

HITLER DEAD

The German radio announced last night that Adolf Hitler had died yesterday afternoon, and that Adm. Doenitz, former commander-in-chief of the German Navy, had succeeded him as ruler of the Reich.

Doenitz, speaking later over the German radio, Reuter said, declared that "Hitler has fallen at his command post."

"My first task," Doenitz said, "is to save the German people from destruction by Bolshevism. If only for this task, the struggle will continue."

Churchill Hints Peace Is at Hand

Winston Churchill indicated in a brief address to Commons yesterday that peace in Europe might come before Saturday.

Although he declined to give any statement on the reported surrender negotiations, the Prime Minister acknowledged that an important announcement was possible before the House adjourned Friday night. The admission was regarded as confirmation that the negotiations are well under way.

In Stockholm, meanwhile, Count Folke Bernadotte, head of the Swedish Red Cross, gave virtual denial at a press conference that he was acting as go-between in peace negotiations between the Allies and the German government.

Count Denies Visit

"I have not seen Himmler during my last visit to Germany and Denmark, and I have not forwarded any message from Himmler or other authoritative German to the Allies," said the Swedish nobleman shortly after his return by plane from Copenhagen.

The count previously had been regarded as the intermediary through

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Truman Names New Aide

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP).—President Truman today appointed Edward Daniel McKin, an Omaha, Nebraska insurance executive, to be his administrative assistant.



Adolf Hitler at his height

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The announcement preceding the proclamation by Doenitz said: "It is reported from the Fuehrer's headquarters that our Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, has fallen this afternoon at his command post in the Reich Chancellery, fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism and for his country. On April 30, the Fuehrer appointed Grand Adm. Doenitz as his successor. The new Fuehrer will speak to the German people."

The talk by Doenitz then followed, Reuter said. Doenitz said: "German men and women, soldiers of the German Wehrmacht, our Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, has fallen. German people are in deepest mourning and veneration."

"Adolf Hitler recognized beforehand the terrible danger of Bolshevism," Doenitz said, "and devoted his life to fighting it. At the end of this, his battle, and of his unswerving straight path of life, stands his death as a hero in the capital of the Reich."

"All his life meant service to the German people. His battle against the Bolshevik flood benefited not only Europe but the whole world. The Fuehrer has appointed me as his successor. Fully conscious of the responsibility, I take over the leadership of the Ger-

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Jail Fraternity

The present policy of non-fraternization is agreed by practically all to be a wise one. It is, however, a two-way proposition. The American soldier, being by nature and teaching, quick to make friends, is finding it exceedingly difficult to refrain from engaging in conversation with German civilians.

Much of this difficulty is caused by the civilians attempting to induce the soldiers into conversation and into their homes. There are few who will deny that a smiling beautiful girl and a gleaming bottle of schnaps form a seductive combination for the individual soldier.

Why not punish the German civilian for fraternizing, too? Fraternization is a two-party proposition. —Capt. J. A. Witt, an Engr. C Bn.

'Frisco Here We Come

Sgt. Noyes (who objects to Commander Stassen's idea of sacrificing some sovereignty for peace) is not the only constitutionalist. Most Americans are. But he seems to forget that one of the articles of that document provides for its amendment. I'm afraid the views he expresses cause one to prefer the term nationalist. And, lucky for mankind, most Americans aren't that. I know Cmdr. Stassen isn't.

Had Sgt. Noyes lived about the year 1788, I'm sure he would have been loudly proclaiming the sovereignty of his state and ridiculing any idea of a higher authority. He would certainly have disclaimed any notion that his state should sacrifice to a federal government the right to raise an army, declare war, etc. Thanks to more far-sighted men, his kind was defeated.

I'm sure Sgt. Noyes thinks the analogy is far-fetched. I will admit it is a big step from unifying 13 colonies to unifying the nations of the world. But we've come a long way from the days of Jefferson and Hamilton. We presume ourselves to be more intelligent and better-informed than they. And we have historical proofs piled high telling us that nations jealous of their rights and sovereignty don't foster amity.

I object, and I hope others do, to Sgt. Noyes' policy of "reservation." The one, sole objective of all nations should be the elimination of war and the stupid slaughter of men and material. The only way to achieve the purpose is for all nations to support it without reservation. No one can state affirmatively what will be necessary for each nation to sacrifice, but if time shows that the only way to keep the nations united is for each to sacrifice a portion of its sovereignty to some higher organization, then it must be done.

If the way points to the sacrifice of all sovereignty, then that must be done. I, for one, will welcome the day an American looks at a Russian in the same manner as a New Yorker looks at a Californian. —Pfc John E. Dineen.

Is the sergeant in favor of peace? Can he be in favor of peace if he is unwilling to make the sacrifices necessary to attain that peace? —Pfc W. Murphy, Inf.

Does being American mean advocating the "Buy America First" program of William Hearst? The Hawley-Smoot tariff bill supported that belief, and that legislation brought foreign animosity, reprisal tariffs and a great shrinking of our foreign trade. Does being American mean being a disciple of Col McCormick, the America Firsters, or any other isolation group?

We are in our second World War as proof that we are part of this world, and not a land-body of our own. Does being American mean being anti-world? Does it mean waging economic and diplomatic warfare even in so-called periods of peace? If being American necessitates these things then indeed Cmdr. Stassen is un-American; but if being American means advocating a program which will be beneficial to America even though it will also be beneficial to the world then Cmdr. Stassen is being truly American. —Pfc G. B.

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Yanks at Okinawa's 2nd Largest City

1,500 Japs Die In Fierce Fight Outside Shuri

GUAM, May 1 (ANS).—Tanks of the 96th Inf. Div. today were within 800 yards of Shuri, Okinawa's second largest city, after killing 1,500 Japanese in a 72-hour battle for the stronghold.

Doughboys of Maj. Gen. George W. Griner's 27th Inf. Div. captured Machinato airfield on the west coast but were forced to call medium tanks to wipe out heavy Japanese opposition stemming from cave positions on their east flank.

The capture of Machinato, less than two miles north of the capital city of Naha and Naha's big air-drome, gave Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner's Tenth Army its fourth airfield of the Okinawa campaign. Capture of Yonabaru airfield on the east coast seemed imminent.

B29s Hammer Japan Anew

GUAM, May 1 (ANS).—More than 100 Marianas-based B29s made their first raid "in strength" on the Japanese homeland city of Hamamatsu yesterday, starting large fires in railyards and shops.

The city of 166,000 lies 60 miles south of Nagoya, on the south coast of Honshu. Some of Japan's major war industries are located there.

Other B29 formations attacked six airfields on southern Kyushu, from which the Japs have mounted raids against Americans at Okinawa, 325 miles to the south.

Not a Superfort was lost in both raids.

Superforts Foil Japs' Home Censorship

HONOLULU, May 1 (ANS).—Superfortress bombers, breaking through Japan's tight censorship, have dropped on the enemy homeland thousands of leaflets, telling Japanese civilians how to end destructive American bombing of their cities.

The leaflets were prepared in Honolulu by the OWI. One of them says: "Force your leaders to bring an end to the hopeless war. That is the best prevention against bombing."

State to Run Industries In India After War

NEW DELHI, May 1 (UP).—India's major industries will be placed under state control after the war. Objectives of the policy are to increase the national health, prepare the country better for defense and provide high stable employment, according to the government statement.

Among the industries involved are shipbuilding, automobile, aircraft, heavy machinery, coal, sugar, textile and steel.

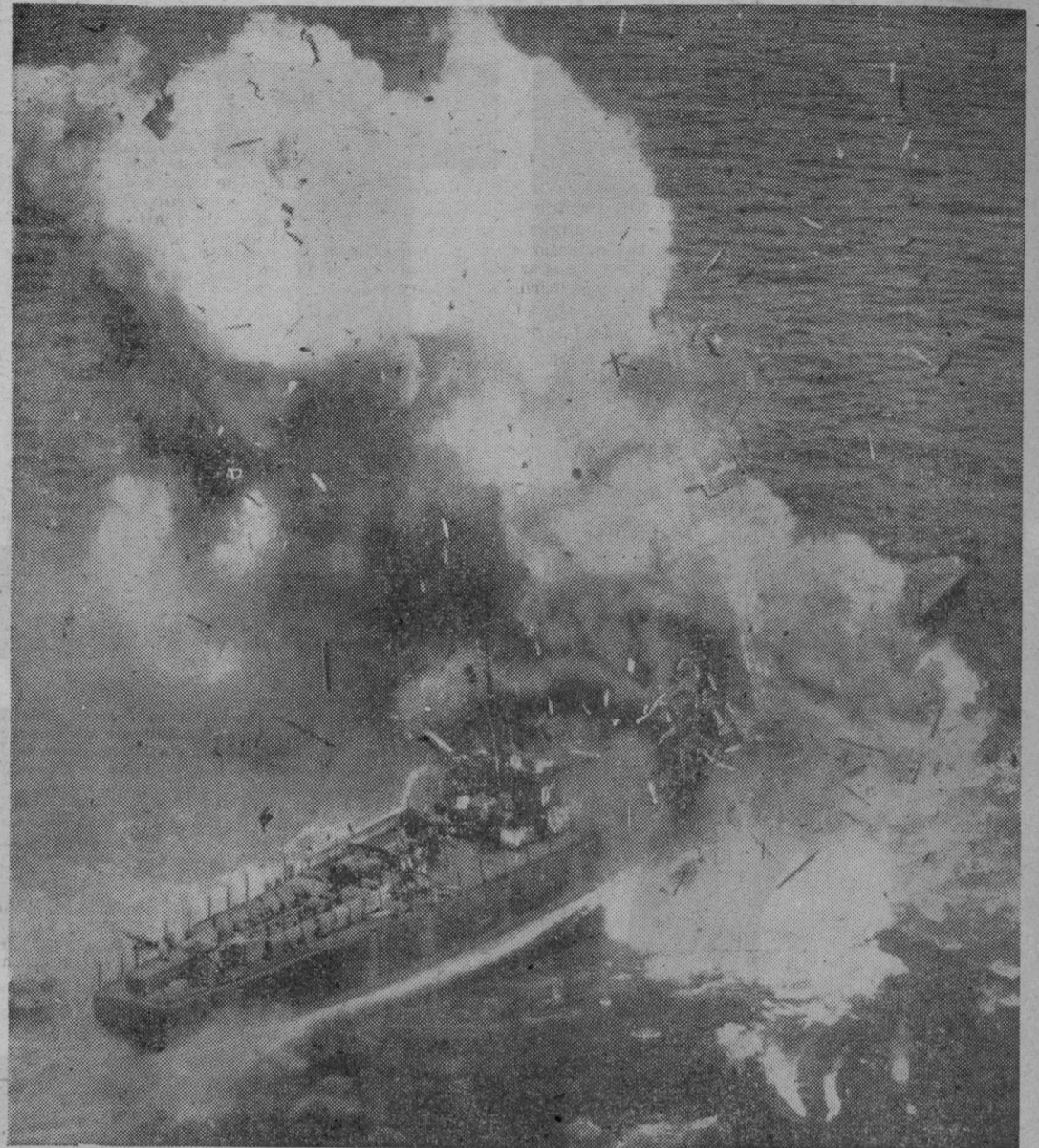
HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



I see where the folks back home are startin' to wonder how we'll fit in the postwar world.

