

THE WEATHER
For Wisconsin: Slowly increasing
cloudiness and not quite so cold
tonight, Sunday cloudy and occasional
light rain in afternoon.
Local weather facts for 24 hours
preceding 7 a.m.: Maximum 59;
minimum 26.

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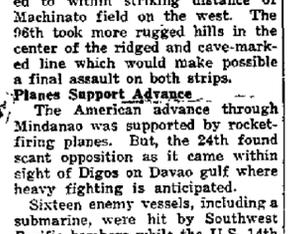
JAPS SAY YANKS PREPARING FOR NEW OFFENSIVE

BY LEONARD MILLMAN
(Associated Press War Editor)
Japanese propagandists today
forecast another American invasion
stemming from Okinawa where
three U.S. infantry divisions fought
through tortuous terrain to the
northern edges of two battle-scarred
airstrips on the island's southern
front.
In the day's most sensational ac-
tion, a British armored column sped
56 miles through southern Burma to
within 62 miles of Rangoon. Against
equally light opposition the U.S.
24th division drove another 10 miles
through the Apo mountains of Mind-
anao in the southern Philippines,
coming within sight of Davao gulf.
Japanese stubbornly defended moun-
tain positions on three northern
Philippine sectors.
Tokyo made an attempt to guess
where the next U.S. amphibious
blow might strike. Eighty trans-
ports, escorted by at least 30 war-
ships, were reported in the Okinawa
area.
Prepare For Operations
Most of these have been cruising
around the area, the Domei news
agency said in a dispatch reported
that it appeared U.S. "naval forces
in Okinawa waters have been pre-
paring for new operations for the
last few days."
A small force of Nipponese suicide
planes attacked this fleet yesterday,
radio Tokyo claimed sinking two
cruisers, including the Savannah,
and four transports. Japanese also
asserted a surface craft sank a sub-
marine in the southwest Pacific.
A hundred or more Superforts
raided six enemy air bases on Kyu-
shu island in Japan proper this
morning for the third consecutive
day. One B-29 was lost in yester-
day's strike.
Some 325 miles to the south U.S.
7th division patrols crawled almost
to the northern edge of Yonabaru
airstrip on the east coast of south-
ern Okinawa, while the 27th smashed
to within striking distance of
Machinato field on the west. The
96th took more rugged hills in the
center of the ridged and cave-marked
line which would make possible
a final assault on both strips.
Planes Support Advance
The American advance through
Mindanao was supported by rocket-
firing planes. But, the 24th found
scant opposition as it came within
sight of Digos on Davao gulf where
heavy fighting is anticipated.
Sixteen enemy vessels, including a
submarine, were hit by Southwest
Pacific bombers while the U.S. 14th
air force in China supported Chinese
ground forces and heavily raided en-
emy communication lines.
Chinese held the three-pronged Ja-
panese push toward the U.S. air-
base at Chingking, 250 miles south-
east of Chungking, on a crescent
shaped front 75 miles from Ching-
king. Repeated attacks were beaten
back in the center, infiltrating
groups surrounded and annihilated
on one flank and fierce counterat-
tacks pressed on the other.
Heavy fighting developed in south-
east China where Japanese appar-
ently were trying to broaden their
China-Indo-China corridor as a de-
fensive measure.

Early Rapids Resident Dies

Mrs. Charles M. Kruger, 75, died
at her home, 521 Sixteenth street
south, at 6:45 this morning follow-
ing a heart attack Friday evening.
She had been a resident of Wiscon-
sin Rapids since the age of three.
Mrs. Kruger, the former Augusta
Duberstein, was born in Pomerania,
Germany, August 4, 1869, the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William
Duberstein, who came there as pio-
neers. She married Charles M. Kruger
at Kellner November 19, 1903.
A daughter died in infancy and Mr.
Kruger died April 11, 1933.
She is survived by two sons, El-
mer and William Kruger, both of
Wisconsin Rapids, and three grand-
children.
Funeral services will be at 2:30
Monday afternoon at Immanuel
Lutheran church, the Rev. E. G.
Knecht officiating. Burial will be
at Forest Hill cemetery. The body
is at the Baker Mortuary.

