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Reds Set For Rumanian Drive

Court Holds OPA Rent Plan Constitutional, In 8-1 Ruling

Roberts Is Only Court Dissenter

No Unlawful Grant Of Power Made, Says High Court Decree

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today held constitutional the OPA rent control program.

Justice Douglas delivered the eight to one decision on proceedings involving Mrs. Kate C. Willingham, of Macon, Ga. Justice Roberts wrote a dissenting opinion.

Chief Justice, OPA administrator, sought in the Federal district court at Macon, to restrain Mrs. Willingham from prosecuting State court proceedings seeking \$4,000 in damages of an order fixing a rent ceiling for her property.

The district court held the legislation was an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power. The OPA appealed that decision directly to the Supreme Court.

The majority opinion stated that there was "no grant of unbridled administrative discretion" as Mrs. Willingham argued. "Congress has not told the administrator to fix rents whenever and wherever he might like, at whatever levels he pleases," Justice Douglas stated. "Congress has directed that maximum rents be fixed in those areas where defense activities have resulted, or threatened to result, in increased rents inconsistent with the purpose of the act."

"And it has supplied the standard and the base period to guide the administrator in determining what the maximum rents should be in a given area. The criteria to guide the administrator are certainly not more vague than the standards governing the determination by the secretary of agriculture of marketing areas and minimum prices for milk."

NEW RABIES DEATH WORRIES WASHINGTON

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—The rapid spread of rabies in dogs since an epidemic of mad dog broke out last summer, was reported today.

Latest victim was Mrs. Estelle Kirby, 63, who was knocked down and bitten last October by a large dog which attacked her in front of the Shoreham hotel. She was given the Pasteur treatment but died March 17.

Rumanian Convoy Torpedoed, Division Lost In Black Sea

New York, March 27.—(AP)—Russian submarines attacked a Rumanian convoy evacuating troops from the Crimea Thursday night and practically an entire Rumanian division was lost, the British radio declared today. The broadcast, which gave no source for its information, was recorded by CBS.

Great Events Shaping Up In Pacific War Theatre

Washington, March 27.—The length of the war against Japan may be decided by offensive moves in the Pacific which are now in preparation. These operations will be the most important of the war to date in the Pacific theatre.

The importance of these plans was tipped off by the fact that Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, recently held an extensive round of conferences in Washington on strategy. He made his first public appearance in Washington during these conversations.

Likewise, other high-ranking naval and military officers from the Central, South and Southwest Pacific have been moving in and out of Washington, sometimes secretly and

NELSON URGES WAR WORK FOR 4-F'S



WAR PRODUCTION BOARD CHAIRMAN Donald M. Nelson (right) speaks to Rep. John M. Costello of California shortly after his appearance before the House Military Affairs Committee in Washington. The WPB chief said he favored some type of legislation that would force 4-F's and others exempt from military service into essential war work so that "they can pull on the oars just like their brothers in the armed services." He told committee members that he believed it is too late now to enact a full-scale national service act.

Democrats Lash Back At Critics

Foreign Policy of Administration Is Vigorously Defended

Washington, March 27.—(AP)—Democrats lashed back at mounting Republican criticism today with a vocal defense of the administration's foreign policies, and an attack on the "isolationist" opposition they said would pave the way for World War III.

Declaring that he shared a New Deal approach toward the world, Chairman Connally, Texas Democrat, on the foreign relations committee, took to task the critics who said the State Department had no definite foreign policy and is operating on a day-by-day basis.

"Of course, we have a foreign policy, and it has been well defined by the objectives laid down by Secretary of State Hull and others," Connally declared in an interview. "But the first thing we have to do is win the war. Diplomacy must be subordinated to that right now. That doesn't mean that we are not planning for the future."

"We are not going to say to our allies, 'Here, you've got to do this.'"

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at times publicly. Nelson has and the United Nations must obtain bases on the coast of China in order to hit Japan effectively from the air. That means the Pacific fleet must drive straight across the Japanese mandated islands or it must support Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces in a move straight from New Guinea through the Philippines.

Senate Republicans have been discussing Eric Johnston, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, as a possible Republican candidate for vice president.

They commented that Johnston is growing in political stature. His recent speech advising both capital and

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Barrage By Huge Guns Is Started

German Stand for Odessa Is Doomed, In London's View

London, March 27.—(AP)—The Red army was poised today for its first thrust onto enemy soil after smashing triumphantly to the Prut river border from which Hitler launched the southern wing of his ill-starred invasion of Rumania nearly three years ago.

Russian big guns already are laying down a barrage on Rumanian territory, Moscow dispatches said today, and Soviet infantrymen were expected to cross the Prut, which they reached on a 24-mile front yesterday, only a week after they captured Bucharest, Rumania's capital.

French Marshal Stalin, who announced the conquest of part of "our state frontier," also reported the capture of the Bessarabian rail city of Dvltsi, a victory which closed another German avenue of retreat from lower Russia. Other Soviet forces were declared within 20 miles of Iasi (Gassya) through which runs the major Nazi escape railway from the big Black Sea port of Odessa.

