

The War In Review

Allied Headquarters, Naples, Mar. 9. (UP)—German pressure on the Fifth army beachhead below Rome faded to negligible proportions today as official allied sources revealed that the nazis had lost 24,000 men—almost one-fourth of their original striking force—in three bloody and unsuccessful attempts to drive the allies into the sea.

Headquarters spokesmen said 20,500 German troops including many of Hitler's toughest veterans, had been killed or wounded since the original allied landing six weeks ago.

In addition, 3,500 prisoners had been taken. The total was almost one-fourth of the 100,000 Germans known to have been drawn up around the beachhead perimeter.

Allied casualties during that period naturally remained a closely guarded military secret, but it can be stated that they are considerably smaller than those of the enemy.

London, March 6. —(UP)—A mighty armada of American war planes assaulted Berlin today in the first mass daylight raid of the war on the German capital, and the nazis said one of the greatest air battles in history was raging over all northwest and central Germany.

The first official reports, based on radio advices from the big bombers of a "very strong" fleet, indicated that the American raiders—thwarted by weather only Saturday in an attempt to deluge Berlin with bombs—had scored a great success today.

With American Forces in Burma, March 6. (UP)—American veterans of the Solomons and New Guinea campaigns going into action on the Burma front for the first time, have smashed a Japanese force in the Naga hills sector after a 200-mile forced march through the northern Burma jungles, it was disclosed today.

The surprise thrust trapped a force of some 2,000 Japanese between the American columns and Chinese troops, striking eastward through the Kukwang river valley and a major battle was believed imminent.

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, March 7. —(UP)— Allied forces, in a three-pronged assault on Japanese holdings in the southwest Pacific, pushed into the northern part of Los Negros in the Admiralty islands, made a new landing on the New Guinea coast, and heavily bombed Rabaul on New Britain, it was disclosed today.

In the Los Negros fighting, U. S. ground troops crossed a narrow isthmus leading into Salami plantation, north of captured Momote airfield, while heavy and medium bombers raided enemy positions north of Hyane harbor.

U. S. destroyers also joined in the attack, shelling Japanese shore batteries covering Seadler harbor, and hitting Manus, main Admiralty island Sunday, for the third consecutive day.

London, March 7. (UP)—American bombers and their escorting fighters shot down 176 German planes in the raid on Berlin yesterday, a U. S. army communique announced today. Ninety-three were credited to the bombers and 83 to the fighters.

While the German capital still smoldered from its first mass daylight raid, a strong force of British heavy bombers last night blasted railway targets without loss at Trappes, 15 miles southwest of Paris on the main line to Nantes and St. Nazaire in the Bay of Biscay.

Moscow, March 7. (UP)—Major Gregory K. Zhukov's army of the Ukraine plunged through a 20-mile gap in the Odessa-Warsaw railway today to within less than 60 miles of Rumania, where a wholesale flight from the threatened border region was reported under way.

The landslide pace of the Russian breakthrough on the Tarnopol-Proskurov front was said to have touched off a new wave of panic in Bessarabia, northern Bukovina and neighboring remaining territory, where authorities and peasants alike were fleeing the paths of the red army. The confusion in Rumania was calculated to aggravate the nazi task of supplying some 500,000 German troops threatened with envelop-

ment in the lower Ukraine. Their primary life line was broken when soviet forces stormed in across the railroad running northwest from Odessa, leaving them only round-about, secondary transport routes.

With Gen. Stilwell in Northern Burma, March 7. (UP)—American infantrymen from the southwest Pacific, striking at the Japanese on the continent of Asia for the first time, today trapped 2,000 enemy troops in the Hukwang valley.

The American troops, swinging east and south, captured the village of Walaubin, 10 miles behind the Japanese lines, while Chinese forces in a coordinated attack struck deep into enemy territory to help them bottle up the remnants of a division which had helped conquer Singapore.

If the Americans and Chinese can keep the trap closed on the encircled forces, it will result in the biggest bag of Japanese troops thus far in the Burma campaign.

