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Peace in Europe Near, Churchill Hints; Russians Dealing Death Blow to Berlin

Surrender of Foe Prepared, Press Claims

Himmler Said Tarrying With Offer in Hope That Big Three Might Split

LONDON, May 1.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill hinted today that announcement of peace in Europe might come before Saturday, but told the house of commons that he had no statement at this time.

He answered questions in the house as Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte conferred in Stockholm with Erik Boheman, under-secretary of state in the Swedish foreign office, after a quick flight from Copenhagen.

Bernadotte refused to tell news-men whether he had brought a new message from Heinrich Himmler. There were no signs that the Swedish Red Cross official had made contact with allied representatives in Stockholm, but such contact most likely would be established through the Swedish foreign office.

Replying to a member's question, Churchill declared "I have no special statement to make on the war position in Europe except that it is definitely more satisfactory than it was at this time five years ago."

Then he added he might make

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HOWEVER shrewd the original plans for the Bavarian "redoubt" may have been, it amounts to little more NOW than an absurdly useless last stand by broken, hopeless gangsters who know that their lives are forfeit anyway and might as well be given away.

It is reasonably apparent that this last-stand area, as originally planned by the master-minders of the Nazi gang, was to have included all of Bavaria, most of Wurttemberg (south German states), Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, northern Yugoslavia and northern Italy.

This would have been a more or less economically independent region, with mineral deposits, agricultural areas and some of Europe's most important industrial districts—the vast Skoda arms plants at Pilsen, for example.

In such a self-contained empire, garrisoned by the remnants of Germany's best troops and worked by slave labor, the Nazis

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Nurses Draft Bill Continues To Sleep on Senate Calendar With no Prospect of Passing

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The nurses draft bill is fading quietly from the administration's legislative program. It may disappear entirely with the full collapse of Germany.

Urged by President Roosevelt in his state of the union message January 6, the legislation passed the house nearly two months ago and won approval of the senate in March 29. It has been languishing on the senate calendar ever since.

Administration leaders have been wary about pressing it since the senate backed over the traces and wrote into the selective service extension bill a ban on sending 18-year-olds into combat without six-months training.

Senators emphasize they are determined to see that wounded servicemen get every necessary nursing attention, but that they are not convinced the draft is the best way to get the women needed.

Complaints have been heard that the army's nursing standards are so restricted as to preclude commissioning nurses who may lack

Ex-Regent of Hungary, Two German Marshals, Five Generals Captured

WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY, May 1.—(AP)—Admiral Nicholas Horthy, former regent of Hungary, and his family were taken into protective custody today by 36th division doughboys who found them in a castle at Weilheim, south of the Amer. see.

The 77-year-old ex-ruler was reported to be in good health.

Two German field marshals—Wilhelm List and Wilhelm Ritterh von Leeb—were also captured by Seventh army troops.

List, in civilian clothes, said he was relieved in 1942 for refusal to make an attack at Stalingrad. He said the attack would have been suicidal.

Both marshals took major parts in the Polish, French and Russian campaigns.

List was Hitler's regimental commander in the first World War.

Five German generals also were taken.

Mortenson's Body Not Yet Recovered

Despite extensive search Monday the body of James Mortenson, believed to have drowned in the Umpqua river while fishing for salmon, was not recovered.

The river was dragged throughout the day until darkness forced a halt. The search was being continued today. The accident occurred at Mortenson rapids, about five miles downstream from Umpqua.

Mortenson was believed to have fallen from his boat while in the act of putting out his anchor. He was reported to have been suffering from a heart ailment. It was learned that he had been seen preparing his boat early Monday morning, but the accident was not witnessed. His empty boat, anchored in midstream, was found by Earl Powell and Ray Lyons of Roseburg, who notified police.

His fishing equipment was in the bottom of the boat, revealing that the accident occurred while in the process of anchoring.

Wife Poisoner Facing Life Imprisonment

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Wilma Bernickhoff, 29, former Mount Pleasant farmer, will be sentenced next week to life in prison for poisoning her husband on his plea of guilty to a charge of second degree murder in the poison death of his wife.

He agreed to waive indictment by the grand jury and pleaded guilty in court yesterday. District Attorney Mitchell said a life sentence is mandatory.

Mitchell said Bernickhoff, originally returned from Sacramento to face a forgery charge, admitted placing poison in a medicine cabinet.

Purple Heart Awarded To Pete Pearson

Pete Pearson, brother of E. A. Pearson, distributor for the General Petroleum company, Roseburg, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in the Philippine campaign, according to word received here. He is a member of the American division and at present is in a hospital in the Philippines. He is well known in Roseburg.

