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Three Armies Idle Because Of Junction

War Will Be Over in Few Days, Prediction of Nazi Gen. Dittmar, Prisoner

PARIS, April 28.—(AP)—The historic junction of American and Russian forces in Germany left at least three armies temporarily out of jobs today but there still was much fighting to be done before the war in Europe could be considered over.

Front line commanders believe organized warfare may wind up in a matter of weeks. But supreme headquarters, officially pessimistic, says it can last for several months.

Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, widely-quoted Nazi military commentator, predicts that the war will be over in a few days. After surrendering to the U. S. Ninth army, he declared that Hitler was in Berlin and would die there.

"When Berlin falls it will be over," he said, asserting that once Hitler is dead there will be nothing to hold together the remaining Nazi forces.

Dittmar asserted that the so-called Bavarian redoubt was a myth.

It is believed, however, that of perhaps 200 nominal divisions left to fight for Germany—none of which is up to strength—

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SOUTH of Berlin, between Leipzig and Dresden, American and Russian armies JOIN. North of Berlin, somewhere east of the Elbe, another junction is near.

In the Danube valley, which separates the Nazis' Bavarian redoubt from the great armament factories of Bohemia and Moravia that had been relied upon to supply the hold-up last-standers with guns and ammunition, Patton's advance patrols moving down the river are so near the Russians coming up to meet them, that artillerymen are firing with extreme care lest they overshoot and hit their approaching allies.

SOUTH of the Alps, in Italy's industrial and agricultural Po valley, the Germans have been driven from their last defenses and are in full and apparently disorderly retreat. We have taken Verona, cutting the great, main line railroad that leads by way of the Brenner pass into the inner fastnesses of the hideout, leaving to the fleeing enemy only narrow, congested highways and branch rail lines as escape routes

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Columbia Toll Bridge Project Given O. K.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—A bill authorizing construction of a toll bridge across the Columbia river at Astoria, Ore., by the Oregon-Washington bridge board was approved by the senate commerce committee yesterday.

Big 4 Harmony Restored at Peace Meeting but Smaller Nations Ask Balance Policy

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—(AP)—More closeknit themselves, the Big Four managing this united nations conference today ran into a small nation challenge of a world organization dominated by major allied war victors.

Spokesmen for Australia, Belgium and Bolivia urged more responsible roles for the world's smaller states. Their action signalled the long expected effort to shift the balance between the great and the small.

One immediate success of this pressure was expansion of the conference executive committee from 11 to 14 members. Now the small-state group aims at increasing the memberships on the world security council beyond the 11 proposed at Dumbarton Oaks. Restoration of harmony among the big powers brought the conference into its fourth day with prospects for success brightened by Russia's demonstrated willingness to compromise.

Some delegates even hoped for a reorganization of the Polish Warsaw government along lines acceptable to Britain and the United States. Whether it could

Truman Names Two to Represent America on Allied Reparations Body



Edward Pauley



Dr. Isidore Lubin

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—President Truman Friday named Edwin W. Pauley, Beverly Hills, Cal., now treasurer of the democratic national committee, as American member of the allied reparations commission with the rank of ambassador.

The president also named Isidore Lubin, United States commissioner of labor statistics, as Pauley's associate with the rank of minister.

New Meat Rules to Be Explained in Roseburg

Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive, and John Ferris, meat rationing executive, both of Portland, will be in Roseburg Wednesday, May 2, to hold a conference at 2 o'clock at a place to be announced later, regarding new meat regulations. Farmers, newspaper representatives, meat dealers and slaughterers have been requested to attend the conference. A special radio broadcast over KRNK will be presented from 2:15 to 2:30 o'clock.

Schwellenbach Cabinet Rumor Is Strengthened

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—Reports that Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Washington will become secretary of labor gained strength today following two conferences between the jurist and President Truman.

Close friends of the westerner displayed signs of satisfaction that the appointment will be forthcoming.

Yankee Troops In Italy Lunge To Swiss Line

ROME, April 28.—(AP)—American troops, striking across the Po valley and into the Alps, reached the Swiss border today and cut off all northwestern Italy from exits to Germany.

The Americans earlier had spearheaded the attack, 125 miles southwest of the Brenner pass and 30 miles from the border in a swift dash to outflank Milan, 26 miles to the southwest. This placed the Fifth army almost at the southern tip of Lake Como.