Washington, March 7. —(UP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, said today that the "U. S. submarine fleet has sunk so many Japanese tankers and supply ships that I believe that they possibly could not maintain major navy units at Truk.

At a press conference with Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Nimitz said:

"We are not surprised but were disappointed not to find naval units of the Japanese fleet in Truk when we hit it.

London, March 8. (UP)—Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the 8th air force smashed powerfully at Berlin today for the second time in three days, crashing more than 10,000 high explosives and 350,000 incendiary bombs on the capital, striking at the heart of nazidom for the fourth time in eight days and only 48 hours after driving on Berlin's first mass daylight bombardment concentrated on industrial targets on the capital.

Strong forces of American and British fighter planes shepherded the bombers through the Berlin defense shield, as they did on Monday when 176 German planes were shot down in violent battles.

Berlin broadcasts said massed American and German forces fought another great battle. Unlike the early propaganda claims Monday, the nazis this time put out no preliminary claims of having reduced the attack to a relatively small scale.

The first enemy radio accounts said the battles were fought over northwest Germany between contesting forces both of which were described as strong. They did not name Berlin as the raiders target. Only after allied radios had broadcast the announcement that Berlin had been hit again, did the official DNB news agency ease into the admission that the Americans "attempted to reach Berlin with strong forces."

A Mustang Base in England, Mar. 8. (UP)—The first returning fighter pilots who accompanied American heavy bombers to Berlin today said the German defenses were as fierce and determined as they were on Monday.

The battle was fought today in almost cloudless skies. Otherwise, perfect visibility was marred only by clouds of anti-aircraft fire thrown up by the ground guns, the strength of which seemed to have been increased.

The airmen said the Germans seemed to throw up every type of fighter plane, including some trainers which were duck soup for the American gunners.

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, March 8. (UP)—U. S. marines, in a 110-mile jump from their Cape Gloucester base, have landed on the north coast of New Britain near Talasea to capture positions less than 170 miles from the Japanese stronghold at Rabaul, it was announced today.

American forces also won control of Los Negros in the Admiralty islands, across the Bismarck sea from New Britain, and prepared to start using Momote airfield which they captured in the initial landing last week.

The marines, in landing near Talasea on Willaumez peninsula Monday morning, met only light opposition when they went ashore in small landing craft, and a headquarters spokesman said no American casualties were reported.

In the deepest penetration yet of New Britain, the marines skirted a wide expanse of enemy positions, placing the new American line 80 miles from Rotteck bay, where the ground forces last were reported.

Anti-New Dealers Plan Moves To Balk Fourth Term

No Particular Strength Shown by Those Who Would Oppose President at Convention

Washington, March 7. —(UP)—Anti-New Deal democrats appear today unable to make up their minds on strategy, to prevent President Roosevelt's renomination for a fourth term.

The belief that he will seek renomination is sufficiently indicated by the organization of pre-convention machinery to block him. But the program is developing along two different and almost opposing lines.

Former Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring, who left the Roosevelt cabinet in 1940, is promoting a "third party" movement or general conservative democratic bolt to Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy, should he be renominated. To this end Woodring helped set up a "Jeffersonian democratic" conference which met last month in Chicago. After conferences last week in New York he indicated that the third party plan was solidly founded and that there were half a dozen or so democrats who would be available to contest the presidential election as a Jeffersonian democrat.

It is obvious that any Jeffersonian-democratic presidential candidate who could take 100 or so electoral votes from Mr. Roosevelt next November would have obtained his defeat if the election were at all close.

Among the men mentioned by Woodring as potential candidates were former democratic national committee chairman, James A. Farley, Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D. Va., and former Gov. Joseph B. Ely, Massachusetts. Inclusion of these men among potential third party candidates appears to shadow the whole program. Farley has told intimates, as reported this week by Charles Michelson, former publicity director of the committee, that he would not bolt the democratic party even if Mr. Roosevelt were renominated. Farley will oppose his renomination before and during the democratic national convention. If Farley is out-voted he will take no further part in the campaign other than to announce that he will vote the straight democratic ticket.

