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## British Task Force Joins Americans To Blast Okinawa

Nazis Say Supers Hit Tokyo With New Incendiaries

BY ELMONT WAITE

Guam-(AP)-A powerful British task force has joined the mighty American naval assault on the Ryukyu island approaches to the Japanese homeland which the navy announced today is continuing.

Fleet guns and carrier planes

SUPERS HIT NAGOYA

Washington — (P) — Superfortresses today hit Nagoya, Japan's third city and big aircraft production center.

The attack by a small force of R-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 em-

American landing parties any time

(Berlin radio quoted Tokyo as saying 150 American Superfortresses attacked Tokyo this morning with a new type of incendiary bomb, starting numerous fires. The Berlin broadcast, not confirmed by Allied sources, was heard in London).

The British task force, which included the battleship King George V and the carrier Illustrious, operated as a unit attached to Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's Fifth U. S. fleet.

It became the first element of the royal navy to strike an offensive See-PACIFIC-Page 7

### Yanks Take Two Islands Off Cebu

doughboys-Yanks have landed on poured heavy shells and bombs for 13 Philippine islands this month avenue north, was reported by the the seventh straight day on strate-Okinawa, Japan's Ryukyu bastion Wednesday to clear the shipping member of the Fifth marine diviwhich Tokyo says is expecting lanes into that second port of the sion, he had previously been wound-

Gen. Douglas MacArthur report

island about nine miles by four. The big plant was set afire by Japanese damplition aways Monday mouning demolition crews Monday morning when the Yanks landed on Cebu.

MacArihur reported that enemy resistance on Cebu itself remained and Lahug airfields. Lahug has a 5,000 foot concrete runway and

Only sporadic resistance was refronts. Mopping up in the central sector yielded 1,338 additional enemy dead. MacArthur recently estimated Japanese losses in the Phil-

On southern Luzon, 150 Nipponese slipped into the town of Talisay blow so close to Japan in this war, on Lake Taal, well behind Ameri-

### Chile Paper Bares Plot To Destroy Panama Canal

responsible.

Germans, were arrested.

Alameda, Calif. - (AP) -- More

day by transport ship.

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naper La Nacion, which has impor tant contacts with the government, disclosed by the detention of a Gertime after loading at Iquique, a limited Mine Walter Determine after loading at Iquique, a limited Mine Walter Determine Timited Mine Walter Determin Appen.

The newspaper made the assertion in a story headlined, "Ship-wrecks of the Sailing Vessel Lautare and the Steamship Mapocho of investigation, said "criminal and Others Were the Work of Sabotage." It gave no specific details. The naval training ship Lautaro,

#### Man Injured as Axe Gets Tangled With Clothesline

street south, figured in a freak ac- are investigating. cident Wednesday evening which involved an axe and a clothesline. But 300 Lost in Sinking it really isn't as funny as it sounds.

Walker was chopping wood in Of Aircraft Carrier

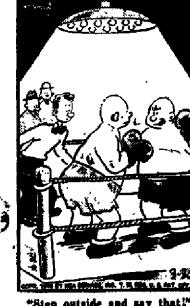
his yard and, before starting to swing at a large piece, motioned several young children to move than 300 men were lost in the sinkback so they would not get hurt ing of the escort carrier Bismarck He swung the double edged axe Sea off Iwo Jima February 21, surand somehow or other the blade vivors who arrived here yesterday came in contact with a clothesline revealed. which his wife had strung unbeknownest to him. Losing control of of survivors which arrived yesterthe implement, it struck him above! the right eye, below the eye, through the lip and nose. He stated later that the blade fortunately the Japanese pilots after the vessel had a dull scalloped edge. He was had been struck twice and Capt. taken to Riverview hospital and released after receiving emergency to abandon ship.

ZAGER SERVICES SUNDAY

treatment.

Funeral services will be held at On Western Front 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, Sigel, for Albert Zager, 80, who died Thursday morning at his home in the town of Sigel. The Rev. W. Ave-Lallemant will officiate. Burial is to take place in Forest Hill cemetery.

