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## Reds Reported 30 NAZIS TRAPPED AS ALLIES CUT AS ALLIES CUT ON MAD DOONET Outflank Kustrin

sale of counterfeit \$20 federal re-

serve notes.

The Wisconsin Rapids soldier be-

Private Lamb was born June 26,

Private Lamb is survived by his

of Wisconsin Rapids and S/Sgt.

Wounded in Arm

Virgil Lamb

In Belgium

mored regiment.

#### Berlin Reports Massive Force At Banks of Oder

New York-The Red army is about 30 miles east of Berlin, in the Frankfurt-Kustrin sector of the Oder river front, an NBC broadcast from Moscow said today.

London-(P)-The Berlin radio said tonight that "particularly massive" Russian forces had reached the Oder river at Kienitz northwest of the fortress of Kustrin and but 35 miles from Berlin.

Other forces reached the river below Frankfurt, the broadcast said. The Germans saio Marshal Ivan Koney had lashed out from his bridgeheads south of Breslau in Silesia and deepened his foothold to 12 miles

Konev attacked from both sides of Brieg about midway between ARRESTED-Martin King (above), Breslau and Oppeln, the Germans 40, of Racine, Wis., former consaid, an reached the area of Grott- stable and wounded in the battle of A Seviet breakthrough in this after his arrest by the secret serarea might send the Russians surg. vice on charges of possession and ing toward Dresden, a city of 625,-000 140 miles west of Breslau and 90 miles south of Berlin.

While this new attack was not confirmed by Moscow, dispatches from the Soviet capital indicated big news might be expected from Konev's First Ukrainian army front Dies in Action and three and a had a Siegfried fortress. shortly.

In the central front, Berlin admitted that German bridgeheads on the east side of the Oder in front of Frankfurt had been cut down.

So far Moscow had not confirmed German reports of an attempt to dispatches said big guns were dueling across the river, that Zhukov men, guns and tanks and threaten- Tenth avenue north. ing to outflank Berlin from his front of 140 miles up and down the longed to Company E, the 33rd ar-The German high command said a

violent Russian attack was breaking 1910, at Wall Lake, Ia., attended against the fortress of Kustrin, 40 miles east of Berian. Latest Announcements

Latest official Moscow announce- consin Transport company for many ments told of the capture of Bar- years and then worked briefly for walde, 38 miles northeast of the German capital, in an 18-mile adper company before entering the LARLY RESIDENT vance which outflanked Kustrin on armed forces at Fort Sheridan, Ill., the norm and placed Russian spear. June 23, 1944.

heads within 45 miles of the Baltic He received training at Fort OF COUNTY DIES the north and placed Russian spear- June 23, 1944. port of Stettin at the mouth of the Knox, Ky., and Fort George Meade,

Md, before going overseas in De-Zhukov's tanks thrusting toward Stettin in a threat to topple that wife was notified by the war deport and circle Berlin on the north partment that he had been seriouswere traveling in cadio silence, Mos- ly wounded on January 16. cow said, but were believed to be cutting behind enemy groups and wife and two small children, Priscausing great damage.

German accounts, far ahead of official Moscow announcements in that area, told of Red army penetrations Charles, Pearl and James, all of to the area of Schwedt, on the Oder, Pittsville, Jess of Racine, Edward 28 miles south of Stettin, and the region of Pyritz, 22 miles southeast Earl Lamb, serving in the army at

Simultaneously, Zhukov's forces in sisters, Mrs. Clarence Krause, Luthe Frankfurt bulge between the Verne, Ia., and Mrs. James Hill, Oder and Warthe poised a south- Eagle Grove, Ia. ward flanking threat by the capture of Ziebingen, 13 miles southeast of Frankfurt and five miles from the John Paulson Is

German underground reports received in London said the Germans already were building flying bomb ramps 50 miles west of Berlin and class, was slightly wounded in the died in 1941.

square miles and practically every that his arm had been put in a cast. grandchildren. small port in the Konigsberg area in Russian hands.