U.S. Air Attack Breaks a Japanese Destroyer in Two



Smoke, flame and debris are hurled high as a Jap destroyer explodes and breaks up under bombing by B25s of the Far East Air Forces 38th Bcmb Group in an attack on a convoy off the Philippines.

B32 Bomber To See Combat Isle Off Mindanao Captured For U.S. by Guerrilla Troops

WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS).—Plans are being made for the combat debut of the B32 Dominator, giant American bomber, J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, said.

Krug said production of the B32 was "picking up," but he declined to release production figures or disclose when it would go into combat. Like the B29, the B32 will operate in the Pacific.

Krug told reporters that the recently announced plan to discontinue production of Liberators at the Ford-operated Willow Run plant did not necessarily mean the "end of Willow Run."

MANILA, May 1 (ANS).—The capture by guerrillas of Talikud Island, nine miles off Davao City, was reported today by Gen. MacArthur. American troops, driving rapidly toward the Mindanao port, were bothered more by booby-trapped roads than by Japanese troops.

Talikud, five miles long, is strategically located amid shipping lanes deep inside the harbor.

Doughboys of the 24th Div. under Maj. Gen. Roscoe Woodruff were within 17 miles of Davao City by Sunday and moving swiftly toward the city limits.

The Yanks overran an elaborate system of anti-aircraft positions and intact coastal guns, obviously readied to repel an assault on Davao Gulf proper. Instead, the 24th Div. had come overland from the beachhead in Moro Gulf.

On Luzon the 37th Div. pushed through captured Baguio and occupied La Trinidad against moderate resistance. The 33rd Div., thrusting southeast, had a tough fight for a hilltop at the edge of Baguio, and captured a small airfield.

Ship Will Be Named In Honor of Ernie Pyle

WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS).—The Maritime Commission will name one of its largest ships for Ernie Pyle, Scripps-Howard war reporter who was killed on April 18 on Ie Island, off Okinawa. The Ernie Pyle will be a C-4 military type cargo ship.

Spanish Regency Plans Reported

Reports of a change in the Spanish government, with the possibility of a regency of four to prepare for restoration of the monarchy, circulated yesterday in diplomatic quarters in London and Madrid.

Reuter quoted the Madrid correspondent of the London Times as saying that proposals are being taken to Infante Don Juan in Switzerland by an emissary of Gen. Francisco Franco, Spain's present ruler. The correspondent reported that Don Juan will be asked to approve a new bill of rights and to accept as regents with him a general, a prelate and Infante Don Carlos.

Army Accepts Jon Hall

HOLLYWOOD, May 1 (ANS).—Movie actor Jon Hall, twice rejected for military duty, said today he had "made the grade" in another physical examination and will report for induction May 8. Hall is the husband of Frances Langford, actress, singer and veteran of many USO overseas trips with *Bob Hope*.

V2 No Mystery, British Reveal

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—A sample copy of Germany's V2 rocket bomb was flown to Britain from Sweden last August before the first one fell on England.

The Nazi "vengeance weapon," nearly intact and weighing four tons, fell near Kalmar in southern Sweden last June. The British were working feverishly to discover the secrets of the new weapon and, following urgent diplomatic negotiations, neutral Sweden agreed to release the bomb.

Lt. Col. Keith Allen, of Washington, D.C., and his USAAF crew, took a C47 transport plane into a Stockholm airport, where the crated V2 was loaded aboard. The plane flew through German flak on the trip back, but landed safely in Scotland.

British scientists, who examined the V2, announced that studies did much to prepare Britain against the V2 ordeal.

This Happened in America:

Nation's Airlines Expand Despite War Handicaps

By William R. Spear
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, May 1.—The nation's commercial airlines are not only maintaining their many services despite wartime handicaps but also are making improvements everywhere possible. Today several new strides were made all at once.

In the first place, three of the biggest airlines—United, Eastern and TWA—are making general reductions in passenger fares, ranging from three and a half to 17 percent, plus another five percent on round-trip tickets. Northwest and National Airlines also are cutting their fares.

At the same time, several extensions of the air service have been announced. TWA opens a new route providing direct service between Pittsburgh and Boston, by-passing New York; United begins direct flights to Hartford and Boston from Chicago and Cleveland, with Mrs. George S. Patton Jr., scheduled to christen the inaugural Mainliner at the Boston airport. And Northeast Airlines, which has operated only in New England for the last 12 years, starts service between Boston and New York with nine round-trips daily.

Northwest Airlines starts service to New York June 1, with a schedule that calls for flights between New York and Spokane, Wash., in 15 hours and 20 minutes and between New York and Seattle in 17 hours 20 minutes. Other scheduled times are: New York to Billings, Mont., 11 hours and 50 minutes; New York to the Twin Cities, six hours and 50 minutes; New York to Milwaukee, four hours and 50 minutes and New York to Detroit, two hours and 55 minutes.

Disabled Vets Learn to Drive

STATE motor vehicle officials, organized into the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, are conducting a nationwide program to teach disabled veterans to drive automobiles and help them pass tests for driving licenses.

Otto F. Messner, vice-president of the organization and Deputy Revenue Secretary of Pennsylvania in charge of the Motor Vehicle Department, says that already more than 5,000 veterans who have lost legs or arms are driving. "Cars with special equipment are needed," he said, "but not many."

"Wonderful advances in the construction of artificial arms, hands and legs make for quick adjustment to comply with the responsibilities of car operation. And some of those lads to my mind make better drivers than many persons who possess sound bodies."

Facilities for special driving instructions have been installed in seven Army and two Navy hospitals, known as amputee centers and staffed with specially trained instructors.

Further inspiration for veterans who have lost limbs is the example set by J. B. Powell, fiery little editor of the China Weekly Review, who lost both feet as a result of mistreatment in a Japanese prison camp. He has spent two years recovering in a hospital since his repatriation in June, 1942—but expects to walk out of Harkness Pavilion this week on two artificial feet. He'll leave under his own power to carry on the work of promoting American-Oriental understanding.

Dickie Wilcox, 4, got fed up with his home at Daytona Beach, Fla., and decided to take a trip. So he hopped on his tricycle, pedaled two miles to a railroad station and mingled with the crowd until a helpful conductor—thinking he belonged to one of the passengers—boosted him aboard a train. Meanwhile, Dickie's grandmother, Mrs. Frederick Walker, notified the police he was missing. The law discovered the tot's tricycle at the station and on a hunch asked railroad officials to look for him aboard trains. Dickie's odyssey was cut short at Savannah, Ga.

Is who complain that packages from home get smashed in the mail may soon find the situation a little better. A new War Production Board order permits manufacturers of fiber boxes for overseas shipments to make construction changes, resulting in sturdier boxes.

The city of Minneapolis is not going along with the recent action of the Minnesota legislature rescinding wartime and putting the state on Central Standard Time. The Minneapolis City Council voted two to one to adopt an ordinance keeping Central War Time, one hour ahead of the standard time which the legislature ordered into effect throughout the state effective July 8. Mayor McDonough of St. Paul declared that his city also will refuse to abide by the legislative edict but no definite action has been taken as yet.

Navy, Marine Wounded See Security Delegates at Work

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The Navy brought 54 wounded sailors and marines here yesterday to attend a session of the San Francisco conference.

They came from the Navy hospital at Mare Island, 35 miles away. All were amputation cases, some having lost both legs, and some an arm in the Pacific.

"We had a big stake in this war," one said. "We want to see what comes out of it."

Capt. H. H. Kessler, in charge of the group, said: "We brought these boys here to see this because this is the kind of world they gave their limbs to make over. It's their world coming up. They'll

have to live in it. We wanted them to see it taking shape."

After five years of war's privations members of the French delegation are sampling all the various food that San Francisco offers, the Associated Press reported. Four of them mixed the wrong dishes at dinner Saturday in a French restaurant—and stars were sick for days.

Delegates are touring the city and California scenic spots whenever they have the time, the United Press said. Some sped to the famous Golden Gate Bridge; others visited miles of Pacific beaches.

V-E Day Likely To Bring Spurt In Legislation

WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS).—Congress has no V-E Day program as such, leaders admit, but victory in Europe will bring a spurt of legislative activity, the Associated Press predicted.

No laws expire automatically with the war's end in Europe, most emergency legislation being self-repealing after hostilities end on all fronts.

Just what Congress should do when Germany collapses was discussed at a recent meeting of its leaders. The consensus was: "There is nothing of a must nature that should be done, but we must carry on, mindful of the fact that there is still a war in the Pacific."

Working on Draft Extension

Price control legislation will expire June 30. The Selective Training and Service Law ceases to have effect after May 15. Machinery for extending both already has been set in motion, the House having unanimously approved extension of the draft law.

The Senate, which may write restrictions into the Draft Extension Act if Germany no longer is in the fight when the legislation reaches the floor, has started hearings on price control extension.

It is probable that a fight will develop over price control, since many Congressmen believe that home front controls may be relaxed somewhat after Germany is defeated.

Blow at Taxes Expected

There may be a move to pare taxes, but Congressional tax-framers already have indicated that no tax relief can be expected until after both wars end.

Whether manpower legislation will be necessary will hinge on whether there will be a tendency on the part of war workers to move into non-war jobs.

In the offing, but not in shape for early consideration, is legislation to provide an estimated 60,000,000 peace time jobs and to guarantee the social security of every citizen.

Also in the mill and facing a stiff fight are bills implementing Bretton Woods' United Nations monetary agreements and lowering of tariffs.

Europe's Food Put Up to U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS). Responsibility for feeding large areas of war-ravaged Europe will fall on the U.S., with the result that "the ration of the American consumer may have to be cut further," Judge Samuel I. Rosenman told President Truman yesterday.

Rosenman, who headed a mission to investigate civilian supplies for liberated areas of northwest Europe, recommended that "a widespread official and public campaign be undertaken to inform the American people of the gravity of the needs of our Allies in liberated Europe."

He also recommended that Germany be compelled to supply manpower for the removal of German mines from areas in France and Belgium and in adjacent seas so that there can be complete restoration of agriculture, shipping and fishing.

The most immediate needs are certain types of food, coal, mining equipment and means of internal transportation, Rosenman said.

