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FURY OF BLOWS

ON TWO FRONTS

Attack Furiously At Gates

Of Stettin And Aus-

trian Border

BATTLE IS FLUID

cow dispatches reported.

Danzig and Gdynia apart.

of Danzig, around which they had drawn a 25-mile siege arc, and were within 2 1-2 miles of wedging

On the Berlin front, Soviet Cor-

Zhukov was moving reinforcements

up to the Oder "in unbroken

greatcoats and cotton-padded jack-

Describing Stettin as a city

ing the scale of previous deploy-

For two days the Russians

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NIGHT CLUBS TO

ACCEPT CURFEW

Hours Has Reached

Settlement

NEW YORK, March 22-(AP)-

Night club and restaurant proprie-

tors, reneging against their three-

announced the mayor would defend

his 1 a.m. closing in a broadcast over the network from 7 to 7:15 p.

members of the association, also

Arthur Garfield Hays, counsel for the association, said "Mayor La

Guardia has shown sound leader-

ship in his endeavor to make the

curfew conform to conditions in a

New York City."

tained here

RUSSIAN GUNS

AIRMEN BATTER **ARMY CAMPS IN WESTERN REICH**

Fourteen Waves Of Bombers Attack Camps, Air Bases In Ruhr

FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

LONDON, March 22.-(AP) -The full fury of allied air might was turned directly on German troops jammed into the Ruhr today as 1,300 American heavy bombers blasted nine of the largest army camps in western Germany and five more airfields near , the front.

Incomplete reports indicated that more than 7,000 warplanes were taking a crack at German targets.

camps and air bases in the Ruhr, ton super-battleship. The Mustangs also patrolled the sky for other widespread air operations ranging from the North Sea

The tactical air commands thus were able to throw their full weight into the merciless bomb and rocket offensive which Gen. Eisenhower has warned was coming.

The weather again fayored the airmen, and so many hundreds of aircraft were flashing in all directions over the Reich that the Nazi radio finally gave up trying to follow them in its warning service.

American bombers from Britain in bombing airfields south of Stuttgart and Nurnberg probably passed sister heavies from Italy which DNB said attacked from over the

The airfields attacked were at Kitzengen, Giebelstadt, between Frankfurt and Nuernberg, Rhein-Main. Schwabisc-Hall, northeast of

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Delegates To Security Meet Are Protested

changed in commons today after charge of personnel, were heard. nounced names of those who will Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective emy convoy off Amoy, China, Laborite Emmanuel Shinwell ac-

the delegation with conservatives. Churchill roared back that Shinwell "has done everything in his power to break up this government Artillery Hammers and hopes to gain after its dissolution what he would never gain German Strongholds while national affairs predominat-

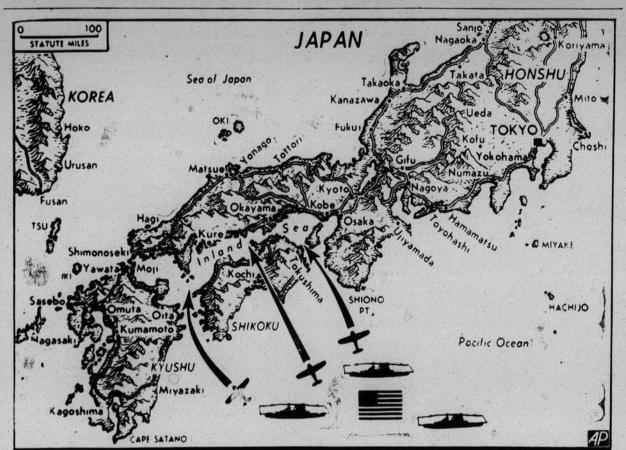
ed in men's minds.' Obviously irritated by Shinwell's ROME, March 22—(P)—Allied araccusation, he added: "Any fair-tillery strongly holds hammered

bers: Clement Attlee, lord presi- nounced today. dent of the council and labor party leader; Lord Cranborne, Dominous secretary, and Lord Halifax, which attempted to strike into British ambassador to Washington. Fifth army positions.