Marshfield-Pfc. Jerome Brandt. 21, was killed in action in Luxemfield Sunday evening. He was previ-

### Hold Everything



Paris-(A)-American tanks and French Morrocan mountain troops cut the Colmar pocket in two today, trapping elements of perhaps three German divisions in the Vosges mountains south of Strasbourg.

American tanks of Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn's 21st corps crashed down from south of Colmar while the Moroccans advanced from by midnight, was virtually erased flank. and the threat to Strasbourg from the south was eliminated.

In the center of the Western front where the American First line, infantry captured one of the Nations. Roer river headwater dams and won high ground controlling another. 13 Miles Inside Germany

The Americans were fighting 13 gate's bolts. miles inside Germany in the Schnee Eifel—snow mountain—and were within a mile of Gemund and Schlei- shouted. Again the order brought den, Siegfried line bastions at the no response. eastern edge of the last west wall fortifications. Battle dispatches said munications hub of Eusckirchen.

double Siegfried line, the Third gate did not open. army just south drove a mile and a half into the single belt defenses directed quietly, "but don't shoot against only mediocre resistance, unless you have to. And be sure The Third was six miles in Germany they're Japs." and three and a half from Prum, Crash the Gate

perhaps doomed by the severance of gate groaned, cracked and crashed the Colmar pocket. Maj. Gen. Rod- under the treads. erick Allen's 12th Helicat armored Prisoners, gaunt, hollow-eyed, division linked up with the Fourth afraid of their own hopes, poured Pvt. Virgil I. Lamb, 34, died Moroccan mountain division of the from the buildings. In the gather-January 17 in Belgium, of wounds French first corps this morning at ing dusk they saw this was an storm the water barrier, but Moscow received in action the previous day, Rouffach, midway between Colmar American tank. And as from a sinaccording to a war department tele- and Cernay. The Hellcats are the gle throat they poured out an agogram received this morning by his third division fighting in the 21st nizing cry of relief and thanks and was marshalling heavy forces of wife, Ethel, who resides at 3211/2 corps, presently under French First welcome. army command.

German Circle Collapses

West of the cutoff was a collapsing German circle roughly 15 miles across. To the east, the Germans' were jammed into a box against the Rhine about ten miles wide and exgrade school there, and later moved to Wisconsin Rapids in 1929. He tending 19 miles along the Rhine was employed by the Central Wis- | See-WESTERN FRONT-Page 7

Mrs. W. H. Bean, 79, long a resicember, 1944. Last Thursday his dent of Wood county, died at 11:45 Saturday night at her home in Vesper after a month's illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Baker and Son Chapel with the Rev. E. A. Finn cilla Ann, and Roger Virgil, his of Arpin officiating. Burial will be mother, Mrs. Jessie Lamb, Eagle Grove, Ia., seven brothers, Marion, body will be at the funeral home unin the Forest Hill cemetery. The

til time of services. The former Minnie Dressen, she was born at Hamburg, Germany, Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., and two United States with her parents, Mr. February 5, 1866, and came to the and Mrs. Harry Dressen, in 1875. The family settled in Milwaukee,

coming to Wood county as pioneers in 1877 to settle in the town of Seneca. She married William H. Bean op July 31, 1889, and they lived in the town of Hansen for a few years, son, prisoners swarmed about them then moved to Park Falls, returning John W. Paulson, seaman second in 1907 to Vesper, where Mr. Bean touch of the hand of their country-

facing the German capital for use left arm in the Philippines and is Of the family of five sons and a against the city if it falls to the now hospitalized in New Guinea. daughter, two sons, Ray H. Bean of The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vesper and Royal H. Bean of the In East Prussia German resistance Paulson, 1050 Wylie street, today town of Grand Rapids, survive. A City Employe was in its final stages, with enemy-In East Prussia German resistance Paulson, 1050 Wylie street, today town of Grand Rapids, survive. A held territory reduced to about 800 in over a month. He informed them town of Sigel. There are three