2 Negroes to Be Given High Posts in Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 1 (ANS).—Republican Governor Simeon Willis said yesterday that two Negroes would be appointed to high administrative posts for the first time in Kentucky.

Willis said that he would name one Negro to the state board of education and that he would ask Attorney General Eldon S. Dummit to appoint another as an assistant attorney general.

Gail Patrick Expects Stork This October

HOLLYWOOD, May 1 (ANS).—Gail Patrick, statuesque brunette film actress, is expecting a baby in October.

In private life, Miss Patrick is the wife of Lt. Arnold D. White. They were married in Jacksonville, Fla., last July after a romance which began five minutes after their meeting, when he told her: "You are the girl I'm going to marry."

The 'Chute Suits



Gloria Whalen shows off a bathing suit made from a captured German parachute sent her from the ETO by Lt. John R. Breunig. She's a model in New York.

Senator Urges 1st In--1st Out Demob Plan

WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS).—A "first in first out" plan for demobilizing fighting men was proposed yesterday by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col.).

Johnson said that the point system the Army announced months ago as the program for determining discharge priorities is much too complicated and contains elements of unfairness.

Johnson admitted that he hasn't made any headway in trying to persuade the War Department to adopt his formula. As a result, he added, he probably will introduce legislation to accomplish that purpose.

"Under the first in first out system, the men in the foxholes would know right away their prospects for going back to civilian life," the Senator said. "If they'd been drafted three or four years ago they'd have assurance that they'd be among the first out and they wouldn't have to figure out a lot of point factors for which the values haven't been announced."

Under the Army's plan, priority for discharge would be based on four factors: Time spent in the service, the number of months overseas, credit for combat, including decorations and service stars denoting battle participation, and the number of dependent children—not to exceed three—under 18 years of age.

Wage Increase Given Miners

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP).—John L. Lewis' new soft-coal agreement was approved by Federal Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis today but his negotiations for a new anthracite contract were termed a dispute and certified to the War Labor Board by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

Davis okayed wage increases for UMW bituminous workers which, according to WLB estimates, will give the average miner 81 cents a day more "take home" pay. In addition, the wage stabilizer authorized an average 16 cents-a-ton price increase for soft-coal operators to offset the new agreement's cost to them.

Meanwhile, Pennsylvania's anthracite production was at a virtual standstill as unofficial reports indicated that few if any of the state's 72,000 hard-coal miners were at work.

The industry's hard-coal contract expired last night and work stopped despite a WLB order to continue production under terms of the old agreement. Secretary Perkins proposed a contract to miners and operators meeting in New York but it was rejected, and she certified the dispute to the WLB.

The anthracite miners are asking for a 25 percent general wage increase and a ten-cent-per-ton royalty.

Colorado Seeks to Honor FDR

DENVER, May 1 (ANS).—A 14,250-foot mountain in southwestern Colorado may become Mt. Franklin Roosevelt. Gov. John C. Vivian said he would ask the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to approve the designation for the peak, now named Mt. Wilson. The peak is 149 feet higher than Pike's Peak.

Plane Output Slashed 15 Pct.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS).—The Army Air Forces has announced that aircraft production would be cut back about 15 percent for the remainder of the year. This will permit greater concentration on aircraft vitally necessary for the defeat of Japan.

New cutbacks in some plants were disclosed in a statement which said that a substantial part of the reduction already had been announced.

The reduction will be carried out gradually over several months, and in no case will production be cut off immediately.

Full production will be continued on many types of planes, including B29 Superfortresses, B32 Dominators, A26 light bombers, jet-propelled fighters and two cargo types, C82 and C54.

The cutbacks affect plants producing Liberators, Flying Fortresses and Lightnings.

The AF said that it planned to replace P38s and older models of P47s and P51s with jet-planes and newer models of Thunderbolts and Mustangs.

The Buick Plant at Melrose Park, Chicago, will halt production on engines for the B24 Liberator, but will continue work on other important types. The cutback there will also be felt at the Chevrolet Plant in Flint, Mich., where engine parts are manufactured.

15,546 Wacs Overseas; 7,036 Serve in ETO

WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS).—A total of 15,546 Wacs are serving overseas, the War Department announced. Total strength of the WAC is 94,000.

There are 7,036 in the European Theater, 5,255 in Southwest Pacific areas, including Australia, New Guinea, Dutch East Indies and the Philippines, and 1,612 in Italy.

Guam and Hawaii, have 206; India and Ceylon, 334; Africa and Egypt, 596; Alaskan Department, 103, and Bermuda, Labrador and British Columbia, 394.

Life on the Home Front

Fire Power Pays Off—in Beef

BELLEVILLE, Ill., May 1 (ANS).—A gun got a woman what she wanted from a Belleville butcher shop yesterday.

Police said that a woman about 50 saw a large piece of beef in a refrigeration case in the shop and asked for it. When told it had been sold, she drew a revolver and told the attendants to get it for her but quick. They did.

Witnesses told police that five men were waiting outside in an automobile, when the woman, clutching the beef, got in and they drove away.



Adolf Hitler—Most Ruthless Conqueror in World's History

By the United Press

Adolf Hitler, the Austrian who made himself master of Germany in 14 years and became known as the most ruthless conqueror in history, died yesterday after destroying his adopted country.

Before he conquered, he was a hod-carrier, a house painter, a common laborer. Viennese workmen called him a bum when he went there after his mother died. Hitler lived in a flop-house.

Workers despised him. He had an almost femininely smooth white skin and soft, muscleless limbs and arms, with a caved-in chest.

During World War I, Hitler joined the Bavarian Army, swearing allegiance to Germany's cause. Officers said he gloried in bloodshed, and they awarded him an Iron Cross for bravery. But they refused to give him a commission. He was termed a "dangerous fanatic."

By 1923, the little man who would not eat meat, drink beer and who rejected women, had harangued himself into leadership of Deutsches Arbeiter Partei, a recognized force in Munich. He overplayed his hand in the abortive beer hall "putsch" when he tried to abolish the Bavarian government. But during his year in prison for his attempt, he wrote "Mein Kampf," outlining the plans which he later carried out step by step until stopped by the Allies.

Dictator of the Reich

Aided by Rudolf Hess, Paul Josef Goebbels and other "believers," he stumped Germany. He became a German citizen to run against the aging Field Marshal von Hindenburg, German leader, in 1932. He won 11,000,000 votes, 40 per cent of the total. However, he forced his way into Hindenburg's cabinet and, in 1933, was made dictator by the Reichstag. He immediately began his boycott of Jews, repressed all religions and threw thousands of opponents into concentration camps.

He encouraged paganism and neo-paganism, and Hitler himself became somewhat of an astrologer.

In 1934, Hitler purged his own party in a blood bath in which 1,000 persons died, and he set out to prove himself one of the greatest opportunists of all time, seizing presidential powers when Hindenburg died.

Still, very few persons knew the dictator well enough to call him Adolf, though his faithful party leaders supported him blindly when he sent his armies into Poland, in 1939, to touch off the bomb which rocked the whole world. They cheered before that when he took Austria and Czechoslovakia. They helped him when he drove through Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, eliminating enemies at home and forging ahead to control the European continent, aided by a new type of warfare, the Blitzkrieg, and a fifth column of opportunists who wanted a share in Hitler's world.

Took Personal Command

Only when his forces in Russia were beaten back, when Der Fuehrer took personal command in December, 1941, did the people's confidence show signs of tottering. But Hitler shouted to his people, lauding his losing ally, Benito Mussolini, and promised "victory in 1942."

"We shall never capitulate," Hitler exhorted later, still unshaken in the belief in his destiny. But his armies were beaten in North Africa, and in Russia the Wehrmacht turned and ran from the tremendous momentum of the Red drive. The Allies closed in from the west, and in Italy there no longer was aid for the Axis.

Hitler retired more and more to Berchtesgaden with a Bavarian girl, Eva Braun, whom he met in 1935. By 1938, Miss Braun had been established as "Die Chefin" (feminine counterpart of Hitler's intimate title, Der Chef) in Hitler's household. Reports of unrest grew in Holland, France, Denmark, throughout "festung Europa" which Hitler's armies controlled. Hitler ordered additional purges, to enforce the Nazi dictum of "one party and absolute obedience to der Fuehrer."

The purges were not thoroughly carried out until after a group of Junker generals attempted to assassinate Hitler on July 19, 1944, as he stood in the inner circle of official headquarters. A bomb exploded only six feet away from the falling leader.

The leader of the super-nation was constantly guarded, apparently fearing for his life from every hand. But he shouted again that Germany would not give up, even when Russian armies, calling down revenge on the Germans, poured across Nazi soil, and Anglo-American armies advanced into Germany.

The Allies ended his destiny when he was 55 years old and after he had ruled Germany for only 11 years.

was a hod-carrier, a house

Peep Hits Mine In New Linkup Of Yanks, Reds

By Jack Raymond
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

APOLLENSDORF, Germany, April 30 (Delayed).—The lead peep of one of the armored columns of the 125th Cav. Recon. squadron hit a Russian mine on the outskirts of this town at about 1300 today, and five minutes later the men in another peep recognized two Russian soldiers in the nearby woods. That's how the Ninth Army linkup with Marshal Koniev's Army was made.

Two men were killed and a third critically injured when the peep blew up. Yesterday, an officer was killed and three men were wounded outside of Rosslau. That's why most of the men didn't give a damn about the meeting, even when the two-day get-together seemed like a wild adventure.

C Battery Spearheads

Twenty-five-year-old Capt. Adolph Ploehns, of C Battery, spearheaded the mechanized searching party most of the way. The former Michigan State policeman, from Battle Creek, started the first platoon, commanded by Lt. Delfred Bierman, of Muskatina, Ia., in the lead.

Tanks went through the first towns without firing a shot and picked up more than 4,000 prisoners. At one place, they sent a civilian into the town to ask the garrison to surrender. When the Nazi commander refused, the assault tanks went into action. Six hundred Krauts gave up.

Woman Tosses Flowers

The column passed easily through Zieko and Coswig, the latter a town of 40,000. The people cheered the GIs and one woman tossed flowers into open jeeps. Their joy was something of a backhand compliment. An old man said, "We would rather see you than the Russians."

East of Griebos, signal flares were fired with no satisfaction. Lt. Arthur Hadley, of New York City, called to the Russians in their own language from the loudspeaker, but there was no response from the thick forests.

Then, on one side of the road leading to Apollendorf, the jeep leading the second platoon hit the mine. For the record, Pfc Joseph Michael, of Detroit, and T/5 Charles Marks, of Ottumwa, Ia., made the linkup with the Russians—but not until after they had let go a burst of machine-gun fire at a couple of their Allies hidden behind the trees.

From that point, Col. W. S. Biddle, of Portland, Ore., commander of the 113th Group, took over the formalities.