Hold Everything



"All right, all right! I'll transfer you to the air corps!"

Mussolini, Two Top Advisers Reported Nabbed by Italians

(By the Associated Press)
A Milan radio station which called
itself "the voice of the Italian
National Liberation committee" said
today that Benito Mussolini, dis-
guised as a German soldier, had
been arrested on the west shore of
Lake Como.
The station, in a broadcast re-
corded by the federal communica-
tions commission, added that two
of Duce's top ministers also had
been captured.
Capture of Marshal Rodolfo Gra-
siani, war minister in Mussolini's

Gachnang Services To Be Held Monday

Funeral services will be held at 2
o'clock Monday afternoon at the
Pittsview Funeral home for Henry
Gachnang, 68, who died at his home
in the town of Hansen at 10:10 Fri-
day morning after a long illness.
A lifelong resident of Wood coun-
ty, Mr. Gachnang was born at Pitts-
ville September 24, 1881, and moved
with his parents to the town of Han-
sen when he was three years old.
Two sisters, Mrs. G. H. Stahl and
Mrs. J. M. Hunt, both of Madison,
and two brothers, Fred and Ed
Gachnang, survive.

Expect Liberation of Denmark in 5 Weeks

Stockholm — (AP) — "Fortress
Denmark" looms today as the weak-
est of all Nazi strongholds. Pat-
riots confidently predict its libera-
tion within five weeks.

Committee Discusses Land Sale Proposals

The general business committee
of the city council met yesterday
afternoon at the city hall to discuss
the sale of two pieces of property,
one on Canal street, the other on
Drake and Seventh streets. Recom-
mendations will be submitted to the
city council at a meeting Tuesday
evening.



THE TWAIN DO MEET—The historic juncture between forces of the Anglo-American and the Soviet armies at Torgau, Germany on the Elbe river is depicted in the top scene. Maj. Gen. E. F. Reinhardt, commander of the 69th infantry, 1st army (2nd from right) talks with the commanding general of a Russian division. Troops of their respective units follow behind them. Second Lt. William Robertson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Lt. Alexander Sylyashko of the Russian army, below, exuberant at the historic meeting, symbolize the joy that is rampant through Allied fighting men around the world. Lieutenant Robertson, the first American soldier to shake hands with a Russian soldier, crossed to the east bank of the Elbe river.

Lies Unattended Overnight After Shooting Accident

Irvin Gukenberger, 59, Route 5, was alive miraculously today after having accidentally shot himself through the neck yesterday afternoon while shooting squirrels on his farm and lying unattended for at least 16 hours until a neighbor heard his cries for help and took him to the Riverview hospital early this morning.
According to Gukenberger's story, he was trying to shoot some squirrels near a corn crib on his farm, where he lives alone, and had set the 12-gauge shotgun against a fence while he crawled through. As he reached through the fence to get the gun, it apparently caught on the wire and went off, the charge striking him in the neck. He then crawled about 150 yards to the porch of his house where he collapsed. About 6 o'clock this morning, Reuben Rochelle, a neighbor, was awakened by his cries for help and came to his aid.
His condition is considered good by the attending physician, who said it was a miracle that he survived the ordeal. The temperature was recorded at 26 degrees during the night.

Pfc. Bobb Manley Is Injured in Germany

Pfc. Bobb Manley, whose wife re-
sides at 450 1/2 Fifth avenue north,
was injured in action in Germany
recently, according to a war depart-
ment telegram received by Mrs.
Manley.
A member of infantry in the
Third army, Private Manley enter-
ed the armed forces in July, 1941
and went overseas last January. He
is now in a hospital in England and
has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Swiss Border Is Reached by Yank Troops