Byrd already has announced that he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination. Ely is in a somewhat different position. Moving boldly in Massachusetts against a fourth term, anti-New Deal democrats have entered a slate of convention delegate candidates who would be pledged to Ely's nomination for the presidency. That was announced Feb. 26. It looked like a bolt or third party threat.

But it appears now that Ely will not permit his name to go before presidential preference primaries in other states. Therefore the strategy in Massachusetts seems to coincide less with Woodring's third party plan than with the effort of other anti-New Dealers to obtain control of a big block of convention delegates for a convention floor fight against Mr. Roosevelt's renomination and a do-or-die effort to prevent a New Dealer being nominated for vice president in the event Mr. Roosevelt heads the ticket again.

Many democrats, especially southerners, who might be willing to fight Mr. Roosevelt's renomination in the convention would not bolt the party to vote against him. The last time there was any substantial bolt in the south was when former Sens. Thomas J. Heflin, Ala., and Furnifold Simmons, N. C., balked in 1928 at Alfred C. Smith and supported Herbert C. Hoover. The next time Heflin and Simmons came up for re-election the voters mowed them down. Southern statesmen have not forgotten that.

SEEK TO KILL U. S. OFFICERS

With the 14th Air Force in Southeast China, March 6. (UP)—American pilots and ground crew officers here, nearest U. S. air base to Japan, were warned today that the enemy sent hired killers through Chinese lines to murder them with promise of a high bounty on each victim.

One gang of 200 killers recently was reported attempting to penetrate south from the Yangtze river.

The report said the Japanese had promised to pay \$300,000 in Chinese currency for each American captain murdered; \$600,000 for every lieutenant colonel or officer of higher rank.

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Republican Wins Seat

Denver, March 8. (UP)—The first congressional district of Colorado, traditional democratic stronghold, swung into the republican ranks today with the election of Dean M. Gillespie, 59-year-old business man, to the national house of representatives.

Gillespie won by less than 3,000 votes over Maj. Carl Wuertele, disabled bomber pilot whose brilliant war record was emphasized by the democrats. Unofficial returns from Denver's 402 precincts gave Gillespie a total of 41,447 votes compared with 38,524 for Wuertele.

The Republican victory was the first congressional triumph in Denver since 1930. It was considered particularly significant also in view of the fact the district gave President Roosevelt a 10,000 vote margin over Wendell Willkie in 1940, although Colorado as a whole went republican.

Wuertele had pledged support of administration war and home-front policies in his campaign and had endorsed the election of President Roosevelt to a fourth term.

Gillespie had attacked "bureaucracy and bungling" of the New Deal and had called for private business to be given an opportunity to show what it could do in the re-employment of an estimated 20,000,000 service men and women and war workers after the war.

British Lose Cruiser

London, March 7. —(UP)—The 5,270-ton cruiser *Penelope*, tough veteran of the Mediterranean campaign and inspiration for the best seller "The Ship," was lost in the allied landing below Rome, it was revealed today. The Admiralty in a terse communique announced her loss and A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty disclosed in Commons that she went down in the Anzio amphibious operation. British tars affectionately called the *Penelope* "H. M. S. Pepperpot" because she once ran the treacherous Malta supply line after her steel hull had been pierced 2,000 times by high explosive splinters.

Cecil Scott Forester, author of novels, biographies and travel books, went to sea in the *Penelope* to gather information for "The Ship" which he dedicated to her officers and men.

Capt. G. B. Belben, her commander, was among those lost when she was sunk in an undisclosed manner.

Surprise Germans

Anzio Beachhead, Italy, March 7. (UP)—One of the most spectacular battles of the beachhead campaign was credited today to a British reconnaissance unit, which went behind the enemy lines in armored scout cars and raised havoc among the bewildered Germans. The battle, which lasted only five hours, was conducted by two British lieutenants, Richard Beale, a six-foot amateur heavyweight boxer of Sherwood Motts, England, and Philip Grinley, Sussex.

