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JAPS SAY YANKS PREPARING FOR **NEW OFFENSIVE**

BY LEONARD MILLMAN (Associated Press War Editor)

Japanese propagandists toda; forecast another American invasion stemming from Okinawa where three U.S. infantry divisions fought through tortuous terrain to the northern edges of two battle-scarred airstrips on the island's southern

In the day's most sensational action, a British armored column sped 56 miles through southern Burma to within 62 miles of Rangoon. Against equally light opposition the U.S. 24th division drove another 10 miles through the Apo mountains of Mindanao in the southern Philippines coming within sight of Davao gulf. Japanese stubbornly defended mounain positions on three northern Philippine sectors.

Tokyo made no attempt to guess where the next U.S. amphibious blow might strike. Eighty transports, escorted by at least 30 warships, were reported in the Okinawa

Prepare For Operations

Most of these have been cruising around the area, the Domei news agency said in a dispatch reported that it appeared U.S. "naval forces in Okinawa waters have been preparing for new operations for the last few days."

A small force of Nipponese suicide planes attacked this fleet yesterday, radio Tokyo claimed sinking two cruisers, including the Savannah and four transports. Japanese also asserted a surface craft sank a submarine in the southwest Pacific.

A hundred or more Superforts raided six enemy air bases on Kyushu island in Japan proper this morning for the third consecutive day. One B-29 was lost in yesterday's strike.

Some 325 miles to the south U.S. 7th division patrols crawled almost to the northern edge of Yonabaru airtsrip on the east coast of south ern Okinawa, while the 27th smash ed to within striking distance of Machinato field on the west. The 96th took more rugged hills in the center of the ridged and cave-marked line which would make possible a final assault on both strips.

Planes Support Advance
The American advance through Mindanao was supported by rocketfiring planes. But, the 24th found scant opposition as it came within sight of Digos on Davao gulf where heavy fighting is anticipated.

Sixteen enemy vessels, including a submarine, were hit by Southwest Pacific bombers while the U.S. 14th air force in China supported Chinese ground forces and heavily raided enemy communication lines.

Chinese held the three-pronged Japanese push toward the U.S. airbase at Chihkiang, 250 miles southshaped front 75 miles from Chihkiang. Repeated attacks were beaten back in the center, infiltrating groups surrounded and annihiliated on one flank, and fierce counterattacks pressed on the other.

Heavy fighting developed in southeast China where Japanese apparently were trying to broaden their China-Indo-China corridor as a defensive measure.

Early Rapids **Resident Dies**

Mrs. Charles M. Kruger, 75, died at her home, 521 Sixteenth street south, at 6:45 this morning following a heart attack Friday evening. She had been a resident of Wisconsin Rapids since the age of three. Mrs. Kruger, the former Augusta Duberstein, was born in Pomerania, Germany, August 4, 1869, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Duberstein, who came there as pioneers. She married Charles M. Kruger at Kellner November 19, 1903. A daughter died in infancy and Mr.

She is survived by two sons, Elmer and William Kruger, both of Wisconsin Rapids, and three grand-

Kruger died April 11, 1933.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 Monday afternoon at Immanuel Lutheran church, the Rev. E. G. Knechle officiating. Burial will be Porest Hill cemetery. The body is at the Baker Mortuary.



Lake Como.

ed itself "the voice of the Italian National Liberation committee" said today that Benito Mussolini, disguised as a German soldier, had been arrested on the west shore of The station, in a broadcast re-

A Milan radio station which call-

THE TWAIN DO MEET-The historic juncture between forces of

the Anglo-American and the Soviet armies at Torgau, Germany on

the Elbe river is depicted in the top scene. Maj. Gen. E. F. Rein-

hardt; commander of the 69th infantry, 1st army (2nd from right)

talks with the commanding general of a Russian division. Troops

of their respective units follow behind them. Second Lt. William

Robertson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Lt. Alexander Sylvashko of

the Russian army, below, exuberant at the historic meeting, sym-

bolize the joy that is rampant through Allied fighting men around

the world. Lieutenant Robertson, the first American soldier to shake

hands with a Russian soldier, crossed to the east bank of the Elbe

Lies Unattended Overnight

After Shooting Accident

Irvin Gukenberger, 59, Route 5, was alive miraculously today af-

ter having accidentally shot himself through the neck yesterday af-

ternoon while shooting squirzels on his farm and lying unattended for

at least 16 hours until a neighbor heard his cries for help and took

squirçels near a corn crib on his farm, where he lives alone, and had

set the 12-gauge shotgun against a fence while he crawled through,

As he reached through the fence to get the gun, it apparently caught

on the wire and went off, the charge striking him in the neck. He

then crawled about 150 yards to the porch of his house where he

collapsed. About 6 o'clock this morning, Reuben Rochelle, a neighbor.

said it was a miracle that he survived the ordeal. The temperature

His condition is considered good by the attending physician, who

Manley.

