

BERLIN REPORTS NEW RHINE CROSSINGS

CATHEDRAL SPIRES RISE FROM RUINS



TOWERING ABOVE THE RUINS of the city, the famed Cologne Cathedral looks down upon a devastated street where, just a few moments before, a terrific battle had raged. Now all is quiet. Thanks to the accuracy and the care of American airmen, the cathedral stands undamaged in the midst of wreckage. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

Coal Parley Aggravated By Owners

Operators Attempt To Halt Strike Vote Planned for Miners

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—An attempt by some operators to halt a government strike vote among John L. Lewis coal miners today aggravated the already tense mine warring.

Lewis withheld immediate comment on the action of the Southern Coal Producers Association, employing about one-third of the 400,000 mine worker union members, asking the National Labor Relations Board to cancel strike vote plans.

The petition to NLRB yesterday added a new discordant note to the wage negotiations resuming today between Lewis and the operators for a new contract to replace one expiring March 31.

NLRB had been proceeding with plans to hold the strike vote, March 25 under the new labor dispute act, acting on the Lewis plea of February 26 that a dispute existed warranting automatic exercising of the act's strike vote provisions.

The southern operators contended there should be no election for the miners to say whether they want to strike April 1 in case a new wage agreement is lacking then—because "no labor dispute" under terms of the act actually exists.

They said "no matter how controversial" are Lewis' 18 wage demands, these fall to meet the South-Connally "dispute measurements."

Detroit Strikes Expected To End By First of Week

Detroit, Mich., March 10.—(AP)—Barring further walkouts over the week-end, Detroit war production is expected to approach normal for the first time in more than a fortnight Monday, with the return of 13,600 striking employees to their jobs at seven Briggs Manufacturing Company plants, in accordance with WLB edicts.

Floods Receding In Menaced Areas Along The Ohio

Patterson, Ohio, March 10.—(AP)—The swollen Ohio and Scioto rivers slowly reduced their pressure on the flood wall and sandbag dikes protecting this city today.

Authorities remained vigilant, however, and refused to permit the return of citizens to low areas, which would be inundated should a break occur in the flood dike.

The Ohio, which crested 64.94 feet yesterday, had fallen about three inches.

WHERE U. S. FIRST ARMY CROSSED THE RHINE



This is Remagen, the Rhine river west bank town where the U. S. First Army of Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodge forced its history-making breach in Germany's strongest water barrier, the Rhine itself, visible (above) in the background. Located 22 miles northwest of Koblenz, Remagen is the western terminus of a major bridge that may have been captured intact. American armor and infantry in strength crossed the river from Remagen, according to official reports, and the bridgehead on the east bank was described as "firm." (International)

Germans At Remagen Are Hurlled Back

Yanks Speed Across Rhine for Battle; Now Near Coblenz

Paris, March 10.—(AP)—United States troops, rolling by thousands over the Rhine bridge at Remagen, flung back a tank-supported Nazi counter attack today and Berlin declared Americans also were crossing the river by boats, four or five miles down stream, and had entered Hommes.

A front dispatch said German reinforcements were racing up against the United States first army's bridgehead, fifty square miles in size, for a showdown battle.

A Berlin broadcast said Americans in "storm rafts" were crossing the Rhine near Hommes, at the northern end of the bridgehead. Hommes is five miles north of Remagen, on a super-highway leading to the Ruhr.

Paris, March 10.—(AP)—Tank-supported German infantry struck at the 50-square-mile American bridgehead over the Rhine at Remagen today, but were stopped cold as more thousands of doughboys sped across the bridge in a race against Nazi columns moving up for battle.

Further upstream U. S. third army tanks smashed to within two miles of Coblenz.

Some 20,000 Nazis were trapped northwest of that Rhine city by the juncture of the first and third armies.

A front dispatch said several hundred Germans, buttressed by armor, were halted in a thrust against the Rhine bridgehead, five miles deep and ten or more wide.