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Hitler's Lair, Brenner Pass Major Goals

PARIS, May 1.—(AP)—The Third army crashed southward to within 58 miles of Berchtesgaden today as Lt. Gen. Patch sent his Seventh army from captured Munich against Innsbruck and the Brenner Pass.

The Third army entered Griesbach in its closest approach to Hitler's roost in the Alpine redoubt. The town near the Austrian border is 16 miles from Hitler's birthplace at Braunau and 47 from Salzburg, eastern rampart of the final Nazi hide-away.

Allied armies had overrun all southern Germany except the southeast corner of Bavaria and now were sending their tanks and infantry into Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Far to the north, American airborne troops and the British second army linked up beyond the Elbe in a solid bridgehead 20 miles wide and 12 miles deep which threatened imminently to cut off Schleswig-Holstein and Denmark. This could carve the northern redoubt in two.

New Linkups Occur. In the center, the corridor between Germans in the south and north was widened steadily by additional contacts between the Russians and American armies.

Seventh army infantry crossed the Austrian frontier and captured Scharnitz, ten miles from Innsbruck and 15 from the Brenner Pass.

Patton's 11th armored division crossed the Austrian border in force at Oberkappel, 27 miles northwest of Linz—a city which the Germans said was being approached by the Russians from West of Vienna. A meeting would

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Argentine, Polish Issues Still Bar Big Three Unity

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER, SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—(AP)—The stinging of a whiplash fight over Argentina and Poland drove the united nations toward a new controversy today over who should control the critical commissions and committees of the world security conference.

This organizational problem normally might have gone through with unity and good feelings on all sides. It appeared likely, however, to intensify the struggle for leadership between the United States and Russia, which yesterday cost the soviet union a defeat on both Argentina and Poland.

Delegates generally seemed to feel that Russia would not pull out of the conference for this or similar reasons—despite constant speculation on her future course. The Russians, it was learned, are still discussing conference plans of the weeks ahead. But pessimism about the prospects for unity among the big powers was at a new low.

The situation was dramatically spotlighted yesterday. Foreign Commissar Molotov demanded a delay in inviting Argentina. Secretary Stettinius a short time later insisted on immediate and favorable action on the Argentine bid.

Stettinius won for the United States on two counts: the conference voted 28 to 7 against delaying action on inviting Argentina and 31 to 4 that the invitation be extended immediately.

On the credit side of Molotov's fight for the present Polish government, he has built up what many diplomats here consider a powerful case for arguing to the people of Poland that Russia wanted them represented here and the United States and Britain kept them away.

Ride-Sharing Warning Given "Solo" Drivers

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—Shinwari workers driving alone today had been warned by OPA inspectors that they must find "share-the-ride" passengers within a week.

Sol Stern, enforcement attorney, said 92 "solo" riders were found at one yard. Signators on car-pools also will be checked.



GERMAN WOMEN DIG GRAVES FOR ATROCITY VICTIMS—At a Nazi concentration camp in Belsen, Germany, SS women remove bodies of atrocity victims from trucks before burial in a communal grave. British Second army troopers stand guard over the gruesome rites. British official photo.

Sugar Ration Cut, Points Hike On Other Foods Predicted to Meet Civilian Needs Abroad

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—Americans were told today a "decent diet" will be maintained despite a 25 per cent slash in sugar rations and the prospect of higher point values for other foodstuffs.

Further civilian belt tightening was foreshadowed when:

1. Samuel I. Rosenman, presidential food scout, recommended that the United States should supply a "substantial share" of civilian needs in northwest Europe. He acknowledged this probably would cut into homefront food supplies.

2. The inter-agency committee on foreign shipments said "we shall have to make some adjustments in particular foods" and hinted at higher ration points for fats and oils.

At the same time mounting sentiment was evident in congress for one-man control of all food matters, now divided among the OPA, the war food administration and other agencies.

Predicting a five to 10 per cent slump this year in the nation's food production, the inter-agency committee headed by Foreign Economic Administrator Crowley termed the cut in sugar rations "a real sacrifice" but said:

"The sacrifice will be small in comparison with the contribution it will make to the undernourished, if not actually starving, peoples of the liberated countries."

Of the American outlook, this committee, which allocates food and other supplies for overseas needs, aid:

"A decent American diet will be maintained. Our food supply is adequate to keep America healthy and vigorous even though we shall have to make some adjustments in particular foods."

Sugar Ration Stretched. As the sharp slash in sugar rations went into effect today, the government said no increase in the total supply can be expected

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Jap Grenade Hits Yank In Eye and Bounces Off

CEBU, Philippine Islands, May 1.—(AP)—"It's a genuine war wound, but it's one of those things a wife might not understand."