### MARSHFIELD SOLDIER KILLED Rep. O'Konski Urges Marshfield—Pfc. Jerome Brandt, bourg December 9, according to word received by his wife in Marsh-field Sunday evening. He was previously reported missing in action on that date. Pfc. Brandt is the son of that date. Pfc. Brandt is the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt is the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt also of the date are at the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt also of the date are at the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt also of the date are at the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt also of the date. Pfc. Brandt also of the date. Pfc. Brandt is the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt is the date. Pfc. Brandt is the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt is the date. Pfc. Brandt is the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt is the date. Pfc. Brandt is the son of the date. Pfc. Brandt is the date. Pfc. Br Washington—(P)—Rep. O'Kon-

ski, (R-Wis.) has called on congress | Polish squabble. Before the war to "wake up" on the Polish ques- only two per cent of the people in tion, declaring that "without a free | Poland were communists, and today Poland there can be no free Eur- also they constitute only an insigniope or a free world." "It is we'll to note that Poland

today is a testing ground not only of our sincerity in this war, but also a testing ground to find out if freedom is secure," O'Konski said in the Congressional Record. He continued:

the battle of Poland. "Shall we sit idly by watching |

Poland crushed by the merciless charter and of democracy in na-

lions of Europeans from the beast the unilateral decisions of the great

ficant group of the Polish popula-

ed by Soviet bayonets and the Soof the Polish independent state. "The dispute over Poland's fron-

"If communism has its way in tiers is not the essence of this con-Poland, we are giving Russia a flict. The Soviet government not green light to proceed elsewhere, only plans to take over half of Pol-The freedom of liberty-loving peo- and's territory, but also to place in ple all over the world is at stake in Warsaw a Soviet puppet govern-

"Is America going to rescue mil- nate right and, accordingly, accept three grandchildren. of nazi-ism and embrace them in powers, the present war would lose the arms of the beast of commu-fall purpose and the final victory,

all meaning."

# Thousands of Civilians Freed As MacArthur Forces Enter Manila

Tank Batters Down Gate To **Prison Grounds** 

Santo Tomas Prison Camp, Manorth of Mulhouse in a combined nila —(AP)— Liberty was a steel gain of eight miles. The pocket, re- tank with a 75 mm. gun for a torch duced to less than 200 square miles and a white star on its tempered

The driver slipped the clutch and Liberty idled before the chained gate of this war prison which held -we prayed - some 3,000 men, army has penetrated the Siegfried women and children of the United

> "Open up" roared the tank commander.

No hand appeared to slip the

"Open the Goddam thing or I'm coming anyway," the commander

Inside the prison a low speculative murmur had risen to a cresthe line had been broken clear cendo of cries with overtones of through between the Germans towns | fear, and doubt and hope. The priskau, 12 miles west of the Oder and Salerno white serving with the at a point 28 miles from the Rhine oners sensed than this was not just about 24 miles northwest of Oppela, navy, was held under \$10,000 bond city of Bonn and 16 from the com- another of the mexplicable Japanese orgies. The voice beyond the gate As the First army hacked away was American and contained a resat the last concrete zone of the olution of its own kind. But the

"Go on m," the tank commander

The snorting tank pushed against As many as 10,000 Germans were the gate. The engine clattered. The

There was a pause as if they

vere still afraid to believe their eyes. The American tank stopped atop the twisted gate of Japanese bondage, and slowly the wretched captivity began slipping away from

On an upper floor of one of the houses on the campus, a Japanese prison commandant with his Fornosan guards were ready for a last safe passage through the gates.