BAND CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT

The Shelby High school band, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Parker, will present the third annual Red Cross benefit concert in the High School auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock. The program is composed of ten numbers and ends with the "Star Spangled ier, did in the Pacific a few months Banner." Some of the more outstanding composers of these se- months old daughter say "Daddy" Romberg, Safrenek, and ness has it all over the other. lections are Fillmore, Bennet, Ber-

The band was started in 1928 er today just after he had return-under the direction of W. T. Sin- ed on leave from duty in China clair. There was no band during and the South Pacific. the depression but was revived in | For the sinking of the Jap cruis-1936 by J. G. Hagaman. Money er, the first one ever bagged by for the uniforms was obtained by the air force, Captain Shytle was public donation and from gifts by personally decorated with the Dis-the local civic clubs. The band tinguished Flying Cross by Genbeen under the direction of eral Chennault. He also has three Miss Parker since September, 1942. other distinguished flying crosses Last year it was given A-1 honor and the air medal. He has the rating by James Christian Pfohl record of sinking more Japanese who judged a contest performance tonnage than any bombardier in according to the national contest the flying force. rules. Several improvements in nstrumentation and performance 'as been made since last year.



Fourteen waves of Fortresses WHERE U. S. PLANES BLASTED JAPANESE NAVY-The arrows on this map show where U. S. carrierand Liberators were protected by based planes trapped the elusive Japanese navy in the inland sea, and crippled 17 warships, sank or da700 Mustangs in the attacks on maged 13 merchant vessels, and destroyed 475 aircraft. Among the war vessels crippled was a 45,000-

Invaded Sunday Now

In American Hands

MANILA, March 22-(AP)-Vir-

tually all organized Japanese re-

In the spreading air war, Mitch-

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By The Associated Press SAN FRANCISCO, March 2—

Hainan Is Raided

communications commission.

The unconfirmed report

Tokyo Reports

Draft Law Extended N. C. ASSEMBLY Without Changes

Army Spokesmen Ask No Restrictions Against Sending Men Into Combat With 5 Months Training

WASHINGTON, March 22 .- (A)-The house military committee today unanimously approved a one-year extension of the draft law-without changes.

The action was taken after 2 brief hearing during which army spokesmen asked that no restrictions be placed against the cur-Nazi troops camps attacked were rent policy of sending men into within a 60-mile arc of the Re- combat five months after their in-magen bridgehead.

Some members had sought to ban the sending of teen-age inductees into combat without a specified period of training. an May (D-Ky)

he would seek house consideration of the bill early next week. Unless congress extends it, the present draft law, enacted in 1940, will become inoperative on May 15.

Although some committee mem- 4,448 square miles of Panay, cenextensive hearings to consider Sunday, and the enemy's cavenumerous amendments only two studded Shimbu line east of Ma-LONDON, March 22.-(P)-Hot wards, in charge of training, and ing a mass of war booty, headwords, cheers and jeers were ex- Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry, in quarters reported today. Prime Minister Churchill had an- The committee did not call Maj. ell bombers caught a six-ship enrepresent Britain at the Golden Service director, who was waiting Tuesday and attacked it with 16 Gate World Security conference. to testify in support of the bill. tons of explosives. At a cost of It was General Edwards who told two bombers, a 6,000 ton freighter cused the government of stacking the committee that the current

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minded man would say that the German strongpoints opposite the labor party had a fair represen- entire Fifth army sector yesterday but infantry activity on the Ital-Churchill named Foreign Secre- ian battle line was limited to pattary Anthony Eden as head of the rols and no positions changed broadcast heard by the federal delegation and the following mem- hands, the Allied command an-

A number of prisoners were Japanese defenders inflicted "contaken from German raiding parties siderable losses" on the raiders.

On the British Eighth army and mention of Superfort particifront German patrols assaulted pation recalled frequent Tokyo reseveral points in strength, but ports in which smaller bombers

By JOHN WEBB CANNON

City Editor The Star

Compared with making a 5,100-

Accepts Gov. Cherry's Away To Pay Debts

After 67 days of deliberation, the 1945 legislature adjourned sine die ments of strength elsewhere on yesterday after considering nearly the eastern front.'

ceived by the house, whereas the to enter the heart of the city and senate received only 454. Many bills possibly to capture the Oder bridgwere left without action. Central Philippines Island

This assembly appropraited \$232,- violence. 000,000 in all funds, including the been just outside Stettin, Berlin's Tokyo, Kobe, Nagoya and Osaka, general, highway and agriculture. chief port, with the muzzles of made in close sequence, showed the \$8,400,000 contingent allocation to of the Oder. sistance has been crushed on the teachers and low-salaried state embers previously had inclined toward tral Philippines island invaded expected revenue. Nobody was Balaton and the Danube. alarmed over that, however, since witnesses, Maj. Gen. Idwal Ed- nila on Luzon has collapsed, yield- revenues usually are higher than those anticipated on official paper. MAJOR LEGISLATION