German Wachts Captured by the Seventh Army



Sitting on ammunition boxes, three German women army prisoners await transportation to quarters in a captured military academy.

Tired Yanks Snatch 40 Winks in the Drive for the Elbe



During a lull, men of the U.S. Ninth Army fall asleep on the pavement of a recently taken German town.

Red Star Correspondents Describe Soviet GI's Life, How Army Operates

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, Germany, April 29 (Delayed).—Someone asked the Russian colonel if he liked jeeps. "I like jeeps almost as much as I like women and I've worn out four since the war started. Jeeps I mean."

The colonel was Lt. Col. Konstantine Simenov, topflight war correspondent for Red Star, the Russian Army newspaper, who, with Maj. Alexander Krivitski, also a Red Star correspondent, toured behind First Army lines today and spent the evening as guests of the American correspondents at the First Army Press Camp. For more than two hours the Russian writers answered a barrage of questions through Capt. P. C. Justinoff, of Red Hook, N. J., who was born in Moscow.

The Russian colonel was sort of a matinee idol with his sparkling wit. Before the war he was a famous author and playwright who had several plays produced in London and Brussels. Handsome enough to be a hero of one of his own plays, he had a sense of humor that amazed even the sharpest Yankee within the audience.

Tell of Life in Red Army

In answering a couple of million questions which were fired at them by inquisitive pressmen, the Russian writers presented this view of life in the Red Army:

The Red Star is distributed to soldiers and civilians alike. It has 50 correspondents, all officers and all men. The Army feels that the Red Star correspondents speak officially and must have sufficient rank to uphold their stories as being militarily accurate. Of the original 40 correspondents who were with Red Star at the start of the war, 26 have been killed in action. There are two types of Red Star

correspondents—some who are attached to a unit and stay right with them and those who are sent from front to front to cover important stories. There are a colonel and a major in the latter group and in the last year the colonel has visited Finland, Warsaw, Lublin, Bucharest, Yugoslavia, southern Poland, southern Germany and Czechoslovakia. Reporters use every available means of transportation. The colonel came here from Moscow for the linkup in a plane and his jeep was flown with him. Stories are sent back to Moscow by telegraph. When asked how far forward Red Star correspondents were allowed, he said, "As far forward as we like but we can't go back."

A rule for non-fraternization is one rule not needed by the Russian Army.

Many Women in Army

Supplies are brought up as needed but since reaching Germany the Russians have recovered much of the equipment and foodstuffs that Germans looted from the Ukraine and it is being returned to the Red Army as fast as possible.

In the control of occupied places the Russians got rid of German Fascist laws as soon as possible. In general, their military government is much like ours.

There are many women in the Red Army but most of them are in the frontline Red Cross. Some are used in traffic control and there are comparatively few in actual combat. Visitors told the story of the man and wife in Siberia who held a house-bought tank and went to war in it. That's the only case they know of a woman tanker.

The church was divorced from the state years ago and there are no chaplains in the Russian Army. However, men are allowed to practice whatever religion they like.

There is no rule that men must belong to the Communist party in order to become officers.

Discipline Much Sterner

The discipline is much sterner in the Russian Army now than it was before the war. Before 1941, the soldiers had to salute only officers of their own unit. Now they must salute all officers. (One horrible aspect of life in the Russian Army is that privates must salute sergeants.) The colonel said that real discipline is not a matter of saluting but rather a matter of obedience to orders in combat.

"We've seen what's left of the German tanks at Leipzig and American tanks must be better or there wouldn't be so many wrecked Nazi tanks."

Russian units have learned every phase of offensive warfare. They fight battles like a pianist plays a concerto—using all fingers at once. The Russians are proud of their artillery but feel that no one arm or weapon should assume undue importance for the important thing is teamwork between all arms.

One of the biggest German mistakes is that they planned for a blitz warfare by building light tanks, light artillery and fighter planes. After the initial setback the Russians prepared for a long war and the heavier weapons are now paying off.

Simenov said that "history alone will tell whether Hitler has been valuable to the Allies, but it is my personal opinion that he has had

neither a good nor a bad effect, and that the results would have been the same any way," Krivitski said. We can thank Hitler for one thing at least—we are now all allied against him."

Like Americans, Russians paint names on vehicles. The colonel's third jeep had the Russian name for "fast" but friends painted the letter "T" in front of the word and changed it to mean "sober." The colonel had to rename the jeep. The colonel, incidentally, said that he never rides in the back seat but hastened to add that it wasn't a matter of comfort.

All Russians who are captured soldiers or slave laborers will be sent back to Russia just as soon as possible—even those who were forced by the threat of starvation to join the German Army of the west. War criminals, of course, will be treated differently but the colonel and the major felt there were very few cases of treason by Russians.

Promotions Made on Merit

There are no age limits for service in the Russian Army and all promotions are made on the basis of merit rather than on age. To illustrate this, it was pointed out that the officer commanding the corps which made the linkup with the Americans on the 69th Div. front, started in the war as a sergeant and is now a major-general at the age of 32.

All officers and enlisted men are given two weeks' leave "every once in a while," depending on the military and transportation situation. The Russian Army has the same sort of emergency furlough as Americans and Britons.

Every regiment has a troop of entertainers made up of soldiers. Many units have their own movies and theaters. In addition, civilian entertainers from Moscow visit frontline troops and there isn't one famous actor or actress in Russia who hasn't made three or four trips to the front. At first, civilian entertainers appeared in uniform but due to the demand of frontline soldiers they now wear civilian clothes.

When questioned about plans for the Army of Occupation, Simenov shrugged eloquently.

"The end of the war can't come too soon for us. We're doing all we can to end it as soon as possible," the Russian colonel declared.

2,500,000 Slaves Freed by Allies

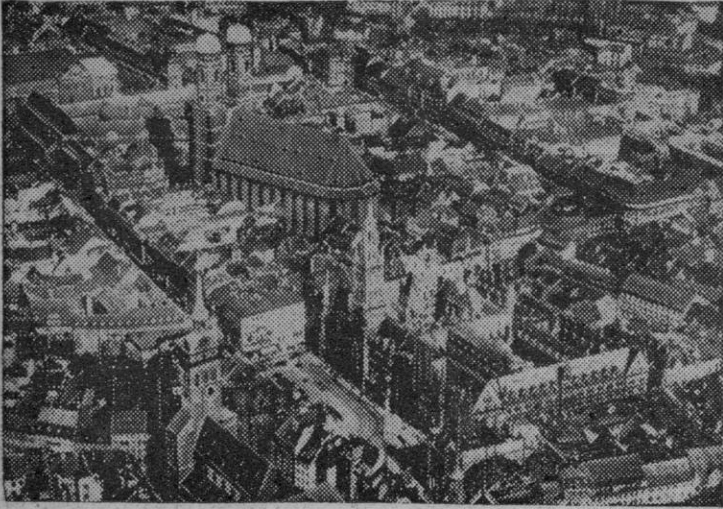
More than 2,500,000 slaves, displaced persons and prisoners of war have been "uncovered" by the Allied armies since they entered Germany, SHAEF announced last night.

Two million persons have been liberated by the 12th Army Group, 300,000 by the Sixth Army Group, and 200,000 by the 21st Army Group.

About 40 percent of those liberated were Russians. Twenty-five percent were Poles, 15 percent were Italians, eight percent Belgians and Dutch, and the remainder largely Czechs and Yugoslavs.

An estimated 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 persons still remain in German hands.

Cradle of Nazism Falls to American Forces



Associated Press

A pre-war view of Munich, which the Seventh Army has captured.

Yanks Enter Munich to Find Anti-Nazis Patrolling Streets

By Peter Furst
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

MUNICH, April 30 (Delayed).—Armed German motorcyclists with the red armbands of the anti-Nazi Bavarian Freedom Action Committee patrolled the crowd-filled streets of the capital of the Hitler movement this afternoon hours before the first Americans entered the city limits.

Five Freedom Committee motorcycles, mounting machine-guns, roared into the town from the west at noon and others were said to be operating in the north and south. White flags fluttered from thousands of windows all along the street from the suburb of Pasing into the center of Munich and here and there red flags or the old blue-white Bavarian banner made their appearance when the people realized that the SS had definitely gone.

Part of the scenes in the streets of this great Bavarian city which was to have become the focal point of Nazi resistance were fantastic beyond description. Armed German soldiers walked calmly toward our lone jeep and surrendered rifles, pistols and hand grenades without the slightest attempt at resistance. The first Germans encountered were two heavily-armed Luftwaffe non-commissioned officers who looked more than mildly surprised and who inquired politely who we were. When told "Americans" they said in unison: "What, already?"

Loot Wehrmacht Stores

By the time we reached the Zollamt (custom house) where Poles, Russians, Germans, Nazi soldiers, Frenchmen and others were busy looting Wehrmacht stores our jeep was crowded with two Freedom Committee civilians armed with rifles taken from Nazi soldiers, a Munich policeman picked up along the road and a score of rifles and pistols of all descriptions and origins.

A hundred-odd civilians and a few German soldiers surrounded the jeep wanting to know who we were and smiled and pumped our palms when we identified ourselves as Americans. They asked us if they could now put out the white flags they'd prepared weeks ago and one man inquired if a red flag was all right, too. "I've been hiding it for 13 years," he said.

SS Troops, Wehrmacht Battle

More German civilians and soldiers said that early today there had been scattered fighting between SS troops and regular Wehrmacht in several parts of the city. Munich radio itself, which apparently broadcast proclamations from the revolutionists for the better part of two days, has not been heard from since yesterday, according to civilians.

The revolt, which started early Saturday morning, was "put down," but actually most of the members of the "Bayrisches Freiheits Aktions Komitee Gegen Faschismus" (Bavarian Freedom Action Committee Against Fascism) appear to have gone underground—at least until the Americans have taken all of the city. Some of them, such as the armed motorcyclists and our escort, resumed their activities about noon today.

Ike Lauds 7th Army For Capture of Munich

Gen. Eisenhower, in an Order of the Day, congratulated the Seventh Army yesterday for the capture of Munich.

The order read: "To every member of the AEF."

"The whole AEF congratulates the Seventh Army on the seizure of Munich, the cradle of the Nazi beast."

Liberated PWs Must Quit ETO, Army Reveals

Every American soldier freed from a Nazi prison camp is through with the war in Europe and will not be kept in this theater in any capacity, HQ ETO declared yesterday.

The announcement stated that liberated PWs after 21-day furloughs at home, might be discharged, assigned to a post in the U.S. or shipped to another theater, but not back to Europe.

Details of the policy were given in a booklet entitled "Glad You're Back, Soldier," issued to all freed personnel, called RAMP, meaning Recovered Allied Military Personnel.

