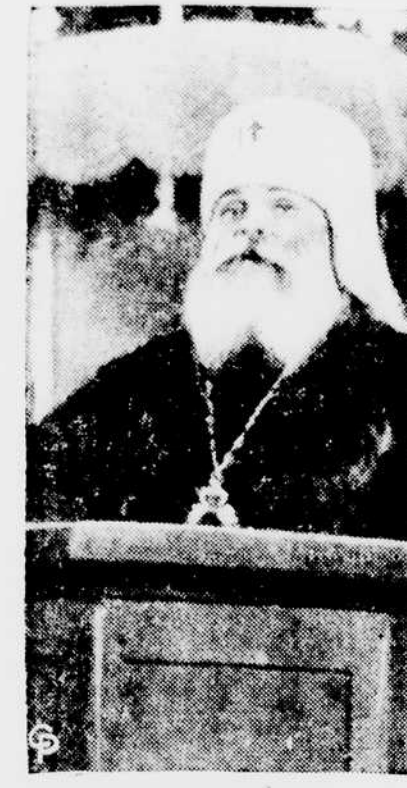


CANADIAN DRIVE FOUR MILES IN GERMANY

At Moscow Meeting



METROPOLITAN Benjamin, head of the Russian Orthodox churches of North America and the Aleutians, is shown addressing a meeting of the National Council of the Russ in a Church in Moscow. (International)

Russians Open Fresh Drives

Reds Within 25 Miles Of Stettin Now

Breslau Threatened With Encirclement On Silesian Front

London, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The Russians have smashed to within 25 miles of Stettin, the port of Berlin, and have exploded a fresh offensive north-west of Breslau, threatening the encirclement of that huge Silesian industrial center, it was reported today.

More Bills Offered For Mentally Ill

One Measure Would Admit Women Into The State Guard

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Bills to extend additional aid to the mentally unfortunate and to provide for establishment of a 50-bed hospital for spastic paralytic children were introduced today in the legislature.

Senator O'Berry of Wayne, sponsor of two of the measures, said that a special commission appointed by former Governor Brantley had studied the needs of a spastic paralytic hospital and had found a great need for it.

A board of directors would be appointed by the governor to study the matter and report back to the next assembly. It would have authority to select a superintendent and fix his salary, subject to the approval of the budget bureau. It could accept donations but could not spend money on permanent improvements until such provision is made by the assembly. State-owned property could be utilized for the hospital.

Another O'Berry bill would direct that the hospital board of control should have a representative from each congressional district and three at large, all appointed by the governor for staggered terms.

Senator Mitchell of Iredell sent up a bill to liberalize the rules for commitment to mental hospitals. His measure, drawn up by 15 mental experts of the state, would allow commitment by recommendation of two physicians.

Representatives Barker of Durham and Smith of Davidson introduced bills to require the immunization of children against whooping cough before they become one year old, and to require the immunization of children against smallpox before they enter school.

Women could be recruited for the State Guard under a measure by Representative Caviness of Guilford. Guardsmen would be exempt from jury duty and the State Guard would be made a permanent organization. The governor would be empowered to appoint one or more adjutants general to direct the guard.

Germans In Italy Begin Determined Counter Attacks

Rome, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The Germans have launched a counter attack in strength against positions newly regained by the fifth army in the Serchio valley north of Galliano, Allied headquarters announced today.

The enemy counter attack began a few hundred yards north of the village of Buchan and the official report said fighting still was in progress.

Marshal Gregory Zinoviev unleashed one of the war's heaviest artillery barrages along the Oder.

One of the first teams to fall in the new offensive of Marshal Ivan Konev from his Malsch bridgehead over the Oder was Puchwitz, 30 miles west-southwest of Breslau, the Berlin radio said.

The German commander said the first Ukrainian army thrust had carried almost to the "east front" of Legowitz, a rail center of 75,000, a little more than eight miles southeast of Puchwitz.