Mussolini, Two Top Advisers

Pfc. Bobb Manley Is

Injured in Germany

Pfc. Bobb Manley, whose wife re-

Expect Liberation of

Denmark in 5 Weeks

Stockholm - (A) - "Fortress

est of all Nazı strongholds. Pat-

riots confidently predict its libera-

tion within five weeks.

was awakened by his cries for help and came to his aid.

was recorded at 26 degrees during the night.

Gachnang Services

To Be Held Monday

Funeral services will be held at 2

Pittsviile Funeral home for Henry

day morning after a long illness.

Mrs. J. M. Hunt, both of Madison,

and two brothers, Fred and Ed

A sewer and water extension is

being installed on Fifteenth street,

between Oak and Peach streets, ac-

cording to Carl Cajanus, city en-

Gachnang, survive.

EXTENDING MAINS

According to Gukenberger's story, he was trying to shoot some

him to the Riverview hospital early this morning.

corded by the federal communications commission, added that two of Il Duce's top ministers also had

been captured. Capture of Marshal Rodolfo Grasiani, war minister in Mussolini's

Reported Nabbed by Italians puppet north Italian government and one-time commander of Italian forces in North Africa, has been announced by Italian patriot headquarters in Milan, the broadcast said.

> Guido Buffarini-Guidi, former secretary of state and minister of the interior in Mussolini's Fascist government, was captured by Italian natriots at Fortezza while attempting to escape into Switzerland, the radio station added. Buffarini-Guidi will be brought before a people's court, the broadcast de-

BERLIN'S INNER

BY RICHARD KASISCHKE

DEFENSE SPLIT.

GERMANS REPORT

London-(AP)-The German high command declared today that Soviet troops had crashed through Ber-lin's inner defense ring and were sians west of Vienna to seal off fighting on Alexanderplatz, site of Gestapo headquarters. Nazi planes were flying in reinforcements, food, and ammunition to the fanatical garrison, the German communique in the Nazi redoubt. The closest ap- that the movement was "anti-Nazi.

Russian troops have captured Pasewalk, 23 miles northwest of Stettin, on the main road to the Baltic port of Stralsund, Marshal Stalin announced tonight in an or- the Americans were barely 25 miles der of the day.
This sweep by the Second White

Russian army also won Strasburg, 10 miles west of Pasewalk, in the Prague munitions area. drive to link with British forces in northern Germany. German armies facing the Ameri-

drawn in an attempt to relieve the the southern and northern German capital, the war bulletin said. Earlier, the Germans said a relie army was nearing Berlin from a Russian trap to the southeast.

hands. Soviet troops were boring in block by block, and other divi-sions sped westward in a push to In Philippines isolate the last Nazi Baltic ports. Russian correspondents in Berlin

German officers could not halt the April 8 on Luzon in the Philippines, SS overlords, the correspondents

These front dispatches said many Nazis were discarding uniforms for civilian clothes.

Swiss Border Is Reached by Yank Troops

Rome -(P)- American troops striking across the Po valley and into the Alps, reached the Swiss border today and cut off all northwestern Italy from exits to Germany, the Milan national liberation radio reported today.

The Americans earlier had speared close to Bergamo, 125 miles o'clock Monday afternoon at the sides at 4501/2 Fifth avenue north, southwest of the Brenner pass and was injured in action in Germany 30 miles from the border in a swift Gachnang, 68, who died at his home recently, according to a war departdash to outflank Milan, 26 miles in the town of Hansen at 10:10 Friment telegram received by Mrs. Fifth army almost at the southern tip of Lake Como.

A lifelong resident of Wood country A member of infantry in the ty, Mr. Gaehnang, was born at Pitts- Third army, Private Manley enter-A First armored division spearhead that seized the Ghedi airport member of the football team. ville September 24, 1881, and moved ed the armed forces in July, 1941 near Bergamo in a 31 mile advance moved on the field so fast a Ger- Wolters, Tex., he was sent overwith his parents to the town of Han- and went overseas last January, He sen when he was three years old, is now in a hospital in England and man sergeant assigned to blow the seas to Australia. He participated installations was captured before in the Munday Bay, Saidor, Aitane Two sisters, Mrs. G. H. Stahl and has been awarded the Purple Heart. be could touch off a fuse.

