...to's Jap ...ree Split

By HERBERT DAVIS

...Gen. R. S. ...th Infantry Division ...ed the Davao ...section of Kabasan, ...ing railway to Davao, cutting ...forces in half, Gen. Doug... MacArthur reported today. ...in swift advance of the ...Army troops in the Central ...Philippines, MacArthur commended ...Twenty-fifth, 40th and 41st ...

"This is a model of what a light but aggressive command can accomplish in rapid exploitation!" he said in his communique from the Philippines. Increased to 334,111 with the addition of 10,000 killed during the past week, MacArthur said. Prisoners numbered 233.

American losses for the same week were 594 killed, 2,168 wounded and three missing.

HARD FIGHT LOOMS

Seizure of Kabasan put U. S. troops nearly halfway in their drive toward the capital city of Davao, which the Japanese are expected to defend fiercely.

Associated Press Correspondent Richard Bergholz reported from Sixth Army Headquarters that opposition was light and that patrols were operating well beyond Kabasan both to the north and southeast toward Digos on Davao Gulf.

Bergholz said it appeared that the Japanese were pulling back into the hills east and north of Kabasan and into the Davao area.

On Luzon, the Yanks approaching Baguio from the northwest got within 2,700 yards of the city center, meeting only light opposition.

BATTLE IN HILLS

In the central sector, the Sixth Division, edging toward the top of 1,200-foot Mount Pacaway, the highest point in the Simbu Line south east of Manila, killed 104 Japanese Sunday in an advance which took them within 500 feet of the summit. The advance was covered by two companies of the 148th Regiment supported by 72 field guns, including every type used by the U. S. Army.

Against strong resistance, the 43rd Division in the same sector advanced within a mile of Mount Magatad, another Japanese stronghold.

Navy, Army and Royal Australian Air Forces planes, flying in adverse weather, sank three coastal vessels and a small tanker in a convoy of ships from Formosa to The Netherlands Indies.

Tough Peace Demanded

House Group Warns Neutrals Not To Give Haven To Nazi Killers

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A warning to neutral countries against offering sanctuary to perpetrators of Nazi war atrocities came from the House Foreign Affairs Committee today.

The committee approved for floor consideration a resolution making it United States policy to go into neutral countries, regardless of treaties, to pursue and capture enemy war criminals.

CONGRESSIONAL EXPRESSION

The resolution, introduced by Rep. King, Democrat, California, must be approved by both branches of Congress. It does not have the force of law but serves merely as a Congressional expression to the Government.

The committee killed a resolution by Rep. Celler, Democrat, New York, which would have requested the President to appoint a commission to work in conjunction with the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

The King legislation, however, expresses as "the sense of the Congress" that the United States shall cooperate with other Allies in the arrest, prosecution and punishment of war criminals.

As demands were voiced on Capitol Hill for a harsh Nazi peace, the Germans themselves read a solemn warning that ruthless pursuit and punishment await those who mistreated Allied prisoners.

At the same time the United States announced it had accepted a German offer to leave American prisoners of war in camps where they may be liberated by advancing Allied Armies.

LEAFLETS DROP

The warning against further atrocities and those already committed was showered upon the rapidly shrinking Reich in the form of leaflets bearing the facsimile signatures of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

Any person, they said, "of whatsoever service or rank in whose charge Allied prisoners of war, internees or deported citizens have been placed" will be held individually responsible "no less than the German High Command" and competent German authorities.

"Any person guilty of maltreating or allowing any Allied prisoners of war, internees or deported citizens to be maltreated, whether in battle zone, on lines of communication, in a camp, hospital, prison or elsewhere, will be ruthlessly pursued and brought to punishment," the leaflets declared.

As evidence mounted of atrocities committed within Germany, several legislators here said they have become convinced that a tough peace settlement is essential.

"Apparently only by being harsh can we drive home to the German people the futility of war and the horror and enormoms crimes of the Nazi cruelties," Rep. Sikes, Democrat, Florida, told a reporter in typical comment.

Rep. Price, Democrat, Illinois, elected to Congress while serving in the Army, asserted:

"We will just have to stand guard over there and wipe out every trace of the Nazi philosophy, which has poisoned the minds of so many Germans."