The Russian armies were within 10 to 15 miles of closing the escape gaps around Breslau, a city of 615,000. The town of Krutsh, twelve miles south of Breslau, was captured yesterday.

While Moscow had not officially confirmed the launching of the new drive, Moscow dispatches said Konev, in heavy fighting, was hitting at Legowitz, guarding the approaches to Saxony.

An Associated Press Dispatch from Moscow said advanced elements of Marshal Zhukov's White Russian army were less than 25 miles from Stettin, indicating a 13-mile advance from Russian positions reported in last night's Soviet communiqué.

A report's dispatch from Moscow said the Russians were within 19 miles of Stettin.

Other first White Russian army units were locked in a bitter struggle with reinforced German divisions along a 60-mile front in the middle Oder.

New York, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Stocks, with scattered exceptions, continued to stumble in today's market.

Prices wavered in most departments after a moderately irregular start. Dealings were relatively sluggish throughout, but declines of fractions to two points predominated near the fourth hour.

Bonds eased and commodities were mixed.

MacARTHUR INSPECTS FREED TOWN



FOLLOWING THE CAPTURE of Dagupan, Luzon, one of the highspots on the road to Manila, Gen. Douglas MacArthur (second from left) makes an inspection tour of the town, well aware that the "big prize" would soon be won. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (International)

CAMP O'DONNELL - PRISON OF HEROES



Only 15 men remain, but Camp O'Donnell (above) has become a national shrine in memory of the men of Batuan and Corregidor who suffered and died there as prisoners of the Japs. A Filipino colonel is quoted as estimating that of 20,000 men once crowded within the camp, 40,000 died. Abandoned by the Japs several months ago, the camp was seized by MacArthur's avenging forces as they swept down toward Manila from Lingayen Gulf on Luzon. It is pictured as they found it—neglected, overgrown with grass and weeds, but ground forever hallowed by the bodies of thousands who suffered and died there as soldiers of America. (International)

Yanks Nearing Manila Docks

Work-Jail Opposition Is Growing

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Fight Upon Wallace In Rules Body

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The congressional controversy over the government future of Henry A. Wallace marched today into the House Rules Committee, where a majority reportedly opposes him.

However, before the powerful committee opened public hearings, Speaker Rayburn, Texas Democrat, personally intervened to forestall serious discussion of the George bill.

The bill would clear the way for the former vice-president to become secretary of Commerce Department shortly after R.E.C. and other ending agencies.

The anti-Wallace faction had hoped to put on ice in the committee the Senate-approved legislation by Senator George, Georgia Democrat, and thereby bring about outright Senate rejection of Wallace in a vote of censure.

Now it appears the committee will vote some time next week, to let the George bill go on the House floor for a vote, but under a special rule allowing a vote on an amendment taking away President Roosevelt's war power to assign federal agencies.

Wallace opponents want this amendment, they say, to make sure the President assigns no duties to the former vice-president other than those of a job-titled Commerce Department.

Dr. Leon Meadows for certain expenditures noted in the former colleague's memorandum books.

Meadows is charged with embezzlement and false pretense in his handling of special and student funds.

Widhouse said in the cross-examination that one item of \$7.50 which was charged against Meadows should have been credited to him. In all, 75 items in the memo book were referred to.

Indications were that Judge Clavson Williams would reverse the court this afternoon until Monday. The defense is expected to consume at least ten days in presenting its case.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair and slightly warmer tonight. Increasing cloudiness and mild Saturday.

Offensive Carries Nearly Five Miles Inside Of Germany

U. S. First Army Is Within One Mile Of Great Dam On Roer

Paris, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The powerful new Canadian first army offensive penetrated at least four and a half miles into Germany and well into the Siegfried line today, forming the northern jaw of an Allied pincer drive against the Ruhr.

Burning Kleve, northern terminus of the Siegfried line, was immediately attacked. The new attack punch widened to seven miles. Formidable forest defenses in the Reichswald, considerably weakened by a terrific artillery and air bombardment, were being mopped up swiftly.