A First armored division spearhead that seized the Ghedi airport near Bergamo moved on the field so fast a German sergeant assigned to blow the installations was captured before he could touch off a fuse.

Other Fifth army troops smashed into the great port of Genoa. The "Free Milan" radio declared German commanders were endeavoring to negotiate a general surrender of their hopelessly trapped forces in northern Italy.

A broadcast by the partisan radio in northern Italy, said patriot forces had "linked up" with allied troops north of the Po and that all roads leading to the Brenner pass had been "barred."

The allied headquarters communique reported that Lt. Gen. Heinrich, commander of the crack First Nazi parachute corps, swam the Po river from the south to the north bank, dressed down his troops and told them the British must be stopped.

In an effort to blunt the Eighth's punch the Germans threw fresh troops into the line, where the parachutists and panzers seemed to have plenty of fight left.

There was no confirmation that Milan had fallen, despite per-

Riddle Rancher's Death by Bullet Is Held Suicide

Death by suicide is the report of County Coroner H. C. Stearns, who investigated the death of Walter (Mike) Swarts, about 60, at his ranch a mile south of Riddle last evening. Sheriff O. T. (Bud) Carter and Deputy Sheriff Al Smith assisted in the investigation.

Mr. Swarts was reported last seen alive about 5 o'clock last evening and was found by Wayne Hawkins, of Riddle, at 7:20 p. m. Death was the result of a shot through the head by a 32-20 calibre pistol, Stearns reported. The body was found on a bed in the Swarts home.

Swarts, who has been separated from his wife for seven years, has been engaged in farming and livestock raising near Riddle for a number of years. He is reported to have been afflicted with a heart ailment and had recently suffered a number of heart attacks. According to a report made to officers by friends knowing Swarts, it is believed he had taken his own life on account of his poor health.

A sister, Mrs. T. A. Dunn, Dallas, Ore., is the only known relative of Mr. Swarts. The body has been removed to the Roseburg Undertaking parlors to await instructions for the funeral.

Snell Calls Attention To Special Oregon Days

SALEM, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—Governor Snell today called attention to May 6 as "rural life" Sunday and to April 28-May 5 as "boys' and girls' week."

Purpose of the week, he said, is to focus attention upon boys and girls, their potentialities and problems and to acquaint the public with organizations which are furthering the interests of youth on a year-round basis.

Observance of the day contemplates cooperation of churches and ministers with the extension service and upwards of 25,000 Oregon 4-H club boys and girls.

Salem Taxpayers Vote "Bonus" for Teachers

SALEM, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—Salem school district taxpayers Friday voted 406 to 124 for a levy more than \$65,000 above the six per cent limitation figure, the additional amount to be offset by state income tax allocations.

The taxpayers' approval of the levy proposed by school directors will permit payment of a \$300 "bonus" to every teacher in the system and a \$120 "bonus" to other employees of the district. Superintendent Frank B. Bennett said.

Reds Crash Berlin's Inner Line; Revolt Rips Munich as Yanks Near

Only Quarter Of City Still In Nazi Hands

LONDON, April 28.—(AP)—The German high command declared today that soviet troops had crashed through Berlin's inner defense ring and were fighting on Alexanderplatz, site of gestapo headquarters. Nazi planes were flying in reinforcements, food, and ammunition to the fanatical garrison, the German communique said.

Hitler Said Near Death From Brain Hemorrhage

STOCKHOLM, April 28.—(AP)—The newspaper Svenska Dagbladet, quoting "reliable circles," said today that Hitler had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was near death inside Berlin.

It is believed that an immediate announcement of Hitler's death would mean the mass capitulation of a great number of troops, the newspaper added.

Americans on the Elbe have been withdrawn in an attempt to relieve the capital, the war bulletin said. Earlier, the Germans said a relief army was nearing Berlin from a Russian trap to the south-east.

Only one-quarter of the flaming, crumbling city remained in Nazi hands. Soviet troops were boring in block by block, and other divisions sped westward in a push to isolate the last Nazi Baltic ports.

Nazi Don "Civics" Russian correspondents in Berlin declared trapped Germans were trying to escape in whole.

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REA Separation From Agriculture Dept. Voted

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—The senate agriculture committee today approved legislation to divorce the Rural Electrification administration from the Agriculture department.

The measure, by Senator Shipstead, would establish REA as an independent agency under a three-member board.