Rome — (AP) — American troops,
striking across the Po valley and
into the Alps, reached the Swiss
border today and cut off all north-
western Italy from exits to Ger-
many, the Milan national liberation
radio reported today.
The Americans earlier had spear-
headed close to Bergamo, 125 miles
southwest of the Brenner pass and
30 miles from the border in a swift
dash to outflank Milan, 26 miles
to the southwest. This placed the
Fifth army almost at the southern
tip of Lake Como.
A First armored division spear-
headed that seized the Ghedi airport
near Bergamo in a 31 mile advance
moved on the field so fast a Ger-
man sergeant assigned to blow the
installations was captured before
he could touch off a fuse.
On the Ligurian coast a special
task force entered Pontremoli, 20
miles north of La Spezia, en route
to Parma, Allied headquarters dis-
closed.
Other Fifth army troops smashed
into the great port of Genoa. The
"Free Milan" radio declared Ger-
man commanders were endeavoring
to negotiate a general surrender
of their hopelessly trapped forces
in northern Italy.
(A broadcast by the partisan radio
at Busto Arsizio in northern
Italy, recorded by the FCC, said
patriot forces had "linked up" with
Allied troops north of the Po and
that all roads leading to the Bren-
ner pass had been "barred.")

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Himmler Reported Seeking "Unconditional Surrender"

7th Army Smashes To Within 25 Miles of Chaotic Munich

BY AUSTIN BEALMEAR
Paris — (AP) — The American Sev-
enth army closed today within 25
miles of Munich and broadcasts
from that Nazi citadel said a revolt
was seething in the city.
Augsburg, third city of Bavaria,
fell to Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's
troops. The Seventh army reached
the Austrian frontier at Fussen, 55
miles over the towering Alps from
the Brenner pass after charging 45
miles into the western end of the
German national redoubt.
Three armies were advancing on
Munich and threatening to encircle
the city, third largest in Germany.
Gen. Patton sent U.S. Third army
infantry 27 miles north of the city
while his tank divisions moved down
the Danube valley in Austria toward
an imminent junction with the Rus-
sians west of Vienna to seal off
Czechoslovakia and carve bisected
Germany into three death traps.
Southwest of Munich
The French First army was 40
miles southwest of Munich and deep
in the Nazi redoubt. The closest
approach to Munich was from the west
beyond Landsberg.
Third army troops were chatter-
ing back and forth by radio with
Russians in Austria. At last reports,
the Americans were barely 25 miles
from Linz, one of Hitler's favorite
cities and on the last intact route
into the redoubt from the Pilsen-
Prague munitions area.
Germany was cut in two in the
center and the Russians reported
new junctions with American forces
on the Elbe. The iron band between
the southern and northern German

Link Leaves Three Armies Out of Work

Paris — (AP) — The historic junc-
tion of American and Russian forces
in Germany left at least three
armies temporarily out of jobs to-
day but there still was much fight-
ing to be done before the war in
Europe could be considered over.
Front line commanders believe
organized warfare may wind up in
a matter of weeks. But supreme
headquarters, officially pessimistic,
says it can last for several months.
In Paris, such questions as these
were being asked concerning these
armies:
Would they take new positions
somewhere else in Europe? Would
they be pulled out the line and sent
home? Would they be used—Rus-
sians and Americans alike—in a
final shattering blow in the Pacific?
Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, widely-
quoted Nazi military commentator,
predicts that the war will be over
in a few days. After surrendering
to the U. S. Ninth army he declared
that Hitler was in Berlin and
would die there.
"When Berlin falls it will be
over," he said, asserting that once
Hitler is dead there will be nothing
to hold together the remaining Nazi
forces.
Dittmar asserted that the so-called
Bavarian redoubt was a myth.

