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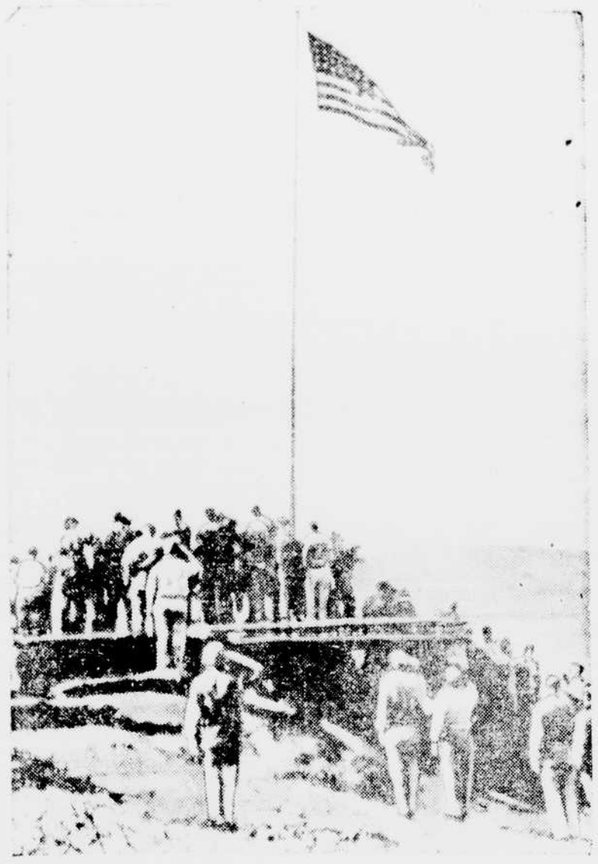
FLAG RISES FORMALLY OVER IWO



WITH POMP AND CEREMONY and the reading of a proclamation by Admiral Nimitz, the United States flag is officially hoisted over conquered Iwo Jima while Navy and Marine personnel salute. The Admiral's proclamation "suspended" Japan's rule and assumed for the United States all powers of government over Iwo "and others of the Volcano Islands". About 20,000 Japs have already been killed on Iwo Jima, and survivors were being destroyed in battle as the flag went up. This is a U. S. Marine Corps photo via Navy Radiophoto. (International)

U. S. Units Are Behind Siegfried Line; Soviets Driving Hard To Get Stettin

Bridgehead Of Nazis Is Sharply Cut

Pontoon Equipment Being Brought Up For Oder Crossing

Moscow, March 17.—(AP)—Tanks and infantry of the first White Russian army thrust forward again today against the reduced enemy bridgehead at Stettin, within four and a half miles of that vital northern gateway to Berlin.

Simultaneously the Russians were reported bringing up pontoon equipment at a new crossing stretch of the Oder river in the vicinity of captured Gartzgen, less than eleven miles south of Stettin. The heaviest Russian pressure was exerted against the southern flank of the Nazi bridgehead, which extends along the east bank of the Oder for about eleven miles south from Stettin's suburb of Gotzlow to Altwriezen on the edge of the Oder swamps.

The remaining Nazi bridgehead east of the river is only one to two miles deep at some points. Its complete seizure would be a tactical preparation for the Berlin offensive, second in importance only to the capture of Kuestrin early this week.

Fall of Gartzgen put Marshal Georgy K. Zhukov's Russians into another good jumping off spot for crossing the Oder. Previously the main highway bridge across the Oder's east to west The Reitz and the Oder itself from Gartzgen to west the Stettin-Berlin autobahn was unofficially reported wrecked before the Russians occupied the town.

Meanwhile, the third White Russian army group liquidating the Nazis' last Prussian fragments, pressed closer to Brunsberg and reached the outskirts of the port of Beardenburg, which already has been cut off from Koenigsberg, ten miles to the northwest.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's second White Russian army group which at first turned the power of its drive toward striking the Silesian Gleiwitz industrial city from the north, now is in a position yet unannounced in eastern Pomerania and the Polish corridor.

Pacific War Freak

BELIEVE IT OR NOT! This unusual freak-of-war picture was made possible when a propeller blade broke loose from the motor shaft and was driven through the trunk of a cocoanut palm tree at a South Pacific base. The plane lost the blade when it swerved off the runway in a crash. (International)

Thousands Of Nazis May Be Trapped

Advance Is Moving Closer On Coblenz Below Bridgehead

Coblenz, March 17.—(AP)—Sixth army troops entered Coblentz today. 87th Infantry division troops fought into the city of 58,000 after a [illegible] amphibious crossing in boats across the Moselle river near its confluence with the Rhine.