#### Hold Everything



Manila—(A)—Invasion-seasoned

ed today that Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold's American division swept across the half-mile strait from Cebu city to secure Opon the main

Cauit, a mere dot in Cebu day, is BY HAROLD W. WARD former seaplane base.

parking facilities for 200 planes.

ported on the various Luzon island ippines at more than 297,000.

can lines, and burned it.

the operators and the miners. Reject Perkins Plan

destroy the Panama canal had been land caught fire at about the same pute to the WLB after operators re-

newspapers declared sabotage was Perkins' proposal, which is under- around. stood to have eliminated his demand Jorge Garreton, director general

See-MINERS-Page 7

Fifty tons of saltpeter about to burg, 911 Sixteenth street. Both The freighter's crew refused to were going east on Baker street Wellington Walker, 36, 1740 Fifth sail after the mishap. Authorities when the youth suddenly turned his MRS. KNUTESON DIES bicycle to cross the road into the ner. The youth received bruises on



Fitzgerald, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fitzgerald, 621 Thirteenth war department to have been killed ed in action in Iwo.

# The biggest coconut oil refinery in the Philippines is on Mactan, an island about nine miles by

Washington—(AP)—The war ladisorganized. Doughboys, string | soft coal operators and miners to a north and south from wrecked and hearing tomorrow morning to deter- 170 miles from Berlin. burned Cebu city, seized the Naga mine whether their contract can be

> The present contract expires at midnight tomorrow and government seizure of the mines was seen possible if the operators and John L. an extension of the present one.

show cause in accordance with the board's practice in such cases why were going well. the terms and conditions of the existing contract should not be extended, pending final action on the issues in dispute, and why an effec- Commissioner in tive date for wage adjustments that may be finally determined upon should not be fixed," WLB Chairman George W. Taylor telegraphed Ed Gruber, 237 Wood

#### hands" undoubtedly caused the Youthful Bicyclist fires. Several persons, including Is Injured Slightly

the bicycle was damaged.

## Continue to Gobble Up Germany Nazis Place One Column 170 Miles from Berlin

BULLETIN With the U. S. Third Army-(.P)-The Sixth armored division stabbed to within 29 miles of Kassel today.

BY JAMES M. LONG

Paris-(P)-The American First army, boldly cutting off the Ruhr, thrust powerful armored forces into Paderborn, 185 miles west of Bergically important targets around Cauit islands off conquered Cebu in action March 1 on Iwo Jima. A lin today and shoved on toward a junction with the 21st army group, racing on the open roads of northern Germany.

Front line dispatches said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' Third armored division shoved into Paderborn at 9:35 a. m. today and kept going in the news blackout that obscured its further movements. The Brussels radio said Hodges' tanks were going so fast that detailed sectional maps were dropped to them by plane.

The sensational drive was meeting virtually no opposition and was less than 65 miles from a junction with Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces, whose exact whereabouts likewise were hidden.

Paderborn is on one of the main railways connecting the Ruhr with Berlin and is 25 miles south of Bielefeld, the only other major railway link between the industrial treasure chest and the German capital.

On the First army's right flank, the Germans reported the Fourth armored division which took Lauterbach had turned east and advanced upon Fulda, 13 miles distant.

The First army shot forward so fast its spearheads lost contact bor board today called deadlocked with headquarters. The Germans said one armored column had reached Bad Windungen, 20 miles southwest of the great rail center of Kassel,

The Ninth army broke loose overnight in a race along the northern extended until a new one is reach- rim of the Ruhr, by-passing most of the great industrial cities of the

The British Second army appeared to be veering northeastward toward the great ports of Hamburg, Bremen and Wilhelmshaven. The whole onsurge on the 21st army group front in the north was in high Lewis fail to agree on a new pact or gear from the Muenster plain to the Odenwald. Infantry alone tramped 18 miles forward in a day, and tanks still were running unchecked The parties will be called on to along clear roads. On every sector, supreme headquarters said officially that advances

Ed Gruber, 237 Wood avenue, fallen. Nekoosa, returned to his duties as Reject Perkins Plan