Five German and two Dutch towns fell. More than 1,200 Germans, including two battalion commanders, surrendered.

The American first army, 95 miles to the south, advanced to within a mile of the vast Schwammenauel dam, controlling flood waters on the Roer river—a barrier to the Ruhr and the Cologne plain.

The third army advanced to within a mile of Pirmasenz and reached the French river, eight miles inside the Reich.

The French first army broke the last German opposition south of Strasbourg and drew up to the upper Rhine banks on a 90-mile front from north of Strasbourg to Switzerland.

Like an avalanche, which moved slowly at first, General Eisenhower's offensive along the western front was gathering power.

German broadcasts said the Canadians had breached Nazi lines in a large-scale offensive. The weight of Allied attacks on other fronts also was said by Berlin to be increasing.

The British and Canadian troops of General Henry Crerar's Canadian first army were fighting less than eight miles from the elbow of the Rhine. Infantry, flame throwers and tanks met fierce opposition in spots, but at no point were the Germans able to check their momentum.

The British, cracking into the Reichswald from the northwest, overran Galesstein and advanced beyond it. The Canadians, after a tough fight in Zytlich, advanced well to the east of it in the deepest new penetration of Germany within five miles of Kleve.

AFL Requests John Lewis To State Terms

Manila, Feb. 9.—(AP)—John L. Lewis was asked today to make a formal declaration of the terms under which he would bring the United Mine Workers back to the American Federation of Labor.

The AFL executive council requested the statement before acting on the proposed reaffiliation of Lewis and his 600,000 miners, who left the federation in 1937.

Lewis' terms are said to be that he will return to the AFL "as is" and have the council arbitrate any jurisdictional disputes. These would arise mainly because of his miscellaneous district 107, which includes trades other than mining.

John Marchando and the Progressive Miners, which was designated under the AFL constitution at the Federation's mining union after Lewis is departed, vigorously protested the UMWA's return.

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Republicans Divided On Dewey Stand

Governor Supports Foreign Policy But Blasts Home Front

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey's declaration of cooperation with the administration's international objectives, today provoked both praise and dissent among Republican congressmen.

In an address last night, the 1944 presidential nominee said President Roosevelt has the support of both parties and the prayers of the American people in his current meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin. But, he added, "fervid" criticisms of the big three are not enough, and his criticism what he termed "false liberalism" in post-war domestic policy.

In effect, Dewey told a select crowd of banqueting party members here last night that the G. O. P. quarrel with the administration is one of individualities and methods, not objectives, so far as international relations are concerned.

But on the home front, the 1944 Republican presidential nominee found plenty of grounds for political fighting. Specifically, he mentioned what he called the administration's tendency to believe "that to cure every ill you pass a law and appropriate a billion dollars."

"The New York governor's demand for immediate American participation in the international decisions which are reshaping the map of Europe found almost universal approval among members of Congress.

Committees Delay Action

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A bill by Senator Penny of Guilford to provide that junk dealers keep detailed records of their purchases was amended in the Senate Judiciary II committee today, but action on the measure was deferred.

The amendment would exempt batches of junk of 200 or more pounds.

The bill was opposed by Representative Volger of Mecklenburg, former State savings director, who said it would be a hindrance to the war effort and force junk dealers to employ extra help.

The committee also deferred action on a bill by Senator Wallace of Johnston to allow divorce from a spouse who has been insane for ten years, and voted favorably on a bill to place use of youths of 16 or less under juvenile and domestic courts when charged with violating the motor vehicles laws.

The joint committee on unemployment compensation continued its discussion of bills to amend the UCC laws, particularly to extend their benefit to industries and businesses having one or more employees instead of the present necessary eight.

The bill also would extend benefits from 16 to 20 weeks, and increase minimum payments from \$3 to \$4, and maximum payments from \$16 to \$20 a week.

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Returning crewmen said the bombings were highly concentrated and many large fires and explosions were observed.