> On the Ligurian coast a special task force entered Pontremoli, 20 pines. miles north of La Spezia, en route to Parma, Allied headquarters disclosed.

Other Fifth army troops smashed Denmark" looms today as the weak- into the great port of Genoa. The "Free Milan" radio declared German commanders were endeavoring to negotiate a general surrender of their hopelessly trapped forces in northern Italy.

(A broadcast by the partisan radio at Busto Arsizio in northern Italy, recorded by the FCC, said patriot forces had "linked up" with Allied troops north of the Po and that all roads leading to the Brenner pass had been "barred.")

Committee Discusses Land Sale Proposals

The general business committee f the city council met yesterday afternoon at the city hall to discuss veterans as guards wherever possithe sale of two pieces of property, one on Canal street, the other on Drake and Seventh streets. Recommendations will be submitted to the and Nazi insignia, emblems or pic city council at a meeting Tuesday

7th Army Smashes To Within 25 Miles

BY AUSTIN BEALMEAR

Paris-(AP)-The American Seventh army closed today within 25 miles of Munich and broadcasts north, entering Rohrback. The Sevfrom that Nazi citadel said a revolt was seething in the city.

Augusburg, third city of Bavaria, fell to Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's troops. The Seventh army reached the Austrian frontier at Fuessen, 55 miles over the towering Alps from miles into the western end of the German national redoubt.

Three armies were advancing on Munich and threatening to encircle the city, third largest in Germany. Gen. Patton sent U.S. Third army infantry 27 miles north of the city while his tank divisions moved down the Danube valley in Austria toward Czechoslovakia and carve bisected Germany into three death traps. Southwest Of Munich

The French First army was 40 miles southwest of Munich and deep the broadcasts asserted repeatedly proach to Munich was from the west beyond Landsberg.

Third army troops were chatter ing back and forth by radio with Russians in Austria. At last reports, from Linz, one of Hitler's favorite cities and on the last intact route into the redoubt from the Pilsen-

Germany was cut in two in the center and the Russians reported new junctions with American forces cans on the Elbe have been with- on the Elbe. The iron band between

Joe Goodrich Only one-quarter of the flaming, crumbling city remained in Nazi Dies in Action

T/5 Joe K. Goodrich, 25, son of declared trapped Germans were tryMr. and Mrs. J. K. Goodrich, 1311 in action with the Third army. ing to escape in wholesale fashion. Elm street, was killed in action according to a war department telegram received by the soldier's parents this morning.

The Wisconsin Rapids soldier was member of the 126th infantry in a tenth century cathedral. Its fall the 32nd division. His parents had left Hitler with only ten cities of received their last letter from him more than 100,000 people. two weeks ago and it was dated | A citizens committee met Seventh April 1, from Balete pass in the army divisional commanders yester-

He had been wounded by shrapnet in the back, neck and band, in December, 1944 at Ormoc Bay in tinued apace, even as the captured three weeks from the wounds reoutfit received a presidential citation. He also had been awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry badge.

Goodrich was born in Wisconsin Rapids December 7, 1919. He attended the Howe Grade school and was graduated from Lincoln Highschool in 1938. While in high school he participated in four major sports -baseball, football, basketball and rack. Following his graduation rom Lincoln High, he attended Central State Teachers college for three years, then enlisted in the army in October, 1942. While at the Point Teachers college, he was a

After 13 weeks training at Camp and Morotal campaigns in the south Pacific before going to the Philip-

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Pvt. James F. Goodrich, who is with the 75th division at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Tighten Regulations On Food And Menus For Prisoners of War

Chicago - (P) - Stiffer restrictions on food and menus for enemy orisoners of war in the Sixth Service command have gone into effect, Maj. Gen. Russel B. Reynolds, commander, announced today. The new regulations call for more

meatless meals, with substitutions of "cheap grades of fish, macaroni, spaghetti, beans, and other similar entrees," Reynolds said.