Street commissioner this morning the American First, Ninth and Third after miraculously escaping death Santiago, Chile—(P)—The newsSantiago, Chile—(P)—The newsnitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the dispute from Secretary of Lanitrate ship Manacha recently were of the nitrate ship Mapocho recently were of the dispute from Secretary of La- into contact with a 2,300-volt Ne- blackout which also covered the American beavy h burned with the loss of perhaps bor Perkins, who announced last mid- koosa-Edwards Paper company pow- British Second and Canadian First cort of 900 fighters—the largest fort to hold the German people in tant contacts with the government, but the government, and the government, but the government to government, but the government to government, but the government to government, but the government to government, but the government to government, but the government to governm front of his home and he went to Emmerich save for snipers. United Mine Workers President put it out of reach of some neighman sabotage chief named Von center of Japanese activities, and John L. Lewis had agreed to Miss bor children who had gathered

Mr. Gruber took hold of the line where it was insulated but the wind whipped the end of it around and it came into momentary contact with his wrist, throwing him to the ground and rendering him unconscious. The wind also was credited with breaking the contact or Stanley Honkamp, 14, 70 Love death would have resulted. Mr. be transferred from a lighter to street, escaped serious injury about Gruber recovered quickly and nothe Chilean freighter Camelo was 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when tified officials to turn off the pow-virtually destroyed in another fire he turned his bicycle into the path er. Although generally shaken up, caused by an explosion at Tocopilla of a car driven by Paul Vanden- a severe burn on the wrist was the only severe after-effect.

Mrs. Morris Knuteson, 22, and inpath of the Vandenburg vehicle, ac. | fant daughter died at Riverview cording to Police Chief R. J. Ex- hospital at 11:15 this forenoon. Her with troops and refugees streaming noon's heavy bomber attack on a the left leg and the front wheel of Rapids. The body is at the Krohn ported also that trains carrying escorting fighter plane was missing, some already had fled to the Ger- to the north along the banks of the and Berard Funeral home.

In 48 hours, more than 60,000 Germans have surrendered. The prized old cities of Frankfurt on the Main, Mannheim and Heidelberg have fallen with little opposition. Hundreds of lesser places have

windstorm. The line had snapped in cleared the Rhine fortress town of Eighth air force this year-attack- hours of peril.

curling around the east end of the shaven today. Ruhr—the tanks clanged 55 miles

At supreme headquarters, officers said the British drive north of the ine building yards, naval vessels in thorities in occupied territory. Ruhr had penetrated 40 miles beyond the Rhine. Security barred installations. disclosure of advances in other directions.

Planes Handicapped

aimed. Pilots said roads east of the tives in northwest Germany, From home was in the town of Grand in the direction of Berlin. They re- benzol plant near Brunswick, one varian alps, and Swiss advices said See-WESTERN FRONT-Page 7 the air ministry said,

#### Yanks captured Mannheim, Reds Over Austrian Border; 10,000 Nazis Taken at Danzig BY RICHARD KASISCHKE Terror Holds

FAST ACTION ON THE WESTERN FRONT-Shaded area indicates Allied-held territory in Ger-

many with arrows locating Allied drives on the basis of reports sifting through heavy censorship. In

the north, the Allies were in the Duelmen area and have taken Duisberg. In the center, U. S. troops

reached Amoeneberg and drove north to Langwiesse. Third army Yanks thrust up to Gruenberg.

Other Third army troops were reported by the enemy near Osmuenden. Farther south Seventh army

GERMANY

## Actual positions of vanguards of HIT SEA PORTS

FRANCE

the north.

Bomber targets included submarport, oil storage depots and harbor

bases were reported over the Vienna area at midmorning. Air forces were handicapped by Fast RAF Mosquito bombers

Muenster, and three north German two-ton blockbusters on Berlin, al- from the army. ports toward which the British were so attacked other undisclosed objec-

following March 21.