The surge to the Prut was regarded in London as a blow to German stand at Odessa and besieged Nikolov. It also reports that Hitler was making use of armored reinforcements through Hungary and Rumania, suggesting that he probably would make a stand in Rumania in an attempt to hold to the Ploesti oil fields. The Rumanians were reported within 200 miles of the vital oil regions and 250 miles from Bucharest, Rumanian capital.

The Russians also hammered out new gains near the middle Danube river yesterday, a Soviet communiqué announcing that Kamenetz Podolsk, in the southwestern corner of the Ukraine, had been encircled, and that the Red army was already storming through its streets. The communications center was vital as an escape gap for defeated German troops streaming southward from fallen Proskurov.

In old Poland, where some Russian units are within 25 miles of the 1911 Bug river frontier between Germany and Russia, the Red army was declared to have surrounded Tarnopol, bitterly defended for weeks, and to be wiping out its garrison, capturing about 1000 prisoners.

Japs Leave 300 Dead On Bougainville

BY LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

London, March 27.—Report of the State and other agencies in London today said that the Japanese had been driven off an important island of 41,000 at Mororan (Truong Sinh) in the Solomons. Following closely in its wake was the withdrawal of 20,000 not properly accounted for. East Carolina Teachers College, the latest announced shortage is more significant than it would be about. There was marked similarity between the two incidents. At Greenville, the students, president of the college, intermingled public funds with his private accounts as a means of raising the money to meet the shortage. The school is now being run by the trustees of the college. Following closely in its wake was the withdrawal of 20,000 not properly accounted for. East Carolina Teachers College, the latest announced shortage is more significant than it would be about. There was marked similarity between the two incidents. At Greenville, the students, president of the college, intermingled public funds with his private accounts as a means of raising the money to meet the shortage. The school is now being run by the trustees of the college.

A. In the enemy's previous offensive from March 8 to 13, in which he lost more than 1,100 dead, the American casualties in the Thursday thrust were remarkably low. Four dead, 11 wounded and one missing remained with the 300 Japanese dead abandoned within American lines.

The Japanese preceded their latest attack with artillery fire, sending 70 shells into American positions. Their fire also damaged two Allied airfields and caused some casualties.

Allied bombers and American destroyers replied in support of ground troops, damaging enemy gun positions and starting fires in his supply areas.

ROMMEL'S QUARTERS SET UP IN HOLLAND

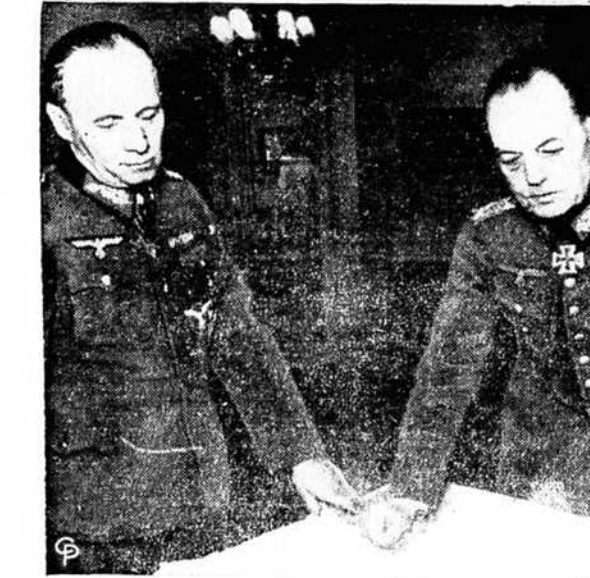
London, March 27.—(AP)—Aneta, Netherlands news agency, said today that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, German anti-invasion chief, has established headquarters in Breda, occupied Netherlands, near the mouth of the Rhine, and some 20 miles southeast of Rotterdam.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy and cool tonight, preceded by showers in extreme east portion. Tuesday, fair to partly cloudy and slightly cooler.

Victory Address By Churchill Is Well Received In Britain

LOOKING FOR INVASION ANSWER



NAZI MARSHAL Erwin Rommel (left) and Marshal Von Rundstedt, commander of the West, look anxiously at a censored map showing the disposition of their troops as they try to figure out where the Allied invasion will strike. The photo is from a neutral source. (International)

Germans Declare U. S. Commandos Force Wiped Out

London, March 27.—(AP)—The German high command declared today that an American "commando force" had landed northwest of the naval base of La Spezia, on the Gulf of Genoa, 200 miles above Rome, but had been wiped out.

The formation consisted of two officers and 12 men, Berlin said in its broadcast communiqué. There was no Allied confirmation of the report.

ECTC Group Faces Charge Of Disloyalty

GREENVILLE, March 27.—(AP)—Three members of the Executive Committee of the Teachers College here said today they had received no word from President Lewis H. Mumford, to appear before the trustees April 1 "to answer charges of disloyalty to the administration of the college."