Joe Goodrich Dies in Action In Philippines

T/5 Joe K. Goodrich, 25, son of
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Goodrich, 1311
Elm street, was killed in action
April 8 on Luzon in the Philippines,
according to a war department tele-
gram received by the soldier's par-
ents this morning.
The Wisconsin Rapids soldier was
a member of the 126th infantry in
the 32nd division. His parents had
received their last letter from him
two weeks ago and it was dated
April 1, from Baletta pass in the
Philippines.
He had been wounded by shrap-
nel in the back, neck and hand, in
December, 1944 at Ormoc Bay in
the Philippines. He recovered in
three weeks from the wounds re-
ceived in that battle, for which his
outfit received a presidential cita-
tion. He also had been awarded the
Purple Heart and the Combat In-
fantry badge.
Goodrich was born in Wisconsin
Rapids December 7, 1919. He at-
tended the Howe Grade school and
was graduated from Lincoln High
school in 1938. While in high school
he participated in four major sports
—baseball, football, basketball and
track. Following his graduation
from Lincoln High, he attended
Central State Teachers college for
three years, then enlisted in the
army in October, 1942. While at the
Point Teachers college, he was a
member of the football team.
After 13 weeks training at Camp
Walters, Tex., he was sent over-
seas to Australia. He participated
in the Munday Bay, Saitoro, Aitape
and Morotai campaigns in the south
Pacific before going to the Philip-
pines.
In addition to his parents, he is
survived by one brother, Pvt. James
F. Goodrich, who is with the 75th
division at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

French Army Obstructing Drive Against Nazi Redoubt

Paris — (AP) — A supreme head-
quarters statement today declared
the French First army was obstruct-
ing the Allies drive southeast
against the Nazi redoubt by its per-
sistence in continuing to occupy
Stuttgart.
The statement said Sixth army
group headquarters had asked the
French First army to move out of
the city, capital of Wuertemberg,
which the French captured.
Still in Stuttgart
At latest reports, the French still
were there—backed by the French
council of ministers which voiced
disapproval of the request on
grounds that the Big Three had not
taken any action on France's post-
war occupation zone claims in south-
west Germany.
The Sixth army group includes the
U.S. Seventh and French First ar-
mies. It is commanded by Gen. Jacob
L. Devers.
The French have asked for virtu-
ally outright occupation of the
Saarland plus defined occupational

Tighten Regulations On Food And Menus For Prisoners of War

Chicago — (AP) — Stiffer restric-
tions on food and menus for enemy
prisoners of war in the Sixth Ser-
vice command have gone into ef-
fect, Maj. Gen. Russel R. Reynolds,
commander, announced today.
The new regulations call for more
meatless meals, with substitutions
of "cheap grades of fish, macaroni,
spaghetti, beans, and other similar
entrees," Reynolds said.
He added that POW camps in the
command, which include Illinois
and Wisconsin, have overseas war
veterans as guards wherever possi-
ble, and the Nazi salute by enemy
prisoners has been banned, swast-
ika flags have been confiscated,
and Nazi insignia, emblems or pic-
tures of Nazi leaders are prohibited
either for possession or display.

Bulletins

GOEBBELS' BROTHER SEIZED
Hans Goebbel, brother of the German
propaganda minister and himself a high
ranking Nazi, was taken into military
custody today by Indian troops.
The brother of Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbel
was arrested at his home in the con-
quered Ruhr at Miltath. He first de-
nied any connection with the Nazi party
but later acknowledged that he was an
officer in the (major general) in the
Wehrmacht SS anti-aircraft group.

WORLD ENDS CONTRACT
New York — (AP) — Authentic operators
agreed today to a 30-day extension of
their contract with the United Mine
Workers, which expires Monday night,
while the UMW announced it was "con-
tinuing to give the subject considera-
tion."

SAV HITTER STUBBORN
Stockholm — (AP) — The newspaper
svenska dagbladet, quoting "reliable
sources," said today that Hitler had suf-
fered a cerebral hemorrhage and was
near death inside Berlin.

Nekoosa Soldier Wounded on Luzon

T/Sgt. Frank J. Wolfe, son of Mrs.
Mary Ann Wolfe, Nekoosa, was
slightly wounded in action on Lu-
zon in the Philippines March 23,
according to a war department tele-
gram received by the soldier's moth-
er Thursday night.
Sergeant Wolfe is with the 32nd
division and was a member of the
National Guard in 1940.

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