

Road To Berlin

By United Press

The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today: Eastern front—31 miles (from Zaeckert); Western front—268 miles (from Mainz).

Italian front—524 miles (from Po Di Primaro river). A new shrink-preventive treatment has been developed to keep woolen socks, issued American soldiers, from shrinking.

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YANKS LINKED

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had only a little more than 30 miles to go through the flat central plain to reach the north coast and split the Japanese forces on Panay.

MacArthur's communique disclosed that bombers, fighters and light naval units, presumably P-51s, again hit Cebu and Negros, two of the last three major islands still controlled by the Japanese. The islands, together with Bohol, the last of the three, are nestled in between Panay and American-held Leyte.

On Luzon, two columns of American troops and Filipino guerrillas opened a big pincer drive on Boguio, former Philippine summer capital and headquarters of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's Japanese forces in the Archipelago.

ARMY IS TAKING

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"hour of tolerance" had been hit a body blow.

Several saloon keepers, already dubious about taking advantage of the mayor's one-hour extension, said they would probably return to the midnight closing "to be on the safe side."

They were faced with two discouraging factors in catering to civilians only during the extra hour. They were left personally to face the resentment of the ousted service men. Any scenes would not be conducive to good humor among civilians during the last hour, managers believed.

The army's "request" that curfew sound at midnight for its men had more teeth than Byrnes' original "request" for a general curfew. Night spot owners were fully aware of the army's power to declare certain establishments, or even entire cities "out of bounds" for its personnel.

Mayor LaGuardia could not be reached for comment. His associates reported he was in his annual 10-day budget "retreat" studying the proposed \$786,466,802 budget for 1945-46 which must be submitted to the board of estimate by April 1.

GUARANTEED

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able to the annual wage committee is a new study just published by the labor department. It suggests that the minimum annual guarantee be for 52 weeks or 2,080 hours. It points out that the fair labor standards act grants partial exemption from overtime pay requirements to those companies agreeing to such a guarantee.

The department confined its study to companies which have agreements with labor unions. It found that only one worker in about 188 now enjoys a guaranteed yearly wage.

Hoosiers refer to the game of dominoes as "sniff." More than 40 percent of the doctors of the country have been taken into the armed forces.

For upswept hair and unruly wisps—Nestle Hairlac 25c.—Holtzhouse Drug Co.

European Refugees To Begin Trek Home

Transfer Of Greeks Opens Repatriation

Washington, Mar. 21.—(UP)—The long journey home will begin soon for more than 100,000 Europeans driven by the war to havens in Africa, India and the middle east.

Officials of the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration disclosed today that UNRRA's long-planned repatriation program would begin in a few weeks with the transfer of 1,500 Greeks from Egypt to their homes on Grecian islands.

This will be the opening sequence of the happy ending to a drama that began early in the war when thousands of Greeks, Poles and Yugoslavs were wrenched from their homelands and had no place to go. Governments in India, Africa and the middle east established some camps for the refugees. Then UNRRA began 25 months ago its own refugee camp program in the middle east.

Almost all of the 100,000 men, women and children now sheltered in the governmental and UNRRA camps will be back home by next winter, UNRRA officials predicted. They conceded, however, that the program hinged on getting enough shipping from the combined Anglo-American shipping board and Allied military authorities in the middle east.

Ships already have been obtained for the initial movement of Greeks to the islands of Chios, Samos and Icaria. UNRRA expects to send another 15,000 Yugoslavs and Greeks homeward from North Africa by June 1.

A trained "convoy team" of specialists on health and welfare will be assigned to every 1,000 refugees escorted back home. The experts will travel with the repatriates, supervise feeding and clothing and arrange for travel accommodations after the transport ships docks.

While the middle east program represents only a fraction of UNRRA's big displaced persons problem, officials here were highly pleased that their refugee machinery was beginning to move.

Secretary Wickard Speaks At Bluffton

Farm Group Hears Agriculture Head

Bluffton, Ind., Mar. 21.—(UP)—Secretary of agriculture Claude Wickard said last night that post-war farm prosperity and full national employment go hand-in-hand and that federal controls were necessary to assure a bountiful agricultural production.

In an address to a farm group, Wickard endorsed certain prevailing governmental programs, urged that others be revived and predicted greater domestic consumption of major farm products after the war.

"The level of non-agricultural income and employment will do more than any other single factor to determine whether the farm people of the United States will be prosperous or poor in the years after the war," Wickard said.

He told a Wells county agricultural achievement banquet audience that finding good markets for their agricultural capacity to produce was "the great problem" for farmers.

"We must have full employment to be able to satisfactorily handle the farm problems of the postwar period," Wickard said. "With mass unemployment, those problems will not be manageable for very long, no matter what farm programs we might employ."

Wickard said the nation could be assured that agriculture would maintain its production—"just as it always has."

"But we must see to it that large production is a blessing to the American farmer and not a millstone around his neck," he added.

Federal programs of direct application and benefit to farmers

are needed "as a matter of simple justice" and "because it is essential to a full national economic stability," Wickard said.

