

Labor Board Orders Coal Negotiators To Saturday Gathering

Both Sides To Be Asked To Prolong Contract For Time

Washington, March 29.—(AP)—The War Labor Board today called deadlocked soft coal operators and miners to a hearing tomorrow morning to determine whether their contract can be extended until a new one is reached.

The parties will be called on to show cause, in accordance with the board's practice in such cases, why the terms and conditions of the existing contract should not be extended, pending final action on the issues in dispute, why an effective date for wage adjustment that may be finally determined upon should not be fixed.

The board acted within an hour after receiving formal certification of the dispute from Secretary of Labor Perkins, who announced last midnight that she was sending the dispute to the W.L.B. after operators rejected her compromise plan.

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Soft coal wage negotiations floundered today toward government seizure of the mines and new wartime labor strife.

For a few hours, the stalemated contract talks appeared headed for spectacular eleventh hour developments under the guidance of Labor Secretary Perkins.

These hopes were dashed, however, by operator refusal to accept her proposals for a new working agreement to replace the one expiring tomorrow night.

Miss Perkins immediately certified the case as a dispute to the War Labor Board.

This is the first step toward possible government control of the mines.

The board was expected, as its first move, to propose that the present contract be extended, with any essential wage adjustments to be retroactive.

This, however, is a point to which the operators previously have objected vigorously.

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—OPA's pricing policy, under attack as a cause for current food shortages, recited today from a judicial and senatorial admonition to get together with business.

Although upheld on one major contention, the agency was told by the emergency court of appeals that its present ceiling, even with government subsidies, do not allow packers who produce only fresh beef to make an adequate profit or "indeed ... to break even."

The court, on the other hand, ruled that "processing" packer ceilings generally are fair and equitable. In contrast to producers, these packers turn out, in addition to fresh beef, such byproducts as sausage, tallow and oil.

Otherwise, the food picture was in a week-end dimout, with the separate Senate and House investigating committees resting for a resumption Monday of their quest for cause and cure of shortages.

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—Superfortresses today hit Nagoya, Japan's third largest city and aircraft production center.

The attack, by a small force of B-29s from bases in the Marianas, followed by only a few hours a raid by India-based Superfortresses against oil storage areas at Singapore, crossroads of the Japanese empire.

Lauds Workers



ADMIRAL William F. Halsey, Jr., is shown as he addressed employees and military personnel at the Naval Aviation Supply Depot in Philadelphia, Pa. He said that there was no reason why we couldn't invade the Jap homeland.

ABC Stores To Close For End Of War

Council Of State Provides Fund For Wine Enforcement

Raleigh, March 30.—(AP)—The Council of State today approved Governor Cherry's proclamation that all ABC stores and beer and wine dispensaries in North Carolina be closed for 26 months after the cessation of hostilities in Europe, and granted the State ABC board \$5,475 to enforce the new wine regulations imposed by the last legislature.

The governor's proclamation, the twelfth to be made in this State under the emergency war powers and the first handed down by Cherry, was drawn at the request of the War Department.

The additional money allocated to the ABC board from the contingency and emergency fund will be used to employ a chemist, a stenographer and six additional inspectors. The money will pay the salaries of the additional employees until July 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The council approved a request by the State Historical Commission for \$9,072 to set up complete military records of all North Carolinians who served in World War I and World War II.

The commission plans to use the funds to employ five persons who will arrange for photostatic copies of existing records of all North Carolinians now in service and for copies of all available records of veterans of World War I.

A total of \$3,000 was made available to the State Board of Education to maintain a health and physical education program for the public schools operated in connection with the summer school at the University of North Carolina.

GERMAN NORTH SEA PORTS ARE BOMBED

London, March 30.—(AP)—More than 1,400 American heavy bombers and an escort of 900 fighters, the largest concentration sent out by the eighth air force this year, attacked Germany's North Sea ports of Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven today.

The massive attacks were intended to cut off any seaborne supplies destined for the German armies in the north.

Nazi Debacle Grows

SOVIET TANKS INSIDE AUSTRIA

Vienna To Face Siege Very Soon

German Confusion Verges Upon Panic, Russians Declare

London, March 30.—(AP)—Marshal Fedor Tolbukhin's tanks penetrated today in a low range of hills rising just inside the Austrian frontier and threatened to lay siege to Vienna momentarily, Moscow dispatches announced.

Graz, a hub on the chief communications remaining open between Austria and the Nazi forces in Slovenia and Croatia in Yugoslavia was outflanked by spearheads which had driven forward from Szombathely, 102 miles north of Zagreb, capital of puppet Croatia, 130 miles from the Italian front.

Under cover of hundreds of Red battleplanes, long range Soviet artillery moved up preparing to take the Vienna-Budapest rail line under fire.