Paris, March 27.—(AP)—United States third army tanks lunged to points forty miles southeast of Coblenz today in a race down behind the Siegfried line in the huge Saarland triangle, and were rapidly closing a trap on thousands of Germans between the Rhine and Moselle rivers.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's men still occupied a bridgehead on the other ten to fifteen miles southeast of Stolzenfels, 25 miles south of Coblenz and 45 from the Remagen sector.

Other units drove to the Rhine south of Coblenz, isolating the city of 58,000, and pushed up the east side of the Moselle to the outskirts of the ancient city. Patton's tanks have already moved half way from Coblenz to Mainz, threatened pocket remnants of two German armies in the triangle formed by the Rhine and Moselle, and now stand only some 45 to 50 miles from the seventh army pushing up from the south.

The seventh, attacking on a fifty-mile front, was driving Germans back to the doubtful security of the Siegfried line and have taken the Magnum fortress of Bitche.

The third army's exploit, seventy miles, encircled eleven and entered another, but security measures got and prevent the identification immediately. German resistance was uncoordinated and disorganized and units, south west, clashed with retreating Nazi troops and troops.

The tank columns neared Bingen on the Rhine, and Berlin broadcasts admitted a breach of major depths west of the Vosges mountains.

The American third army in the expanding Rhine bridgehead deployed tanks on the super-highway connecting Frankfurt and the Ruhr, took many towns and was threatening at Homburgen of the southern end of the bridgehead, now 11 miles long and seven deep. Hoengen, Bottert, Bremshield and Hohen were taken in the bridgehead and some United States units were within three miles of open plains leading south to the Ruhr. House to house fighting raged in Homburgen. The enemy there was using anti-tank and anti-personnel mines for the first time in the bridgehead fighting, a front dispatch said today.

Northward on the U. S. ninth army front, where the Rhine guards the great Ruhr war cities, Americans and Germans stepped up mortar duels over the Rhine. Three Allied armies are arrayed along this area of the lower Rhine.

WHERE YANKS SPAN THE RHINE

Bitterest Tariff Battle In 15 Years In Prospect

Republicans Are Bitter Over Plan To Reduce Duties

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—Democratic and Republican leaders in congress lined sharply today on what promises to be the most bitter congressional tariff battle since the Hawley-Smoot act was written fifteen years ago.

Democrats backed swiftly upon the introduction of a bill expanding reciprocal trade agreements authority, and for three years granting the State Department authority to reduce all import duties up to 50 percent on some items.

The present authority permits duty cuts up to 50 percent. Republican Leader Knutson, of Minnesota, immediately declared such action would put the United States of all governments defense against pauper labor in other nations. He added, "It would be American industries to shut down. And this sounds any prospect to provide sixty million jobs when the war is over."

Meat Supply Of Civilians Will Be Cut

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—A sharp cut in current meat supplies for civilians today was the lot of President Roosevelt's proposition of some redistributing on the home front.

For the April-June quarter, the civilian meat allotment may be set at an equal rate of 18 pounds per person, the lowest level since 1943. Supplies were curtailed by a severe drought and a government buying program is expected to grow.

To Agriculture Secretary Anderson, it seemed necessary to announce the cut in advance of the actual allocations, because of the Great Britain, planning a dollar program of an equitable cut to serve much up in the British Isles are sufficient to enable Britain to survive on a wholly without American supplies.

Philippines Capital Is Under Fire

Baguio In Range Of Artillery From U. S. Forces In Interior

Manila, March 17.—(AP)—The thirty third division has pushed to within artillery within eight miles of Baguio, and Army can drop shell into the Japanese Philippine commonwealth's summer capital.

The 33rd—a former Illinois National Guard division, has fighting for the outskirts of the pre-war resort for the last month. The city is now west and south. General Douglas MacArthur's communique reported that the 32nd division is pushing the mountain from the east southeast.

Major General Leonard S. Wing's third infantry division, meanwhile, is delivering a smashing double-pronged blow against the Japs east in the Shinanig line east of Manila, while an amphibious operation has been made in southern Luzon.

Installations around Baguio, Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's headquarters, have been bombed and shelled heavily. As yet the city has been spared.

ARKANSAS FLOODS CONTINUE SERIOUS

Memphis, Tenn., March 17.—(AP)—The situation along the Jackson Bayou levee in Prairie county, Arkansas, remained "serious" today while army troops battled to hold the flooded White river, which already has forced 2,500 families to higher ground.

Barkley Supports Yalta Agreements In New York Talk

New York, March 17.—(AP)—Senator Barkley endorsed the Yalta agreement on voting procedure for the proposed world security league as much a protection to the Pacific States as it is to any other nation. "In a speech prepared for delivery before the Foreign Policy Association the Senate Democratic leader asserted America should not permit any shades of difference over voting procedure in the international organization."

