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NAZIS CAUGHT IN RUHR AT

YANKS FIND GOING SURPRISINGLY EASY ON OKINAY

Push Eastward Toward Bay Fleet Anchorage; New Landings Reported

GUAM, April 2.—(AP)—Thousands of U. S. Tenth Army infantrymen and marines invaded strategic Okinawa-325 miles from Japan proper-Easter morning at little cost and found the going still surprisingly easy as they pushed eastward today toward the important Nakagusuku Bay fleet

The Yanks went ashore on the west coast at 8:30 A. M. yesterday (6:30 P. M. Saturday, eastern war time), quickly captured two airfields and a dozen virtually deserted villages and towns. By nightfall they had carved out a beachhead three miles deep at points on an isthmus eight miles wide, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Front reports said a third airstrip—unidentified—also

The Yank invaders walked inland from the beaches 200 yards or more without once having to seek shelter.

Tough fighting is expected, however, as the Japanese reorganize for defense. The enemy, surprised by invasion of Okinawa's western shore near Katena after a 10-day bombing and bombardment of his eastern shore defenses, was expected to fight fanatically from prepared positions, probably in the low hills in the center of the island. Estimates of Japanese strength on Okinawa range from 60,000 to 100,-000 troops.

"Final, decisive victory is assur- MDC ed." Nimitz declared as he personally read his Sunday communique announcing the invasion. But he warned that Japan itself still must be conquered.

Capture of Okinawa will afford airfields for intensified aerial neuralization of the empire's home airfields and continued devastation of its war vital industrial cen-

"It is difficult to over-em phasize the importance of this

NEW YORK, April 2-(AP)-American invasion forces have started landings on Kume island, about 60 miles west of Okinawa and west of the Kerama group, a Tokyo broadcast reported by the Blue network said today.

operation," asserted Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, ir., commander of the new 10th army. His command comprises the 24th army corps and the Marine Third Amphibious corps, made up of probably six divisions-all veterans of Pa-

cific fighting. Buckner watched the landings from the flagship of Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, commanisland yet invaded," he told Associated Press Correspondent Vern

Okinawa is only 325 air miles southwest of Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands: 365 northeast of Formosa, 750 from Luzon and 400 from the China

Nakagusuku Bay, would afford See PUSH Page 2

Japanese Dead In Philippines Above 307,000

By FRED HAMPSON

MANILA, April 2. —(P)— American troops, clearing the Japanese out of the Philippines on a dozen fronts, counted 10,971 additional enemy dead in the last five days. This brought Japanese dead for

the entire Philippines campaign to ed American toll of dead, wounded and missing of around 30,000.

Jen. Douglas MacArthur's Mon-

day communique, reporting the five-day count, said 185 Japanese were captured. American losses for the period were given as 340 killed, 48 missing and 919 wounded. American gains on all fronts were announced.

Japanese counterattacked elements of the 25th division in stubborn fighting on northern Luzon but were beaten off. The 25th continued mopping up by-passed posi-tions along the Villa Verde trail. Thirty-third division troops, pushing towards the Philippine

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Prominent Raleigh Woman Killed In Fire, Details 'Mysterious'

RALEIGH, April 2 -(AP)- The charred body of Mrs. John V. Highman, about 65, wealthy and prominent club woman and civic her home in an exclusive residential area here under circumstances which Coroner Roy M. Banks said

Banks said that firemen had

been unable to find a large jewelry box which Mrs. Highman kept in her bedroom, and that two large diamond rings were missing from her fingers. Her wedding band

Her body was found halfway between the steps leading from the living room to the upstairs and the front door. Her clothing had der of the Amphibious operation. been burned off. Banks said that From the standpoint of our of- part of her corset was found unfensive, this is the most valuable der her, leading him to the belief es left a toll of at least eight dead,

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W.HAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.-Junior Chamber of Commerce meets at Hotel

Charles. 7:30 p.m.-City council meets at council chamber in city

7:30 p.m.—American Legion post meets at Legion building. 7:30 p.m.—Piedmont Boy Scout court of honor meets at courthouse.

8:00 p.m.-Revival service at First Baptist church. TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.—Revival service at First Baptist church. 7:30 p.m.-C. A. P. members meet at armory.