The build-up of the first army's wedge overtopping highlands across

London, March 10.—(AP)—Swarms of United States 9th air force planes today kept a constant air convoy over American troops deepening their Remagen bridgehead across the Rhine.

As the planes repelled German air attempts to hit the Ludendorff bridge lifeline to the bridgehead area, Allied heavy bombers from Britain again hit communications behind the enemy's lines.

the river from Remagen overnight continued.

German convoys, desperately using headlights in night travel, converged on the bridgehead, and a major, perhaps decisive, battle impended.

But the initial German counter blows had failed, and so massive was United States power rolling over the bridge that a front correspondent declared "the Germans already have lost the race."

On the north flank, British, Canadian and American troops chipped the German pocket at Wesel on the Rhine down to a width of five miles and depth of three, capturing Veen and three other towns. Germans fought desperately in stubborn withdrawal as bridges still usable at Wesel. Allied armor now held at the whole Rhine bank for 150 miles from just north of Coblenz into Holland, save for the Wesel bend.

Transylvania Is Returned To Rumania

Moscow, March 10.—(AP)—Marshal Stalin has informed Premier Tetrú Grova of Rumania that, in accord with the armistice terms of last September, northern Transylvania has been returned to Rumania from Hungary.

The formal return of the territory, made public today in a disclosure of awarded Hungary by Hitler, was letters from Grota and his foreign minister to Stalin, and the Soviet minister's reply.

Stalin informed Rumania it was her responsibility to maintain order and protect minorities in the territory and to see that any war front needs imposed upon Transylvania were met.

Sea Of Fire Engulfs Heart Of Tokyo Following Raids

300 Superfortresses Blast Capital With Incendiary Missiles

21st Bomber Command, Guam, March 10.—(AP)—A "hellish sea of fire" touched off by the greatest raid ever made by Superfortresses, engulfed the heart of Tokyo today, and added up to the imperial palace grounds.

"It looked like the whole town was burning," said one airman returning this morning from the five-hour mass nighttime raid on the enemy capital.

More than 300 B-29s poured thousands of incendiaries on the city, causing fifty times more damage than the record February 25 raid which devastated 240 city blocks, said Brigadier General Thomas S. Power.

A Japanese communique asserted fires broke out at the imperial palace and were put out before 3 a. m. Previously, Tokyo radio said flames reached the emperor's stables. The communique claimed all fires were under control by 8 a. m.

General Power told Major General Curtis Lemay, commander of 21st bomber command, that one 500-block area was engulfed by flames.

The B-29s dropped an estimated 1,300 tons of bombs—every bomb an incendiary—in highly inflammable congested central Tokyo, where targets were railroad stations and small factories not sufficiently valuable for precision bombing.

STRIKE IS ENDED

Sunmyside, Utah, March 9.—(AP)—Five hundred men went back to work at coal mines of the Utah Fuel Company and Kaiser Company today, ending a six-day strike.

Peace Hopes Reach Peak Of Optimism In Congress

Heads W.L.B.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has elevated George W. Taylor (above), 43-year-old University of Pennsylvania professor, from the War Labor Board's number two spot to its chairmanship. He succeeds William H. Davis, who was named Economic Stabilizer. (International)

If Bridgehead Can Be Held, Germany Is Done, George Thinks

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—Hopes for a speedy end to the European war hit a peak in Congress today, and many legislators predicted an early collapse of the German military machine.

Others were not so quick to discount German tenacity, however, and feared that last-ditch resistance of unsinkable elements, such as had weathered, might prolong the conflict.

Senator George, Georgia Democrat, said if the first army bridgehead across the Rhine south of Cologne can be maintained and expanded, "Germany is done for."

"If our troops can continue to pour over the Rhine and spread out against what seems thus far to have been rather light resistance, I think it will be a matter of days until the Germans collapse," the Georgia senator told a reporter.