Strange Customs

allowed to retaliate.

word Easter, derived from the name

of the Saxon Goddess of Spring

came into being. Its first literary

use came in 1611 by the English

Odd bits of historical fact sur-

round all holidays and Easter is no

exception. About 375 A. D., the

Roman Emperor honoted Easter by

granting general pardons to prison-

ers and forgiving all debts. From

Northern Ireland comes the old cus-

tom that on Easter Monday, not

very many centuries ago, a wife was

on the Tuesday following, he was

It was in England in the Chelsea

district of London that a bakery be-

came so famous for its Hot Cross

## Reich in Line

ed Germany's North sea ports of The campaign seemed to be tak-The First army's armored drive Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelm- ing two forms. Nazi propagandists warned the Germans they would be The massive attacks were intend- no better than slaves if the allies over open roads from dawn to dusk ed to cut off any scaborne supplies are victorious, and at the same time yesterday—was the fastest of the destined for the German armies in they threatened with dire punishend or cooperated with allied au-

Despite this last ditch appeal to fear, repoprts from many sources ly (Vrable, and Poerful. Bomber formations from Italian indicated mounting chaos and despair within the beleaguered reich. Stories relayed through neutral capitals told of disorders and mushowers and low clouds again, but struck ravaged Berlin again last tinies, attempts on the lives of top attacked strongpoints south of night. The Mosquitos, which laid nazis and large scale desertions

> Nazi leaders themselves were reported putting the final touches on drawal into the fastness of the Baman island of Mainau in Lake Con- | Bitra.

In a frank discussion of conditions within the Reich, which was way from Levice. passed by Nazi censors, the Berlin per Der Bund wrote that the Ger-Easter still is celebrated on the first cause for great hopes" and that flanked by spearheads which had Sunday after the first full moon here on the horizon."

#### English is the only language that does not borrow from the Hebrew General Motors Asked to Set Up word "Passover," to describe the holiday of Resurrection. In French it is l'aques; in Dutch, l'aschen, and Security Fund in Italian, Pasqua. To early British Christians, the word passover had no significance whatsoever, and the

Detroit--(P)--Walter P. Reuther, rice-president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), proposed today that General Motors corporation be asked to contribute an translators of the authorized Bible. amount equal to 3 per cent of wages paid in plants where the union holds contracts, to be used to establish a social security department.

The corporation would be the sole contributor to the fund. Two per cent of the fund would be used for hospital, surgical and medical care, and one per cent to establish a UAW death benefit fund, out of which the beneficiary of any employe would receive \$1,500. allowed to strike her husband, and Participation in the plan would be

contingent upon membership ir good standing in the UAW-CIO.

#### Enemy Envoys Present buns that constables had to be call- At Good Friday Mass

supply. In Spain, people used to Sistine chapel today in the presence hang the palms they received at of Pope Pins XII, eight Cardinals

ning rods. And on the Azores, "Good | C. Taylor, President Roosevelt's Va-Friday" is called "Almond Day" and tican representative; Baron Ernst turies was a symbol of this day, the Easter moon as a symbol of the instead of the customary fast, the Von Weiszaecker, German ambassa-

London- (A) - Russian troops have thrust over the Austrian fron-

tier, Moscow dispatches said today, and Marshal Stalin announced a 31mile advance north of the Danube in a twin thrust upon Vienna. Danzig, where the first shots of

CZECHOSLOVÁKIA

the war were fired, fell to Russian forces and 10,000 prisoners were taken, Stalin announced. The Germans already had announced loss of the former free city on the Baltic. While Marshal Feeder Tolbukin's tanks penetrated into the hills in-

side Austria, threatening to lay siege to Vienna, Stalin announced that Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's ment all who failed to fight to the forces north of the Danube had broken across the Nitra river, capturing Komarno, Ersekujvar (Novy-Zamky), Surnay, Komjaty, Verebe-On 34 Mile Front

The advance was on a 34-mile front from the broken Hron river defenses in Slovakia, and brought the Russians up to or across the Nitra on a 27-mile front to within 49 miles of Bratislava. Komarno is on the north bank of

the Danube opposite the captured Westphalian capital were jammed these raids and yesterday after- preparations for a planned with stronghold of Komarom. Ersekujvar is on the west side of the Nitra. and Surany and Komjaty are in a line

Verebely is 11 miles southeast of the stronghold of Nitra on the rail-

Graz, a hub on the chief communicorrespondent for the Bern newspa- cations remaining open between Austria and the Nazi forces in Solvenia man people "certainly have no and Croatia on Yugoslavia, was out-"famous ray of light appears now- driven forward from Szombathely, 102 miles north of Zagreb, capital of puppet Croatia, and 130 miles from the Italian frontier.