The booklet told the RAMP that "after a classification study and interview you will be reassigned where your experience and training will do the most good. Factors entering into this reassignment will include your mental and physical condition and your potential usefulness to the service."

American authorities have agreed that all freed personnel will be forbidden to take any part in the war against Germany, either as combat or service troops. This agreement was made in return for a German promise to leave PWs in their camps rather than take them along on forced marches. Previously, it had been possible under certain conditions for liberated soldiers to remain in the same theater.

The announcement promised that RAMPs would be sent home as fast as the Army could get them there. They will receive higher travel priority than all other casualties except sick and wounded. Sick and wounded RAMPs will be returned via normal medical channels.

After their furlough, they will report to a redistribution center for a week or two of rest and recreation and then will be reassigned.

RAMPs will receive partial payments at once, final pay settlements will be made in the States. No deductions will be made for money received from the Germans, and liberated personnel also may file claims for any personal losses.

Arnold Lauds Work of AAF

HQ, US AF, France, May 1.—Gen. Henry H. Arnold today commended personnel of the U.S. AF in Europe for their "superb achievements in the destructive employment of air power." The AAF chief recently completed a tour of the European front.

In a message to Gen. Carl Spaatz, commanding the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, and which was passed on to all U.S. Air Commands, Arnold wrote:

"My personal observations, together with those of my staff during our European tour, inspire this message of congratulations to you and all the men under your command for superb achievements in the destructive employment of air power."

Million Meals Flown to Dutch

Mercy bombers of the U.S. Eighth AF dropped more than 1,080,000 balanced meals to Dutch civilians in The Hague and Rotterdam areas yesterday while RAF Lancasters unloaded about 1,250 tons of additional supplies.

Ten-in-one Army ration boxes were dropped containing sausage, corned beef, cereals, vegetables, condensed milk, coffee, sugar, preserved butter, fruits and cigars.

Meanwhile, RAF Spitfires beat off Nazi Focke-Wulfs attempting to attack the British Army bridgehead across the Elbe. RAF pilots discovered a newly-built airstrip from which the Luftwaffe had been operating against the British in the Launberg area.

Meanwhile, U.S. Ninth AF fighter-bombers attacked railroad yards and enemy motor vehicles at Rokitzan, eight miles east of Pilsen and at Horazdowitz, Czechoslovakia.

Congressmen Leave To See New Atrocities

American congressmen who are in the ETO to gather first-hand information on atrocities returned to Germany today to visit newly-liberated concentration camps.

"We are anxious to get complete information by visiting camps immediately after liberation instead of several weeks later, as at Buchenwald," Sen. Alben Barkley (D-Ky.) said.

USSTAF Plans Pacific Shift; Moderate Force to Stay in ETO

By Dick Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SHAFF, May 1.—USSTAF men and equipment will be moved to the Pacific after V-E Day as rapidly as they can be absorbed in the air war against Japan, but a medium-sized force will remain in Europe as part of the occupation, Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, USSTAF Commander, told a press conference yesterday.

The speed of the movement will depend on how quickly bases and supplies can be built up, Spaatz indicated. There is not yet enough ground space available in the Pacific Islands for the huge bomber fleets, he said.

Rotation to the U.S. of USSTAF personnel who will remain in Europe is under consideration, he said, but plans have not been worked out. He said that heavy bombers in the occupational air force would be based on the Continent.

The bombers, he said, could be used to ferry personnel and equipment while standing by to back up ground forces in the occupation army.

Eaker and Chennault Confer in Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 1 (AP).—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, deputy com-

mander of the AAF, and formerly chief of the Eighth and MAAF Air Forces, recently visited U.S. 14th AF headquarters here and conferred with Maj. Gen. Clare Chennault, it was disclosed today. It is believed they discussed plans for the transfer of part of American air strength in Europe to the Far East.

Gen. Lord to Direct ETO-Pacific Shift

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
NEW YORK, May 1.—Maj. Gen. Royal B. Lord, CG of the Assembly Area Command, will superintend movement of U.S. troops from the ETO to the Pacific, Time Magazine reported.

It was revealed last week that some engineer units already were on their way to the Pacific. They will prepare installations to receive millions of tons of supplies and troops.

Time said Lord's real job will not begin until the high command orders shipment of substantial ground forces from the ETO to the Pacific Theater.

Meeting in France



Ninth AF Photo

T/4 Jeanne A. Bolis, Ninth Air Force Wac from Crystal Springs, Miss., with her grandmother, whom she has just met for the first time. The grandmother, Mme. Marie Lapeyre, who is 80 years old, made her first trip to Paris from her home in Trie, France, near the Spanish border, for the meeting.

Austrian Issue Being Weighed

WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP).—A qualified U.S. diplomatic official said today that it would "take a few days to decide" whether the new Russian-approved Austrian provisional government would become an issue comparable to the Polish question.

Both the United States and Britain have refused to recognize the new government, set up in Soviet-occupied Vienna and headed by Dr. Karl Renner, former Austrian chancellor.

Revealing that except for a brief Russian note saying that the government was in the making, a State Department official said the U.S. had not been consulted on its development. He added that both the U.S. and Britain feel strongly that Austria and the rest of liberated Europe come under the Big Three pledge at Yalta to consult jointly on the formation of such provisional regimes.

Jap Escape Route From Burma Cut

SEAC, May 1 (UP).—The main Japanese escape route from Rangoon, Burma's capital and main port, has been cut, and other operations to clear Pegu, 51 miles to the northeast, are proceeding satisfactorily, a SEAC communiqué announced today.

British 14th Army troops also advanced along the east bank of the Irrawaddy River south of Alamyo against strong enemy opposition.

[The Japanese news agency said today that ships and planes of the British Indian Fleet attacked Car Nicobar and Port Adair, in the Andaman Islands, April 30. Battleships, cruisers and destroyers of the task force shelled targets simultaneously with air attacks by planes from at least two carriers, the enemy report said.]

Ten French Cities Select Leftists

The Leftist sweep in the French municipal elections became more apparent last night, although returns from conservative rural areas were coming in more slowly than expected.

Results indicated that the Socialists may nose out the Communists on the basis of a nation-wide vote, though the Communists were leading in most large cities. Latest count gave the Socialists almost 30 percent of the total vote, the Communists 25 per cent, and the Radicals, a center party, less than 15 percent.

Sergeant's Paintings Put on Display in Paris

A series of paintings of the work of the U.S. Army Transportation Corps in Europe is being displayed at the Galeries Borghese, 35 Avenue des Champs-Elysees, from May 1 to May 15.

The paintings are the work of T/Sgt. David Lax, former New York City and Hollywood artist. The canvases later will be sent to the U.S. where they will be hung in Washington's Pentagon Building and New York galleries.

San Francisco Meeting Acts to Form Charter

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—With Russia defeated in her effort to delay an invitation to Argentina to participate in the United Nations conference to form a world security organization, the delegates settled down today to make commission appointments and to frame a charter for the organization.

Names of those nominated for important commission posts were submitted today to the executive and steering committees of the conference. On the question of a charter, the Dutch delegation filed eight amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan, including a proposal for a change in the security council voting.

After a Big Five meeting last night to discuss trusteeships of territories, it was announced that their representatives would meet Thursday night for further discussion. The American delegation presented its views at last night's closed sub-committee meeting, the Associated Press said.

American Position

The American position calls for international supervision of territories, except that in territories where a United Nation has established a military base, it would have exclusive control of that particular area, the AP said.

It was understood that the U.S. wishes to keep complete control of strategic bases wrested from the Japanese in the Pacific, the United Press said. Britain and France are expected to present their views Thursday night.

The American delegation's conception of trusteeships has two sections, one being the placing of colonial territories into "strategic" islands—that is, such territories as Guam and other former Japanese-mandated islands—and the other being in the category of "economic dependencies," such as certain British colonies, Reuter said.

Molotov Defeated

Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov had battled against admission of Argentina from within committee hearings to the floor of the conference. He was defeated, 9-3 in the executive committee, and also, 29-6, in the steering committee.

Before introduction of the Argentina question, the delegates approved, without discussion, a steering committee recommendation that the Ukrainian and White Russian Soviet Republics be admitted.

Molotov argued that the question of Argentina representation was raised suddenly and that it had not been discussed before by the four sponsoring nations—the U.S., Russia, Britain and China. Russia wished time to consider the question and to determine what changes in Argentine policy had brought her into the United Nations fold, he said.

Raises Polish Question

"I may perhaps say that Argentina has committed certain sins and that they may be forgotten," he said. "Maybe that is true, but I wonder why we should forget sins committed by Argentina and, on the other hand, forget services rendered by Poland to our common cause."

Discussing Poland, Molotov promised that the Polish government would shortly be revamped on a broader democratic basis to conform with the Big Three agreement at Yalta, the United Press said.

Ezequiel Padilla, Mexico's Foreign Minister, contended that although Argentina had been called a Fascist nation, a distinction must be made between a nation and its government. He held that it would not be fair to punish the Argentine people for the separation which had occurred between the Argentine government and the sentiment of a truly democratic people, Reuter reported.

The vote on Molotov's motion to delay an invitation to Argentina was 28-7, and on the issuing of an invitation, 31-4. On the first vote, Molotov was supported by Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Belgium, New Zealand, Greece and Iran. On the second vote, he was supported only by Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Greece.

Negro-Staffed EM's Club Opened in Nancy by ARC

A Negro-staffed enlisted men's ARC club has been opened at the Place Carnot in Nancy.

The Midtown Club serves coffee and doughnuts and provides lounges, game rooms, writing rooms and showers. Miss Geneva Holmes, of North Carolina and New York, is hostess.

Ex-Servicemen Bolster Teams In Both Loops

NEW YORK, May 1.—After two weeks of weather-hampered major league activity, it is evident the 1945 pennant races will be decided by the performance of honorably discharged veterans. Former soldiers and sailors occupy key positions on virtually every team.

Al Benton's performance for Detroit is most conspicuous among ex-servicemen able to resume their baseball careers. The 32-year-old Oklahoma right-hander blanked the champion Browns in his first start after bidding farewell to the Navy and baffled the Indians with two hits Sunday. In 18 innings, Benton has allowed one run and six hits, which stamps him as a valuable addition to the Hal Newhouser-Dizzy-Trout mound staff.

Cubs Also Benefit

The Cubs, too, have two former servicemen setting a merry pace. Catcher Mickey Livingston was discharged from the Army in November and since has been performing as Manager Charlie Grimm's No. 1 backstop. The outfield has been bolstered by the work of Harry "Peanuts" Lowry, who came out of service during the winter.

Another ex-GI, Red Schoendienst, has become an important personage in the Cardinal scheme. He was tabbed as a real find by scouts before being called by the Army while playing for Rochester of the International League last spring. When he reported to the Redbirds, he was planted in left field, but returning to his favorite position at shortstop when Marty Marion sprained his ankle last Saturday.