The consensus of members, before they left for home, was that their major bit of legislation was the salting away of nearly \$52,000,000 for the retirement of the general fund indebtedness. That would leave North Carolina one of the few states in the union without a gen-

Also highly considered pieces of afflicted, both physically and mentally; and a measure laying the foundation for a state hospital and medical care program. While the assembly declined to let the peo-(P)—Approximately 120 American ple vote in a statewide referendum Superforts, Liberators and Light- on whether liquor should continue nings raided Hainan island off the to be sold in North Carolina, it did South China coast yesterday, ra- pass legislation to outlaw inferior day star billing in the New York wines, and to place supervision of City vs. the Nation curfew clash, dio Tokyo reported today in a all wines in the hands of the State have announced they will adhere Alcoholic Beverages Control board. to the midnight closing. ature." Just about everything that ment industries of greater New Governor Cherry asked for was York said its members would iggranted—except the referendum, nore the "extra hour of tolerance" Hainan is somewhat off the and consolidation of the highway granted by Mayor La Guardia. beaten track for American raiders, patrol, the State Bureau of Investigation and related depart-

Capt. Shytle Holds Record U.S. COURT IN In Jap Ship Tonnage Sunk SHELBY ENDED

The Shelby term of United States curfew was concerned-in the po-District court was adjourned yes- sition of a general without troops. terday afternoon at 3 o'clock by LETTING HIM DOWN Judge E. Yates Webb after the "I know we're letting grand jury had completed its work. down," said Billy Rose, owner of 804. Eight indictments against 17 the Diamond Horseshoe and pres-men from Gaston Mecklenburg and ident of the association, "but we're Union county charging theft of forced to do this. My allegiance government property were return- to my country goes beyond my ed by the grand jury. These defen- allegiance to the mayor." dants are charged with selling and buying government aviation gasoline being transferred to Camp Mackall and Camp Sutton. They vill be tried at the Charlotte term

ments were: Tommy William Gai-ther, Frank Stuart Lipford, James Asbury Lanier, Sanford Aiken, Hammy Jefferson, Robert Monroe Ramsey, Jasper Carl Norwood, Herman Mack Noles, Robert Woodrow McManus, and Johnie Bunyon Walker.

Campaign Pledges; Salts

Oddly enough, house bill number

eral debt.

legislation were those to provide It also was a "governor's legis-

Those included in the indict-Charles Floyd Helms,

Military Targets At Rangoon Bombed Today, Second Raid In Week

WASHINGTON, March 22 .- (AP)-India-based Superfortresses bombed important military installations and storage areas at the great Burma port of Rangoon today for the second time in less than a week.

LONDON, March 22.—(AP) A preliminary announcement -The Russians redoubled the from 20th air force headquarters fury of their onslaught here said a "sizeable task force" against Stettin, "key to norof the big B-29s from Brig. Gen. ed in the capture of Mandalay this
thern Germany," and in Hungary reinforced attempts on The announcement indicated that area. Some 30,000 Japanese troops bombers smashed by the huna 50-mile front to batter upwards of 100 Superforts took are reported squeezed in a 75-mile through the Danube gate in- part.

as details are available. In East Prussia Soviet units

They drove to within six miles described as "good results."

port to Allied drives against the Japanese in Burma which resultdeep pocket in the Mandalay area.

to Austria, the Germans said The results of the raid are expected to be announced as soon hit by the aerial giants last February 11 when a substantial force ruary 11, when a substantial force smoke-shrouded strength for The raid followed up last Satur- rained hundreds of tons of high fought into Heiligenbeil, last of day's raid on the big Japanese explosives and incendiaries on oil, the Baltic coastal fortress towns supply base in which the India- ammunition and materiel dumps southwest of Koenigsberg, Mos- based Superforts bombed storage just north of the city. The Superareas with what the 20th air force forts made their first attack on Rangoon last November 3.

Air Blows Speed Up On the Berlin front, Soviet Correspondents said Marshal Gregory Thukey was moving reinforcements. Entire Pacific War

streams" in warm weather which forced the Russians to doff their As Jap Sea-Air Strength Was Dissipated, American **Power Grew Greater**

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Mar. whose fall would open the way to a sweep across the northern Ger- 22 .-- (P)-Devastating success of the United States' aerial man plain past Berlin perhaps as attacks on the Japanese home islands portends nonstop far as the Elbe, a German war re-RALEIGH, March 22. —(P)— porter said the Russian assault blows against the empire and a speedup of the entire Pawas "extraordinary even consider- cific war.