In that brief period they killed, between them, 145 Germans and destroyed two self propelled 88's, two light field guns, and two mortars.

Locate College Girl

Fremont, Neb., Mar. 7. (UP)—Betty van Cleave, 20, Des Moines, Ia., Midland college freshman, was located late yesterday at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., in response to a wire sent by the Midland college president. Betty reported that she went to Majors for a general check-up.

Betty was last seen Saturday evening leaving the city library. An extensive search by police and fellow students had been conducted.

Bicycle Beats Car

Denver, March 7. (UP)—Police examined the bicycle of a 14-year-old boy today to see if it was equipped with a super-charger. Seeing the youth hitching rides on street cars, two scout car patrolmen started to give him warning. The youth saw them coming and stepped on the pedals. It took the patrol car seven blocks to catch up with the speeder.

This is a family war. Put your War Bond buying through the payroll savings plan on a family plan, which means figure it out yourself.

Soon To Hold Trial Of Group Charged With Polygamy

Twenty Fundamentalist Leaders Arrested and Charged With Preaching and Practicing

Salt Lake City, March 8. (UP)—Trial of 20 fundamentalist leaders, members of a group of self-styled "saints" who practice and preach polygamy, arrested yesterday in a three-state roundup, will be held March 20, Federal Judge Tillman D. Johnson said today.

The men, two of whom were reported to be the fathers of "at least 23 children" each, were seized in widespread raids in Arizona, Utah and Idaho following their indictment by a federal grand jury which charged them with violating the Mann Act and the Lindbergh kidnap law, and for conspiracy and mailing obscene literature. They will be ar-

raigned today. Seized with the 20 leaders were 30 other members of the sect who face prosecution on state charges of conspiracy and cohabitation with as many as six women.

The fundamentalists, who reside in Arizona, Utah and Idaho, once were members of the Mormon church but they now have no connection with the organized Latter Day Saints church which outlawed polygamy more than 50 years ago.

"Polygamy is a hard thing to live and anyone who thinks it's fun ought to try it," one of the leaders declared. "Polygamy is the only path to celestial glory; without it, many women are driven into prostitution."

Included among those arrested were Farmer John Y. Barlow and Salesman Charles F. Zitting, each reported to be the father of 23 children; Joseph W. Musser, sect leader and editor of "Truth," the sect's monthly publication, and Ruion C. Alfred, "naturopathic physician."

Beat Hitler and the Jap—Buy Bonds!

PENSIONERS WED

London, (UP)— It is never too late to find a spouse: A 74-year-old widow met her 83-year-old bridegroom at the movies 17 months ago. Both the members of an old-age pensioner's club.

They're Still Dying; You Keep on Buying War Bonds and Stamps

Declines Petition

Lincoln, Neb., March 7. (UP)—Walter L. Pierpont, Omaha, today notified Secretary of State Frank March, he had refused the petition filed last week in his behalf as a democratic candidate for governor. The Omaha man gave no reason for his refusal.

Pierpont's withdrawal left the democratic gubernatorial nomination open to P. J. Heaton, Sidney, and George Olsen, Plattsmouth. Heaton is supported by Louis W. Licholz, Barada, who yesterday announced his refusal of the petition filed for him last week.



IT'S IN THE AIR. You can feel it, every time the Axis is struck. This is the climax year, the year of decision. In history, 1944 will be the big year of the war—every stroke for victory counts more now. That's why it's vitally important for every American to beat his interest. But it is essential to complete victory. Your part in this year of decision is at least one extra \$100 Bond, above your regular Bond buying. That is your minimum individual quota. But don't stop there. Remember wars are won only by all-out effort. So buy \$200, \$300, \$500 worth—buy more than you can afford. And buy your Bonds where you work—at the plant or at the office. Your country is counting on you—let's make the year of decision OUR year!



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