

WE DAY! GERMANY SURRENDERS

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35 More Jap Ships Bagged By Bombers

Nip Homeland Also Gets New Lashing; Airdrome Off Borneo Coast Taken

(By The Associated Press)
American bombers reaching out from the Philippines and Okinawa, where Yank ground forces killed 23,221 Japanese in ten days, have sunk 35 more Japanese ships and damaged 17 others, U. S. "On-to-Tokyo" commanders announced yesterday and today.

A Japanese breakthrough in central China to within 35 miles of the U. S. air base at Chihliang was the only blight on allied ground offensives as Washington reports said 6,000,000 Americans would be thrown against Japan after V-E day.

The U. S. Tenth army resumed its general offensive on Okinawa

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A WILD battle on Okinawa, in which the Japs throw everything but the kitchen sink at us, reminds us that regardless of the victory in Europe, we still have a war on our hands.

THEIR penned-up garrison forces lash out at us in a tanked counter assault. Amphibious forces (rather small, as such things go) pour in from the sea in an effort to get behind our lines. Suicide boats, suicide planes and suicide pilot-guided flying bombs loosed from mother planes go after our blockading naval forces, sinking five light ships and damaging others.

It was a co-ordinated attack by all Jap arms under cover of early morning darkness. We seem to have stopped it everywhere. Our casualties are described as "not high."

THE attack (such affairs often signal the beginning of the end in Jap warfare) is referred to in the dispatches as "the best day

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Japs Still Clinging To Hope of Victory

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7—(AP)—Japan appeared increasingly upset over Germany's collapse today but Gen. Minami, totalitarian party leader, declared about but how to win this war. "There is nothing for us to think of except to win this war," Minami's declaration followed a statement by Foreign Minister Togo yesterday that Japan "reserved the freedom to re-examine all her relations with Germany."

The totalitarian party leader declared the Japanese never had the slightest intention of relying on the power of Germany in prosecuting this sacred war.

Hitler's Body Not Found; Russians Suspect Trick

MOSCOW, May 7—(AP)—Russian troops, systematically examining the bodies found in the Nazi chancellery in Berlin, have not yet reported finding Adolf Hitler or Joseph Goebbels, although the bodies of many members of the general staff, leading storm troopers and high-ranking Nazis—all suicides—have been found.

The Russians still believe that the report of Hitler's death was a Nazi trick, and that the Fuehrer is in hiding.

Eugene School Merger Points to Expansion

EUGENE, Ore., May 7—(AP)—Taxpayers of the new consolidated Eugene school district have approved, 5 to 1 a tax levy of \$300,000 for new schools and transportation.

Allies Rescue Notables

Statesmen, Top Soldiers Gain Liberty

Rev. Niemöller, Kin of British King and Queen, Churchill Also on List

PARIS, May 7—(AP)—American troops in Italy and Austria have captured or rescued a long list of notables of 22 nations including former Premier Kurt Schuschnigg of Austria, former German Finance Minister Hjalmar Schacht and three one-time French premiers.

The French leaders are Leon Blum, Edouard Daladier and Paul Reynaud. Also rescued was Lt. Gen. Tadeusz Komorowski, who as "Gen. Bor" led the Warsaw insurrection.

The Rev. Martin Niemöller, famous German pastor who commanded a U-boat in the first World war and was sent into Nazi prisons by Hitler for defiance, also was saved.

Gen. Maurice Gamelin and Gen. Maxime Weygand, former French commanders, also have been rescued.

Had been Ordered Slain
The latest batch of 133 political prisoners was taken by American troops in Italy Friday after narrowly escaping death from Gestapo and SS troops, who had been ordered to kill their hostages to prevent their liberation. Among these men—many of whom had been reported dead—were:

Schuschnigg, who had been in German prisons since he defied Hitler's grab of Austria.

Leon Blum, former premier of France and an object of Nazi scorn because he is a Jew.

Gen. Franz Halder, former chief of the German general staff.

Niemöller, former finance minister, and president of the reichsbank—still dapper despite nine months imprisonment.

Nicholas Kallay, former premier of Hungary.

Schacht said he had not been able to discover why he lost favor with Hitler.

Shuttled Around For Years
All the newly rescued prisoners

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Battle-Hardened Americans Stage No Celebration

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY, May 7—(AP)—The announcement of victory over the Germans will come as an anti-climax to American doughboys who have seen the German army disintegrate.

They are now asking themselves: "Where do we go from here?"

