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WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Roosevelt at his first conference following his return from the Crimea agreed today on the idea that German soldiers be used to repair war damage in the Soviet Union.

President also said there would be a number of treaties submitted to the Senate for ratification, in addition to the Security Charter which will be voted on at the April 25 San Francisco Conference.

President said these other treaties arising from decisions of the conference at Yalta would deal with what he described as details.

In his report to Congress yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt said that the United States does not intend to enslave the German people. A question today pointed out that the point of view is that Germany should provide labor to repair war-torn parts of the Soviet Union.

Roosevelt said that he did not think it was a bad idea—after he had seen of German devastation in the Crimea—to get German soldiers and use them for repairing and repairs in the Soviet Union.

At a press conference discussion today, he went into the matter of German labor should also be used to repair war damage in other countries.

President would not say whether the ceding of German territory to the Soviet Union.

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United Press Correspondent Clinto B. Conger accompanied the bombers.

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NAZIS CRACK IN U. S. DRIVE ACROSS REICH

PARIS, March 2.—American Ninth Army forces crashed through to the Rhine today and opened a big-gun duel across the river with the German defenders of Duesseldorf, key Ruhr stronghold of more than 500,000 inhabitants.

The ancient city of Trier, citadel of the westernmost German bulge against Luxembourg, fell to the American Third Army manning the right wing of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's grand offensive aimed at destroying all German forces west of the Rhine.

The Allied left wing blazed into action with the capture of the Dutch stronghold of Venlo. Nazi broadcasts said Eisenhower had sent the British Second Army into the showdown battle of western Germany.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's United States Ninth Army was setting the pace for the big push. It broke through the last German defenses west of the Rhine, surged onto the bank of the river across from Duesseldorf, and dashed forward 16 miles under a security blackout to the outskirts of Krefeld.

Simpson's headquarters announced that his tanks and infantry rolled up substantial gains today in the payoff sweep toward the Rhine. Behind them big guns loosed a shattering barrage on vital industrial targets beyond the Rhine.

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Your Red Cross—At His Side



Volunteers Begin Task of Raising \$372,000 Quota For Red Cross War Fund

Close Esquire Bar for Duration

The Esquire bar of the Penn-Harris Hotel, has been closed, a result of the War Manpower Commission's work-or-fight order to put men into essential industry.

Franklin Moore, Penn-Harris manager, just out of a sick bed after a week's illness, said the WMC order limiting the hotel to 111 employees.

Volunteers today began campaigning toward a goal of \$372,000, the Harrisburg area's quota in the 1945 American Red Cross War Fund, inspired by a rousing "kick-off" rally at the Penn-Harris Hotel.

Mrs. Kathleen Fox Wister, American Red Cross staff assistant, who has just returned after 18 months' service in Upper Assam, India, sparked the more than 500 men and women at last night's rally with a vivid account of the work the Red Cross is doing for servicemen in the China-Burma-India theater.

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WASHINGTON, March 2.—L. Lewis today called on coal operators to abandon their "dog in the manger" attitude in negotiating a new contract.

The United Mine Workers president spoke at the second day of the 1945 joint conference, continuing his position of miners' demands in connection with a new contract present two-year pact March 31.

He repeated that his demand for a 10-cent a ton royalty on bituminous coal did not "conflict with any policy of the Government." Neither the Labor Board nor any other government agency has any authority to interfere with the negotiations on such a proposal.

His proposal would have cost the union more than \$600,000,000 a year.

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WASHINGTON, March 2.—President Roosevelt today expressed interest in dispatches from King telling of plans of Government to send a mission to China.

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