By STERLING F. GREEN

2. Otherwise reconversion at

home will be slowly-paced; we

will not eat as well this year.

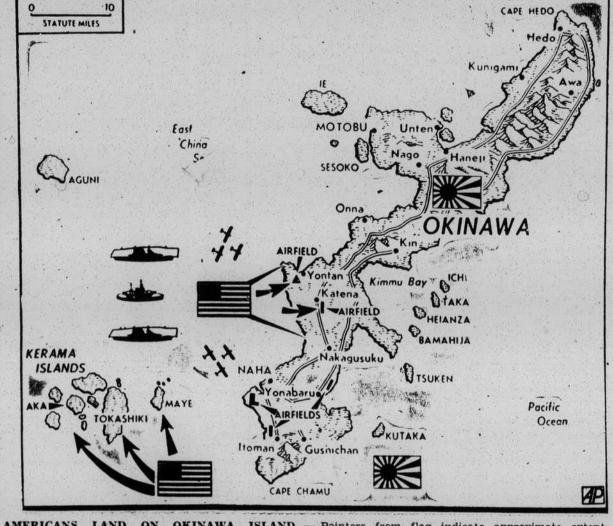
and price, wage and rationing

8:00 pm.-Revival service at First Baptist church. See SOUTH Page 2

In Sight' By Byrnes

rope "is in sight," Americans had this double promise today from War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes: 1. The midnight curfew, the brown-out and the horse racing ban will be lifted promptly on war mobilization and reconverwhen that victory comes. Gaso-line rations may be increased sion. Made public Saturday night, it disclosed that:

NEW AUTOMOBILES -



AMERICANS LAND ON OKINAWA ISLAND - Pointers from flag indicate approximate extent of initial U. S. beachhead on Okinawa, Japanese island invaded in what Adm. Chester W. Nimitz described as the largest amphibious operation of the Pacific war. Arrows from flags point to airfields taken on Okinawa and to Kerama Islands, taken by Yanks March 26.

On March 6 he was nominated

JAMES F. BYRNES

to that date he was director of

Byrnes had submitted his re-

signation on March 24, while

preparing a report to President

Roosevelt and congress which

outlined the plans he has de-

veloped for reconversion after

Before that, Vinson was a judge

on the federal circuit court of ap-

peals for the District of Columbia

Earlier he served a long term as

Mr. Roosevelt said it was with

"heartfelt regret" that he had 're-

He said he had no alternative

other than to accept, but request-

ed the former supreme court jus-

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Economic Stabilization.

Germany's collapse.

FORMER JUDGE

fice today.

Byrnes Resigns; To Be BEN JENKINS Succeeded By Vinson FARM AGENT

Will Stay On Job Until Vinson's Nomination Is Ap- Commissioners Pick Naproved By Senate

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt acleader, was found early today in cepted today the resignation of James F. Byrnes as director Cleveland county and assistant of war mobilization and reconversion, and picked Fred M.

Vinson to succeed him. The house had been badly damtil Vinson's nomination is approv-It was the second change of jobs ice. for Vinson in less than a month.

> Floods, Tornadoes, Tidal Waves Leave 8 Dead, Property Damage

> By The Associated Press Floods, tornadoes and tidal wavhundreds homeless and uncounted property damage in the deep south

Week-end deluges, which actompanied the sporadic storms, increased the flood danger along the Mississippi's tributaries where engineers have battled to save levees for weeks. A three-foot tidal wave from the Gulf of Mexico swept up Atchafalaya river into Horgan City, La., flooding 30 blocks and driving 70 families from their homes.

At Mobile, Ala., high winds and tides capsized a boat in Mobile Bay and a man was drowned. In several waterfront areas residents had to be evacuated from their Federal Loan Administrator. Prior

THREE KILLED Three persons were killed, three others injured and several homes

destroyed by a tornado which hit Caney, La. Another twister de-Victory In Europe Seen

WASHINGTON, April 2- (AP) sent high rate of taxes," must Told officially that victory in Eube continued until Japan is

> "The days of Naziism are numbered, and the end of the war in a representative from Kentucky. Europe is in sight," Byrnes said in his quarterly report to congress ceived Byrnes' resignation.