It is a strange ending to a strange war, an ending nobody could have quite visualized and without the dramatic conclusion most of us had pictured. Suddenly the war just melted away into nothingness and the guns were still.

The war came to an end for this army some weeks ago. That is why V-E day will be little more than a symbol to troops who had seen victory in the making for days.

It took no official announcement for them to realize it was over.

There is no enemy across no man's land to come forward with upraised hands in final surrender. Across the Mulde river are the Russians. There is no desolate battlefield and the doughboys are not in foxholes. They sat in the warm sun cleaning their battle-worn gear and weapons.

There will be no wild celebrations among the troops. These men have seen too much death and suffering. They have seen this Nazi world come apart at the seams and its miserable people straggling along the roads of defeat, marked more plainly with signs of a fallen nation than any proclamation ever could.

Roseburg Receives Victory News With Orderly Elation; Union Church Service Slated

Orderly but none-the-less enthusiastic rejoicing marked Roseburg's observance of V-E day. Stores were closed, flags decorated the streets, schools held special assemblies during the morning hours and were dismissed at noon for a half-holiday; churches were open for prayers, and preparations were made for a union church service at 8 o'clock tonight at the Roseburg Methodist church.

Portal-to-Portal Pay Rule Upheld By Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP)—The supreme court ruled today that bituminous coal miners are entitled to portal-to-portal underground wages.

Justice Murphy delivered the court's 5-4 decision. Justice Jackson wrote a dissent in which Chief Justice Stone and Justice Roberts and Frankfurter concurred.

The court on March 27, 1944 ruled that iron ore miners must be paid portal-to-portal wages.

That is pay for the time spent traveling from the mine opening to the actual working place and back again.

Today's decision was given on an appeal by the Jewell Ridge coal corporation, employer of 900 men in two mines in southwest Virginia. The concern protested a decision by the Fourth Federal Circuit court that such travel time is time worked, for which pay is required under the Federal wage-hour law.

The bituminous industry has been operating on a portal-to-portal pay basis under a 1943 wage agreement.

Justice Murphy said the majority agreed with the Fourth Federal Circuit court that there was no substantial factual or legal difference between the case involving the bituminous coal miners and that involving the iron ore miners.

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Bullet-Riddled Body of Marshal Von Bock Found

WITH THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY, May 7—(AP)—The bullet-riddled body of German Marshal Fedor von Bock was discovered by British troops yesterday near a roadside north of Hamburg, where he apparently was slain in an allied strafing raid.

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Poles' Arrest By Reds Again Splits Big 3

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7—(AP)—The United States and Britain were reported by United Nations conference officials today to have demanded of Russia that she supply her evidence against the 16 arrested leaders of the Polish underground.

The aim is to break the latest Big Three deadlock over Poland. It is part of a strategy side-tracking the Polish row from the main line of the conference in order that the Big Three may try for maximum unity in designing a world organization for future peace.

The goal is to shift the dispute to Washington, London and Moscow getting from the Russians a full explanation of the arrests. President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill are reported to have intervened directly with Marshal Stalin.

Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov is now slated to quit the San Francisco for Moscow around mid-week. So long as he is here, speculation continues that Russia may give the conference a sensation by making known her future plans toward Japan.

The collapse of German armies has stimulated this speculation. For any such momentous move, either Stalin or Molotov in his present situation here, might serve as an announcer.

Poles Deny Charge
Secretary Stettinius said Molotov had informed him that the Polish leaders had been arrested on a charge of "diversionist activities against the red army."

In London last night the bitterly anti-Soviet Polish government in exile declared that its Vice Premier Jankowski was one of those arrested by the Russians. The exile government also said the group was in Russia at the invitation of a Russian

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Capitulation, Ordered by Doenitz, Signed in France; Prague Nazis Still Resist

(By The Associated Press)

A Germany thoroughly smashed in battle surrendered unconditionally to the western allies and Soviet Russia at 2:41 a. m. today (5:41 p. m. PWT, Sunday), finishing history's bloodiest conflict after 2,310 days.

The surrender was signed at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters in a little red school house at Reims, France.

At least 40,000,000 men, women and children were casualties from this global war fired by Hitler's armored plunge into Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. Hitler's reich lay shattered. Victory in Europe was won—at tremendous, unassessable cost in human lives and treasure.

Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl, new chief of staff of the defeated German armies, signed the surrender for Germany. Russia, first nation to smash back the Nazi power, was represented by Gen. Ivan Susloparov.

The first announcement came from the enemy, in a broadcast by Foreign Minister Ludwig Schwerin von Krosigk, declaring Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz had ordered "all fighting German troops" to lay down arms.