Two Vets Aid Red Sox

The Red Sox checked their alarming nose-dive when Jack Tobin, brother of the Braves' Jim, recovered from a finger injury and returned to third base. Another Sox surprise is Dave Ferris, promising pitcher who was discharged from the AAF in February.

At Brooklyn, Leo "The Lip" Durocher is counting heavily on two veterans to prevent the Bums from sliding into the National League cellar position many experts have reserved for the Flatbush nine this year.

Vic Lombardi reported to the club after service in the Army, and has delighted Lippy with his work on the mound. Bill Durrett, former Marine, is playing an important utility role, working either in the outfield or at first base.



HOW THEY STAND.

American League			
No games scheduled			
WL	Pct	WL	Pct
Chicago	5 2 .715	Washington	6 5 .545
Detroit	6 3 .667	St. Louis	4 5 .444
New York	7 4 .636	Boston	3 8 .275
Philadelp.	6 5 .545	Cleveland	2 7 .222

Chicago at Detroit			
Cleveland at St. Louis			
Washington at Boston			
Philadelphia at New York			
National League			
No games scheduled			
WL	Pct	WL	Pct
New York	8 4 .667	Brooklyn	5 5 .500
Chicago	7 4 .636	Cincinnati	5 6 .455
St. Louis	5 4 .556	Pittsburgh	4 7 .364
Boston	6 5 .545	Philadelp.	3 8 .275

Boston at Brooklyn
New York at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Pittsburgh
Cincinnati-Chicago, not scheduled



Winners of the Northern and Beach Districts will fight it out tonight at the Cirque Theater, Rouen, for the Golden Gloves titles of the Normandy Base Section.

The card:
Bantamweight—Opl. Lucius Garner, Atlanta, Ga., vs Opl. Jack Battle, St. Louis; Featherweight—Pfc Rally Wakefield, New York, vs Pvt. Bennie Neal, San Diego, Cal.; Lightweight—Sgt Leroy Williams, New Orleans, vs Pvt. Ernest Knight, Harrisburgh, Pa.; Welterweight—Pvt. Beauford Glover, Cleveland, vs Pvt. Leonard Patton, Gary, Ind.; Senior Welterweight—Pfc John Phillips, Aliquippa, Pa., vs Pfc Ernest Washington, Detroit; Middleweight—Pfc Harold Gadsen, Pittsburgh, vs Pvt. John Shoughnessy, Brooklyn; Light Heavyweight—Cpl. Herman McOullin, Aliquippa, Pa., vs Pfc Oschar Hamp, Gary, Ind.; Heavyweight—Cpl. Leonard Floyd, Indianapolis, vs Pvt. Alford Lawson, Detroit.

Oise Section will stage a French War Orphans sports carnival this month, featuring a grunt-and-groan affair between Pfc Danny O'Mahoney, former world's champ, and René Rigoulot, known as the strongest man in the world. Rigoulot twice won the Olympic Games weight-lifting crown.

GIs Kept Baseball Alive, Happy Says

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Happy Chandler, recently appointed high commissioner of baseball, today issued a direct statement to servicemen in all theaters, promising "baseball will carry on because you apparently want it that way."

The jolly senator from Kentucky also predicted the "greatest era of sports in world history" when the war ends and servicemen return to their homes.

Chandler may think his term as senator was a vacation when he studies the wide-scale itinerary planned for him during the next few weeks. First, Chandler will return to his Versailles, Ky., home to arrange for officially resigning from the Senate.

To Confer With Barnes

Then he will venture to St. Louis to confer with Don Barnes, president of the Browns who was a member of the four-man committee that studied candidates for the czar's chair, and will remain in St. Louis to attend ceremonies when the Browns raise the American League flag they won last year.

From St. Louis, Chandler will proceed to Chicago to confer with Leslie M. O'Connor, who was Judge Landis' secretary throughout the late commissioner's 24-year term. Meetings with Ford Frick, National



Happy Chandler

League president, and Will Harridge, American League president, also are on the calendar.

Chandler ended conjecture on O'Connor's status yesterday when he said, "Leslie is a valuable man and he can stay in office just as long as he wants to. He knows baseball inside and out, and I've

already told him I want him to continue as secretary."

There has been talk about Chandler moving the major league headquarters out of Chicago. Some observers thought he would settle down in Washington, but Happy settled that when he disclosed he was considering a switch "to Cincinnati, perhaps, but not to Washington. We can travel to the capital when we have business to take care of without moving our office there. There are enough people in Washington now."

The Office of Defense Transportation will be another stop on Chandler's junket.

Outcome Hinges on VE-Day

"If VE-Day comes before July," Chandler declared, "I'm certain the ODT will consider restoring the All-Star game to its peacetime status. Baseball does not intend to do anything contrary to Washington's wishes, but it seems to me there will be less need to curtail our transportation when the war ends. At least I intend to ask the ODT for a revised ruling, if the war is over."

His first ruling as baseball commissioner is expected to settle the salary dispute between the Cardinals and the Cooper brothers, Mort and Walker. O'Connor, who heard all evidence on the demand for increased wages by the athletes, said he will submit his findings to Chandler for a decision.

Eastern Loop Opens Today

By Thomas Richardson

President, Eastern Baseball League
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 1.—Having adopted a 140-game schedule which complies with the ODT request for curtailed travel, the Eastern League is ready to launch its 24th campaign tomorrow.

As in three previous wartime seasons, the caliber of talent remains a question mark which only time can answer. All clubs again will rely principally on draft rejects, discharged servicemen and the youngsters who carried the Class A circuit through last season. Only a handful of players are in the over-age category.

Five new managers will be introduced this year. Jimmy Adair has been handed the reins at Elmira, Elmer Yoter at Scranton, Dick Porter at Wilkes-Barre, Bill Cronin at Binghamton and Merle Settemire at Hartford.

Cronin and Settemire aren't exactly strangers at their respective posts. Cronin was regular catcher at Binghamton in '44, while Settemire was a member of the Hartford pitching corps last year.

The only managerial holdovers are Ray Kelp at Williamsport, Jimmy "Rip" Collins at Albany and Ed Sawyer at Utica.

Navy Takes Galehouse, Browns' Pitching Star

CLEVELAND, May 1.—Denny Galehouse, St. Louis Browns' chunky righthander who won two games from the Cards in the World Series last year, has been accepted for the Navy and ordered to report to Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

Galehouse was a part-time pitcher for the Browns last season while holding a war job in Akron, Ohio, and refused to leave his war plant for baseball this spring.

Indians Trade Roy Cullenbine To Tigers For Ross, Meyer

CLEVELAND, May 1.—The Indians traded Roy Cullenbine to the Tigers yesterday, sending the outfielder back to the club with which he launched his major league career, for Outfielder Don Ross and Infielder Dutch Meyer.

French Soccer Team To Encounter British

LONDON, May 1.—England will play France in an international soccer match at Wembley Stadium here, May 26, for the benefit of French and British war charities.

The sponsoring committee said the Russians were unable to accept an invitation, but hope they will be able to play at Wembley later this year.

Gov. Warren Campaigns To Clean Up Boxing

SACRAMENTO, May 1.—Gov. Earl Warren today announced he will supply money from the state emergency fund for an investigation of allegedly crooked boxing matches in California.

This move followed an announcement by the district attorney in Los Angeles that a fighter told him "he would guarantee there would be no more fixed fights this side of the bay if a grand jury probe of boxing is dropped."

Wanderers Triumph, 2-1

BROOKLYN, May 1.—The Brooklyn Wanderers defeated Brookhattan, 2-1, yesterday in the first of a two-game playoff in the Lewis Cup Series of the American Soccer League.

Sinkwich in Khaki

Fireball Frankie Sinkwich, discharged from the Maritime Service and shunned by the Navy, receives his Army induction papers from Maj. Godfrey B. Nemece, CO of the reception center at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.



Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

GIs who think they are winning the war by sweating out 83s and living from one minute to the next in muddy foxholes have the wrong idea. The Nazis are being rightfully destroyed because some classification clerk in the States had enough foresight to mark for ETO shipment a gent named Pfc Benjamin Avroom Nebuchadnezzar Finkle.

Nebuchadnezzar is none other than Evil Eye Finkle, the Scourge of Slobodka. He is the sole practitioner of a profession he created for himself—hexing unwary sports figures by a sly lifting of the left eyelid that sends mental poison pouring through his victim's system. For a fee, this evil character with the ominous orb will perform his wiles on a boxer, female wrestler, racehorse or children playing marbles and change him, her, it or them into a beaten pulp.

BENJAMIN AVROOM arrived in Paris the other day after a long, illustrious career, or as he glibly explains, "after reaching the pinnacle of success." He recounted tales of his famous hexes. Like the time he put the treacherous glare on Lew Jenkins and the future lightweight champion was kayoed by Chino Alvarez, a third rater.

Or the night he flickered an eye-lash in Maxie Baer's direction on Jim Braddock's behalf and Braddock won the heavyweight crown. Or the afternoon he winked at War Admiral with his extra-special "Zing-ger hex" and the fleet son of Man o' War lost to Seabiscuit in their race of the century at Pimlico.

"I'm a disillusioned hombre." Evil Eye moaned to the writer between puffs and snorts on the massive cigar that never leaves his mouth.

"I lose my title the day they haul me to the 'abduction' center. There I was, all set to give 'em my whole collection of hexes and watta ya suppose happened? They toss me into a dark room... the medicos couldn't see a thing. And I give 'em everything, too, including the Slobodka Stare, the Warsaw Wink and the Triple Decker Poisonous Peep."

NEBUCHADNEZZAR was at the 9th AFSC boxing show Saturday night when he described his thwarted attempt to hypnotize GI doctors. Billy Conn was on the bill, clowning with his brother Jackie for three rounds, but Evil Eye refused to look at the ring. In fact, he buried himself behind the familiar cigar and took a nap while the Conns were in action.

"I never picks on a guy when he's in the Army," Benjie the Beep said. "And I ain't workin' for nothing so I refuse to look at Billy. Also, he's too big. He might remember the night I hexes him in Pittsburgh and Solly Krieger beats him so bad he winds up in a hospital. This was one of my best nights."

Later he cornered Billy and asked him if he remembered the episode. He emphatically did. But by that time, Pfc Benjamin Avroom Nebuchadnezzar Finkle, his smelly cigar and evil eye had disappeared.

Ty Cobb to Coach Western Boys' Stars

NEW YORK, May 1.—Ty Cobb, one of baseball's immortals, will coach the west team when it meets the east squad in Esquire's annual All-America boys' baseball game this summer at the Polo Grounds.

Last year the eastern club won, 6-0.

