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U.S. FORTRESSES STAGE FIRST BERLIN RAID; JAPS LOSE 3,000 IN LOS NEGROS FIGHTING; 3 GERMAN ATTACKS AT ANZIO HURLED BACK

COMMITTEES OF 2 HOUSES HAVE BUSY WEEK-END

Task of Polishing Bills For Final Action Is Being Pushed

By BERNICE COSULICH

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 4. — (Special.) — The laborious task of polishing bills for final action next week continued among committees of the 16th legislature today and will go on tomorrow. Next week the second special session will appear to do more work in both houses, but actually the committees have been strenuously engaged since the session opened February 28.

Rep. R. H. Forbes, Pima, has called a Sunday session of his natural resources committee to do further work on the power authority bill. Preparations are under way for a highway department hearing on its budget Monday at 2:30 p. m. before Sen James E. Babbitt's (Coconino) appropriations committee. Rep. W. R. Mattice, Graham, continues sessions with his house appropriations group.

12 New House Bills

Monday Rep. W. G. Rosenbaum, Gila, will introduce 12 new house bills. These will be designed to bring all departments now operating on a calendar year under the budget and financial control law which requires a fiscal year basis. These are for collecting agencies as beauticians, doctors, veterinarians, lawyers, barbers, embalming examiners, and dentists.

Sen. William P. Kimball, Pima, and his judiciary committee Monday will clear the soldier vote bill, with a unanimous "do pass" recommendation. Dean J. Byron McCormick of the University of Arizona law college has been in Phoenix consulting on this and found S. B. 1 constitutional and not class legislation. It is said the senate wants to push its bill to the house and hence the house will strike everything but number and title in the senate bill and substitute the Rosenbaum soldier-vote measure, which is generally conceded to be better. The state appropriation of $25,000 to help counties finance the cost of getting ballots to soldiers seemed lost Friday when county supervisors and recorders met with the house appropriations committee. Tom Collins, Pima supervisor, felt the state should bear all the cost. Legislators explained the state was willing to pay from 15 to 25 cents of each ballot's cost to aid counties, but knew if counties carried part of the expense costs would be kept at a minimum.

Supervisors Return

Pima County's supervisors, Collins, R. H. Martin and G. T. Alley, returned home, but while at the capital consulted on these measures: Soldier's votes, county officials' salary increases, post-war planning, county zoning, and amending the municipal bond revenue act so the county might buy the Tucson Gas, Electric Light and Power Company. Martin and Collins said they were uninterested in changing present tax levy laws so Pima County may levy for its post-war funds. Both said a $200,000 surplus this and coming years will be sufficient to put into the post-war kitty.

Monday the house may hear reports on three special appropriations bills from Mattice. A "do pass" is expected for the refunding of school land funds depleted by poor farm loans for several years. A Colorado River Commission deficiency bill, being written, may ask $5,500 to pay for emergency expenditures required when the commission was obtaining the Colorado River Water Contract with the federal government. The third bill would be to increase appropriations to the state examiner. Howard N. Blanford, chief deputy examiner, told the house committee half of its $13,000 annual budget has been spent investigating the Maricopa County assessor's office where alleged misappropriation of funds caused three persons to be held for superior court trials. The state examiner, by law, is required to investigate the books of between 600 to 700 different county officers every year. The low budget precludes carrying out the law, Blanford said. A bill is being written this week-end asking a legislative emergency appropriation for the remainder of this year and an increase of the 1944-45 year. The sum has not been disclosed.

State Reserve Fund

Significantly, the senate's bill asking a state reserve fund from surplus tax collections of this year has not come from committees and in the house no bill has appeared. The senate bill asks that

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TUCSON WAC NOW FIRST LIEUTENANT

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—Four Arizona army officers were given temporary promotions and two nurses were appointed to second lieutenancies, the war department announced today.

Joe Pilcher Baird, Tempe, and James Mathewson Graybeal, 245 East Fourth street, Tucson, were promoted from captain to major and Jose Luz Hernandez, Hayden, was elevated from first lieutenant to captain. Wac Edna Lessie Floyd, (451 Park avenue) Tucson, was promoted from second to first lieutenant.

Jessie Lee Phillips of Gila Bend and Billie Nelle Weaver, Phoenix, were appointed second lieutenants.