PFC Willis Fields of Burnsfield, N. C., a member of the American division was the target of a Jap grenade. It smacked him in the eye, bounced off and rolled down a slope where it exploded harmlessly.

A more beautiful shiner than Fields' couldn't be produced in any brawl.

Man Crushed to Death Under Pole-Laden Trailer

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Theodore Olsen, 58, fell beneath the wheels of a heavy pole trailer yesterday and was crushed to death.

The truck was delivering power line poles between Carver and Clackamas stations. Coroner R. L. Lacey said an autopsy will be held to determine if a heart attack caused Olsen's fall.

Women Win Offices in Their First French Vote

PARIS, May 1.—(AP)—The traditional gallantry of Frenchmen toward the weaker sex was a little strained by the recent elections which brought women to the polls for the first time in the history of France.

Somewhat—it might have been a defeated candidate—went round Paris chalking up walls with the slogans "down with women voters" and "beware of petticoat government."

The small northern town of Echigey has a complete matriarchal government today. Ten women ran on a single ticket and somehow that ticket won. The defeated masculine candidates are demanding a recount.

In another community 500 nuns dominated the election. Their convent is situated near a town with a population of less than 300. The 500 sisters swept the village's "old guard" right out of office.

Mohair Kept From Nazis Sold to American Firms

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—Sale by the Foreign Economic Administration of approximately 7,000,000 pounds of Turkish mohair was disclosed today by Rep. Fisher (D-Tex.).

The fiber was brought over a year ago by the government under a "preclusive purchase" program. Fisher told a reporter, to keep it out of the hands of the Germans. The FEA sold the mohair at 35 cents per pound to five American buying firms, he said, adding that it cost the FEA about \$1 per pound.

Good Treatment in German Prison Camp is Reported by 50,000 Liberated Americans

WITH THE U. S. 14th ARMORED DIVISION, May 1.—(AP)—In high spirits 50,000 Americans, half of them air force officers, almost mobbed 14th armored division tankmen today in one of the wildest liberations ever witnessed in Germany.

The Americans were among 130,000 allied prisoners—including 37 high-ranking officers—freed in the towns around Moosburg, where the Germans had the biggest concentration of prisoners in Germany.

In contrast to the starvation conditions prevailing in the other liberated camps, the prisoners in the Moosburg area for the most part were in good physical condition. This was due to the presence among the prisoners of a number of allied officers, including many colonels.

Another factor contributing to their well-being was the nearness of Switzerland, from whence the International Red Cross was able to provide food parcels without encountering too great transportation difficulties. There were 175,000 Red Cross food packages on hand when one camp was liberated.

Morale was kept at high pitch at this camp by the strict discipline enforced by the camp commander, Col. Paul R. Goode, of Corvallis, Ore., and his able staff. They had the camp thoroughly organized, with each man doing daily tasks.

Saturday inspections were held. Each officer and man was required to turn out freshly shaved and bathed and with his hair properly cut. Personal cleanliness was reflected in the well kept but crowded barracks which also were closely policed under Goode's direction.

"The Germans treated us very good, considering that they are goons," Goode said.

Goon is prison lingo for all Germans.

Victory Flag Flies on Ruins Of Reichstag

Nazi Garrison Remnant Making Final Stand in Center of Blazing City

LONDON, May 1.—(AP)—Victory flushed soviet troops made a supreme bid to deal the death blow to flaming Berlin on this May day. In the words of Marshal Stalin, it was the "final assault."

A red victory banner floated over the smoking ruins of the Reichstag, where Hitler rose to power from the ashes of the Reichstag fire of 1933. Heinrich Himmler's ministry of the interior was in Russian hands. Red army troops laid siege to the Führer's underground fortress in the Tiergarten. The Russians were at the Brandenburg gate, Berlin's triumphal arch, and across the Spree river from Berlin's cathedral.

Die-hard German remnants were compressed in the center of the blazing inferno that is Berlin, stubbornly keeping street crossings under a murderous cross fire and "killing in the process the civilian population of the city," a supplementary Moscow communique declared.

The German high command declared that the Berlin garrison,

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Allies, Slavs Near Junction in Italy

ROME, May 1.—(AP)—New Zealand troops, driving toward a junction with Marshal Tito's partisans in Trieste, were reported more than 15 miles beyond the Piave river today as allied troops continued their lightning cleanup in northern Italy.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the 15th army group, said the German armies in Italy have been "virtually eliminated as a military force" by the shattering allied drives.

Some 12,000 prisoners, among them four major generals, were in the U. S. First armored division's bag in the 24 hours up to last night.