Senator Chandler, Kentucky Democrat, member of the military affairs committee, said it is his judgment that the full weight of the Rhine offensive will not be felt until the first and third armies have closed off the west

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New Chinese Development Plan Devised

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—Foreign Economic Administration officials disclosed today they have completed preparations for a one billion dollar postwar industrialization plan for China.

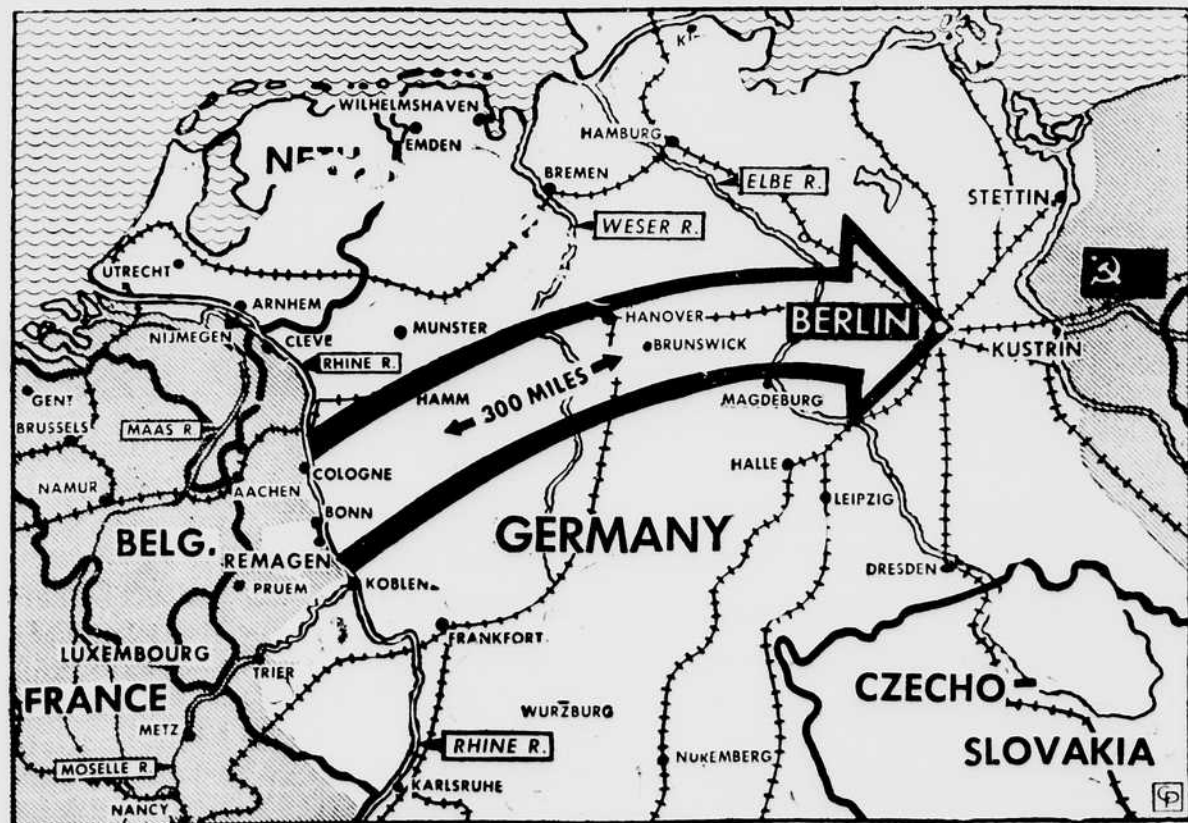
The five-year program is in the hands of the Chinese government after more than a year's work by forty FEA engineers and technicians, supplemented by the nation's best engineering and manufacturing talent.

Believed to be the first study of such proportions, FEA officials said the plan was developed with this objective: "The making of the tools of industry with which China can mold her own future."