Harshness of Terms Should Deceive Nobody, Nazi Nation Told by Minister von Krosigk

(By The Associated Press)

In his broadcast of Grand Admiral Doenitz' order of Germany's unconditional surrender, German Foreign Minister von Krosigk declared:

"Our sympathy firstly goes out to our soldiers. Nobody must deceive himself on the harshness of the terms which our enemies have imposed on the German people. We had to accept them."

"Nobody will have any doubt that heavy sacrifices will be demanded from us in all spheres of life."

"We must take them upon us and stand loyally to our obligations."

"On the other hand," the broadcast continued, "we must not despair. From the collapse in the past we must keep in mind one thing: The idea of our unity, the idea of front comradeship, the idea of assistance to each other."

"After a heroic fight of almost six years of incomparable hardships, Germany has succumbed to the overwhelming power of her enemies. To continue the war would only mean senseless bloodshed and a futile disintegration."

"A government which has a feeling of responsibility for the future of its nation was compelled to act on the collapse of all physical and material forces and to demand of the enemy the cessation of hostilities."

"It was the noblest task of admiral of the fleet and of the government supporting him — after the terrible sacrifices which the war demanded — to save in the last phase of the war the lives of a maximum number of fellow countrymen."

"That the war was not ended immediately, simultaneously in the west and in the east, is to be explained by this reason alone."

"In this gravest hour of the German nation and its Reich we bow in deep reverence before the dead of this war."

"Their sacrifices place the highest obligations on us. Our sympathy goes first to our soldiers. It goes out above all to the wounded, the bereaved and to all on whom this struggle has inflicted blows."

"Respect for concluded treaties will be as sacred as the aim of our nation to belong to the European family of nations as a member of which we want to mobilize all human moral and material forces in order to heal the dreadful wounds which the war has caused."

"Then we may hope that the atmosphere of hatred which today

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Blast Kills Six Of Oregon Family

LAKEVIEW, Ore., May 7—(AP)—A minister's wife and five children, members of a fishing party, were killed Saturday by an explosion in mountain country near here.

An investigation was begun by officials.

The dead: Mrs. Elsie Mitchell, Jav Gifford, 12, Eddie Ennen, 13, Joan Patzke, 11, Dick Patzke, 13, Sherman Shoemaker, 12.

The only survivor was the Rev. Archie Mitchell, pastor of Christian Alliance church here.

"Joan came over and told us that there was an object nearby," Mr. Mitchell said. "We went to investigate. It blew up and killed them all."

Signed on Dotted Line For Defeated Germany

Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl, above, who signed the unconditional surrender for Germany, apparently is the same as Gen. Alfred Jodl who was wounded last July 20 in the attempted assassination of Adolf Hitler.

"With this signature," he said, "the German people and armed forces are for better or worse delivered into the victors' hands."

"In this war, which has lasted more than five years, both have achieved and suffered more than perhaps any other people in the world."

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Fine of \$50 for Spree Follows Term as "Vag"

Vernon J. Roger, 30, was fined \$50 in the Roseburg justice court today on a charge of being drunk on a public highway. The fine was paid. Roger recently completed a term in the county jail, being committed from Reedsport on a charge of vagrancy.

Nazis to March Through Sweden to Interment

STOCKHOLM, May 7—(AP)—The newspaper Expressen said in a dispatch from the Norwegian frontier today that a German march across the Swedish border into interment would begin this afternoon under capitulation terms.

Medical Detail Of 46 Augments Facility's Staff

A detail of 46 men, from a reassignment group at Fort Lewis, Wash., has arrived in Roseburg to supplement the staff of attendants at the Veterans Administration facility. Dr. George Melvin, manager, reported today.

The detail consists of one lieutenant, who is serving as administrative officer; five sergeants, two corporals and 38 additional enlisted men. Sergeant Allen B. Conkey, who is in command of the group until the arrival of the lieutenant, who is expected here within a few days, is a veteran of two years' service in the South Pacific, where he participated in six landing operations. A number of the men are combat veterans. All have been assigned to limited service.

Temporary barracks facilities have been provided at the facility. Some of the men are seeking quarters in town in order that they may bring their families to Roseburg.

Dr. Melvin reports he is greatly pleased with the ability shown by the corpsmen and states that they will be of great help in maintaining efficient operation at the facility.

Levity Fact Rant

Save some of your V-E day whoopee for Russia's declaration of war against Japan—if there is to be one. Manchuria may be her price of participation, just as she demands Poland for her role in the European war.

