

ler's badly bled forces close to 100,000 casualties as the U.S. Third Army closed to within six miles of the great chemical center of Ludwigshafen-Mannheim and fought inside Mainz. Two German armies, the first and seventh, either were

wiped out or doomed except for scattered elements.

At Supreme Headquarters, it was estimated that the swift Third Army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., alone had herded an estimated 30,000 Nazis into prison pens in 48 hours as it and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army closed new traps which might boost the overall total of captured in the whirlwind campaign to 75,000.

The Seventh Army, driving up from the southern bases tin today after wiping out of the Saarland and Palatinate, did not even tabulate its the enemy's Altdamm bridgeprisoners beyond the first 6,000.

Cities such as Saarbruecken, Kaiserlautern, Worms, Voelkingen, Zweizruecken, Homberg and St. Ingbert toppled like ten pins. The hard hitting Americans-27 divisions in all or nearly 400,000 menwere advancing speedily.

The German hold on the west bank of the upper Rhine was narrowed to a 35-mile escape gap between the Karlsruhe and Ludwigshafen areas and it ap-peared doubtful whether the wounded Wehrmacht could scrape together enough men from the defeat to man properly the Valhalla line east of the river.

The Germans blew their last remaining bridges on the Rhine, leav-ing stragglers west of the river to death or capture.

Except for a 30-mile stretch between Pirmasens and Lautersbourg where the Germans clung to frag- quency. ments of the Siegfried line, the

YOUNG MEN FACE COURT

Judge Webb Says Juvenile Delinquency Goes **Back To Home**

Confronted with numerous youthful offenders at this term of United States District court, Judge E. Yates Webb, presiding, expressed the opinion this morning as the Shelby term neared its closing moments that juvenile delinquency probably goes back to home delin-

Van Zora Martin, jr., of Ruth-

MOSCOW, March 21.-(AP) -The First White Russian army, now in possession of virtually the entire east bank of the Oder from the Baltic to its confluence with the Neisse, crowded siege artillery to the very edge of Stethead.

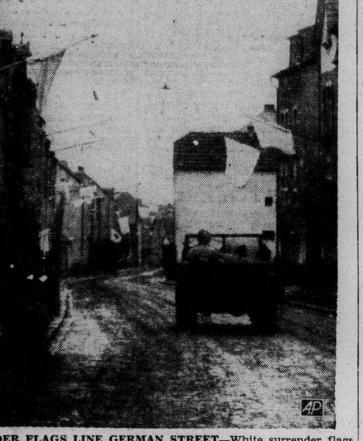
The menace to Berlin grew hourly as Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov probed many places along the river. seeking springboards for his next big attack east and northeast of

ruined Berlin Marshal Ivan S. Konev still is engaging in liquidating trapped

ditional units of his first Ukraine army group to the Neisse line southeast of Berlin.

In East Prussia, Marshal Al-exander M. Vasilevsky, for two years chief of staff of the Red army, was slaging the final kill in a dwindling German pock-et along the coast southwest of Koenigsberg. Disclosure that Vasilevsky

sian army front after the battle ments of the Siegfried line, the enemy was in complete rout. Nazi forces were surrounded in three a stolen automobile from Snartan-of the day yesterday saluting the



SURRENDER FLAGS LINE GERMAN STREET-White surrender flags wave from buildings along a street in Kettig, Germany, as a lone Ameriengaging in liquidating trapped can jeep moves along the thoroughfare. This town is northwest of Cob-garrisons in Breslau and Glogau on lenz which fell to the Americans recently. The jeep is attached to the the upper Oder, but has moved ad- Fourth Armored division of the U.S. Third Army



taken over the third White Rus- Senate Recedes From Amendment To State Hospital And Medical Care Bill

LONDON, March 21.-(AP) -A Force of 2,000 American bombers and fighters attacked nine air fields in northwestern Germany and a tank factory at Plauen, 10 miles er, while another fleet of British planes blasted a large oil refinery at Bremen today. Both blistering assaults were staged before noon. Berlin said U. S. 15th Air force bombers from Italy were over Austria, continuing blows which yesterday knocked out all through railway lines be