NAVY'S BOMBERS HIT JAP ISLANDS NIMITZ REPORTS

U. S. FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, March 4.—(AP)—Army and navy bombers struck again at Japanese strongpoints in the Eastern Caroline islands and the Marshall islands, dropping a total of 25 tons of explosives on airfields, docks and shipping March 2, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said today. The attackers returned safely despite anti-aircraft fire.

Nimitz in a press release said that 7th Army Air Force Liberators hit Ponape and Kusaie in the Carolines. Ponapo, 440 miles east of the enemy base at Truk, took eight tons of bombs on runways and buildings. Shipping and dock areas were attacked at Kusaie, southeast of Ponape.

Army Mitchell medium bombers and navy search Venturas of Fleet Air Wing Two attacked two unnamed Marshall islands with 17 tons of bombs, blasting airfields and starting fires.

It was the eighth raid on Ponape since the first attack February 14 and the ninth on Kusaie, which got its first bomb treatment January 17.

PANEVO TAKEN BY RED TROOPS

Army Is Within 3 Miles Of Rail Hub South Of Pskov

LONDON, Sunday, March 5.—(AP)—Moscow announced early today that Soviet troops striking toward the Pskov-Warsaw railway south of Pskov captured Panevo, three miles east of the rail artery, while Red army troops in the north won several "heavily fortified strongpoints" in their fight to widen their Estonian bridgehead below Narva.

The Russian communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, also reported gains in the Ukraine as Soviet troops south of the captured iron-mine town of Krivoi Rog crossed the Ingulets river and captured seven localities. Among them were Zagradovka, 25 miles southwest of Krivoi Rog and the final rail stations on the 20-mile spur railway from Krivoi Rog southwest to Nikolokazelsk.

2,000 Killed

The bulletin said 2,000 Germans were killed and a considerable number taken prisoner after a day of battles marked by fierce German counter-attacks.

Panevo, three miles east of the Pskov-Ostrov-Dvinsk-Dvinsk rail line, is 16 miles northwest of Ostrov. In this section a highway from Pskov to Ostrov parallels the railway less than a half-mile to the east.

(The London radio, quoting "agency messages," said the Russians had reached the highway linking the two German fortresses of Pskov and Ostrov. The broadcast was recorded by CBS.)

Few Details

No other details were given by the bulletin, which for the past three days have given unusually brief accounts of the war. Berlin reports, however, indicated a general slackening by both sides on the eastern front because of unseasonable thaws.

"Where operations were started with heavy forces they have at present slackened to actions of local importance," said a Berlin broadcast quoting the Transocean Military Correspondent Walter Plato.

"The near future will reveal whether the calming down is a result of the mud period which set in early this year or whether it is merely a pause for the bringing up of new Soviet divisions which is indicated by concentrations in various sectors of the front."

Other Berlin reports said the entire front was a morass as rain and thaw deteriorated roads.

Several Breaches

The Germans, however, said Russian armies in the north had torn "several breaches" in their defenses, but claimed some had been eliminated or narrowed by counterattacks.

Hitler's northern line from Ostrov to Pskov to Narva is deeply essential to him politically as well as militarily, for its collapse—now threatened at the head, foot and center—would put upon the already wavering Finns an almost irresistable pressure of necessity to quit his cause.

Moscow disclosed that the Moscow-Leningrad railway had been restored, with the first freight train traveling between the two cities. Passenger service to the long-besieged city soon will begin.

MEXICAN PAPER IS CLOSED BY STRIKE

MEXICO CITY, March 4.—(AP)—Striking employes of Novedades, one of Mexico City's chief morning newspapers, closed down the plant today, posting a red-and-black strike banner across the doors of the building.

A thousand members of another union, showing their sympathy with the Novedades strikers, appeared in front of the building. Following the Mexican law, after the strike banner was posted government agents sealed the doors, making it illegal to enter until the dispute is settled.

Strikers ask higher wages, recognition of the union, and reinstatement of 29 discharged workers. Management of the paper has refused to recognize the union, saying it has a contract with another union composed of non-striking workers.

BEACHHEAD IS FIRM

Nazis Believed to Be Pessimistic Over Italian Battle

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 4.—(AP)—The Allies held firmly and solidly to their beachhead south of Rome and have handily repulsed such attacks as the Germans have been able to launch since they were soundly beaten Tuesday and Wednesday in their all-out attack by five divisions, Allied headquarters announced today.

Three small German attacks have been hurled back in the past two days, the Allied communique said. Had weather closed in yesterday to restrict operations in all the Italian battle sectors.