Under cover of hundreds of Red hattleplanes, long-range Soviet artillery moved up preparing to take the Vienna-Italy rail line under fire. Sopron Under Attack

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

The German army's confusion erged on panic, said Soviet front ine reports.

While Danzig's capture had not een confirmed by the Red army. Moscow dispatches said Marshal See-EASTERN FRONT-Page 7

#### Plenty of Gas With the U. S. First Army

in Germany- (P) - Allied commanders say they have no fear their drive through Germany will beg down from lack of fuel and supplies as it did at the Siegfried line after the great push across France and Belgium last fall. Millions of gallons of gase-

line are stored within a short distance of the front and huge stores of food and ammunition are available.

### Steeped in Tradition Easter

There were 400 men in the group When Easter morning rolls around, the day will be observed in Wisconsin Rapids in the traditional They said that a third of the vesmanner. Small youngsters will hunt sel's crew were drowned or shot by for Easter eggs and some may even find a live bunny waiting for them. John L. Pratt had ordered everyone | Churches will be filled and the altars banked with flowers. New clothes, well, anyway a new Easter bonnetwill make their appearance and if the day is sunny there will probably be an informal Easter parade in the afternoon. Many of the observances of East-A letter from Sgt. John M. Cas-

er have been handed down from per to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Casper, Sr., 551 Eighth ave. centuries back but the majority of people do not realize why they folnue south, informed them of a leg low certain customs on this day. injury received while serving with The Cross, the Resurrection scenes a medical detachment in General and the sacred Lily are all used to Patton's Third army on the Wessymbolize Easter messages and may Sergeant Casper, who served in be directly traced to their religious celand, Ireland and England before origin. The rabbit and the egg have crossing into Europe in the D-day become our two most imperishable invasion, is now in a Paris hospital, Easter symbols because, to people where he was taken by plane. He of earlier times, they represented on has been overseas nearly three earth the fertility and re-birth that Easter means spiritually.

Peacock Was Symbol

Other customs and signs of Eastertide have faded through the centuries, some of them to make brief returns or be revived in another A memorial requiem high mass form. The peacock was originally an will be said by the Rev. Robert Easter symbol, and one authority Oberwinder at 9 o'clock Wednesday states that for five centuries this morning, April 4, at St. James Ca- bird was the favorite symbol of imtholic church, Vesper, for Staff mortality in the catacombs. Like Sgt. Edmund Sternot, 27, who was most such borrowings from nature, killed in action January 13 in Bel- the reasoning behind this adoption is logical. The peacock has an am-Sergeant Sternot, son of Joseph azing longevity which bred an old Sternot of Flint, Mich., and grand- belief that his flesh resisted decay; son of Jacob Sternot of Vesper, was thus, immortality. It may even be serving with the glider infantry and that the idea of new clothes for

plumage of the peacock.



EASTER MONKEY BUSINESS-Most children find in their Easter basket a gaily colored assortment of eggs, but little Annette Avert, of Portage, Wis., got a big surprise when she found this pet monkey grinning at her.

The Easter moon for many cen- | later. Early worshippers looked on When Christ was seized in Gethse- white robe Jesus were at the sepul- Azore Islanders feast. They believe dor to the Holy See; and Ken Harhad been overseas since the fall of Easter derives from the brilliant mane, the moon was full and had cher. The influence of this Easter that gratitude for plenty surpasses ada, Japanese special minister to not lost its brilliance three days moon has persisted to our day, for penance as a virtue.

church on their houses in the be- and the diplomatic corps.

#### ed out to keep the crowds on Good! Rome -(A)- Traditional Good Friday from rioting for access to the shop and its Hot Cross bun Friday mass was celebrated at the

lief that the palms served as light- Diplomats present included Myron

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