GARDNER HEADS tween Vienna and Munich. It was another day of what airmen are calling "victory weather." RAF Lancasters also hit the rail **OWMR SURVEY** viaduct across the Wesel river near Bremen ith the new 11-ton volcano bombs and the marshalling yards at Muenster on the main line between Osnabrueck and the Ruhr. **Panel Will Study Question** The U.S. fleet from Britain comprised 1,300 bombers with 700 fighters which also lugged bombs. The American planes hit air-ields located near Hopstein, fields Rheine, Achmer, Alhern, Hesepe, Handorf, Zwischenahn, Wittmunhaven, and Marx, some of which are bases for jet-propelled Messerschmitts guaranteed annual wage should be

Spring Rains Swell

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, March 21. -(P)-At least 17 Japanese warships, including a 45,000ton superbattleship and eight aircraft carriers, were crippled Monday by more than 1,000 American carrier planes which hunted down the bulk of the enemy home fleet hiding in Nippon's 240-mile-lond inland sea.

The audacious raiders from Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitfrom the Czechoslovak bord- scher's world's largest task force, penetrating a hitherto untouched area which Japan considered safe for her navy, also destroyed 495 enemy planes sunday and Monday and damaged well over 100 more.

Not one American warship was sunk, although one was damaged seriously and others sustained minor blows as the Japanese home-based airforce sent wave on wave against Mitscher's armada. All ships moved away under their

own power. Combat losses of the carrier planes "were extremely light."

These first fragmentary accounts of the most daring naval action of the Pacific war were pieced together today from a preliminary report of Adm. Raymond A. Spruance of the U. S. Fifth fleet and first hand accounts of pilots given to Associated Press Correspondent Hamilton W. Faron with Mitscher's task force.

The fliers, who swept over Japan's major naval bases and scores -With Presidential blessing, a pa- of air bases assigned to defend nel of White House advisers set them, told Faron their bombs and out today to determine whether a rockets smashed into:

A battleship of the Yamato class added to postwar job security (the 45,000-ton Musashi was sunk last October in the battle of Leyte

The proposal is one which leap-gulf in the Philippines and her sisthe CIO United Steelworkers aged. They were Japan's two bigby last fall. It was rejected by the gest battleships.) War Labor board as subjecting the BIG CARRIER steel industry to such "serious fi-A battleship converted into a big nancial risks" as to be "unwork- aircraft carrier. able" in the form sought. Three large aircraft carriers. President Roosevelt yesterday Four small, escort type carriers. asked the advisory board of the A heavy cruiser. Office of War Mobilization and A light cruiser. Reconversion to undertake a na-Four destroyers tionwide study of existing wage-A destroying escort. guarantee plans and recommend A submarine. any "further steps in this direc-In addition, six small surface tion which may seem practicable craft, including one oiler, were

places and threatened with immi- a stolen automobile from Spartannent encirclement elsewhere.

kirchen (40,500), where steel and federal reformatory at Montgomiron works and coal pits abound, ery. Ala. was believed to have fallen, al-

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Japan Prepares Homeland To **Meet Invasion**

LONDON, March 21-(AP)-Japan announced imposition of military control over civilian property after they had been convicted by and installations today as the first of a series of projected steps designed to prepare the homeland to meet invasion

"The war situation clearly indicates the Japanese homeland will become a battlefield," War Minister Gen. Sugiyama said in broadcast statement from Tokyo.

Sugiyama said strong defenses had been built and widespread military preparations had been made for the purpose of frustrating Am-erican invasion plans.

"It has become necessary, however," he added, "to extend these measures in a considerable extent. Buildings, property and civilian installations will be placed under military control as a first step. CIVIL SQUADS

"Later, according to military sentation at the San Francisco seheads, they will be moved or demolished and the civilian population will be required to form civil squads to collaborate with the army

Sugiyama added that legislation to cover these steps had been presented to the Japanese Diet.