"We must continue to force the Germans to see as many of the atrocity centers as possible and make them realize how horrible the Nazis have been," commented Rep. Shafer, Republican, Michigan. "A harsh peace seems to be the only answer."

The German offer to leave war prisoners in their present camps was transmitted to this country through the Swiss Government, a joint war and State Department announcement said.

Up to 65,000 American soldiers still are in Nazi hands, although Allied Armies already have liberated 47 of the 78 camps where U. S. fighting men were known to have been held.

German Force-March Of Captives Reported

LONDON— (AP) —New disclosures of Nazi atrocities appeared today as Western Front dispatches reported that the Germans recently had force - marched thousands of American and British prisoners toward Hitler's "national redoubt" area for possible use as hostages.

Column after column of Allied prisoners passed through the Saalfeld area in Thuringia until a day or two before U. S. Third Army troops captured the town of Saalfeld, front advices said.

An American Air Force officer who escaped a few hours before he was going to be executed by the Germans said he saw a Nazi SS Guard shoot two prisoners who collapsed during a march of 12,000 American Air Corps officers toward the Moosburg prison camp near Munich.

The lieutenant had escaped from the line of march, had been retaken by Volksturmers and turned over to SS officers who had ordered him shot.

A leading Paris physician, meanwhile, charged that many French war prisoners were left sterile by brutal treatment in German concentration camps.

The physician said it was possible that the Germans introduced into the food of the prisoners substances of "anti-vitamin 'F' action."

From the Soviet Embassy in London came a report that the advancing Russian Armies in Poland had found a Nazi atrocity camp for children, where hundreds of emaciated youngsters were forced to toil on German estates under threat of beatings.

TOO WEAK TO WALK—This civilian prisoner of the Nazis in the Belsen concentration camp shows his weakness and pain after long imprisonment. When the prisoners were liberated by Allied troops this man and many others like him, were too weak to walk. Many of them, perhaps this man among them, died hours after their imprisonment ended. (International News Photo.)

At Belsen Death Camp

Burial Squads Catch Up With Grim Reaper

By WILLIAM FREYE

BELSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP, Germany —(AP)— Life was beginning to overtake death here today—but only just beginning.

The burial pits were still receiving their mounds of nameless dead, but by the hundreds now instead of thousands.

Yesterday approximately 1,600 persons were buried. It was the first day since the British entered the camp a week ago that burials left the stack of corpses smaller at the end of a day.

However, authorities estimate that between 300 and 400 persons still are dying daily from the effects of starvation deliberately imposed upon them by the S. S. They estimate the population was 30,000 when they took it over and that it is now 37,000, but admit this figure is a very rough estimate.

PROGRESS MADE

Nevertheless, progress is being made and the camp, which leading German citizens are being forced to inspect, is today almost a pleasure garden compared to the horror of five days ago.

It is still not possible to walk 50 yards without seeing dead and dying and you still can not escape the stench of burning rags and rotting flesh and the evil smell of sickness. But long huts and the earth around them, once covered with corpses and filthy rags and an unimaginable collection of trash, have been swept clean. Several hundred children and sick adults are being moved by doctors to pleasant quarters in camp number 2, formerly a military barracks constructed of brick and concrete with red tile roofs. The buildings are set in lawns surrounded by trees.

About 1,000 Frenchmen who had been held here are leaving today in fifty trucks for home.

On Navi Front

Frank Helms Is Missing In Germany

Pvt. Frank Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Helms of 417 E. 22nd St., has been reported missing in action since April 2. Pvt. Helms was in Germany.

He entered the service in 1941 and served two and a half years in Panama, returning to the States in 1944. Pvt. Helms was stationed at Orlando, Fla., and Camp Gordon, Ga. He was transferred from the Coast Artillery to the Infantry in July, 1944.

Pvt. Helms attended Villa Heights school and was employed by the Cabarrus Mfg. Co., in Concord before entering the service.

John Killough Dies In Cheraw

CHERAW, S. C.—John Monroe Killough, 62, died at his home here Sunday night. He had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Killough is survived by his wife; one son, Cpl. Hoyle Killough, U. S. Army, at Kingman, Ariz.; a daughter, Mrs. Monroe Crouch, Newport News, Va.; three brothers, Rufus Killough, Indian Trail, N. C.; Edd Killough and Tom Killough, of Charlotte; two sisters; Mrs. Mollie Gordon, Mattoon, N. C.; and Mrs. Delilah Martin, Pageland, S. C.; three half-brothers, George Killough, Banks Killough and Norman Killough of Charlotte; three half-sisters, Mrs. Miss McCall and Mrs. Kate Niven, Charlotte, and Mrs. Ethel Bradford, of Asheville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of his son.