Maine Vetoes Race Bill

AUGUSTA, Me., May 1.—A bill to legalize horse-racing in Maine has been vetoed by Gov. Norace A. Hildreth, with a curt note to the legislature, "The state which too largely depends on income of this type builds on shifting sands and plants the seed of future financial disaster."

Medwick Dons Corset, Rejoins Club

NEW YORK, May 1.—Joining Joe Medwick is back in uniform and ready to win back his left field slot with the league-leading Giants. But underneath his uniform is a corset which the medics hope will ease the strain on his back and enable him to be a permanent fixture in the outfield.

Joe injured his back in spring training, but physicians believe his latest pain is a cold which settled in the back muscles. He suffered the same ailment last year toward the end of the season. He is wearing the same type

corset which enabled Craig Wood to win the National Open Golf Championship in 1941 when he was plagued with the same ailment.

Ducky has been in baseball for 15-years, a period which has taken its toll. Even if the corset does eliminate the pain from his "athlete's back," he may have difficulty in displacing Steve Filipowicz from the starting lineup. Steve, ten years younger than Medwick, has a batting average of .280 in eight games, and has driven in four runs and scored five.

Postwar-Plan Contest Praised By Fiscal Chief

Endorsement of The Stars and Stripes War Bond contest was given yesterday by Brig. Gen. Nicholas H. Cobbs, ETO fiscal director, in an interview broadcast by American Forces Network.

"I am heartily in favor of it," Cobbs declared. "We'll sell more bonds, of course. But more than that, we'll all gain a head start on our planning for after the war, and planning can help the security of all of us."

Millions Saved

The general pointed out that U.S. soldiers in the ETO had saved millions of dollars through payroll deductions and allotments, and that for every dollar spent "over here" by GIs, three dollars were being sent back home.

Col. Jefferson H. Fulton, ETO war bond savings officer and contest committee chairman, outlined details of the competition, which began May 1 and which will continue through July 7. All American Army personnel stationed in the ETO, except AWOLs, deserters and those serving sentences, are eligible to compete, provided they have a Class B allotment or have purchased a war bond since May 1. A statement to this effect must be filed with each entry.

"Entering the contest is easy," Fulton declared. "The officer or enlisted man or Wac or Army nurse merely writes a letter on 'My savings and postwar plans,' using not less than 50 words nor more than 250. The best ten letters will each win a Chevrolet automobile, to be delivered at the author's home after the war, and the ten next best letters each will win a Frigidaire."

Style Not Important

"Mere literary style doesn't mean a thing," Fulton continued. "The Stars and Stripes and other sponsors, including the American Forces Network, are interested in information on the soldiers' postwar plans, and in stimulating thinking along those lines. The style of the letter doesn't matter."

Letters should be addressed to War Bond Contest, APO 887, U.S. Army, and must be postmarked on or before July 7. Winners will be given their choice of any Chevrolet—car, truck, or station wagon—on the assembly line. Those who win refrigerators will have their choice of seven- or nine-cubic-foot models.



Oldest gag of the week. Remember the little termite in the officers' club who looked up at his papa and sighed, "Beat me, daddy—I ate the bar!"

Daffynition. A guy who cadges drinks around a cheap bar is known as a "dive bummer."

Comment by M/Sgt. Samuel Dickie: "An ETO-happy GI never asks 'how long have you been over here?' It's always, 'How long did you live in the States?'"

Quip of the week (by Cpl. Art Gates): "There goes one of the most popular officers in the whole Army. He can read the Articles of War in exactly six minutes."

Shed a tear in your beer for the GI who recently fainted near a bistro. Some people rushed him inside and the proprietor poured a glass of brandy down his throat. The Joe came to, was told the price of the brandy—and fainted again.

J. C. W.

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1230-At Ease	1905-Soldier & Song
1245-Winged Strings	1915-Danny Kaye
1300-World News	1945-GI Bill of Rights
1310-U.S. Sports	2000-Bob Hope
1345-AEF Music Box	2030-Brit. AEF Band
1400-Globe Theater	2100-World News
1430-Double Feature	2105-Your War today
1500-World News	2115-Dance Band
1510-John C. Thomas	2145-Music Shop
1530-Combat Diary	2200-U.S. News
1545-On the Record	2205-Soliloquy
1600-Headlines	2235-Melody Hour
1630-Strike Up Band	2300-World News
1700-Murray Chorus	2305-Mystery Playh'se
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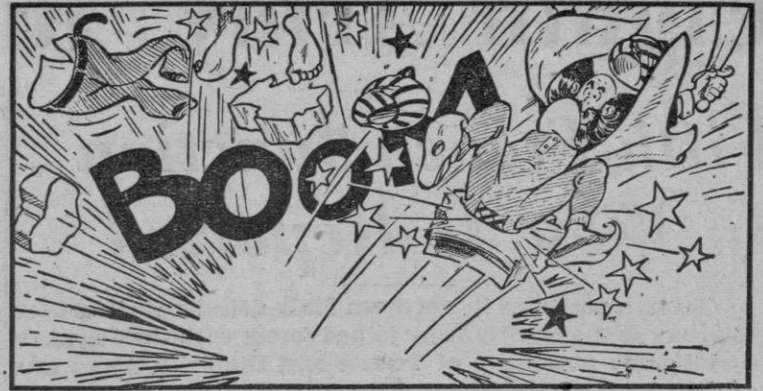
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0800-Combat Diary	1030-Strike Up Band
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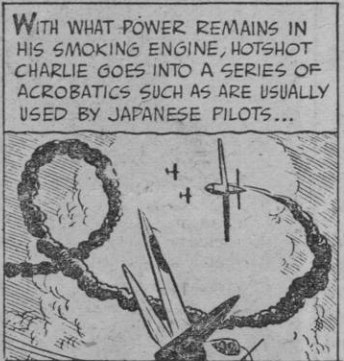
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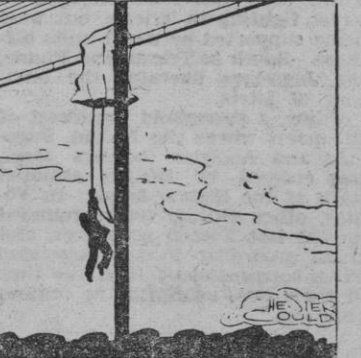
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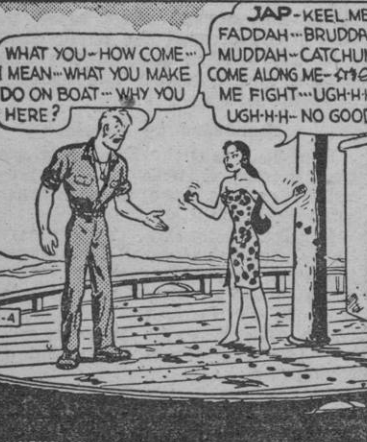
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Births

Folks at Home send these GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

L T. Leo Benish, Adrian, Mich.—Leo, April 20; Pfc McTyll, Brooklyn—Howard Morton, April 26; Lt. Ernest D. Reamer, Vincenttown, N.J.—Ernest, April 26; Capt. Joseph Costa, Metuchen, N.J.—Joseph, April 20; Pfc Kennis Aker, Pineville, Texas—Douglas Wayne, April 23; Lt. Roger William Sheridan, Salt Lake City—Kathleen, April 9; 1/Lt. Francis H. Cotter, Watertown, Mass.—Paul Francis, April 9; Pvt. Martin R. Kravetz, Bronx—Judith Ann, April 27; Sgt. Richard Smith, Chicago—girl, April 26; Pfc Robert Unger, Shamokin, Pa.—boy, April 27.

Eighth Army, Jugoslavs Link Up in Italy

Fifth-French Junction In West Is Reported

German positions in northern Italy deteriorated further yesterday as the Eighth Army joined forces with the Yugoslav patriot army northwest of Trieste and the Fifth Army was reported to have linked up with Gen. Eisenhower's French troops somewhere in Piedmont province.

To add to the Nazis' plight, the Italian Fascist Army commanded by Marshal Graziani surrendered to the Allies.

Eighth Army units which linked with the Jugoslavs took more than 10,000 prisoners in the last 24 hours, and Allied air headquarters announced the destruction of about half of the entire German tank strength in Italy during attacks in April.

As ground troops pushed the Germans back toward the National Redoubt in Bavaria, 15th Air Force heavy bombers pounded rail targets in the Austrian stronghold of Salzburg, a communications center vital to the Germans in the defense of the redoubt.

The drive toward the Brenner Pass, chief German escape route from Italy, was being spearheaded by the Fifth Army's 10th U.S. Mountain Div., which captured three towns in the Lake Garda region, despite strong German opposition. These troops were last reported advancing on Trento, an Alpine city 90 miles below the Brenner Pass. Along the Gulf of Genoa, other Fifth Army units seized Savona amid indications that the reported linkup with French troops may have occurred in that sector.

Contact with the Yugoslav Army, which penetrated into Italy three days ago, was made by New Zealand elements of the Eighth Army at Monfalcone, about 10 miles northwest of Trieste. Marshal Tito's men still were engaged in street fighting in Trieste, but were being supported by naval units offshore. South of Trieste and Fiume, the Jugoslavs liberated the territory of Istria.

Udine, a stronghold southwest of the point where the Italian, Yugoslav and Austrian borders meet, was entered by British armored units of the Eighth Army. In Venice, other British troops rounded up the last Fascist stragglers, and then, according to an Associated Press correspondent, "had the time of their lives riding in the famous gondolas."

Mussolini Lies In Potters Field

Benito Mussolini was buried yesterday in a potter's field grave at Milan, where almost a quarter of a century before he had begun his rise to the Italian dictatorship. His brain was removed for study by criminologists.

Location of Mussolini's grave and those of several Fascists killed with him were kept secret to thwart attempts to exhume the bodies. Two empty graves separated Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, both of whom were executed by Italian patriots near the Swiss frontier Saturday afternoon.

Il Duce's coffin was a plain wooden box, lined with loose sawdust and bearing only the number 167 as a means of identification. He was buried nude, but the blood-stained clothes in which he died were tossed on top of the coffin.

As the fallen Fascist leader was being buried, more details of his last hours came to light. A Reuter correspondent learned that Mussolini had sounded a call from the Po River to rally around him at Como or Milan. About 20,000 men heeded the appeal, augmenting the 15,000 armed men Mussolini still had at his disposal in northern Italy.

However, Italian patriots closed in on Como, and Mussolini was forced to flee. He was recognized near the village of Dongo, and there underwent the trial that pronounced his death sentence.

House OKs U.S. Entry Into World Food Body

WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP).—The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill permitting the U.S. to join a United Nations food and agriculture organization. The bill authorizes a \$625,000 appropriation for the first year and not more than \$1,002,000 annually thereafter.