The Mediterranean air force, flying 1,400 sorties, attacked Nazi communications throughout northern Italy and Rome Friday, even though there was no enemy air activity over the beachhead, 11 German planes were destroyed and 10 Allied aircraft lost.

There was an indication from the Nazi-controlled Rome radio that the Germans may have abandoned hope of driving the Allied beachhead force into the sea as a result of the failure of their third offensive against and now are bent on merely restricting it.

Admit No Progress

An announcement claiming local successes but admitting no major progress against the beachhead said the German army had "pinned down" the Allies to such a small space that the beachhead forces "have lost any possibility of the initiative and have to fight very hard to avoid disaster."

The enemy announcement admitted heavy blows from Allied air forces around the beachhead.

Ground forces in the beachhead had enthusiastic praise today for the work of American Liberators and Fortresses which held the Nazis in check Thursday. Their accurate bombing caused heavy casualties and spread confusion among enemy troop and tank concentrations.

3,500 Prisoners Taken

An Allied headquarters spokesman disclosed more than 3,500 prisoners have been taken by the Allies since they landed in the Anzio beachhead Jan. 22. The Allies also learned that the highly touted Hermann Goering Panzer division and the 715th Infantry were used by the Germans in their big attack on the beachhead last week in addition to three divisions previously identified.

On the main Fifth Army front continued rains deepened the mud and brought streams to new flood heights while many mountain parts of the Eighth Army line remained snowbound.

On the Eighth Army front British and Canadian patrols were active. Indian forces beat back one small enemy attack.

Highways, railway lines, shipping and dock areas and other communication facilities were the targets of Allied bombers over north Italy and Rome. Spitfires struck again at trains in Yugoslavia and Wellington night bombers bombed Zara, Italian port on the Adriatic coast, Friday night, with two-ton bombs.

COUNCIL CALLS FOR BOND BIDS

Business Men, Educators Oppose 'Haste' On Utility Proposal

By LESTER N. INSKEEP

The mayor and city council voted at a special meeting yesterday afternoon to call for bids for a negotiator for the proposed purchase of the properties of the Tucson Gas, Electric Light and Power Company. This action was taken after determined opposition by a number of business men and educators to a proposal that the purchase of two bond houses be opened and considered at the meeting.

Called into session by Mayor Henry O. Jaastad, members of the council were informed at the beginning of the meeting that Eugene F. Durand, formerly in the city negotiation and Robert Mikesell, representing the bond house of Stranahan, Harris and Company, had a very urgent emergency proposal to make. In view of this request, the mayor said, he also had invited Malcolm C. Woodward, representing Stifel, Nicolaus and Company, another bond house, to submit his proposal.

However, as a result of the opposition to taking action on four hours' notice, the mayor and council passed the resolution calling for bids without hearing either of the two proposals. Lee Garrett, local attorney representing Woodward, complained bitterly at having to submit a proposal on such short notice.

Immediately following the may-

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YANKS HOLD AIRPORT

'Final Desperate Drive' Of Enemy Forces At Momote Stopped

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, March 5. — (AP)—Standing their ground in one of the fiercest fights of the Pacific war, American invaders of the Admiralties strewed the battlefield with dead Japanese in smashing "a final desperate attempt" of the enemy to recapture Momote drome, headquarters announced today.

Three thousand Japanese have been killed or wounded since the invasion began less than a week ago, hundreds of them in the climax struggle as they swept down in waves from the ridges.

This turn in the tide of battle occurred Friday night and Saturday on Los Negros island, invaded last Tuesday on the northeastern side of the Bismarck sea Admiralty group.

Seven hundred dead Japanese were left on the battlefield where they were buried by the Americans.

61 Americans Killed

The invasion to date has cost 61 American lives and 244 wounded. The bulk of this price was paid in hurling back the fanatical onslaughts of the Nipponese from ridge positions a mile and three quarters inland Friday night and Saturday morning.

Seadler harbor for Lorengau on nearby Manus island from which enemy reinforcements have been moving eastward to Los Negros, was bombarded by American destroyers.

Solomons based planes, which had raided Rabaul for 15 straight days before bad weather ended the string, resumed assaults on that weakening base Friday night and sea fortress. In the raids reported today buildings were demolished, two enemy ships set afire and a gunboat hit and damaged.