Sopron, the only border town of any strategic importance remaining in the German hands in Hungary, was under attack frontally on the east and bypassed on the south by an unexpected Soviet push which yesterday reached a point only 42 miles from Vienna, city of 1,930,000, and scene of Hitler's Anschluss triumph in 1938.

The German army's confusion, verged on panic, said Soviet front line reports.

Soviet war reporters found it difficult to keep up with the tanks, so swiftly did they whisk about.

Red air fleets crisscrossed ahead in great strength, starting every open stretch of road. Sopron was turned into a burning pocket at the south end of the lake.

On the northern front, the medieval heart of Danzig was in Russian hands, and Moscow dispatches said the final victory there might be signaled by Marshal Stalin very soon.

German convoys had withdrawn to suburban points scattered on the Vistula delta at Danzig, a city of 50 bridges.

Trial of Petain In Absentia Will Begin On Ap. 24

New York, March 30.—(AP)—The trial of Marshal Petain, Vichy government head during the German occupation of France, will begin April 24, the French press agency said today in a broadcast dispatch reported by the Federal Communications Commission.

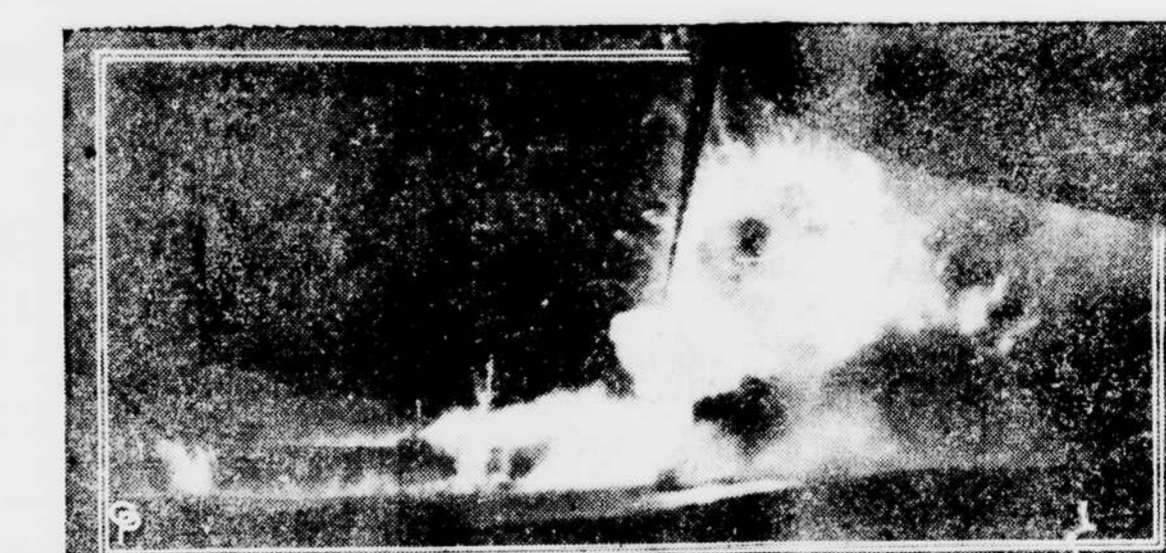
Petain, famed hero of Verdun in the last war, will be tried in absentia before a special French "pursue court." He is now head of the puppet French regime set up by the Nazis in Germany.

AS ARGENTINA JOINED WAR ON AXIS



THE ARGENTINE CABINET is shown as it met to declare war on the Axis. President Edelmiro J. Farrell is at center background. Extra police were stationed at public buildings, embassies, and newspaper offices to guard against any disorders in connection with the declaration.

AS 'BISMARCK SEA' BLEW UP OFF IWO JIMA



Just released by the Navy, this picture shows the death of the U. S. S. Bismarck Sea off Iwo Jima Island as fires kindled by a Japanese aerial bomb reached the ammunition magazine of the 10,200-ton aircraft carrier. Ordered to abandon ship as the fires spread out of control, most of the crew were saved. A few minutes after this picture was made from an accompanying carrier (see plane silhouette upper right), the Bismarck Sea capsized and sank. U. S. Navy photo. (International Somaphoto.)

Nazi Chiefs Resorting To Terror Plan

Trying Desperately To Hold Home Line: Higher-Ups Fleeing

London, March 30.—(AP)—Nazi leaders appeared today to be resorting to a campaign of stark terror in an effort to hold the German people in line during the nation's grimest hours of peril.

The campaign seemed to be taking two forms. Nazi propagandists warned the Germans they would be no better than slaves if the Allies are victorious, and at the same time they threatened with dire punishment all who failed to fight to the end or all who cooperated with Allied out-throats in occupied territories.