Turin, industrial city of 629,115 population, last Italian metropolis to be yielded by the Nazis, was occupied yesterday by infantry of the 2nd regiment, composed of Japanese soldiers of American ancestry. They had found parading troops in complete control of the city.

Gen. Clark estimated that 25 German divisions, some of the best in the German army, had been ripped to shreds in Italy and no longer could resist allied effectively.

Warplane Cut Slated to Meet Only Pacific Need

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—A "one-front" airplane production schedule which may cut monthly output by as many as 2,000 planes by the end of the year has been drafted by the army air force. About 7,000 craft now are being turned out each month.

The revised schedule, it was learned today, has been submitted to WPB's production readjustment committee for approval.

In effect, the new schedule writes off the European war so far as plane production is concerned. It involves only estimated army needs in the Pacific.

Ex-Patient of Hospital Killed by Train's Blow

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—The body of Jesse Cantrell, 32, Vancouver, Wash., apparently struck down by a train in the night, was found on Union Pacific railroad tracks here yesterday.

The coroner's office said Cantrell was discharged from Barnes General hospital last August.

Oregon Truck, Tractor Tire Quotas Increased

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—This OPA district will have a few extra tires this month.

The OPA announced the May quota allows 845 more truck tires than in April. Tractor tires are upped 221. Grade 1 passenger car tires, however, will be 78 less than last month.

Battle Raging Near Tarakan, Tokyo Reports

Warships Shell Islands In Indian Ocean; Yanks Capture Okinawa Drome

(By the Associated Press) Borneo is being invaded by allied assault troops bent on reclaiming the oil producing islands of the Pacific, Tokyo radio reported today. Japanese troops were beaten back on every fighting front.

Japanese broadcasts, first to announce every recent invasion, said assault waves enraged Japanese troops near the Dutch Borneo port of Tarakan in fierce fighting last night after making one unsuccessful landing attempt during daylight.

Such an assault, perhaps by a combined American and British force under command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, would represent a 200-mile jump from the southern Philippines into the northernmost oil islands in the Dutch Indies.

Indian Ocean Isles Hit

Due west of the reported invasion British naval task forces reportedly shelled Nicobar and Andaman islands in the Indian ocean while armored columns pouring out of Burma's central oil field continued advancing toward Rangoon against light opposition.

Japanese broadcasts reported no Nipponese naval attempts to halt the reported Borneo invasion nor to check the British bombardments in the Indian ocean. The

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War Bond Canvass Dated by Students Of Roseburg High

Students from the senior and junior classes of Roseburg High school will conduct a house-to-house war bond canvass on May 9 and 10. It was announced today by Archie Fries, 7th War Loan chairman. The canvass will be made in advance of the formal opening of the campaign's direct E bond sales, as the national clock, off will not occur until May 14. The dates set for the students' canvass in Roseburg was necessitated by examinations scheduled during the following week.

Marge Stephens has been appointed leader for the senior class and Ardene Helvey will head the junior class team. Each team will be composed of 25 students. The team selling the greatest number of bonds will be entertained at a banquet by J. A. Hardin, owner of the Umpqua hotel and vice-chairman of the committee.

Betty Fahn has been named financial manager for the senior class team and Christine Truitt is will be financial manager for the juniors. The two students were selected as the outstanding members of the bookkeeping classes.

During the 6th War Loan campaign, high school students in their door-to-door canvass sold \$23,800 worth of bonds.

Ellsworth to Be Heard Tonight on Meat Issue

Congressman Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg, representing Oregon's Fourth district, will speak tonight over the eastern network of the Columbia Broadcasting system, discussing the meat situation. The regular broadcast will be at 10:30 p. m. eastern time, for the eastern network stations. The broadcast will be transmitted for release by Station KOIN, Portland, at 11 p. m.

Congressman Ellsworth is secretary of the Republican Congressional Food Study committee for the duration of the 79th Congress having served in a similar capacity during the 78th Congress.

Oregon Liquor Agency Found \$10,000 Short

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—The Oregon liquor control commission sought today to recover \$10,000 lost through an alleged discrepancy in the accounts of a liquor agency in a town near Portland.

The commission said a claim had been made on the agency's bonding company. The shortage was discovered when an auditor, making a routine inventory, noticed that some cases were lighter than they should have been. Investigation disclosed that from six to eight bottles had been removed from each case of 12, the commission said.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Forty-seven states in the union have only two wars to contend with, but the forty-eighth is threatened with a third one in the form of revived internecine strife over commercial fishing. A weary electorate probably wishes in relation to this recurrent issue that something would put the "dum" in referendum.