They are Dr. Howard Gardner, M. I. Wright and E. J. Beck. On a fourth, Carl L. Adams, who had received a complete list of disloyal acts last December, but declined to comment.

The trustees on April 1 will consider a resolution adopted last November authorizing the president to make any charges, even disloyalty, against faculty members by "virtue of the fact that they are both students and faculty."

Jap Progress In India Slowed By Allied Units

NEW DELHI, March 27.—(AP)—Japanese progress in their invasion of India has been slowed by Allied units.

Across the Naga hills, near Kohima, lies the Bhamo Assam railway, vital artery for Allied forces in the north. But Japanese pressure in the United area, 25 miles north of Imphal, "is being resisted," the communiqué said, adding that severe fighting had taken place. This was an indication that one of the three Japanese invasion spearheads had been stopped.

Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's commanders marshaled strength to meet the general offensive aimed at cutting the Allies' Assam supply lines.

The communiqué disclosed that Japanese lands had been encircled on the Tuddim-Imphal road, another invasion route, and several of them destroyed.

Essen Feels 2,000 Tons Of Bombs

Other Targets Hit Also in Big Raid By British Planes

London, March 27.—(AP)—British heavy bombers thundered over western Germany in very great strength last night and dropped a crushing weight of high explosives and incendiaries, perhaps 2,000 tons, on the battered city of Essen, sight of the sprawling Krupp armament works.

At the same time, a smaller force of RAF raiders hammered the German rubber center of Hannover, 125 miles to the northeast, and pounded railway target at Coesfeld, in Belgium.

Other unreported targets in western Germany also were attacked and some were hit in enemy waters, ending the sweeping overnight operation, which the air ministry said cost a total of nine planes.

Essen was last raided in force by the RAF the night of July 25, 1942, when more than 2,000 long tons of explosives were unloaded on the city as the culmination of a series of terrific mass assaults.

Last year, however, a single severe raid on Essen, directed nearly exclusively at the Krupp works, including not at least six months of shelling, but the Germans were believed to have sustained most casualties in the city's industrial area.

Essen is one of the most important steel and iron-making plants, manufacturing tanks and aircraft parts, automobiles, trucks and aircraft plants.

Cassino Front Is Marked By Heavy Artillery Duels

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 27.—(AP)—The Allied assault on Cassino, temporarily stalled short of its objectives, had changed today into a artillery duel in which a massive mass of Allied guns was seeking to knock out German positions dominating the town's southwest corner.

An announcement said Allied artillery had begun a campaign to destroy both the Continental hotel and the Hotel de Roses, which the Germans have converted into fortresses.

A large explosion occurred when artillery engaged a cluster of Ger-

Omissions Cause Some Surprises

Says False Alarms To Precede Actual Invasion of Europe

London, March 27.—(AP)—Restrained approval, lacking in the enthusiasm of the early war years, was expressed today by most London newspapers for Prime Minister Churchill's address last night, in which he confidently predicted victory and praised the Russians' westward advance as "the greatest cause of Hitler's undoing."

Generally speaking, there seemed some apprehensiveness among the average Britons, who had been expecting an "all-out" effort to valor on the part of the military, despite events now disclosed by Churchill, warning that "the hour of greatest effort is approaching."

In his 17-minute broadcast address, his first for a year, the prime minister did not touch upon problems of diplomacy confronting the Allied nations, as some quarters had expected, but reviewed the war's progress in all theatres, strongly defended his administration and in general terms outlined post-war economic plans for Britain.

He spoke only guardedly of the forthcoming western invasion of Europe, but in one obvious reference declared:

"I must warn you that, to deceive and battle the enemy, there will be many false alarms, feints and dress rehearsals. When the signal is given the whole circle of warring nations will hurl themselves on the foe."

Announcing that American air power in Britain now exceeds that of the vastly expanded RAF, he predicted that the two mighty forces together in future months would produce results "which will generally be of enormous advantage to the cause of the Allies."

In the Pacific, he said, it is possible that progress may be made more rapidly than was formerly thought "possible," because the Japanese are showing signs of grave weakness under hammer blows from the expanded United States Navy.

Turning to Russia with words of personal praise for Marshal Stalin, the prime minister declared:

"Not only have the Hun invaders been driven from the land they have invaded, but the gifts of the German army have been largely torn out by Russian valor and generalship."

The victory advance of the Soviet armies, he pointed to the triumph of the Balkans. Churchill said, "has been the main cause of Hitler's approaching doom in these regions," with "promise and tenacity" already prevailing in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria.

He said that the night of the 26th was the third in a series of night raids in force by RAF heavy bombers.

most six-barreled mortars, possibly including an ammunition dump was hit. The only other ground activity at Cassino was by infantry.

The center of infantry activity shifted to the Anzio beachhead, where Allied forces drove back two small raiding parties, which probed the center line. German guns shelled the left flank of the beachhead lines.

In the air, American and British heavy, medium and fighter bombers attacked scattered ports, railroads and air field targets in northern Italy yesterday. Seven enemy planes were shot down. Five Allied planes were missing.