Both the Army's Superfortresses and the powerful but always vulnerable carrier task force have "Hundreds of Russian guns have probed the strongest points of 1,000 was a measure to adjourn the been in action since Thursday," a Japan—with bombs, bullets and assembly. It was the last bill re- a week ago, he said. "The battle rockets—and each time emerged is still undecided. Russian efforts undisputed victors.

strength was dissipated by repeates intact continue with unabated ed assaults American power con- an Dies After Long IIIversely became greater.

On the Hungarian front the Ger- more B-29s. In the near future, German broadcasts said Eszter- vide cover for the huge bombers for Wall. gom, fortified city on the south the first time on raids over Japan. bank of the Danube and 20 miles. If Japanese naval leaders hoped band who died in 1933.

northwest of Budapest, Felsoegalla to salvage a fleet out of the wreckage of the second battle of was Sara Morgan, daughter of the the Philippine sea their dream late Elias and Elitha Morgan of has burst. This once formidable Gaffney. She would have been 89 sea power was blasted by the start- years of age had she lived until ling U, S. navy carrier attack on August. In 1874 she married John Japan's inland sea Monday. DAMAGING BLOW

beyond its two-day attack on Kyushu and inland sea ports, but even legislation were those to provide for additional support to the state's Conflict As To Closing Raymond A. Spruance, its commander, revealed sufficient damage to Japanese warships to indicate removal of the enemy navy as a major threat in the Pacific.

Spruance informed Adm. Chester W. Nimitz yesterday that his report of 15 to 17 Nipponese warships damaged on his daring foray was an incomplete assessment that indicated still more enemy warships

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The Allied food and entertain-3,000,000 Japanese York said its members would ig-Gone From Tokyo Meanwhile, the Blue network

LONDON, March 22-(A)-Nearly 3,000,000 Japanese already have been evacuated from Tokyo and m. (EWT) today. His topic: been evacuated from Tokyo and steps are being taken to speed up steps are being taken to speed up to the steps are being taken to speed up to the steps are being taken to speed up to the steps are being taken to speed up to the steps are being taken to speed up to the steps are being taken to speed up to the steps are being taken to speed up to the steps are being taken to speed up to the step are to removal of others, the Tokyo radio Many night clubs and hotels, not said today.

Quoting a statement made to announced they would return to the Diet by the interior minister, the midnight curfew. Their decision left the mayor—so far as the civilian population in the capital has shrunk to less than four millions" of the city's prewar census. 12:30 p.m. — Rotary club The statemen's yearbook gives meets at Hotel Charles. "I know we're letting the mayor Tokyo's 1944 population as 6,978,-

And as the Japanese sea-air Well-Known Shelby Womness; Rites Friday

Mrs. J. Frank Gaffney died at Its general fund appropriation of their guns blazing from Altdamm, potential of the Superforts' threat her home on West Warren street about \$132,000,000 exclusive of an the Stettin suburb on the east bank to Japan. Instead of diminishing, this morning after a lingering illeach mission was flown by 300 or ness and the funeral will be held ed along 63 miles of the lower On the Hungarian front the Ger- more B-29s. In the near future, mans said the Russians were at- long range P-51 Mustangs, battle three colors with her paster. Boy ployes, was about \$2,000,000 under tacking all the way between Lake tested in Europe as escort fighters three o'clock, with her pastor, Rev. and as fighter-bombers, can pro- Paul Hardin, assisted by Dr. Zeno Interment will follow in Sunset cemetery, beside her hus-

> Mrs. Gaffney before marriage Franklin Gaffney and they moved to Shelby in 1890 to make their Radio silence today still blan-keted movements of the 5th fleet her sweet manner and her fine Christian attributes. She was the mother of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others grew to adulthood and assumed a prominent part in the life of their communities. SURVIVORS

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. B. H. Kendall, Mrs. J. H. Carroll, and Mrs. D. Z. Newton of Shelby, and Mrs. J. R. Thomas of See DEATH Page 2

WHAT'S DOING

3:00 p.m.-Mass meeting of Kings Mountain association First Baptist church. 7:30 p.m.—Mission meeting at First Baptist

7:00 p.m.-Regular meeting of Kiwanis club at Hotel

7:30 p.m.-C. A. P. meets at armory. 7:00 p.m.-Gillespie chapter of Royal Ambassadors meets at First Baptist church.