Censorship Head Visits Truman

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Byron Price, director of the Office of Censorship, conferred at length today with President Truman.

Price is known to have submitted his resignation to the President, but the President also is known to have told him that he wants him to continue at his post.

Price would not discuss the President's reluctance to accept his resignation. He told reporters:

"I have brought the President up to date on the operations of censorship, and availed myself of such advice as he wanted to give me."

Ol' Sol Stays Behind Cloud

The sun will continue to make its presence scarce today and tomorrow, according to the weather forecast from the office of J. M. Howe, meteorologist in charge of the Federal Weather Bureau in the Post Office Building.

"Considerable cloudiness and warmer this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow," reads the forecast. It has rained .60 inches during the past 24 hours, making a total for April thus far of 2.26 inches. Normal rainfall for the month is 3.31 inches.

The present cool weather is typical of this time of year, a perusal of the records at the weather bureau reveals.

The low temperature reading this morning was 50 degrees. The mercury had climbed to 54 degrees by 11 A. M. and 64 degrees were recorded at 1:30 P. M. The low reading yesterday was 52 degrees and the high was 65 degrees. Today a year ago saw a low of 62 degrees and a high of 78 degrees.

Strikes Close Detroit Plants

DETROIT—(AP)—Two new strikes affected war production in the Detroit area today as two plants of the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. and one department of the Packard Motor Car Co. were closed down.

At the McGraw Avenue and Military Avenue plants of Kelsey-Hayes 4,000 workers were affected by a renewal of last week's strike that followed dismissal of a group of workers accused by the management of ejecting a foreman. A strike by 110 inspectors at the Packard plant caused the company to send home 3,600 workers in the Rolls Royce aircraft engine final assembly department. The strikes followed a dispute over the number of engines to be inspected on each shift.

Workers in the two Kelsey-Hayes plants left their jobs following announcement that thirteen workers had been discharged. Among them were six the Regional War Labor Board had ordered reinstated to end a strike last week. They had been accused of forcing a foreman from the plant a fortnight earlier. The additional seven were charged by the management with ousting the same foreman last Friday.

In ordering reinstatement of the six the labor board held their dismissals had not been in conformity with the union-company contract. The company reinstated them and then discharged them yesterday after complying, a spokesman said, with the contract terms by notifying union officials they were to be dismissed.

Lucky Landing

Pilot Picks Only Safe Open Field

MIAMI BEACH — When T/Sgt. Elmer R. Pruitt's B-24 Liberator was forced down in a storm north of Rome, the pilot picked a likely looking open field and made a safe landing.

Most fields look alike from the air, and the twenty-year-old engineer and gunner from RFD 7, Charlotte, N. C., said they picked that one only because the earth seemed firmer in appearance from above.

When they got out of the plane, they discovered that their runway was the center of what had once been a German depot, probably used to store ammunition.

And when they walked away from the heavy bomber, said Sgt. Pruitt at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, Fla., they found they had landed on the only piece of ground in that area that the Nazis had failed to mine.

A veteran of 56 missions during ten months in the Mediterranean theater, he holds the Air Medal and a Distinguished Unit Citation. He worked in a Shelby, N. C., hosiery, before joining the AAF on 3, 1942. His mother, Mrs. Pearl Pruitt, lives at the Charlotte address.

SBI Men Probe Election Charges

RALEIGH —(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMullan said today a State Bureau of Investigation report on alleged election irregularities in Davidson County was incomplete and an agent would return to that county for more information.

The alleged irregularities occurred in use of absentee ballots in the last general election.

The report, when completed, will be turned over to the State Board of Elections and the solicitor

School Levy Gains Favor

Reports from over Mecklenburg County tell of favorable sentiment in most communities toward the proposal to levy a supplementary school tax for County schools, according to persons interested in the proposal.

People, for the most part, are very much concerned about whether the proposal will carry in the special election to be held Saturday; and even scattered opposition, according to these sources, is expressing sympathy and concern for the school situation.