It was adopted as an amendment to a bill by Senator Lucas to provide \$500,000,000 additional lending power for REA for the postwar years. The vote was 15 to 6.

Lucas conferred with President Truman this morning and told newsmen as he left for a meeting of the agriculture committee that he would seek to delay action on Shipstead's amendment.

Tokyo Claims Two U. S. Cruisers Sunk, Third Hit

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—(AP)—Without confirmation, Tokyo radio reported today that Japanese suicide pilots had sunk two U. S. cruisers, including the Savannah, damaged a third and sank four large transports in "devastating bombing attacks" on American naval forces around Okinawa yesterday.

Fleet Adm. Nimitz reported a small Japanese aerial attack on Okinawa Friday, with one minesweeper shooting down three enemy planes.

Okinawa Advance Scored by Americans; Kyushu Air Bases Again Blasted by Superforts

GUAM, April 28.—(AP)—Pursuing a retreating enemy in southern Okinawa, Maj. Gen. Hodge's 24th corps Yanks today closed in on two airfields—Machinato and Yonabaru—whose capture appears imminent.

Abandoned stores in caves and horses found with pack saddles indicated the Japanese are falling back to their second defense line in disorder.

A small force of Japanese planes attacked Okinawa forces, fleet Adm. Nimitz announced in today's communique. One minesweeper knocked down three.

However the Japanese airforce has made no sizable strike against U. S. forces at Okinawa for several days, their mainland staging bases in southern Kyushu having been under steady bombing by Marianas-based Superforts, carrier planes and Iwo Jima-based fighters.

Kyushu Again Blasted Hitting in good weather, at medium altitude, from 100 to 150 Superforts again struck at Kyushu's main airfields today. It was the third raid in 48 hours and the 10th in the past month.

Units of Maj. Gen. Arnold's Seventh division killed more than 150 Japanese withdrawing supplies from caves. Those refusing surrender were sealed in their lairs by heavy explosives.

Nimitz, after announcing Japan's new secret weapon—a 29-foot wing human-guided aerial bomb released from a mother plane—made no mention of it to



MAKES HERRENVOLK DIG —

Under the grim vigil of a Yankee MP, civilians of Nordhausen, Germany, are shown in the upper picture digging a trench for 2,500 political prisoners murdered by the Nazis. Pictured at the right is Capt. Horace Sutton of N. Y., who found the bodies of 500 political prisoners who had been burned alive by their Nazi captors, he assembled the townspeople, issued shovels and ordered: "Dig you."

Murder Charge Faced By Slayer of Father

LA GRANDE, April 28.—(AP)—Albert Forrest Bowman, 28, was held in the Union county jail today, formally charged with murder in the death of his 78-year-old father, whose rock-brained body was found in a well.

District Attorney C. R. Eberhard, who filed the charge, said Bowman confessed to police he struck his father, Albert Franklin Bowman, with rocks in self defense. The scuffle followed an altercation on their isolated ranch near North Powder Sunday, police said.

The dead man's widow, two daughters, and four sons—three in the armed forces—survive. Only two weeks before Bowman's death, his wife filed a petition for divorce.

Youthful Jail Breaker Gives Up, Pal Is Sought

EUGENE, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—One of the two 18-year-old youths who escaped from the Lane county jail early Thursday was again behind bars today after voluntarily surrendering.

State police said Thomas Culver, 18, took the advice of a brother who lives here and gave himself up yesterday.

Richard Dale Wedell, Springfield, is still being hunted by police. Culver declared he and Wedell parted shortly after their escape and he did not know the other boy's hideout.

The two escaped by tunneling through the jail's north wall with a pipe.



Girls Beaten to Death by Nazis for Aiding Yankees

PARIS, April 28.—(AP)—Three French girls were stripped and whipped to death in the presence of 250 American soldiers in a German prison camp, M. E. Walter, managing editor of the Houston Chronicle and a member of the editor's party investigating German camps said today.

Walter quoted Sgt. William Sandler, a Kentuckian, who said he witnessed the murders and later saw the whips.

The sergeant said the Germans had discovered the French women and the Americans were mutually helping each other in the camp and they were determined to halt it, Walter related.

"The prisoners were assembled one morning and the women, all of whom were young, were lined up in front of them and forced to undress."

"German guards then took cat-o-nine-tails and beat them until they died. The sergeant said it took only about 20 minutes."