He alluded to the agreement among President Roosevelt, Premier Churchill and Marshal Stalin to give each of the five great United Nation powers a veto on the use of force in preventing aggression.

Bill To Prevent Hasty Marriages Is Disapproved

Raleigh, March 17. — (AP) — A House approved measure designed to prevent hasty marriage was voted unfavorably today by the Senate Judiciary II Committee.

Introduced by Representative Burgess of Camden, the original measure provided for a five-day waiting period between the application for and the granting of a marriage license. As passed by the House, a 48-hour waiting period was adopted.

Burgess said he wanted to correct a local situation, but the measure was made statewide on the suggestion of other members. Burgess said that many marriages were performed last year in his county, most of them less than 24 hours after the filing of the application.

State Building Program Studied By Legislature

Raleigh, March 17.—(AP)—Running with their throttle wide open, the House and Senate tried hard to keep up with their public calendars today, in a hope of adjourning sine die by the last day of next week.

Rep. Blanton, of Anson, and others said it is a bad thing to authorize the governor to appoint a five-year program for the State, with the chief Governor providing office space for the auditor, secretary of state and treasurer now having offices in the capitol. The resolution said that during this session especially "great confusion" had developed in the Capitol section, and that the Capitol itself should be given over entirely to the offices of the governor and the legislators.

The need of additional space for the museum, historical commission, art gallery and other State departments and agencies also is evident, the resolution said. One solution, the resolution said, might be the erection of a building primarily for the use of the legislature and its officers.

Until today, all Saturday sessions had been devoted to local bills.

The House passed a Senate bill rewriting the fishing laws, increasing about 30 fees in amounts ranging from 25 cents to $5.

Also passed by the representatives were a bill by Representative Royster, of Vance, and Watkins, of Granville, providing that warehouses and speculators buying tobacco for resale on warehouse floors must first have it weighed by public weighmasters. The present law applies only to farmers offering their tobacco for sale on the floors.

Another attempt to raise the pay of legislators was introduced in the form of a bill by Representatives Boswood of Currituck and Vogler of Mecklenburg, providing for a constitutional amendment to raise the pay of members from $600 to $900 a year and that of the speaker from

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BRITISH WARSHIPS IN GERMANS' PATH

London, March 17.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today British warships were operating in the Skagerrak, strategic waterway between Denmark and Norway, through which the Germans have been withdrawing troops from Norway.

TRUNK HIGHWAYS IN AREA ARE DISCUSSED

Raleigh, March 17. —(AP)— A postwar inter-regional highway between North Carolina and South Carolina which may be linked with Virginia and Tennessee was in the making today.

Yesterday highway officials from the two Carolinas met here and discussed units of the proposed highway.

War Losses May Prevent Coal Strike

Washington, March 17.—(AP)—Sombre statistics of war casualties today seemed likely to throw a cloud of any prospect of a work stoppage among soft coal miners, even should contract negotiations reach a stalemate.

John L. Lewis has rejected the mine operators' first counter proposals to his 18 demands, and the current contract has only two weeks more to run. But, underlying the negotiations there is a strong feeling on all sides that a work stoppage will be averted.

12 Square Miles Of Kobe Ruined In Superfort Blasts

21st Bomber Command, Guam, March 17. — (AP) — Twelve square miles of Japan's greatest shipbuilding center, Kobe, was set afire or reduced to ashes by more than 300 Superforts today. Fires were visible 100 miles.

The conflagration created by 2,500 tons of incendiaries was second only to Tokyo's 17 square miles holocaust in the 21st bomber command's intensified war on the Japanese homeland.

Iwo, Won At Heavy Costs, Is Paying Big Dividends

Airfields In Use; U. S. Dead 4,189, And 15,308 Are Wounded

More Draft Liberalizing Is Sought

Five Big Industries Request Relaxations In Their Activities

YANKS ON RHINE'S EAST BANK

WHILE UNDER CONSTANT SHELLING by the Germans, troops of Gen. Hodge's First Army advance through a street in Honnef on the east bank of the Rhine River, after crossing the Ludendorff Bridge. These troops are now closing in on the strategic Frankfurt-Berlin six-lane highway. U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Daylight Blasts On Reich Pushed To Get War Units

London, March 17.—(AP)—A record Allied bombers which stretched out 150 miles flew from England today in a resumption of daylight hammering of the Reich.

Close to 1,000 British war planes attacked Nuremberg and Wuerzburg as the chief target in Germany last night, and RAF Mosquitoes raided Berlin for the 25th consecutive night. The air ministry declared the purpose of the raid was "to destroy what remains of the German war industry."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy and unseasonably warm tonight, followed by showers and thunderstorms and not so warm Sunday. Showers beginning in extreme west late tonight.