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NEAR CZECH BORDER

Are Now Within Less Than 180 Miles Westbound Russian Armies

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Paris, April 4. — Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third Army exploded a new drive for Leipzig and a juncture with the Red Army today, driving 17 miles to close swiftly on Erfurt, 130 miles southwest of Berlin, and French forces entered the Rhine city of Karlsruhe.

Striking across the main German escape routes into Hitler's Bavarian mountain redoubt, Patton's men drove within 65 miles of the Czechoslovak border and within 180 miles or less of the westbound Russian armies.

Gotha, 75 miles southwest of Leipzig and one of the Reich's biggest aircraft manufacturing centers, was entered by vanguards of the Fourth Armored Division and its fall was expected any time. Other tank spearheads hooked around the southern corner of the city and struck for Erfurt, 16 miles to the east.

The Third Army was on the move along an 80-mile front curving southeastward from Kassel to the Werra River line 27 miles south of Gotha, where the Americans made their closest approach to Czechoslovakia.

The advance penetrated the formidable Thuringian forests, probably the toughest obstacle in the Third Army's path all the way to Berlin.

The break-through ended a brief German delaying stand that had stalled Patton's troops momentarily before Eisenach and Kassel, 40 miles to the northwest.

Eisenach was bypassed in the drive to Gotha, and Kassel finally was won by doughboys of the Third Army's 60th Division after three days of the bloodiest street fighting since the Rhine crossing.

Front dispatches said isolated German pockets still were holding out in Kassel. But the city was firmly in American hands and the Yanks were swarming through the streets to clear the remaining Nazis out with grenades and bayonets.

WILKES MAN IS WAR CASUALTY

Pfc. Robert Watson Cheek Killed In Action In Pacific Theatre Of War

PARENTS ARE NOTIFIED

Pfc. Robert Watson Cheek, Jr., was killed in action on the Volcano Islands in the Pacific on March 11, according to a message from the War Department Tuesday to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson Cheek, Sr., of Traphill.

Pfc. Cheek has been in the Marine Corps for twenty-one months, and served eight months overseas. He received his training at Paris Island, Camp Peary, Va., and New River.

Cheek was a graduate of Ronda High School, and was employed at Chatham Manufacturing Company at the time he entered service.

Survivors are his parents; three brothers; Virgil, Phillip, and Tommy Deal, all of the home; and four sisters; Sybil, Phyllis, Justin, and Earlene, also of the home.

Pvt. V. C. Combs Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Woodley Combs, of Cycle, have been notified by the War Department that their son, Pvt. Virgil C. Combs, was killed in action in Holland, on March 12.

YOUR COUNTRY IS STILL AT WAR—ARE YOU?

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The senate overrode President Roosevelt today with a crushing 46 to 29 rejection of a bill empowering the administration to freeze workers to war jobs and apply other sweeping manpower controls. Convinced that further efforts to win votes for the measure were futile, Majority Leader Barkley, Kentucky, called for a vote unexpectedly this afternoon as the margin rolled up against it.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Roosevelt, in a surprise turnabout, has decided not to ask for three votes for the United States in the world assembly to be set up at San Francisco. This reversal of the line which the President agreed upon with Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill at Yalta was announced today by the state department. No official explanation was forthcoming, but the development strongly indicated a hope that Stalin likewise would be content with one vote. The Russian leader has demanded separate votes for the Ukrainian soviet and the White Russian soviet in addition to one for the rest of Russia.

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LONDON, April 3.—Nazi "Werewolf" terrorists were declared in a German broadcast tonight to have kidnapped and killed American soldiers in Aachen and other occupied towns. The reports were without allied substantiation. During the day, however, allied transmitters repeatedly broadcast General Eisenhower's warning that any German attacking allied personnel behind the lines would be "arrested, tried and shot" under international law.

LONDON, Wednesday, April 4.—Russian storm forces captured the great Messerschmitt plane center of Wiener Neustadt south of Vienna yesterday and then, in a swift 17-mile break-through of Nazi fortifications, slashed to within six miles of the imperiled Austrian capital. The powerful Russian surge over the Leitha mountain and river barrier south and southeast of Vienna carried Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army troops inside the limits of Greater Vienna's administrative district.

MASS MEETING HERE IS TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Citizens To Nominate Mayor And Commissioners

AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Johnson Expected To Receive Nod For Mayor To Succeed J. R. Poindexter

MEETING TO BE AT 7:30

Elkin voters will meet at the Elkin elementary school auditorium here Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. to nominate candidates for mayor and commissioners.

As the situation now stands, Mayor J. R. Poindexter and Commissioners H. P. Graham and C. C. Poindexter will not be candidates for re-election. Commissioners C. C. Pulp, R. C. Freeman and C. C. Myers will be candidates to succeed themselves in office, it is understood.