Twenty per cent of the resources tice and senator from South Caronow going to war will be released lina to make the resignation effec-

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tive Clevelander For County Post

Ben F. Jenkins, jr., a native of farm agent in Alamance county, was the unanimous choice this Byrnes will stay on the job un- morning of the Cleveland board 5,000 Allied Prisoners of commissioners for Cleveland farm agent to succeed John S. ed by the senate. Then he will Wilkins, who has resigned to enbreak Vinson into his new duties, ter State college extension serv-

> The new agent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Jenkins of the Newhouse community. He attended Polkville high school, Gardner-Webb college for two years and graduated from North Carolina State college in 1937. He worked with the Randolph' county farm agent's office for several years

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Star Gives Vets Free Advertising

Free classified advertising for any honorably discharged service man or woman seeking employment here will be given by The Shelby Daily Star, it was announced today by the management.

Recognizing the vital necessity for furthering the interests of returning veterans of this war, the new policy will allow ex-service personnel to publish classified advertisements for jobs without cost to

Miss Barbara Elam, manager of the classified department, or any member of the organization will gladly assist any veteran in such.

today.)

IN AUSTRIA

Soviets 4 Miles From Vital Railway Between Vienna, Italy

TOLBUKHIN ADVANCE

MOSCOW, April 2.—(AP)— Russian forces battled for mans launched their first coordinated attack today to break Neudorfl, three miles east of an escape corridor through the Allies' steel ring circling the the Messerschmitt assembly center if Wiener Neustadt in Army's Ninth division near Winterburg about halfway be-Austria today.

Other Soviet Columns Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' lines to the east. smashed within 20 miles of Vienna and drove hard and beating back this desperate attempt of Marshal Kesagainst Germans in the Bratislava Gap.

Spearheads of Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army pounded gap fortifications from the south between captured Sopron on the Neuseidler See and Wiener Neusadt, and pushed into the Lie-tha mountains farther north. The Russians drove within eight miles of Wiener Neustadt, and were only four miles from the vital railway linking Vienna with northern

East of Bratislava, troops of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army were moving down the Karpaty mountains, west of Trnava and within 12 miles of the capital of the puppet state of Slovakia. Another Russian column fought for the railway june on of Lar atz, only eight and a half miles due east of Bratislava and five

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Prisoners Taken In Bulge Fighting Rescued

NEAR SIEGENHAIN, GER-MANY, April 2-(AP)-Twelve hundred and seventy-seven Americans captured in the Belgian bulge battle last winter were among 5,-000 prisoners freed from a barbedwire enclosure here by the U. S. Sixth Armored division after enduring diabolical mistreatment from their Nazi captors.

almost every state of the union, or three weeks beyond April 25. had lost 25 to 40 pounds a man during 3 1-2 months as prisoners nation at the moment, however, on a semi-starvation diet.

Equally mistreated were other ment. nationals found in the enclosures TWO QUESTIONS in an open field in this sector, a- The Polish issue actually inbout 14 miles south of Kassel volves two closely related ques-They included 2,000 British and Dominion troops, 1,000 Russians 1. Reorganization of the pres- HITS NEW PEAK and 300 of other nationalities. JEWISH WOMEN

and 35. They told of atrocious ministration. mistreatment at the hands of the 2. Representation for Poland are in full bloom and in great a-Germans and said that in some at the San Francisco conference, bundance. Trees are budding instances sick girls unable to work This became an open controversy leaves are forming and all nature had been thrown into trucks with Saturday with disclosure that Rus- is taking on renewed life from a corpses, hauled off and cremated. sia had requested and Britain and dormant winter, just as Christ rose

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Smooth Solution Of Pol-

ish Question

ing at top speed to avoid a show- ed the long silence about the 21st down with Russia over Polish par- army group advance in the Ruhr ticipation in the San Francisco late today. United Nations conference. High officials here hope the

Polish national unity government agreed upon at Yalta in February still may be set up in time to resolve Should it appear in the next few days that this hope might be trans-

formed into a probability with additional time, the opening date of The Americans, who came from the conference may be delayed two These officials show little inclito favor a prolonged postpone-

In addition, the American Ar- elements" from both inside and mored division also rescued 900 outside the country. The United significant manner throughout the Jewish women who had been States and Britain have counted country. Several things contribbrought into the area from Hun- heavily on getting former Premier uted to making it the greatest gary as slave laborers. The wo- Mikolajczyk of the exiled govern- Easter the county, state and namen were between the ages of 16 ment at London into the new ad- tion have ever celebrated.