The Hoosier cabinet member favored soil conservation, price supports and the ever-normal granary programs. He asked for expansion of the school lunch program and a revival of the food stamp plan for avoiding undernourishment among the poor.

Bowser Appointed State Fire Marshal

Indianapolis, March 21.—(UP)—Carter I. Bowser, 48, Fort Wayne fire chief was appointed by governor gates today to become Indiana fire marshal April 1 to succeed Clem Smith of Terre Haute.

Bowser, a wounded veteran of the 150th field artillery, Rainbow division, in world war I, entered the Fort Wayne fire department in 1920 and was promoted to captain in 1926 and successively as chief of the city fire prevention bureau in 1929 and chief in 1940.

COAL CONFERENCE

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government has warned, however, that the nation cannot afford even the briefest stop in production.

Lewis has been talking on the Royalty issue since last Saturday. He wants the approximately \$60,000,000 (M) annual contribution for hospitalization and insurance for his 400,000 UMW members. The money would be paid to the Union which would administer its expenditure.

The Union chief has steadfastly refused for three days to negotiate on other UMW demands or the operator's three counter-proposals which they claim would give the miners \$1.69 more per week.

He asked the producers to call a national conference of all operators to discuss the royalty. They refused.

The operators called a press conference yesterday, however, to report that the negotiations were making no progress. Lewis replied that he was not discouraged.

UMW members will vote one week from today on whether they want to strike to enforce their demands. The government was understood ready to seize the 5,000 bituminous mines, if necessary, to prevent any work stoppage.

Report From Iwo

By VICTOR HEYDEN, BMIC
United States Coast Guard Reserve

The following poem was written shortly after D-Day at Iwo Jima while the author was on duty aboard a Coast Guard-manned LST. Hayden has been in the Coast Guard since July 15, 1942.



(Drawn at Iwo by Coast Guard Chief Specialist Norman Thomas)

There is no way to speak of those great Who lay before the ridge in cross fire Of mortar and of mountain gun. The terraced slopes in every yard, All previously marked and ranged And mined, felt flame. No chosen vocables enumerate the courage Of those dead; there can no anguish match The weeping and the cursing of the maimed. No requiem is adequate for even one Marine. "Casualties moderate," so ran the first communiqué. When they came in the long, black beach received them, Not all at once, in waves, That broke and rolled upon the pounded Sand. They took it, and moved up. More terrible than Tarawa the metal rain; More bitter than the salted Carthaginian plain The redder stain soaking still the red hill. On the fifth day the flag went up on Hot Rock's top. The heart and flesh of each Marine may deliquesce. That other part which does illumine the heart, Glorious with agony and pride, Shall freight the warring unchange wind And unforgotten sear and ride.



FOR THE FIRST TIME in history the great Krupp Arms Works, above, at Essen, Germany, home of the monster gun "Big Bertha" and all her kin, is under Allied shelling. It is the initial taste of their own medicine for the factories and workers—the medicine they delighted in giving to Paris in the last war and to Dover in this one. Over 200 square miles of Germany's most densely populated and most highly industrialized territory lies under the muzzles of our big guns. (International)

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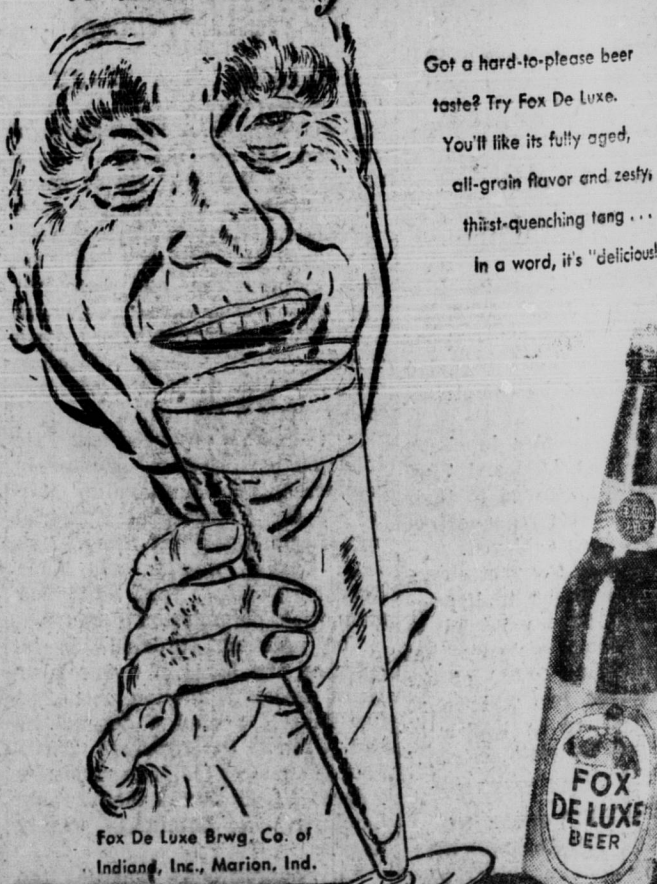
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