At the present time it appears likely that Garland Johnson will receive the nomination as mayor, he having stated that he will accept the nomination if offered. C. N. Myers, Joe O. Bivins and J. W. L. Benson, whose names have been mentioned for commissioners, have also stated that they will accept the nomination if offered.

Candidates nominated Friday will be voted upon in the town election to be held at the City Hall polling place Monday, May 7.

YADKIN MEN GO FOR PRE-EXAM

Twenty-Seven Sent To Camp For Pre-Induction Check-up Last Week

NAMES ARE ANNOUNCED

T. W. Martin, clerk of the Yadkin county Selective Service board has released a list of 27 men who went to induction headquarters last week for preinduction examinations.

Those taking the examinations were as follows: Joe Rufus Barnett, Jack Louis Burcham, Hayes Thomas Dinkins, Dwayne Myers Brown, Gilmer Henderson Sloop, Frank Peyton Webb, Preston Lee Baity, Thad Watson Swain, Roland Gordon Hagwood, William James Wagoner, Governor Bickett Holcomb, Francis Marion Eller, Columbus Roosevelt Marsh, Charles D. W. Stone, Walter Fred Jester.

James George Shore, John Ralph Smith, Nelson Gaither Dinkins, Fred Gray Davis, Junior Vernon Hutchens, Shady Frank Sizemore, Robert James Freeman, Richard Talmadge Barber, James Alton Pinnix, Willie Howard Ridding, Sam Edgar Vanhoy, John Frye, Junior, C. B. Swain and John Curtis Shore.

CAUDILL IS TO DIRECT DRIVE

Surry County To Participate In Observance Of Cancer Control Month

MOUNT AIRY MEET HELD

W. J. Graham and Jack Caudill, of the Elkin Lions Club, attended a luncheon conference of Surry county civic leaders, in Mount Airy, on Monday. The luncheon, held at the Willow Hotel, was arranged to facilitate discussion of plans for Surry county's participation in the observance of April as Cancer Control month.

John Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton, state chairman of the North Carolina Division of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society, explained the need for funds to finance a total war on cancer, which ranks second among diseases as a cause of death, and which is the greatest cause of deaths among women. Money is needed, he pointed out, to educate the whole public about the importance of early diagnosis and treatment, the development of research, and the establishment of more detection and diagnostic clinics.

During the general discussion at the meeting considerable interest was shown in the possibility of developing a diagnostic clinic for Surry county. Management of such a clinic would, of course, be in the hands of the medical profession.

At the close of the conference Mr. Caudill was appointed campaign chairman for the fund raising drive, beginning in April, in Surry county.



THEY NEED CLOTHING—Millions of children like the two pictured above, and countless men and women of war-ravaged countries of Europe, need desperately the used clothing that will be asked locally in the United National Clothing Collection campaign which will get under way here Monday. The boys pictured were photographed in a Greek village. Garments, shoes and bedding are among the used clothing sought.

Final Figures In Red Cross Drive \$13,028

Elkin District Exceeds Quota By Over \$3,000

The Elkin district, with a Red Cross quota of \$10,000, has gone well over the top in the campaign conducted during March, it was learned Wednesday from Mrs. A. O. Bryan, who was in charge of the drive.

Mrs. Bryan stated that contributions to date total \$13,028.06. Of this amount, \$745.53 was raised by the rural home demonstration clubs of the district.

The Surry county Red Cross War Fund quota of \$18,000, was also oversubscribed, Mrs. Bryan stated, a total of \$31,287.54 having been reported for the county as a whole.

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Clothing Collection For Destitute People Overseas Starts 9th

Crash Occurs Under "Off" Traffic Light

Considerable damage was done to the automobile driven by Mrs. Garvey Haynes, of Gwyn Avenue, here Sunday afternoon about 3:15 when her car was struck by an automobile driven by George C. Swain, of Greensboro, at the intersection of East Market street and Gwyn Avenue, at the Elkin end of the new bridge.

None of the occupants were injured, but the front of the Haynes car was badly smashed. The accident occurred under a traffic light which is not allowed to operate on Sundays.

YADKIN MAN IS FATALLY HURT

William Allen Comer Found In Unconscious Condition In Winston-Salem

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

William Allen Comer, 35, whose home was one and a half miles west of Courtnay on the old sand clay road, died in a Winston-Salem hospital at 10 o'clock Sunday night, 14 hours after he was found in an unconscious condition at the foot of a steep bank near the Southern railway tracks in North Winston-Salem. He was found at six o'clock Sunday morning by some colored people and sent immediately to the hospital.

