VALUES RISE

New Program Will Be Stiffest Since Rationing Began WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—A red-point food program, termed "the stiffest since rationing began" goes into effect Sunday. It assigns higher values to a wide range of cheaper beef and pork cuts.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 6:00 p.m.—Second round of Cleveland county basketball tournament begins at armory. Continues through evening. 7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club meets at Hotel Charles. FRIDAY 12:30 p.m.—Rotary club meets at Hotel Charles.

WOULD OUTLAW AGGRESSION

Inter-American Conference Favors Declaration Of Chapultepec MEXICO CITY, March 1.—(P)—Far-reaching resolutions committing the American nations to enforce peace, tighten their political bonds and cooperate to make the South American continent an industrial horn of plenty today appeared headed for approval by the Inter-American conference.

NATION ENJOYS MILD WEATHER

By The Associated Press March arrived like a lamb today but the lamb's rival in the old adage of March 1—the lion—was near the country's border and roaring for a chance to change climatic conditions.

Allied Warships Said Massing At West Burma Port

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—(P)—The Blue network intercepted a Tokyo radio broadcast last night which said Allied warships were massing at the British-held West Burma coast port of Akyab.

Biennial Finance Bill Is Passed By House

RALEIGH, March 1.—(P)—The biennial finance bill, which Chairman John H. Kerr, jr., of the finance committee said would raise \$129,675,028 under present estimates, passed the house today on second reading 107 to 0, after the adoption of nine clarifying amendments.

HAMMOCK SELLS AUTO BUSINESS

H. M. Hammock, for the past eight years operator of Hammock Motors as local dealer for Oldsmobile and International trucks and formerly Cadillac, has sold his business to Herman W. "Shorty" Roberts and B. P. Sherer, who will operate it as Roberts' Sales and Service under the active management of Mr. Roberts.

ARMY OF WORKERS

An army of workers went at once to scouring the city in response to Chairman Willis McMurphy's appeal for a quick clean-up of the business district, while Mrs. Rush Stroup as woman's chairman called for the same prompt handling of the residential areas by the four women's divisions.

Capt. McBrayer Urges Support For Red Cross

Capt. John Z. McBrayer, who told a graphic story of seeing the Red Cross effectively on the job aiding service men in China, India, North Africa and wherever Uncle Sam sends them, voiced the hope that Cleveland county would support wholeheartedly the War Fund drive but would never have need at home of Red Cross assistance as some 200 campaign workers swept into action following this morning's kick-off breakfast.

Batt Says War Production Must Continue Full Speed

NEW YORK, March 1.—(P)—William L. Batt said today war production must continue full speed for "big military landings" in the Pacific and land fighting on perhaps the European scale. The Army and air forces will have to be "pretty completely re-equipped" to fight Japan, the War Production board vice chairman said in an address prepared for a Rotary club luncheon.

Nazi Raiding Parties Strike Across Senio

ROME, March 1.—(P)—German raiding parties, striking across the Senio river south of the Russi-Lugo road, about 17 miles inland from the Adriatic coast, have driven Eighth army troops from some of their positions, Allied headquarters announced today.

TWO OF NAVY'S NEW SUBS LOST

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(P)—Two of the Navy's newer submarines, the Escobar and the Shark, are overdue and presumed lost with their crew of approximately 65 officers and men each. The 1,525-ton subs, commissioned last year, both were under command of their first skippers: Comdr. Edward N. Blakely, West Los Angeles, of the Shark, and Comdr. William J. Millican, of Coronado, Calif.

John F. Schenck, Sr. Is Seriously Ill

John F. Schenck, sr., pioneer and prominent textile manufacturer and business man of Cleveland county, is critically ill at his Lawndale home following a recurring attack suffered this week after an earlier paralytic stroke. Attending physicians today reported him resting a bit more comfortably.