Jobs for Vets or Govt. Upset, Legionnaire Warns

SPOKANE, April 28.—(AP)—Full employment, not only for veterans but for all workers, "is necessary so our form of democracy can continue to live," Irwin H. Jones of Wenatchee, a member of the American Legion national employment committee declared yesterday at the concluding session of a four-state legion conference on postwar jobs.

"If we don't solve the problem of full employment there will be some other form of government in the United States," the co-chairman of the gathering declared.

Caps Illahie Soldier Freed From Nazi Camp

Corporal Donald P. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wright, Caps Illahie, is reported to be en route home on furlough, having recently been one of the Pacific Northwest soldiers released from a German prison camp by Russian armies. Corporal Wright passed through Fort Lewis, Wash., yesterday.

Marshal Graziani, Stocage Of Mussolini, Captured

(By the Associated Press) Capture of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, war minister in the puppet north Italian government of Benito Mussolini and former commander of the Italian forces in North Africa, has been announced by Italian patriot headquarters in Milan, a broadcast said today.

The station identified itself as "the voice of the Italian national liberation committee."

Rainlet Gets 5 Years

PORTLAND, April 28.—(AP)—Five years in prison today confronted Lewis C. Mitzel, 31, alias Le Roy Smith, who pleaded guilty to raping a 14-year-old girl and was sentenced in circuit court.

Omission Of Russia Bars Acceptance

Any Offer to Quit Must Embrace All 3 of Major Powers, Britain, U. S. Say

LONDON, April 28.—(AP)—Heinrich Himmler was reported today to have offered unconditional surrender to Great Britain and the United States, but Prime Minister Churchill declared that only unconditional surrender to all three big powers would be accepted by the allies.

The prime minister neither confirmed nor denied reports that surrender had been offered to the two western allies, but not to Russia.

Churchill declared: "No doubt at a time like this all kinds of reports of proposals for German surrender from various parts of the German reich are rife, as these are in harmony with the enemy's desperate situation."

"His majesty's government has no information to give about any of them at this moment. But it must be emphasized that only unconditional surrender to the three major powers will be entertained, and that the closest accord prevails between the three powers."

It was emphasized in strong terms that neither Britain nor the United States has any intention of accepting any Nazi offer separately or of conducting any negotiations towards the enemy's capitulation without the knowledge and consultation with Russia.

"The London Evening Standard said: 'Some sources here state that discussions have gone so far as to take into consideration specific conditions, such as how soon the surrender of 150,000 German troops in Norway and the laying down of arms by German garrisons trapped in various pockets, can be arranged.'"

U. S. Backs Churchill on Surrender Rejection

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—(AP)—The White House press secretary said today it is "perfectly clear" that there can be no unconditional surrender by Germany unless it is made to all the allies.

Secretary Jonathan Daniels made this comment in connection with reports—not confirmed by any allied official—that Heinrich Himmler, Nazi leader, had offered to surrender to Great Britain and the United States, but not to Russia.

"It is perfectly clear," Daniels told newsmen, "that at times like these there will be a lot of rumors. It is also perfectly clear that there can be no unconditional

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Auto Driver Killed, Companion Hurt in Collision With Bus

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28.—(AP)—A northbound Pacific Greyhound bus collided head-on with a sedan today, killing the car's driver and injuring his companion, Pacific Greyhound lines said here.

Dead is Leo George Helbock, Oakridge, Ore. K. W. Barets, also Oakridge, was taken to a Grants Pass hospital. The crash occurred early today on the Pacific highway near the Douglas-Josephine county line.

None of the 32 passengers aboard the bus was injured. The bus driver was Marshall Bond, Eugene, employed by the Greyhound company for four years.

Ellsworth Urges Hike in Timber Research Money

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28.—(AP)—Present methods of harvesting the nation's timber were described to the house by Rep. Ellsworth of Oregon as reminiscent of practices that drove the Buffalo to extinction.

Ellsworth and Rep. Angell, also of Oregon, teamed up with members from the northern forested states to win a 25-vote margin for an increase in appropriations for the forest products laboratory.

"The only way we can find out how a greater utilization of these trees can be made is by research," Ellsworth told the house in debate on a senate amendment which raised the laboratory appropriation from \$1,001,380 to \$1,228,900.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reismania

German soldiers are surrendering to the allies with a plea to be saved from the Russians. The same kind of plea may soon be heard at the united nations' conference in San Francisco.