The Americans' clothes hung on the United States had vetoed an from the sealed grave and defied

Jap Documents Indicate Manila after the crucifixion. SPECIAL SERVICES The report was dated yesterday and Byrnes had hoped to leave of-**Atrocities Ordered By Officials** Vinson worked closely with Byrnes while serving as stabilization direc-Japanese documents bearing dates the field were Nipponese documents of this momentous event in the (Editor's Note: Most of the

Manila atrocity stories herein summarized were reported by the Associated Press as they were discovered during the fighting in the city. The following is a summation as componese garrison. piled by American military units The atrocities were not, the reports indicated, the work of and sworn to by civilians who isolated groups of Japanese who survived them or by soldiers who discovered them. The comtook matters into their own plete reports, most of them in hands, although at the time a affidavit form, were disclosed

By FRED HAMPSON MANILA, April 2-(A)-Captured less civilians in the downtown bat-

between last Dec. 23 and Febru- and orders captured by soldiers of life of Christ began with sunrise ary 14 strongly suggested today the U. S. Army's 14th Corps, some services at many churches and that the wholesale atrocities on of them mimeographed and bound, continued throughout the day, civilians in Manila were the result of battle orders issued to the Nip- tained the following order issued they could fill. Merchants report

Feb. 13: good many of them so appear-

Included in the documentary reports of Japanese slaughter of help-

side the walled Intramuros, on spring clothing.

ut to death.'

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tween Paderborn and Siegen, trying to smash a lane through But at last reports the doughboys were holding firm selring to save some of his troops trapped in the Ruhr. Tens of thousands of German troops were caught in a

of Berlin and 198 of the Russian

lines in the east in a mighty cam-

The British Second army, wheel-

ing toward the north German

ports, plunged to the outskirts of

the Westphalian capital of Muen-

ster and 122 from Hamburg. Len-

gerich is 74 miles from Bremen

Field Marshal Montgomery lift-

paign to bisect Germany.

1945 EASTER

Easter 1945 was observed in most

It is an early spring, Flowers

steel vise formed by the juncture of the First and Ninth armies, who had cut all major escape routes. Swift American infantry, following quickly in the wake of the Third Armored division, mounted guard over all pos-

WITH U. S. FIRST ARMY, April 2.—(AP)—The Ger-

German infantry supported by tanks hit the First

Ruhr. Hard fighting still was in progress early tonight.

110,000 Crack

German Troops

Said Encircled

sible escape avenues. PARIS, April 2.—(P)—The American First and Ninth Armies have trapped 21 divisions of 110,000 first line enemy troops in the Ruhr and the British Second Army, driving

swiftly northeast, threatened today to throw a noose about another whole army group in Holland, reducing German The Ninth army has driven 100

miles east of the Rhine, well past the Ruhr and its vast steel and The Third army, rambling swift-SHOWDOWN ON ly and almost at will over central Germany, crashed into Kassel and Fulda and drove within 155 miles

PARTICIPATION U. S. Diplomats Work For Lengerich, 20 miles northeast of

WASHINGTON, April 2. -(AP)and 217 from Berlin. United States diplomats are work-

and on the Westphalian plains Among towns captured were Rheine and Enschede. Britons were in the outskirts of Gronau. The Zutphen-Enschede canal has been reached

The entire German army group B commanded by Field Marshal Walther von Model was trapped in the Ruhr. In army group B are the Fifth German Panzer army, last See 110,000 Page 2

ent Soviet-sponsored Warsaw regime to include Polish "Democratic

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the armed Roman guards that stood watch over the sepulchre where he had lain for three days

Churches had special Easter serbroke all records. The observance One Japanese message book con- Florists had more orders than to the Kobayashi group, then in- a heavy pre-Easter buying of

Another thing that contributed "All people on the battlefield with to the spirit of this Easter occasthe exception of Japanese military ion and its wide celebration was personnel, Japanese civilians and the good war news from all fronts. special construction units will be People are confident of an early victory in Europe and this gives The following is a paragraph them hope for a lasting world peace and good-will which the ris-

en Christ lived and died for.