The tank commander answered Hayashi's messenger with: "Tell him nothing doing and I'll give him 10 minutes." Room-to-Room Fight

The Nipponese officer stood his ground and American troops of the First cavalry division swarmed into the building and began a room to room fight. Some prisoners were feared trapped with the Japanese. (Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced no prisoners or American troops were killed, although several were hurt.)

The Japanese held some prisoners as hostages. (There were 270 hostages, all later released.)

Other tanks and dismounted cavalrymen poured into Santo Tomas. Almost 2,500 American prisoners engulfed them with embraces, kisses and handshakes.

All night long while the weary cavalrymen cleaned out the garrieager for a word of greeting and a men after three years of suffering and the ignominy of captivity.

### Is Found Dead w

Andrew Komatz, 59, 1660 First street north, was found dead in the garage of his home about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon by his wife. Dr. H. G. Pomainville, coroner, was called and stated that death was due to natural causes.

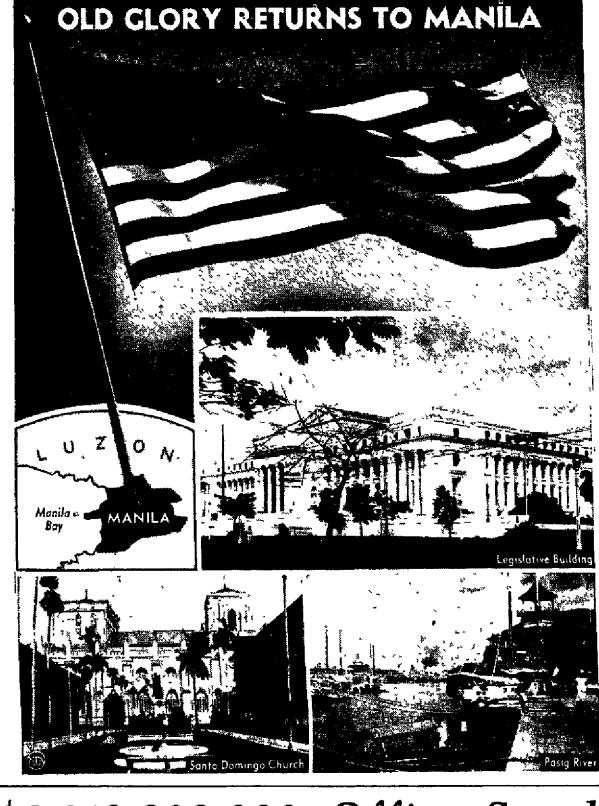
Mr. Komatz had left his home between 7 and 8 o'clock Saturday evening and the coroner stated that death occurred soon after that time. Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock. Thursday morning at SS Peter and Paul Catholic church with burial in Calvary cemetery. Born in Switzerland July 18, 1885,

Mr. Komatz came to the United Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, got "By abolishing all democratic States at the age of six and resided stuck in the deep snow as Mr. Sacrights this communist group, back. in central Wisconsin since that ger was attempting to enter his Itime. He married Wilma Williams driveway about 10:30 Sunday night. viet NKVD, aims at the liquidation at Black Creek February 25, 1920, While he was shoveling out the and has been a rity employe of Wis- driveway, a car driven by Ernest consin Rapids since 1927.

children, Mrs. Gordon Griffin, Wis- estimated at \$75. monster of communism, knowing tional and international life are to lis; four sisters, Mrs. F. X. Gamma of Kellner. full well that some day soon all be pushed aside in favor of the ap- and Mrs. Mary Gamma of this city; Europe too will be crushed the same | peasement of a strong ally, and if Mrs. George Bungard and Sister COUNCIL MEETING we decide that might should domi- Mary Concetta of Milwaukee; and

until time of service.

Prayers will be said at 7:30 Wednesday evening. The body will be at commission on the subject of salary asking for proposed terms of re-enthe Krohn and Berard Funeral home increases for those departments are itry.