A coroner's jury was summoned Monday and ordered an autopsy, which showed that his head had been pierced in the left temple with some sharp instrument, causing his death. The jury adjourned to meet again yesterday afternoon, Capt. Burke of the police department said robbery was not the motive as his pocket book and other personal belongings had not been disturbed.

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SLIGHTLY WOUNDED — Pvt. Benny Shumate, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Shumate, of this city, was slightly wounded in action in France on March 17, according to an official War Department notice to his parents last Thursday. Pvt. Shumate has been serving overseas since the first of the year, and entered service in August, 1944. He received his training at Camp Blanding, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Shumate also have another son serving overseas, Cpl. Earl Shumate, who is in England.

CONTINUE HUNT FOR FLETCHER

Boonville Youth Said To Have Created Disturbance In Boonville Store

BELIEVED LEFT SECTION

Yadkin county officers and highway patrolmen are continuing their search for R. F. "Red" Fletcher, said to be 18 years of age, who allegedly attempted to demolish a Boonville drug store last Sunday afternoon.

However, it was learned, it is believed Fletcher has left the section entirely, he having sent his car home by a friend who was said to have secured clothing for him.

Fletcher was said to have entered a Boonville drug store Sunday afternoon, ordered a drink, and then proceeded to break glass, throw an ice pick and tear the telephone off the wall. He was then said to have rushed to his car waiting outside and fled.

A warrant has been issued for the young man charging driving while under the influence of alcohol, speeding, reckless driving and creating a disturbance.

LEGISLATION FAVORS FARMS

Numerous Measures Passed By Legislature For Benefit Of Farmers

DOBSON ON COMMITTEES

Considerable legislation for the benefit of agriculture and the farmers of the state was enacted by the 1945 legislature at Raleigh, with special attention being paid to secondary, farm-to-market roads and to possible cooperative rural telephone systems similar in organization to the R.E.A.

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WILL ASK FOR USED GARMENTS OF ALL KINDS

Collection Center To Be Located In Nicks Bldg.

D. G. SMITH CHAIRMAN

Jonesville Completing Organization To Handle Campaign There

COOPERATION IS URGED

The United National Clothing Collection campaign, for the benefit of many millions of destitute people in many parts of the world ravaged by war, will begin in the Elkin community on Monday, April 9.

In Elkin the collection depot will be in the Nicks' building, next to the Post Office. The use of this building for receiving and packing the articles collected has been donated by Attorney W. M. Allen.

Chairman D. G. Smith states that one of the young women's organizations has been asked to "superintend the reception of clothing and other articles from 2:00 to 6:00 P. M., daily except Sunday, and that W. S. Beddingfield, manager of the Central Telephone Company, has offered to install a telephone for the use of persons desiring further information. Mayor Z. B. Martin, of Jonesville, is completing an organization for that community and will announce the collection depots at an early date. Pleasant Hill and State Road communities will also have central points at which the clothing can be left.

It is understood that the churches, schools and civic organizations all are boosting this most necessary movement and a very substantial quantity of useful material is expected for the benefit of those less fortunate than ourselves.

It is also understood that one or more collection points will be located at the plant of the Chatham Manufacturing Company for those employees who do not have opportunity to leave their donations of clothing, etc., at the central depot.

Chairman Smith calls attention to the fact that all types of women's and girls' garments, men's and boys' garments, suits, dresses, overcoats, sweaters, knitted caps, underwear, overalls, etc., in good usable condition, as well as usable remnants and piece goods one yard or more in length will be acceptable and welcome. Shoes, either oxfords or high shoes, of durable type with low or medium heels are desired. Shoes with high heels, open toes or open backs, evening slippers and novelty types cannot be used. Women's hats, dress hats, derbies, evening dresses and dress suits cannot be used.

Infants' wear, blankets and bedding will be a welcome addition to the barren wardrobes of millions of people in the devastated areas.

This clothing will be distributed free to the needy without discrimination of any kind, and our local communities are urged to contribute as liberally as possible of good used clothing and blankets.

The campaign will extend through April 23 and further information will be given in a later issue of the Tribune.

Negro And Booze Taken In Yadkin

Mose Wheeler, Winston-Salem negro, was arrested by State highway and federal officers Thursday morning of last week near Boonville, when his liquor-laden car, containing 85 gallons, bogged down in a wheat field following a chase.

A companion of Wheeler's made his getaway, but officers nabbed car, driver and whiskey.

Wheeler was quoted as saying that it made him "awful sad" to get caught, but admitted it wasn't the first time.

Given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Ader, in Winston-Salem, the negro was bound over to federal court. He has served two previous sentences for liquor violations.

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BACK THE ATTACK — WITH WAR BONDS!