He added that POW camps in the command, which include Illinois and Wisconsin, have overseas war ble, and the Nazi salute by enemy prisoners has been banned, swastika flags have been confiscated tures of Nazi leaders are prohibited either for possession or display.

pockets was perhaps 50 miles wide. Patton's 86th division drove within 31 miles of Munich from the

enth army captured Augsburg, 32 miles northwest, and moved within 25 miles of Munich in the area beyond Landsberg to the south of Augsburg. Revolt In Munich Broadcasting on the Munich wave

city was being carried out by the "Free Action of Bavaria" group. The radio repeatedly asked the A!-Marshal Albert Kesselring at Pull asch, six miles south of Munich. The revolt was said to have start ed around dawn.

been pictured as an ardent Nazi and Out of Work "The hour of freedom has struck,"

roices on the Munich wave length Official after official paraded to nicrophones in south Germany and branded the Munich wave length broadcast as a "fake by criminals,

traitors and swindlers.' The 86th division advanced on Munich down the Berlin-Munich superhighway, gaining nine miles over-

The Texas and Oklahoma (90th) division crossed the Czechoslovakian frontier at a new point and reached Smaxov, 32 miles southwest of the great Skoda munitions works.

Surge Southward The 71st, 65th, 86th and 99th diviions surged south of the Danube on 50-mile front from the areas of he captured fortress of Regensburg and Ingolstadt in advance up to ten miles closing down on the roof of the Bavarian redoubt. The new 97th infantry division was disclosed to be

deisel engine factories. The city was founded by the Romans around the time of Christ and is dominated by

day to arrange its surrender.

The disintegration of the confused and beaten German armies conthe Philippines. He recovered in German general staff spokesman Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, predicted ceived in that battle, for which his that Hitler would die in Berlin within a few days and that the war would end swiftly afterwards.

The Canadian First army tightened a siege are around the road center of Oldenburg and beat against the defenses of the North sea ports and navai bases of Emden and Wilhelmshaven.

The French at Fussen on the Australia of the Canadian Switch and Invalidation of the Switch Swi The French at Fussen on the Aus-

rian frontier were barely 55 miles across the Alps from the Brenner varian redoubt-which the Allied armies in Italy were approaching. Pockets Diminishing

In the mopup of the trap south of Stuttgart, the French liberated the Archbishop of Kiev and several Ukrainian elergymen from Nazi concentration camps.

against the Nazi redoubt by its per-

the city, capital of Wuerttemberg, cisco.

At latest reports, the French still

council of ministers which voiced

disapproval of the request on

taken any action on France's post-

The Sixth army group includes the

U.S. Seventh and French First arm-

ics. It is commanded by Gen. Jacob

The French have asked for vit-

tually outright occupation of the might

war occupation zone claims in south-

which the French captured.

Still In Stuttgart

west Germany.

L. Devers.

French Army Obstructing

Drive Against Nazi Redoubt

sistence in continuing to occupy military administration of Stuttgart

The statement said. Sixth army French officials regard the situation

group headquarters had asked the as timely, coming while world dele-

French First army to move out of gates are convened at San Fran-

Saarland plus defined occupational French simply refuse to budge.

the French First army was obstruct- Ruhr down to Lake Constance.

ing the Allies drive southeast Regard Situation Timely

Wisconsin Rapids Buzzes With Talk of V-E Prospects

Wisconsin Rapids like the rest of the Allied world buzzed oday with reports that Heinrich Himmler had offered unconof Chaotic Munich today with reports that Heinrich Innumer had offered unconditional surrender to Great Britain and the United States but that it had been rejected by Prime Minister Churchill on the basis that it did not include Russia and word also that a futile effort had been made this week to establish a new German government under the leadership of Walter Funk, president of the Reichsbank.

> authority the report circulating in the capital" that the German high command had made a request to the governments of Britain and the United States to surrender but there was no confirmation of Beatty's statement. Beatty said the German offers would be accepted "in general" if

the Brenner pass after charging 45 length heard by approaching Third the Nazis agreed to include Russia in the capitulation and that "The army units said the revolt in the German government has until Tuesday night to reply to the Allied

ng concerning Himmler's reported offer and residents of Wisconsin lies to bomb headquarters of Field Rapids were speculating over whether a "V-E" proclamation or announcement of a German collapse would come this weekend.

one broadcast said Gen. Ritter Link Leaves er, deciding to break off the fight as "senseless." Epp in the past has been pictured as an ardent National Three Armies

Paris-(P)-The historic junction of American and Russian forces in Germany left at least three armies temporarily out of jobs today but there still was much fight-Europe could be considered over.