### fight. The commandant, Colonel Hayashi, offered to surrender the prison in return for a guarantee of Bill Is Submitted to Congress

### TRADE PRACTICE

Washington-(A)-Federal trade commission proposals for seven inestigations of trade practices were disclosed today as the house appropriations committee recommended: iscal 1946 appropriation of \$1,897,-33 for this agency.

Edwin L. Davis, FTC chairman. submitted to the committee outlines for these inquiries:

1. Production and distribution policies and practices of large companies and their effect upon small business:

2. Survey of mergers; 3. Cost of production, costs of distribution and prices of farm imple-

ments, tractors, motor vehicles, household appliances and household 000 last year. furniture and furnishings; 4. Lumber and other building ma-

terials, costs, prices and profits; 5. Wholesale breadmaking indus-

6. Present degree of concentration in industry and of industrial price policies and their effect upon trade and commerce: 7. Survey of trade association ac-

### Stalled Car Hit By Another Vehicle

The heavy snow which blanketed central Wisconsin over the weekend was responsible for at least one accident in this area. A car driven by Edward Saeger

Meinberg, 920 Second street north, to bring the United Mine Workers Surviving are his wife, his moth- hit the back end of the Saeger car, er, Mrs. Rose Komatz, city. eight according to police, causing damage consin Rapids, Pvt. Herbert, Fort Mrs. Saeger and four children

Knox, Ky., Pvt. Edward, on duty in were in the stalled car at the time the November AFL convention auhe South Pacific, James, David, of the crash, but escaped with min-"If the principles of the Atlantic Roy, Raymond and Frederick, all at or bruises. The accident occurred tions toward re-affiliation. Previous ground travel time, now provided home; one brother, Anton, West Al- on County Trunk W, in the village efforts at a reconciliation had ended for in their contract.

in a jurisdictional deference involving chemical workers. AFL President William Green There will be a city council meeting at 7:30 Tuesday evening. A resolution from the fire and police the miners' boss wrote his letter tempt to shatter the "little steel"

Washington-(AP)-A \$3,218,808, dependents, about half of which is 000 independent offices supply bill was sent to the house today by the appropriations committee.

It will finance the activities of more than a score of agencies and their subsidiaries during the twelve months starting next July 1.

Except for the veterans adminis tration, carrying a huge and steadily-increasing load growing out of World war II, almost every agency had its funds sharply cut. The total in the bill is some \$5,321,042,000 below funds given the same departments for the current year.

An increase of 113 per cent is provided in the veterans administration

Maritime Program Dropped The decrease was due primarily

to the fact that no funds were sought for continuation of the mantime commission's ship construction program, which received \$6,766,000,-The \$2,707.119,250 recommended

for the veterans administration is a boost of \$1,436,707,185 over current year funds and reflects the added costs of administering new legislation, including the G.I. bill of rights. The committee approved to the penny a budget recommendation of

\$79,339,886 for constructing hospital and domiciliary facilities providing 14,100 additional heds and establishing 18 new hospitals. Other major outlays approved for

the veterans agency included \$227,-675,000 for administration and oper-150,000 for compensation, pensions

thorized a resumption of negotia-

for World war II veterans, and \$1,000,000,000 for payments to the National Service Life insurance fund for obligations under service men's insurance policies. Other Large Outlays

Large outlays recommended for other agencies included: civil service retirement and disability fund, \$245,000,000; federal works agency \$139,978,657.

Backing up his request for additional funds, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, veterans administrator, told the committee the average daily hospital load in veterans facilities will reach 90,172 in 1946. Eventually, Hines added, 300,000 beds will be

During the coming year, Hines said, 600,000 loans to veterans under the GI, bill of rights will be der the G.I. bill of rights will be Investigation of guaranteed, over 371,700 veterans Investigation of will receive readjustment allowances, approximately 239,000 claims Death Sentence for insurance benefits will be received, nearly 400,000 veterans will be receiving education or vocational rehabilitation, and the number of veterans and dependents of deceased veterans or pension and compensation rolls will reach 1,974,821.