Despite this baseless appeal to fear, reports from many sources indicated that the German people were showing a new spirit of defiance and resistance within the beleaguered Reich.

Staples relayed through neutral capitals told of disorders and mutinies, attempts on the lives of top Nazis and large-scale desertions from the army.

Nazi leaders themselves were reported putting on a grimace with preparations for a planned withdrawal into the wilderness of the Bavarian Alps, and Czech soldiers said some already had fled to the German island of Mannau in Lake Constance.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and continued unseasonably warm scattered showers and thunderstorms extreme west portion tonight, Saturday considerable cloudiness, showers and cooler in north and west portions, continued warm in southeast.

Powerful British Naval Units Join Pacific War

Clean-Up in Reich



A YIN TUB found in a pillbox in Germany is put to immediate use by Cpl. Carmen Pedalino, of Belleville, N. J., a field artilleryman with Patton's Third Army, as he gets rid of the dirt of battle. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (International)

Two Further Philippines Islands Taken

Manila, March 30.—(AP)—Invasion-seasoned doughboy units who have landed on 13 Philippine islands this month alone, swept ashore on Marapan and Caut islands off conquered Cebu City Wednesday to clear the shipping lanes into that second port of the Archipelago.

A C-47 transport plane, which is a former seaplane base, was captured. MacArthur reported that enemy resistance on Cebu itself remained disorganized.

Doughboys, stringing north and south from wrecked and burned Cebu City seized Nava and Lahug airfields. Lahug has a 5,000-foot runway and parking facilities for 200 planes.

Only sporadic resistance was reported on the various Luzon island fronts. Moplahs up in the central sector, reported 1,338 dead and enemy dead. MacArthur recently estimated Japanese losses in the Philippines at more than 297,000.

EASTER SEAL FUND HELP TO CRIPPLES

Chapel Hill, March 30.—Transportation to clinics was provided for more than 1,000 handicapped children in North Carolina during the past year, Miss Ethel Hartzell, executive secretary of the North Carolina League for Crippled Children, reported from State headquarters here today.

Funds for this, as well as many other services are provided by the annual sale of Easter seals which the League sponsors. The current campaign is now being carried on in all sections of the State and will close Sunday, April 7.

Spectacular First Army Gains Made

Advance So Fast Contact Is Lost; Big Cities Taken

Paris, March 30.—(AP)—First army tanks, shearing the Ruhr from Germany, streaked northward so fast today that contact was lost with headquarters in the rear, but the broadcast enemy communique said some armor had reached Bad Wildungen, 20 miles southwest of Kassel, and 190 from Berlin.

It was the swiftest advance of the war.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hoge's powerful forces were driving past the headquarters of the Ruhr toward a junction with the 21st army group, swimming across Westphalia on the open roads of north Germany.

The last definitely reported positions reached by the first army in the push northward was 70 miles south of Trierborn. Here the first was 65 miles from the British and 136 miles from Berlin. Both distances have been reduced appreciably in intervening hours.

Disintegration accelerated in German ranks. At least 31,000 Nazis surrendered yesterday, 22,400 to the third army, 11,200 to the first and 1,600 to the British.

Two great cities of Germany, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and Mannheim fell. The British second and U. S. ninth armies, moving rapidly ahead in the north in a continuing security blackout, advanced at least ten miles from the night of the roads to the northeast that might lead to or cut off such great German port cities as Hamburg, Bremen and Wilhelmshaven.

General Eisenhower said the loss of the Ruhr would leave Germany incapable of continuing organized resistance to us. The greatest mass of German troops left in western Europe was being swiftly encircled in a trap laid out by the first army and the 21st army group in the north.

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FDR's Manpower Bill Threatened By Senate Foes

Washington, March 30.—(AP)—The Roosevelt-endorsed manpower control was in bad trouble in the Senate today, and an informal survey by Senator Taft, Ohio Republican, showed 39 members against it, 25 in favor.

Administration lieutenants, whose job is to know in advance how the Senate is lined up on any question, said gloomily that the Taft poll might even have underestimated the opposition.

Air Assaults Renewed On Waning Reich

London, March 30.—(AP)—Clearing skies today signaled another two-way air assault against the crumbling Reich as bomber formations from Italian bases were reported over the Vienna area at mid-morning, and a short time later the Berlin radio said other formations were surging across western Germany.

First, RAF Mosquito bombers struck ravaged Berlin last night for the 37th time in 38 nights. The Mosquitoes, which hit two-ton block-busters on Berlin, also attacked other undisclosed objectives in north-west Germany. From these raids and yesterday afternoon's heavy bomber attack on a benzol plant near Brunswick, one escorting fighter plane was missing, the air ministry said.

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