Some opponents are quoted as saying the State should have done more for the schools, and some are said to have expressed favor, with the proposal under present conditions although they might not favor it under others. Some persons are said to be favorable to the levy if they were certain it would not become a permanent fixture.

ARGUMENT HEARD

The argument is heard in some quarters, proponents of the tax point out, that it would work a hardship on farmers and large landowners; but others say farmers will not have to pay a great deal.

The proposal is that a supplementary tax not to exceed 20 cents a $100 valuation be levied for increasing teachers' pay and janitorial services in County schools. Under present plans teachers would get a $100 to $125 a year more if the levy carries.

If the proposal carries, it will make Mecklenburg the third county in the State to supplement the State school support.

NURSE GETS PURPLE HEART—Maj. Alvia R. Morrow, Canastota, N. Y., awarded the Purple Heart to 2nd Lt. Ware W. White, 2031 Crescent Ave., Charlotte, N. C., recovering from wounds received during the German breakthrough near Viviers. (U. S. Army Photo.)

Victim Of Bomb

Charlotte Nurse Wins Purple Heart

THE 52ND GENERAL HOSPITAL, England—Miraculously escaping death when showered with broken glass during a bombing raid on an American field hospital on the Continent, Second Lt. Ware W. White of 2031 Crescent Ave., Charlotte, an Army nurse, is now recovering at this United States Army General Hospital in England.

"When we received the news of the German advance, our main concern was the evacuation of all patients to the reare echelons," Lt. White said. "While we were busily engaged in this task, a formation of German bombers came over and bombed and strafed our hospital. I was hit by flying glass splinters when the concussion of a bomb burst shattered the glass in my ward."

Pointing out the orderly fashion in which the patients were evacuated, Lt. White said: "Fully aware of the rapid advance of the onrushing Germans, the patients and personnel were at all times calm and collected as they prepared to leave the hospital. We didn't lose a single patient, and we were fortunate to retrieve most of our equipment."

Lt. White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. White of Rt. 3, Waxhaw, is a graduate of Presbyterian Hospital Training School in Charlotte and completed post graduate work at the George Peabody Teachers College, Nashville, Tenn. Before entering the Army, Lt. White was employed by the District of Columbia Board of Health, at the Glenn Dale Sanatorium, Glenn Dale, Md.

She was presented the Purple Heart by her award officer, Maj. Alvia R. Morrow of Canaseovia, N. Y. Her condition, he said, is "excellent and she will return to duty."

Lt. White has two brothers in the Army. Pfc. John H. White is serving with the Engineers in Iran, and Pvt. Murray B. White is with the Quartermaster Corps.

Pfc. Ivester Held By Nazis

Pfc. Ernest G. Ivester of this city, previously reported as missing in action since Dec. 16, is now a prisoner of war in Germany, his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Ivester, 129 Rowan St., has been informed.

Pfc. Ivester is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ivester of Turnersville, Ga. He has two sisters and three brothers, also of Turnersville.

Mrs. Pedrick Dies Suddenly In Norfolk

Mrs. A. E. Pedrick, 75, former resident of Charlotte and mother of Mrs. Bundy Griffin of Charlotte, died suddenly at noon Sunday in Norfolk, Va., where she made her home with her daughter, Miss Elsie Pedrick. Funeral services will be held in Savannah Thursday, but arrangements are at present incomplete.

Mrs. Pedrick was a native of Savannah, Ga., and spent much of her life in Georgia and in Florida. During her residence in Charlotte, she became a member of the First Christian Church. Her husband died a number of years ago.

Surviving are her daughters, Mrs. Griffin of Charlotte, Mrs. L. A. Snedeker of Savannah, Miss Elsie E. Pedrick of Norfolk, Va., and Misses Annie E. and Hazel P. Pedrick of Tampa, Fla.; a son, Percival H. Pedrick of Tampa; a number of grandchildren, all of whom live in Florida; and several great grandchildren.

More than two and a half-million persons in the United States speak Spanish as their native tongue.

Attorneys' Bill High

By LEON MEGGINS

RALEIGH — Payment of $8,000 to each of the two attorneys who served as special prosecutors of Dr. Leon S. Bradley, one in Pitt County and another in a court that of Robeson, seemed the maximum that the State would be asked to pay when it was first announced that the two attorneys had been given the fees that original bills filed by the lawyers called for $14,000 instead of $8,000 in each case.