Yanks, French Push Ahead Into Redoubt

The American Seventh and French First Armies gained eight miles into the highly-touted redoubt yesterday, and found their biggest obstacles the rugged country, demolitions, and road blocks.

So far, there was comparatively little opposition from the German Army in the area which had been advertised as Hitler's choice for a last stand. Having cleared all of the area north of Lake Constance, French troops gained at least eight miles on a 25-mile front directly east of the lake, the northwestern side of the redoubt.

The United Press reported that Seventh Army troops were 50 miles south of captured Munich, and driving beyond Mittenwald, which is 12 miles from the northern end of the Brenner Pass and 100 miles from the Fifth Army, fighting above Lake Garda, in northern Italy. But the country in between is mountainous and difficult to negotiate.

11th Armd. Enters Austria
Gen. Eisenhower announced the fall of Munich—cradle of Nazism and the scene of Adolf Hitler's beer hall putsch in 1923—in an Order of the Day, congratulating Seventh Army troops. SHAEF said that the Third, 42nd and 45th Divs. won Munich.

The Third Army's 11th Armd. Div. drove into Austria at a point near Oberkappel yesterday, and was within 27 miles of Linz, according to the Associated Press. Other Third Army troops crossed the Isar River into bridgeheads seven to 12 miles deep.

Third Army troops along the Czech frontier advanced about eight miles to the northwest yesterday and reached the frontier 55 miles south of Pilsen. An estimated 17,000 German soldiers surrendered to the Third Army during the day.

British, 82nd Link Up

At the northern end of the front, troops of the British Second Army and of the American 82nd Airborne Div. linked-up beyond the Elbe River to form a bridgehead 20 miles wide and 12 miles deep. The Associated Press said that fresh armored forces had been thrown into the Elbe River drive, threatening to sever the northernmost of two German pockets created by the broadening contact of Allied and Russian forces.

French Commandos cleared two towns on the southern end of Ile d'Oléron. Capture of the island will open Bordeaux for the import of food supplies for French civilians.

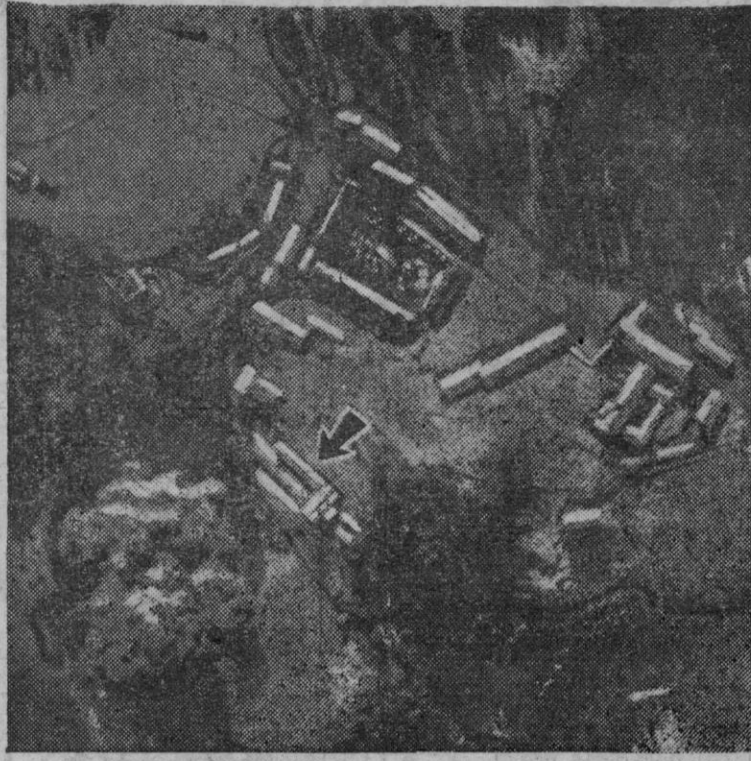
Germans May Quit Denmark Soon

Nazi Germany was reported ready last night to end its five-year occupation of Denmark, and some dispatches said the evacuation of troops from Copenhagen and other large Danish cities had begun.

The Associated Press quoted "often well-informed Danish freedom circles," as saying that German garrison troops had started south toward the border of Schleswig-Holstein province in northern Germany, there to await the arrival of Allied troops so they could surrender. The Swedish radio at first denied the German evacuation report, but later said the Nazis were effecting a "partial withdrawal" of troops from Zealand Island, upon which Copenhagen is situated.

A dispatch to the Stockholm Tidningen said King Christian X, who considered himself a German prisoner, was to resume his sovereign position today. The London Evening Standard said he was reported to have resumed his office.

War Strikes at Hitler's Mountain Retreat



A six-ton bomb bursts, at lower left, near Hitler's Berchtesgaden chalet, indicated by arrow, in an attack by RAF Lancasters. The chalet, an SS barracks nearby and Hitler's "eagle's nest" retreat on a mountain top five miles away were reported left in ruins.

Russians Mopping Up Berlin As Suicide Squads Hold Out

Announcement of the fall of Berlin was expected momentarily in Moscow last night as the battle for the German capital became a gigantic mopping up operation to complete the annihilation of the city's garrison.

Some Germans still fought on fanatically in a desperate effort to postpone the city's complete occupation, but the Nazi defenses were broken and disorganized, dispatches to Moscow said.

Hitler's Successor



Adm. Karl Doenitz

Hitler Dead; Doenitz In

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man people at this fateful hour."

"It is my first task to save the German people from destruction by the Bolsheviks," Doenitz continued, harping on Hitler's old theme of the Red "menace." He declared that "it is only to achieve this that the fight continues."

"As long as the British and Americans hamper us from reaching this end, we shall fight and defend ourselves against them as well," Doenitz said. "The British and Americans do not fight for the interests of their own people but for the spreading of Bolshevism."

"What the German people have achieved and suffered is unique in history. In the coming times of distress of our people, I shall do my utmost to make life bearable for our brave women, men and children."

"To achieve all this I need your help. Trust me. Keep order and discipline in towns and countryside. Let everybody do his duty and only thus shall we be able to alleviate the sufferings which the future will bring to each of us and to avoid collapse. If we do all that is in our power to do the Lord will not abandon us."

Yesterdays German High Command communiqué admitted that Berlin's garrison had been "herded together in a very narrow space." Front dispatches reported Volksturm units, sometimes lining whole streets with white flags, were laying down their arms in increasing numbers.

Reds Restoring Order
Even as Soviet assault troops charged down the Wilhelmstrasse and the Unter den Linden, the Russians began to restore order in the shattered city. Twenty hospitals for wounded Germans were opened, food stores set up for the city's hungry population, and work started on reopening power stations.

Reuter, reporting that the battle's final stages were marked by "such destruction as few cities have endured since the days of Pompeii," said it was becoming simpler to pick out relatively undamaged buildings than wrecked ones.

Fall of the Reichstag, the Russians announced, came after the Red Army crossed the River Spree into the eastern part of the Tiergarten and occupied the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Blanketed by Bombs
Red Star said the Reichstag area was blanketed with bombs, large caliber shells, ordinary infantry mines and hand grenades.

In Czechoslovakia, it appeared likely that the German lines guarding Prague would soon fold. With Brno in the south and Moravska Ostrava in the north in Russian hands, there seemed to be little to keep the Red Army from driving on the Czech capital.

In the north, the Russians captured the Baltic port of Stralsund, Nazi bastion guarding the coastal approaches to Rostock, 40 miles away, Marshall Stalin announced in an order of the day. The city's fall brought the Red Army opposite the island and naval base of Ruegen.

Supreme Court Votes To End Term May 28
WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS).—The Supreme Court voted tentatively to end its current term May 28 but many cases awaiting decision probably will prevent adjournment before mid-June.

Churchill Hints Peace May Be Near at Hand

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whom Heinrich Himmler had offered surrender to the U.S. and Britain, and through whom the Allies had replied that capitulation to all three major powers was necessary.

Some sources in Denmark believed that Bernadotte had brought back for the Swedish government an agreement for the peaceful surrender of German troops in both Denmark and Norway. The count said only that he had seen Werner Best, Minister to Denmark, in Copenhagen.

Meanwhile, the German radio at Hamburg said that the European war "probably will last only a few more hours," and Radio Tokyo, referring directly to the Himmler peace negotiations, said an important announcement could be expected in the next few days.

So confident was London that victory is imminent that the British Foreign Office yesterday announced its formal plans for celebration.

A crowded House of Commons was disappointed when Churchill said, in reply to a member's question: "I have no statement to make about the war position in Europe," adding jocularly that it was "definitely more satisfactory" than it was five years ago.

But the eager listeners got partial satisfaction when he continued: "Should information of importance reach His Majesty's Government during the four days of our sitting this week—as it might do—I will ask Mr. Speaker's permission to ask the indulgence of the House to interrupt business and make a brief announcement."

Nearest Thing to Prediction
This solid implication that peace might come before the House adjourns Friday night was his nearest thing to a prediction, but it was regarded as confirmation that negotiations with the defeated Germans were well under way.

Count Bernadotte wore a triumphant smile as he stepped off the plane at Stockholm at 10:16 AM yesterday, but he answered all questions concerning the prospects of a German capitulation with a cheery "good morning." He went into immediate conference with Erik Boheman, under secretary in the Swedish Foreign Office for seven years and newly-appointed minister to France.

Exchange Telegraph quoted Bernadotte as saying he expected to make another trip shortly, but would not reveal his destination.

Churchill, in his brief talk to Commons, said that the news of a peace would not be withheld from the public if it came while Commons was adjourned, and disclosed also that a proclamation of peace would not have to wait on final surrender of the last German units.

Nazis Admit War Near End

"I do not consider that the information should be withheld until the exact occupation of all particular zones is achieved," he said. "The movement of troops and the surrender of enemy troops may both take an appreciable period of time."

The expectancy of German surrender was given new impetus meanwhile, by a German radio broadcast which told the German people frankly that the war was lost.

A former Berlin radio commentator, Dr. Scharping, speaking over Hamburg radio during the night, gave the first official German admission that the end was near when he said that "the war is racing toward an end, and that end may come tomorrow."

In a ten-minute epilogue of the Reich that was to have lasted a thousand years, he called upon the German people to retain faith in the survival of German nationhood. Significantly, he made no reference whatever to the Nazi party and refrained from making any recriminations against the Allies.

Issue Celebration Plans

Reversing the previous German radio theme that defeat would mean national annihilation, Scharping said that even under foreign occupation Germany's national life would go on.

The imminence of peace prompted the British Home Office to issue its official plans for celebration. Churchill will make the announcement immediately over the radio, and the King will make an international radio address at 7 PM (Greenwich time) (9 PM Paris time) the same day.