Phraseology Clear

In phraseology which made clear the Allied hold on Momote airfield at Los Negros is secure, headquarters said:

"Shortly after dusk in a final desperate attempt to restore the situation and regain the key Momote airfield, the enemy attacked in a series of continued assaults lasting the entire night.

"Again and again, his forces hurled themselves against our lines in incessant but futile efforts to reach the field. Wave after wave was destroyed before his forces finally recoiled in complete defeat after one o f the fiercest encounters of the war.

"His casualties in dead and wounded are estimated at 3,000. Seven hundred of his dead were buried by our troops in the western perimeter of the field alone. We lost 61 killed and 244 wounded. Our troops are preparing to resume the advance.

Bombard Installations

"During the day, our naval units had bombarded enemy shore installations at Lorengau and Seadler Harbor. In the air, our medium and attack units had executed close support missions. One of eight enemy fighters attempting interception was shot down."

Few details were available concerning the most bitter fight recorded in a Southwest Pacific command communique since the critical phases of the Buna campaign; but all reports indicated the battle was likely to prove the enemy's last major effort against Momote.

The dismounted cavalrymen of the First Division fought by night and worked by day with United States Navy "Seabees" to put the field in shape.

For the second successive day, the Japanese airforce belatedly attempted to break up the Allied aerial operations but only eight Nipponese planes risked battle and one was downed. Between eight and 12 out of a formation of 15 were shot down previously.

More than 100 South Pacific Warhawks, Mitchells, Liberators and Hellcats attacked Rabaul Friday morning in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire.

One hundred and sixty-two tons of explosives were dropped on Keravia Bay, Rapopo and Rabaul township. Clusters of supply barges were among heavily hit targets.

A strong formation of Australian Beaufighters, Mosquitos and New Britain's south central coast.

The Hansa Bay, New Guinea air and Rabaul, one of the points in position to go to the aid of the Japanese in the Admiralties, was pounded Thursday and Friday by 243 tons of bombs. Liberators escorted by Australian Kittyhawks and American Thunderbolts, tore into airdromes and anti-aircraft defenses. Eight enemy planes attempted interception and one was shot down.

South of Hansa Bay, Liberators spread 50 tons of bombs among gun positions near the Alexishafen airdrome and a plantation in the Madang sector, PT boats shelled the same shore area.

NAVY CARRIER-BASED DIVE BOMBERS BLAST MARIANAS

Huge pillars of smoke rise from direct hits on Jap planes and supplies scored by Navy carrier-based dive bombers during raid on Tinian island in the Marianas. One of the planes which blasted the Japs is seen at left, soaring above the orderly squares of the sugar cane fields adjoining airstrip. Photo radioed from Honolulu.

DANIELS READY TO TESTIFY NOW

Senate Group Proposed To Cite FDR Aide For Contempt

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—Jonathan Daniels, presidential administrative aide whom a senate subcommittee proposed to cite for contempt because of refusal to answer questions, said tonight he is willing to appear as requested and answer the questions in issue.

Daniels' previous stand had raised the possibility of a head-on collision between the executive and legislative branches.

He wrote Chairman Smith (D-SC) of the agriculture subcommittee that he had changed his attitude after talking with the President.

Smith commented:

"So far as I am concerned it is very satisfactory to me.

"It settles the point we were striving at in our contempt proceedings. We thought we had the right to get all the facts."

Smith added that he would call the senate group together Monday to receive Daniels' letter.

Daniels wrote Smith that the President himself said he would be "happy to see the committee at any time" if it desired.

Daniels had taken the stand that his position of confidence in the White House administrative offices kept him from answering the questions involved, chiefly whether he had asked Harry Slattery to resign as head of the Rural Electrification Administration.

Text of Letter

The text of Daniels' letter:

"When I appeared before your subcommittee investigating the Rural Electrification Administration reference was made to a statement by Mr. Harry Slattery with regard to confidences with me and I was asked whether or not I had such conferences with Mr. Slattery.

"Any conference I had with Mr. Slattery was in my capacity as administrative assistant to the President, which I regard as a confidential relationship, and I stated to your committee that it did not seem proper for me to answer.

"I still believe that a legislative committee could not require either the secretary to the President or an administrative assistant to be

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Communiques

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, March 5.—(Sunday.)—(AP)—Text of the communique:

Northwest sector — Reconnaissance activity only.

