

TRUMAN ANNOUNCES GERMANY'S DEFEAT; MOTHER'S DAY SET FOR NATIONAL THANKS

AP Newsman Defends His War "Scoop"

Kennedy, Facing Inquiry For Surrender Dispatch, Justifies Achievement

PARIS, May 8.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower informed correspondents at supreme headquarters today that no action could be taken against a news agency or organization for the act of any individual correspondent or correspondents.

Eisenhower replied by telephone through his deputy chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, to a letter signed by 54 correspondents at SHAEF which asked that all Associated Press correspondents in this theater be suspended until 24 hours after the official announcement of Germany's surrender.

The correspondents made the request as a result of what supreme headquarters described as an "unauthorized" transmission of AP Correspondent Edward Kennedy's story yesterday of the Reims surrender.

For nearly seven hours yesterday afternoon, after the surrender story was published, all Associated Press filing facilities from the European theater were suspended, but later this was lifted for all the AP staff except Kennedy himself. Kennedy is chief of the AP's western front staff.

Kennedy remained under suspension pending outcome of the investigation of any violation of SHAEF censorship or violation of confidence, he said.

Defends His Action
About 2:30 p. m. Paris time (5:30 a. m. PWT) European radio monitors picked up a broadcast from the Flensburg radio to the German armed forces of land, sea and air, ordering them

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Body Identified as Hitler's Found in Rubble of Berlin

WITH THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY, May 8.—(AP)—Col. Anatoly Plugin, war correspondent of Tass, official Soviet news agency, has said a Russian general had stated that the body of a man identified as Adolf Hitler had been found in the ruins of Berlin.

The Russian general was not named.

During a meeting two days ago between Marshal Montgomery and Marshal Rokossovsky of the Second White Russian army, Russian officers asked Plugin, who is attached to the British Second army as a war correspondent, whether the British believed Hitler was dead or not.

Plugin said he replied there was a mixed opinion, but that the Russian general, whose identity he did not disclose, stated that the Russians had found in Berlin the bullet-riddled and battered body of a man identified as Hitler.

Big Influx of Catfish Anglers Creates Limit

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 8.—(AP)—Gov. Earl Warren has signed a Senate bill clamping a lot of restrictions on the taking of catfish, which used to be a free and easy sport in California. Backers of the measure explain that the catfish population has decreased as war workers from Missouri, Arkansas and points south and east have increased.

Russia, United States will Police Germany Until Civic Administration is Created

PARIS, May 8.—(AP)—Military authorities, allied and Russian, become the supreme law and government in defeated Germany until a civic administration can be set up, and the task that lies ahead is gargantuan.

One thing seemed certain: That both the allies and Russians would insist on seeing the body of Hitler and establishing beyond all doubt that the man who started the war is really dead.

The American 15th army, which figured little in actual assault operations, becomes the army of occupation for the United States. But for the next few months, at least, dozens of additional divisions will be needed for policing and bringing order out of chaos.

Thus, though the European peace would seem to release some 70 divisions of battle-tested American troops, it does not mean that they will all be available for duty in the Pacific.

Even those troops who will neither remain here nor go to the Pacific will not get back home soon. It is estimated that it will take as long as 12 months to get them all back to America with-

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Mercy Asked of Victors

Nazi General Pleads After Surrendering

Jodl Voices Hope Allies Will Deal Generously With People of Germany

(By the Associated Press)
REIMS, France, May 7.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Through an iron faced Prussian general, speaking after he had finished signing the unconditional surrender of the nazis, Germany pleaded today for mercy for the German people. On the wall behind his back was a huge chart tabulating allied casualties.

He was Col. Gen. Gustaf Jodl, chief of staff of the German army.

He was standing in a room of a school house in Reims, where Gen. Eisenhower had his advanced headquarters. On a table in front of him lay four identical documents to which he had just affixed his signature.

There was one each for the United States, Britain, France and Russia. Each bore the words first written by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at Casablanca: "Unconditional surrender."

Seventeen correspondents, including Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press, were present at the signing and heard Jodl's plea.

After he had signed the four instruments of surrender and after the military representatives of the four powers had signed them, Jodl asked for permission to speak.