FRIDAY 7:30 p.m.—Mission revival session at First Baptist church

Fleeing German Civilians Clog Army Retreat Routes

trying to make a political issue of lied armies. Ensley, William Jennings Kelly, Daniel Jackson Morgan, J. R. help our situation. Nor are we included the situation bease, Melvin Randolph Lampley, clined to serve civilians when sertice is depied to men in uniform." R help our situation. Nor are we in- civilians, and likened the situation area.

LONDON, March 22-(A)-Hun- ing before them a flood of refu- the character and tradition" of the dreds of thousands of German civ- gees which impeded Allied troops Spanish people. The foreign policy large metropolis. Whatever may be ilians were reported in full flight trying to stem the enemy tide. pursued by Franco, he said, "com-

the government's objectives, he today from the Ruhr valley and Speeding the mass exodus was promises the future of the naknows how they best can be ob- menaced areas immediately east of news of the disaster which has be- tion." the Rhine, gravely hindering Nazi fallen the German armies east of "However, it looks to us as military transport in their frantic the Rhine and ominous German become king through restoration of though somebody in Washington is haste to escape the advancing Al- radio predictions of an impending Allied airborne invasion of the litical constitution by popular vote. this and we are not willing to take Swedish advices said roads lead- Ruhr-predictions given color by Kelly Thompson, James Clifford a position that might embarrass ing eastward to Nuernberg and concentrated Allied air attacks yesEnsley, William Jennings Kelly, the mayor, who has been trying to Munich were clogged with fleeing terday on Nazi airfields in that

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FIGHT AT MAINZ **GOES INTO ITS** THIRD DAY

Nazis Lost Virtually Two Whole Armies In Saarland Debacle

POISED FOR ATTACK

PARIS, March 22.—(AP)-The Third and Seventh Armies crushed all but disorganized German pockets west of dreds north of the Ruhr, where the enemy said the Allies had massed enormous, an imminent new crossing of the river.

Only remnants remained to be cleaned up in the German chemical capital of Ludwigshafen, enveloped by the Third Army. A stiff fight for Mainz flared into its third day. The Germans in the Palatinate and Saarland had lost probably well over 100,000 men-88,335 in prisoners aloneand two whole armies in one of the greatest debacles in Prussian military lore.

The U. S. Seventh army sped 28 miles north, passing many positions captured by the Third and forming numerous lineups with the Third army.

Just north of the closing battle of the Palatinate, the First army pushed to the Sieg river at points 12 miles from the Ruhr and 13 of its large industrial centers at Mulheim and Gladbach, east of Co-

Nervous German broadcasts and the isolating blows of Allied planes focused attention in the tank country of the German plains north of the Rhur and the great industrial basin itself, marked for conquest by Gen. Eisenhower. The Wesphalian flatlands lead to Berlin's north door.

"Three Allied armies are poismoment now in the general offensive," Berlin said.

These were the Canadian First, the British Second, the American Ninth and - by enemy account "considerable parts of the American First army," also fighting south of the Ruhr and east of the

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FRANCO ASKED TO RESIGN JOB

Son Of Former King Wants Way Left Open For Peace

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, March 22-(A)-Prince Juan, son of former King Alfonso and heir to the now non-existent throne of Spain, called upon Francisco Franco today to resign and leave the way open for "establishment of peace and concord among all Spaniards."

In a statement given to the Associated Press recalling the sixth anniverary of the end of the Spanish war, the Prince. Count of Barcelona, declared that restoration of the monarchy "alone can provide an effective guarantee for religion. order and liberty."

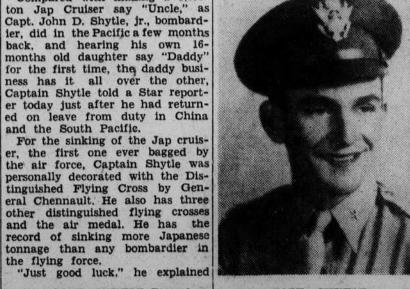
"I incite no one to rebellion, he said, "but I would wish to remind those who support the existing political regime of the tremendous responsibilities they incur by contributing to prolongation of a situation which inevitably will bring the country to irreparable ruin.

DESIRES PEACE He declared he awaited the moment when he could realize his "most ardent desire"-peace among the Spanish factions.

Juan declared that the Franco regime was modeled on the Axis totalitarian system "contrary to

The Prince said that if he should the monarchy he would seek a poislative assembly popularly elected, more equitable distribution of

Protection of the rights of the individual, political liberties, a legwealth, and eliminate of unjust social differences.



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