Northeast sector—

Admiralty islands: Shortly after dusk, in a final desperate effort to restore the situation and regain the key Momote airfield, the enemy attacked in a series of continued assaults lasting the entire night. Again and again his forces hurled themselves against our lines in incessant but futile efforts to reach the field. Wave after wave was destroyed before his forces finally recoiled in complete defeat after one of the fiercest encounters of the war. His casualties, dead and wounded, are estimated at three thousand. Seven hundred of his dead were buried by our men on the western perimeter of the field alone. We lost 61 killed and 244 wounded. Our troops are preparing to resume the ad

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Finland Might Ask U. S. To Intervene In Peace Crisis

Request Would Probably Be Turned Down 'With Sympathy'; Allies Believed to Know Terms Offered by Russia

LONDON, March 4.—(AP)—Finland may ask the United States to intervene for mitigation of Russian peace terms, it was learned today, but it is believed such a plea would be rejected "with sympathy." This view was based on the conviction that the Soviet Union disclosed its terms to the American State Department, as well as the British government, before making them public—even though the U. S. is not at war with Finland.

Russia's action in pressing its demands, with Britain's unofficial but nonetheless firm backing, indicated that it was likely that America took the position it was not seeking the role of arbiter.

Stettinius Statement

(The American government "hopes very much that the Finnish government will continue the conversations opened with the Soviet government for the termination of hostilities," Acting Secretary of State Stettinius said in Washington Friday.)

"At present, I am not planning any journey anywhere," Juho K. Paasikivi, Finnish representative in the 1940 peace negotiations, said in Helsinki, commenting on a report in the Stockholms Tidningen that he would return soon to Stockholm with Finland's reply to Russian peace terms.

The Finnish diet is reported preparing to meet next Tuesday to discuss the latest developments in connection with the Russian armistice terms. Finnish party leaders are said to be touring the country, sampling public opinion concerning the Soviet demands.

Little Expected

A foreign office spokesman in Helsinki said today that "nothing sensational is expected this week-end." He also denied rumors that Moscow had set a time limit for Finland's answer, but indicated Moscow's request that a delegation be sent "immediately" to discuss peace terms meant that Finland would not be allowed to dally long before making up her mind.

The Helsinki correspondent of a Stockholm newspaper said earlier in the day that the Finnish government "has received new information" regarding the armistice terms and discovered a way of reopening the negotiations. The Stockholm Dagens Nyheter said the Finnish parliament had rejected Soviet demands for internment of German troops in Finland and restoration of the 1940 boundaries.

The Finnish minister to Berlin, Toivo Mikael Kivimaki, was expected in Helsinki next week. It was officially stated he was returning to attend the funeral of former Finnish President Pehr Evind Svinhufvud, but it was generally believed his trip had a greater significance.

TUCSONAN HURT IN CENTRAL PACIFIC

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—Three more Arizona soldiers have been wounded in the Central Pacific area, the latest war department casualty list revealed today.

The men are Pvt. Ramsey Connell, son of Mrs. Irene Lyman, 231 W. Lincoln, Tucson; Staff Sgt. Joe Diaz Jr., brother of Mrs. Haviania Arcadia, Phoenix, and Pfc. Marcus Gatewood, brother of George Gatewood, Whiteriver.

END OF FINNS NOT IN SIGHT

Still Very Much at War With Reds Despite Armistice Terms

By JAMES ALDRIDGE

MOSCOW, March 4.—(NANA)—(By Wireless).—The end of the war between Russia and Finland is not in sight, despite the Soviet proposals, and they don't seem to have offered any alternate proposals. Finnish armies are still fighting, and Finnish cities are still being bombed by Soviet planes. The war is still very much at war with Soviet Russia.

The impossible happened when Russia offered terms of peace to Finland. One week before the armistice talks began I asked people here about Finland. They said only one thing: "No compromise." No two governments seemed more irreconcilable than the Finnish and Soviet governments. The fact that the Russian government will discuss terms with the existing Finnish government is all the more surprising because of this.

Without Excuse

Though the end isn't in sight, the proposals may be a coup de grace. To be offered a good peace and not to accept leaves the Finns with no excuse to continue with the war, no basis for sympathy, and no hope of any support at the big peace table later.

There is particularly no excuse left because the terms are so liberal. On the basis of 1940 the Finns would get off very lightly. In 1940 the Russians had beaten the Finns completely and utterly. They could have taken Helsinki in a day and all of Finland in a week. But the Soviet demanded little, and now they demand even less. Now they are willing to discuss reparations and the future of the Petsamo region with the Finns. In the 1940 peace these were distinct points that had to be accepted.