Front line commanders believe organized warfare may wind up in a matter of weeks. But supreme headquarters, officially pessimistic,

In Paris, such questions as these were being asked concerning these

Would they take new positions somewhere else in Europe? Would they be pulled out the line and sent home? Would they be used-Russians and Americans alike—in a final shattering blow in the Paci-Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, widely-

quoted Nazi military commentator Augsburg, third largest Bavarian predicts that the war will be over city of 185,705 inhabitants, was the scene of Messerschmitt aircraft and to the U.S. Ninth army be declarwould die there.

> over," he said, asserting that once on that." Hitler is dead there will be nothing to hold together the remaining Nazi

Dittmar asserted that the so-call ed Bavarian redoubt was a myth.

Bulletins

GOERBELS BROTHER SEIZER

WOULD EXTEND CONTRACT

They take the position that French

serves to underscore that request,

the controversy on the grounds that

he changed, should

othan Daniels said today it was 'perfectly clear" that there can be to unconditional surrender by Germany unless it is made to all the al-

Daniels said he knew nothing ibout any surrender "proposals."

nen "has nothing to say at this ime. We all know there are and vill be many rumors." Asked whether President Truman's

lary chiefs had any bearing on the surrender rumors. Daniels replied: "No, not specifically," From the German-Swiss frontier, was learned an effort to estab-

burg failed last Tuesday.

WOLLD EXTEND CONTRACT New York—(AP)—Anthracite operators agreed today to a 30-day extension of their contract with the United Mine Workers, which expires Monday night, while the UMW outmourced it was "con-tinuing to give the subject considera-tion." Funk has served as minister of economics and as a member of the vartime ministerial council.

SAY HITLER STRICKEN

Stockholm — (AP) — The newspaper
Syenska Dagbladet, quoting "religible
circles," said today (Ind Bitler had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was
near death inside Berlin. Reports from across the frontier from sources usually reliable said that Funk and five other members of the old Reich government met at Salzburg on April 21 and issued a proclamation that said "the government has ceased to exist," and

proclamation said "local authorities are requested to act as they see fit to avoid any further bloodshed. The German army is quarters statement today declared the whole cross-Rhine belt from the capitulating, and any further re-

sistance will only worsen the future of the German people."

as "minister of war." The Gestapo intervened, sup-But supreme headquarters, which

at first had declined to comment on bers, these reports continued.

were there-backed by the French it is primarily political, now de- Nekoosa Soldier Wounded on Luzon

Mary Ann Wolfe, Nekoosa, was tialities, thus far has brought about slightly wounded in action on Lu-

National Guard in 1940.

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Himmler Reported Seeking "Unconditional Surrender"

The latest word this afternoon by the Associated Press came in the form of a broadcast from Washington by commentator Morgan Beatty that he had "confirmed on competent

The news broke with a suddenness here about 8 o'clock this morn-

According to the Associated Press, the prime minister neither confirmed nor denied reports that surrender had been offered to the two Western allies, but not to Russia

lhat unconditional surrender was offered by Himmler to Britain and the United States only. Further that Britain and the United States have replied saying they will not accept, unconditional surrender except on behalf of all the allies including Russia. Reports To Be Expected "No doubt at a time like this all

ing to be done before the war in kinds of reports of proposals for German surrender from various parts of the German reich are rife, as these are in harmony with the nemy's desperate situation.

Churchill declared:

"It has been reported by Reuters

"His majesty's government have no information to give about any of says it can last for several months. them at this moment. But it must be emphasized that only unconditional surrender to the three major powers will be entertained, and that the

closest accord prevails between the three powers." Beatty declared that, "I have confirmed that the offer was made in nidweek, and perhaps transmitted Wednesday, and was immediately taken under consideration. It was determined however that the offer

would be acceptable only provided the Germans also include Russia." At San Francisco, Secretary Stetreports of the offer.

"I'm sorry old man." the secretary told a reporter, "but I can't help you White House press secretary Jon-

"This government," he told news-

ong conference yesterday with mili-

ish a new German government unler leadership of Walther Funk, resident of the Reichsbank, at Salz-

saued Proclamation

urging Germans to stop all resist-

The report said the proclamation was signed by Funk as "provisional reichs chancellor," and by Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch

pressed the new self-constituted government, and arrested two mem-

clared that the request for the French to move out of Stuttgart was grounds that the Big Three had not made in line with military opera-T/Sgt. Frank J. Wolfe, son of Mrs. The situation, fraught with poten-

nothing in the nature of a clash. The zon in the Philippines March 23, acreadquarters statement indicated cording to a war department telethat rather than bring about such a gram received by the soldier's mothclash, the American zone and the er Thursday night. Sergeant Wolfe is with the 32nd supply and communications line the division and was a member of the

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