Trial of the former Beaufort County Teachers College president on charges of embezzlement and false pretenses ran eight weeks and lawyers had to spend several more weeks before hand preparing the case.

As legal fees go the amounts paid Albion Dunn and J. B. Powell are not considered by most observers as excessive. Certainly the $8,000 total is modest when compared with fees reported to have been paid other attorneys in other cases in the past.

The attorney fees paid did not represent total cost to the State of the Meadows trial and did not take into account any of the cost to Pitt County. The County had to pay jurors and witnesses and perhaps a special officer in connection with the trial. What the defense paid its lawyers is not a matter of public record, but estimates of the total cost of the trial run considerably above the $18,000 first alleged to have been misappropriated by the former college president.

And the first hearing having resulted in the mistrial, the whole thing must be gone over again with additional cost to State, County and defendant.

Frank Barfield Made 2nd Lt.

CAMP LEJEUNE.—(AP) — Cpl. Frank Barfield, USMCR, a former Carolina newspaper man, has been promoted to second lieutenant. He has been managing editor of the camp's weekly newspaper here while on leave from his post as secretary of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce.

KIDNEYS MUST REMOVE EXCESS ACIDS

Help 15 Miles of Kidney Tubes Flush Out Poisonous Waste

Trouble is an excess of acids in your blood; your 15 miles of kidney tubes may be overtaxed. These tiny filters and tubes are working day and night to help Nature rid your system of excess acids and poisonous waste. When kidneys of kidney function go wrong, poisonous matter is retained in your blood, it may cause nagging backache, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of pep and energy, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness. Frequent or scanty passages with smarting and burning sometimes shows there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder.

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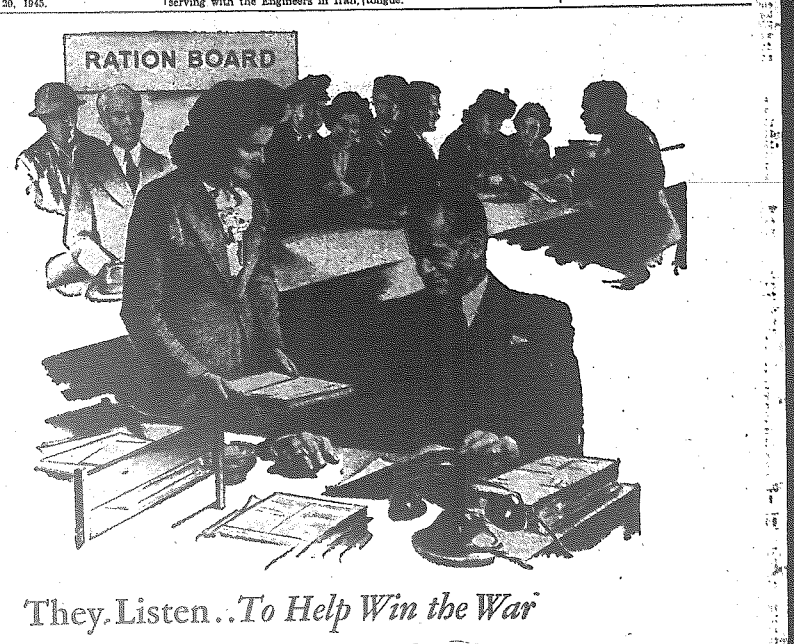

They Listen .. To Help Win the War

Folks on rationing boards have listened and listened and listened ... Junior uses up all of the family shoe stamps ... Somebody's oil burner is covered with icicles ... Somebody's share-rider moved away. Yes, they've listened with patience and tried to be fair ... to be more than helpful when a genuine case of hardship was brought to their attention.

In teaching us what we can do without, rationing has given us a new appreciation of our country's peacetime abundance. It has taught us more. We have learned lessons in self-denial and the value of cooperation ... lessons that bolster our determination to carry on till final victory is won.

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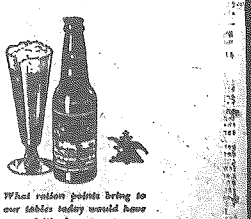

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