In the present situation it is a matter of wishs in Finland wants peace. The Finnish people are apparently fed up with the war. But it wasn't the Finnish people who sent Dr. Juho K. Paasikivi to Stockholm. Finnish industrialists are fed up with the war, too, and they know Russia will win. They would like to save their plants, their lands, their wealth and their skins by making peace before it is too late.

Industrialist Lauds

It was a Swedish industrialist who first spoke to Mme. Alexandra Kollontay, Soviet ambassador to Sweden. Finnish industrialists would rather send Dr. Passikivi looking for peace than to send Vaino Tanner, Finnish minister of finance.

Probably the whole world guessed

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CAPITAL IS BLASTED

Attack Part of Great Daylight Thrust To Heart of Reich

LONDON, March 4.—(AP)—Berlin was bombed by American Flying Fortresses today for the first time in the war as part of an extensive daylight attack on eastern Germany by the U. S. Eighth Air Force.

Plunging 600 miles into the heart of the Reich, one formation of heavy bombers hit the capital itself, it was disclosed tonight, with the help of an escort of Mustangs which also went all the way to Berlin to equal the deepest fighter penetration ever made into Europe.

Fourteen bombers and 20 fighters are missing from the operations, headquarters stated in a tentative accounting that said nine enemy planes were destroyed by the fighters. The number shot down by gunners in the Fortresses was undetermined tonight, headquarters added.

The communique announced simply that one formation of Fortresses bombed targets "in the Berlin district," but several hours after the objective had first been described by the army in this fashion, censorship permitted the naming of Berlin itself as the target.

Third In 3 Days

The unprecedented penetration was executed despite the fact it was the third operation in three days for the American Air Force and it was accompanied by another big-scale assault on the coast of northern France by RAF medium and fighter-bombers.

The Fortresses thundered through blinding snowstorms and 58-degree below zero temperatures in the ultra stratosphere to make the first American attack on the capital of the once-mighty German air force sent up only 30 to 40 fighters in defense of city.

Fliers said they saw bombs crash down on "buildings surrounded by trees." The American crews had been tense for days because of their knowledge that the "big B" was coming up, most of them were apprehensive of powerful resistance as they were briefed in the pre-dawn darkness. Some of them—including men making their first mission—didn't expect to get back alive.

Weather Unbearable

The weather over Germany was almost unbearable. Fliers wearing two suits of heavy underwear and electrically heated outer suits nearly froze. As the clouds and snow storms thickened over Europe, a majority of the big armada cut over to hit other unidentified targets in eastern Germany in order to take advantage of more favorable weather.

The exact size of the force which smashed at Berlin remained an official secret, but when the story is told in its entirety it undoubtedly will be one of the epics of the war.

The formation which hit the capital was led by Lt. Col. Harvey G. Mumford of San Jose, Calif., who marshaled his units together when the big split up over Germany and formed an attacking group that determined to press on to Berlin in spite of weather or resistance.

"I figured that until I receive a recall I would not abandon the effort to reach the target as long as it looked at all possible," he explained upon his return.

Flak Is Heavy

The fliers reached their objective and tensed for the bomb run through heavy flak as the Luftwaffe's small but dangerous fighter force swept in to give battle.

Focke-Wulfs and Messerschmitts flipped out of the clouds and attacked head-on in a desperate effort to break up the unprecedented day-

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OREGON ATTORNEY SUCCEEDS MCNARY

SALEM, Ore., March 4.—(AP)—Guy Cordon, attorney and longtime Oregon Republican figure, today was named interim U. S. Senator to fill the seat of late senate minority leader Charles L. McNary. The appointment caught Oregon political circles by surprise, coming as it did with Gov. Earl Snell's announcement he would not seek McNary's seat.

Cordon, 55, a former state American Legion commander, Douglas County district attorney and legal advisor to Gov. Snell, accepted the appointment in Washington, D. C., but had no comment on whether he would run at the November election to fill the remaining four years of McNary's term.

Under Oregon law Cordon will serve until the general election, at which time voters must name a senator.

Cordon was in the capital representing the Association of Oregon Counties in congressional hearings on a forest land bill. He also is legal counsel for the 11 western states in the Interstate Association of Public Land Counties.

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