The Tokyo radio also quoted munitions ministry spokesman as saying that the evacuation of war industries from large cities is in full swing

A considerable number of underground factories already have been built, he said.

A-14 Gas Coupons Expire Today, A-15's **Come In Tomorrow**

Today is the last day to use A-14 gasoline ration coupons. The holding out at a 1 a.m. Oasis, the new series of stamps, A-15, be- order came as a surprise to cafe comes valid Thursday and will re- owners, barkeepers, and grumbling main good through June 21. The soldiers. A-15 coupons have the same value The first inkling anyone had of as those expiring today, 4 gallons the order was when military police

burgh, S. C. to Rutherfordton was German bastions in the pocket. The large Saarland city of Neun- ordered to serve 10 months in a 4,000 PRISONERS

On yesterday afternoon Judge the bag. That figure is expected though there was no specific word. Webb imposed sentences of three to be more than duplicated when The First army fighting east of and one-half years each in a fed- the nest of resistance in nearby eral penitentiary on William How- Heiligenbeil is crushed. ard Ward and Morris E. Fondaw. two young men who pleaded guilty fierce lunge after a series of hard to carrying off the safe from the actions had reached this suburb. Candler postoffice and robbing it less than five miles from Stettin of more than \$3,800.

Charles A. Morgan, of Gaston aviation factory with more than county, was sentenced to serve a 1,000 new engines intact, an airyear and a day for failing to re- plane assembly plant and a torpedo

Brackett, charged with manufac- in Altdamm. An Izvestia dispatch turing whiskey were each sentenced to serve a year and a day after they had been convicted by Salu an order from finite field being positions voluntarily should be shot on the spot. On bodies in army

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Italy Seeking Big Three Permission To Make War On Japan

port for induction.

LIQUOR CASES

WASHINGTON, March 21. -(P) -Italy is seeking Big Three permission to declare war on Japan, with this country and Russia re-

portedly in favor of such a move. Now classed as a "co-belligerent," but still under an Allied commission. Italy has a two-fold object tive: 1. To establish a long-range basis for lend-lease assistance, and 2. To obtain some kind of repre-

curity conference next month. Italy now is at war with Germany, but when that enemy falls. Italian claims to lend-lease aid will vanish unless she also is participating actively in the war against

interpreted as the government's

first counter-measure against May-

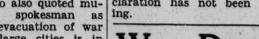
or La Guardia's curfew extension

has ordered all military personnel

to leave places of entertainment

In New York City, which still is

Japan British approval for a war de-



by midnight.

armory 7:00 p.m.—Gillespie chapter of Royal Ambassadors meets claration has not been forthcomat First Baptist church. War Department Steps In

To Enforce Curfew In N.Y.

capture of Braunsberg, one of two arranged for the continuation of a substantially balanced Vasilevsky's seizure of Braunsbudget, adjourned sine die today.

berg gathered 4,000 prisoners into Adjournment came a few minutes after the senate

Zhukov took Altdamm with one proper. Front dispatches said an **FIVE HURT IN**

factory were among the booty. As in Kolberg last week, Russian **AUTO ACCIDENT** Christy Farris and James E. storin units found could gallowes

WHAT'S DOING

meeting at Presbyterian church.

THURSDAY

3:00 p.m.—Mass meeting of Kings Mountain association at

7:00 p.m.-Regular meeting of

Kiwanis club at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.—C.A.P. meets at

First Baptist church.

meeting at First

church.

