

GERMANS CAPTURED MANILA

First Army Drives Near Last West Wall Bastion Towns

REPTON COUNCIL ORDER INFORMED

Berlin Says That Three Bridgeheads Established

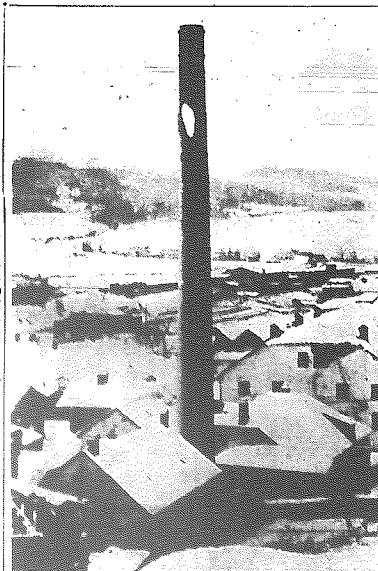
Germans Lose Steinau To South LONDON — The Third Ukrainian Army has crossed the Oder River southeast of Breslau in Silesia, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

Big Three Report Reveals Churchill Attending Parley

By JOHN A. PARRIS JR. LONDON — Walter Citrine, British trade union leader, announced today that Prime Minister Churchill was meeting with President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin "at this very moment."

Troops Push On Gemund & Schleiden Village Taken By Third Army

By JAMES M. LONG PARIS — (AP) — Infantry of the American First Army blasted into the second concrete belt of German fortifications today to within 1,500 yards of Gemund and a half mile of Schleiden, last bastions of the Siegfried Line.



BULLSEYE SCORE—Biting above the snow-covered houses in Welf, Luxembourg, this tall brick chimney stack of a factory was hit clean through by an American artillery shell, during heavy Allied bombardment preceding the capture of the town—(Acme).

Jap Soldiers Put Torch To Business Area

Firemen Virtually Helpless Because Of Lack Of Water Pressure By C. YATES McDANIEL MANILA, P. I.—(AP)—The business district of Manila was in flames Monday night as trapped Japanese soldiers put the torch to the Escolta district.

min had established two more bridgeheads south of Frankfurt in the frontal assault on Berlin, crossing 35 miles northeast of Berlin in the area northeast of Berlin was announced earlier.

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The Banking Committee approved unanimously today the Senate-passed George Bill divorcing the RFC from the Commerce Department.

Immediately threatened Gemund by fire from the north, the 7th Lightning Division drove through the West Wall fortifications to within 1,500 yards of Gemund.

Germany Pounded Great Mass Raid Staged By Yanks LONDON — (AP)—Some 2,200 American planes staged one of the greatest mass raids on Germany today, attacking Leipzig, Magdeburg and Chemnitz, the latter less than 30 miles from the Czechoslovak border.

Service Act Calls Made By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK WASHINGTON — (AP)—Secretary of War Simon and Undersecretary of War Patterson today requested their urgent request for enactment of a limited national service act.

Two-Minute News Roundup

Russian Front The Allies have scored three major gains today, driving forward from east and west and driving back from the air.

House Committee For George Bill

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Japs Stiffen Before Mandalay

RANDY, Ceylon — (AP)—Japanese resistance has stiffened before Mandalay, Burma's second largest city, since the Japanese landed there on Jan. 29.

Japs Flee Before Yanks Arrive At Prison To Free Internees

By RUSSELL BRINER BILIBID PRISON, MANILA — (AP)—Mandy, father of Bibbid, exclaims that the Japanese are fleeing before the arrival of American troops.

Rainbow Division With 7th Army

WITH U. S. SEVENTH ARMY — (AP)—The famed Old "Rainbow" Division under the command of Maj. Gen. Harry T. Hodge is to be transferred to the 7th Army.