They emphasized that "it is not our official program for China. They asked us to help them work out a guide to the industrialization of China. And this is the result of our efforts."

The program calls for construction of 953 industrial plants. Recommendations for an internal transportation system would involve the expenditure of an additional one billion dollars.

Yanks Cross Rhine As Russians Drive On Berlin



American First Army forces have crossed the Rhine, last barrier to the interior of Germany, in a lightning drive that collapsed German defenses before them. The crossing was made at Remagen (base of arrow), which is about 13 miles south of Bonn and 22 miles north of Koblenz. According to a spokesman for Gen. Eisenhower, the bridgehead was firm and expanding, and may soon develop into a drive for Berlin. The distance from Remagen to the Nazi capital is shown in arrow. Meanwhile, Russian forces on the eastern front outflanked the fortress of Kustrin and are about 25 miles from the city limits of Berlin. (International)

Soviet Forces Get Toehold In Stettin

London, March 10.—(AP)—Russian forces apparently have won some streets in Stettin, the east bank suburb of Berlin, and may have gained a foothold on the west side of Dammsee lake, just north of Berlin's Baltic port, Moscow dispatches reported today.

Stettin itself was under artillery fire for the first time, and the Russians also were sending shells into the defenses of Danzig, where the war started in 1939.

Russian troops by German account today, were posing reinforcements across the Oder river on both sides of embattled Kustrin.

North of Stettin, Moscow said, Russian troops took Wolf's head, only a mile from the narrow channel leading from the Dammsee lake to Stettin. South of the Baltic citadel, the Germans said Nazi troops had abandoned Grausenhagen, on the Oder's east bank, eleven miles upstream.

The second White Russian army, driving toward the Baltic from the east, had captured 14 miles south of Gdynia, captured Stalpa, her communications hub, Moscow said 4,000 Germans were slain in Stalpa.

Marines Reach Northern Beaches Of Japs On Iwo

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam, March 10.—(AP)—Elements of the third Marine division have given forward against "very stiff" enemy resistance to reach the northern beaches of Iwo Island, splitting enemy forces which continue to hold strong points tenaciously, but with diminishing vigor, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The drive for the beaches was completed yesterday afternoon by the Marines and the area widened in fighting up to noon today. Heavy artillery preparation softened enemy positions for the attack while fleet units and land-based aircraft gave support during the drive.

Fourth division Marines on the right had previously repulsed large

scale infiltration attempts by the Japanese, killing 500 of the enemy while fighting off a desperate enemy attack which was supported by very heavy mortar and sniper fire.

"Resistance during the morning appeared to be diminishing," Nimitz reported.

The fifth division on the northwestern beach is apparently within 1,100 yards of Kitano point, Iwo's northern tip. The third division breakthrough was on the northeastern beach, about 2,000 yards from Kitano.

Insurance Placed Upon Probation By Bill Just Signed

Washington, March 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed legislation granting an anti-trust law moratorium to the insurance industry until January 1, 1948. The chief executive said the respite would provide time for the "orderly correction of abuses" which he said have existed in this business.

The bill gives insurance companies an opportunity to adjust themselves to conform with a Supreme Court decision holding them subject to the anti-trust laws. It was signed by the President yesterday.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and slightly warmer today. Cool tonight, with scattered frost in interior and lowest temperatures near freezing west portion. Sunday partly cloudy and mild.

MacArthur Is Silent About Mindanao Move

Manila, March 10.—(AP)—Silent on Japanese reports that big Mindanao island has been invaded, General Douglas MacArthur disclosed today that several thousand Japanese have been sealed up and suffocated in caves east of Manila by Yanks operating with phosphorus grenades, flame throwers and demolition charges.

MacArthur's communique reported a second straight air attack with more than 100 tons of bombs on Zamboanga, Mindanao's biggest city on the southwest coast. But he offered no comment on enemy reports that troops landed there Friday under the guns of two bombing task forces.