### Pfc. Robert Rickaby Wounded in Pacific

Pfc Robert C Rickaby has been wounded in the Pacific theater of operations, according to a war de- |drill. He declared: ation of existing facilities; \$1,080,- partment casualty report. Private Rickaby is listed as the stepson of and allowances to veterans and their | Donald Douglas, Wisconsin Rapids.

### AFL Council Will Attempt to duce a reso vestigation. Bring Miners Back Into Fold Miami, Fla.- (A)-The AFL ex-imay soon face "trouble" in negotiatecutive council opened its mid-win- ing for higher wages for the 600,000

ter sessions here today determined miners, would not influence the council's decision on his return to back into membership if a reasonthe AFL. "We would rather help him in that able compromise can be reached. John L. Lewis and the miners' un-

respect than to burt him," said ion left the federation in 1937, but Green, The miners had struck in 1943 in

an effort to obtain pay for under-

The bituminous contract expires

March 31 and the contract with anthracite operators ends a month told newsmen that he had talked later. Negotiations toward new with Lewis in Washington before contracts, in which Lewis may atformula on which the administration's wage stabilization program is among the items to be considered. Green also said the fact that Lewis based, will begin March 1,

### **Only Sniper** Resistance Encountered

By the Associated Press General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon — The Stars and Stripes flew over half of Manila today and thousands of American and British civilian prisoners were free as Yank columns, including a new paratroop regiment landed to the south, pressed against little more than sniper fire to-

Philippine capital. First cavalry and 37th infantry division forces controlled the northern part of Manila a few hours after entering the city late Saturday night, and penetrated Sunday as far south as the wide and deep Pasig river, which divides the city.

ward complete liberation of the

The First cavalry Yanks, in an encircling move by night, speared immediately to the Santo Tomas internment camp from the east and liberated

NO TIMEOUT

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon—(AP)~-Sixty-nine nurses of Bataan and Corregidor were freed from captivity and in less than an hour some of them were at a labor of love . and gratitude caring for cavahymen wounded in the fight which opened by the gate of Santo Tomas.

perhaps 3,700 civilian prisoners, mainly American women and children, held there since May 1, 1942.

Associated Press Correspondent C. Yates McDaniel reported that for 34 hours the lives of 270 of the internees hung in the balance as the Japanese commander bargained for a truce of safety for his men. A Blue network broadcast said 65 Japanese soldiers were escorted

to a mile from Santo Tomas and Lucien L. Rock, former oil man, was quoted as saying the Japanese held the 270 internees, including two women and 35 children, in the Santo Tomas university education building until the exchange was

agreed upon. Two of the children were under 10. (The exchange was made at Mon-

day noon, the report said.) Only last Tuesday night 513 American and British prisoners of war were freed from a stockade at Cabanatuan, 60 miles to the north, in a daring raid by American Rangers and Filipino guerrillas.

First cavalry units also seized Malacanan palace, former governmental headquarters of the Philipnine commonwealth, finding no Japanese officials, while Yanks of the 37th division entered the capital See-MANILA-Page 7

## Wheeler Demands

Washington —(₽) → Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) demanded in the senate today an investigation of an army court martial death sentence for Private Henry Weber.

The sentence was assessed at Camp Roberts, Calif., Feb. 3 for violation of the 64th article of war which concerns assaulting or wilfully disobeying a superior officer. Wheeler said it was his informa-

ion that Weber had been sentenced for refusal to join his squad at "It is inconceivable to me that

army officers would sentence a man to death because he refused to drill. f the military committee does not take up this matter, I shall introduce a resolution calling for an in-

#### Tribune To Carry 'The Rocket Story' The U.S. is a newcomer to

rocket warfare, but Yank scientists are taking a backseat from no one. Instead of aimless terror

devices, like Hitler's V-2, they're developing powerful and accurate weapons. They've given a fighter plane the punch of a destroyer

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