7:30 p.m.-Mission

said an order from Hitler had been **Constable Bob Kendrick** And Prisoner Most Seriously Injured uniform were signs reading "Hang-ed because I fought badly." The

Constable Bob Kendrick sustaincorpses of executed civilians had a sign saying "I was hanged be-cause I evacuated."

ed several fractured ribs, Woodrow tion. Tessneeer, a prisoner in his custody had a broken leg, Deputy Sheriff accept the senate amendments and

Fred Blanton sustained lacerations the measure went to a conference and bruises, and two prisoners, A. committee, which later recom-K. Harris and Grady Metcalf were ess seriously injured last night about 11 o'clock when Constable Kendrick's automobile ran amuck at Patterson Springs and landed astraddle the railroad in a four foot

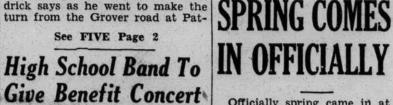
Constable Kendrick and Woodrow Tesseneer are still confined in the Shelby hospital. The others were given first aid and were dismissed. STEERING GEAR LOCKED

Constable Kendrick and Deputy mendations. Sheriff Blanton had been to Ben reconsider its refusal vote was lost today, 23-22, with President Bal-Dover's place on the Grover road investigate a disorder. They were returning with three persons

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with being intoxicated. Mr. Ken-

in the back seat who were charged



Officially spring came in at 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon with For Red Cross Friday the arrival of the vernal equinox. Actually it came to Shelby several

For the third year the Shelby weeks ago with the advent of the balmiest March weather experienc-High school band will present a ed by the city in a long while. Seed houses have been doing a concert Friday night at 8:15 o'great business in garden seeds and ditorium for the benefit of the hardware stores report that the Red Cross drive. Tickets are on warm weather has had a marked effect on the sale of garden tools. If anything the weather was slightly cooler today on the first

An excellent program has been day of spring than it has been for planned and under the direction several days. But leaves were comof Miss Dorothy Parker, the group ing out and spring insects were be-

Although the order was issued has received thorough training. A ginning to crawl. Not an overcoat large crowd is expected to attend | was in sight. In the words of the song "Spring now is here."

RALEIGH, March 21.—(AP)—The 1945 general assem-bly, which appropriated a record-breaking \$232,000,000 and Fight V and U: Eight-Year High

MEMPHIS. March 21. -(P)-Spring rains forced the swollen. agreed to recede from its amendment to the state hospital Mississippi river to an eight-year and medical care bill. It had voted to split a \$1,000,000 con- high here today and threatened tingent appropriation for the care of indigent patients, di-in Arkansas and West Tennessee. recting that half of the amount should go to the construc-tion or enlargement of rural hospitals. That provoked a and the weather bureau said it

The house, however, agreed to would continue to rise slowly for the next few days. accept a senate amendment direct- Army engineers reported recent ing that a four-year medical school rains had hampered fights to hold not be established at the Univer-White River in Arkansas and in sity of North Carolina until a Dyer county, Tennessee, where survey is made by an agency sim- thousands of acres of farm land

ilar to the Rockefeller foundation. already have been inundated. The house already had adopted resolution setting high noon as SUB 'BARBEL' the time for adjournment. As that hour approached, the house clock was stopped.

fight that lasted two days.

PRESUMED LOST The senate temporarily delayed action on the adjournment resolu-

The house refused yesterday to WASHINGTON, March 21.-(P)-The submarine Barbel- is overdue from patrol and pre-sumed lost with its officers and mended that the senate recede from its action in splitting a \$1,crew, normally about 65 men. 000,000 contingent appropriation A navy communique today for the care of indigent patients said next of kin had been noti-The senate split the appropriation fied.

earmarking \$500,000 for the indi-The vessel, commanded by Lt. Comdr. Conde LeRoy Ra-guet was the 34th American gent patients and the other \$500,-000 for the construction or ensubmarine reported overdue and largement of rural hospitals. Last presumed lost, and the 40th lost night the senate refused to accept from all causes, including four the conference committees recomsunk and two destroyed to prevent capture. An attempt to have the senate

It was the 273rd naval vessel of all types lost in the war.

Commander Raguet, whose mother, lives in Norfolk, Va., is a son of Capt. Edward Cook Raguet, U. S. Navy. Commander Raguet is listed as "missing fol-lowing action." He assumed command of the vessel last December.

U. S. Troops Fight Their Way Int, Capital City Of Panav

MANILA, March 21.-(AP)-Amercapital.

ican troops fought their way into Another 40th division column the burning city of Iloilo, capital drove 25 miles northward from in that magnificent accomplishof Panay, as they expanded their Sunday's invasion beachhead at hold today on that central Philip- Tigbauan, to overrun the coastal pine island.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing that troops of Maj. Gen. Panay is the 25th Philippine island drags war down to a low level of Rapp Brush's 40th division had invaded in the liberation camreached the outskirts of the city, paign. reported "heavy fires" were burn-

The Americans captured the Iloilo airdrome and Carpenter's seized that Lingayen Gulf port. San es of Iwo Jima. Let us keep in bridge over the Iloilo river at the eastern approach to the

and desirable LITTLE REACTION There was little immediate con- probably were sunk.

Of Guaranteed An-

nual Wage

plans.

WASHINGTON, March 21-(P)

gressional reaction. Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said he 98 Per Cent Of

thought such a study entirely proper, adding: "It will be difficult See GARDNER Page 2

STOCKHOLM, March 21- (P)

planes bombed Copenhagen at noon

today. Reports from Malmoe said

the headquarters of the Gestapo

and the port area in the eatsern

section of the Danish capital were

attacked.

ombs.

Swedish sources said.

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ALLIES RAID COPENHAGEN

NEW YORK, March 21.- (P) -Ninety-eight of every 100 navy men and marines wounded in the first three years of war have recovered Danish sources said some 30 Allied

Wounded Recover

Navy, Marine

sunk. Seven others, including two

oilers and four large cargo ships,

Navy Secretary Forrestal, reporting this today in a talk prepared for a Red Cross luncheon, said that among the marines, about 75 out of every 100 wounded have been able to return to active combat duties.

The newspaper Expressen said "We will do everything in our the shell house, which was headpower to keep that record good," quarters of the Gestapo, was desthe cabinet officer declared. "I troyed by the blasts from eight mention it here because of a tendency to regard all casualties as The Free Danish press service fatalities. said the Germans had been hold- "It is a

"It is easy, for example to speak ing 25 Danes as hostages in the of our 'losses' at Iwo Jima as 19,000 building since the RAF destroyed men, forgetting that of his total Gestapo headquarters at Aarhus. 15,300 were wounded. Our reports The Nyboder district of Copenidicate that between 6,000 and 7,000 hagen, where the Germany army of the wounded had returned to has a headquarters, also was struck their divisions before the fall of these reports said. One bomber Iwo, that between 11,000 and landed in the sea off Landskrona, 12,000 of the men wounded on Iwo will be so completely restored to health as to be capable of complete activity.

EXCELLENT CARE

"Our wounded and sick." Forrestal said, "are being given all of the care and thought that scientific and hospital practice of the country can provide, and the Red Cross is performing its full share

ment.' Asserting that Japanese soldiers plain inland from Iloilo and join "are driven by a combination of forces with strong guerrilla units. mysticism and fanatic frenzy which human debauchery," the navy chief

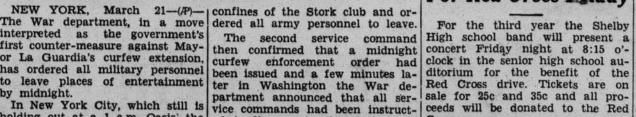
added: Other guerrillas, on northern Lu- "It was against such enemies zon island, wiped out the Japanese that 60,000 marines walked up garrison at San Fernando and up the grim and desolate beach-

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The second service command then confirmed that a midnight been issued and a few minutes later in Washington the War deed to live up to the "letter and Cross.

spirit" of War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes' curfew request. AIMED AT N. Y.

suddenly appeared in the plush



See WAR DEPARTMENT Page 2 this benefit concert.

TODAY 7:30 p.m.-Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church. 7:30 p.m.-Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church. 7:30 p.m. - Regular prayer

revival

Baptist