He was told he might. He held himself stiffly erect, conforming to the traditions of Prussian military correctness. His voice was low and soft and he said:

"With this signature, the Ger-

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U. S. War Cost to Date \$275 Billion

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—The government has spent \$275,703,000,000 on this war, as of May 5, the treasury reported today.

This included both the German and Japanese wars. Cost of other wars to the United States was given as follows:

Revolutionary—No dependable estimate available. About \$70,000,000 paid in pensions.

War of 1812—No exact figures available. Unofficial estimate, \$133,700,000.

Mexican war—No exact figures available. Unofficial estimate \$186,000,000.

Civil war—In excess of \$15,000,000,000, including pensions.

War with Spain—In excess of \$2,000,000,000, including pensions.

World war one—To June 30, 1921, \$25,729,000,000. Continuing costs such as pensions, interest, etc., from 1921 to June 30, 1934, have been \$16,036,000,000. Total to June 30, 1934, was \$41,654,000,000.

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Proposed Alley Paving Jobs, Sewer Connection Request Considered at Council Meet

Consideration of proposed city improvements marked the regular meeting of the Roseburg city council Monday night. A. S. Coen submitted plans for paving a portion of the alleyway between Woodward and Mosher streets in the rear of the Greyhound terminal now under construction at Stephens and Woodward streets. Plans and specifications for paving the alleyway from Lane to Mosher street, in the Rose hotel block, were submitted to the council, and a petition was received for grading and graveling East Commercial street between East Fourth and East Sixth streets.



TRUMAN'S NO. 1 AIDE—Edward D. McKim, former Omaha, Neb., insurance man, is pictured at his desk in Washington, after being sworn into the \$10,000-a-year job of Chief administrative assistant to the president.

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Closure Order in Woods Fire Hazard Issued by Governor

Because of hazardous fire conditions brought on by unusually warm weather and drying east winds, Governor Snell declared the closed fire season effective at 1 a. m. May 8, 1945, it was reported by Fred Southwick, supervising warden of Douglas Forest Protective Association. According to him, no one may do any burning on or within 1/8 of a mile of forest land without first obtaining a written permit to do so from a state fire warden.

Any person, firm, or corporation conducting a logging, piling, woodcutting, or sawmill operation on or within 1/8 of a mile of forest land must now supply the required fire tools, equipment and instruments used in the fighting and prevention of fire, it was stated by Lee Harter, inspector for the state department of forestry.

Anyone desiring information regarding regulations governing the closed fire season may inquire or telephone the Douglas Forest Protective association headquarters located on Airport road.

Salem Suburban Area Asks for Annexation

SALEM, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Owners of 80 acres of land, valued at \$250,000 and located on the Pacific highway at the northern edge of the city, petitioned the city council last night to be annexed to the city.

The move came after the council threatened to cut off fire protection, water and sewer services for persons living outside the city. The council guaranteed to supply these services to the petitioners until an election can be held.

Bombs Strike Mountain Cache of Scotch Whisky

SEATTLE, May 8.—(AP)—Reluctant as he is to talk about his war experiences, Lt. Col. Howard F. Blair does recount one—with a shudder.

"Two German Ju-88s were jumped by our fighters over Scotland," he reminisces. "They jettisoned their bombs and were shot down. The bombs hurt no one—just struck a mountain."

"But that mountain was just a huge vat for 861,000 gallons of vintage Scotch whisky."

Gains Against Japs Continue At Slow Pace

(By the Associated Press)
With the promise of huge reinforcements in men and material from Europe, allied ground forces reported slow but steady gains on every Pacific front today except on erratic China battlegrounds.

Tokyo reported Iwo Jima-based Mustang fighters raided the Tokyo airport today as about 50 Superforts continued neutralizing raids on suicide air bases in southern Japan. Bombers ranging down the China coast and up to Tokyo sank five sizable Japanese ships and damaged six others.

U. S. Tenth army forces made general advances on Okinawa where they have killed 35,535 enemy soldiers since they invaded the stepping stone island 325 miles south of Japan April 1.

Allied planes began operating from the captured 4,600-foot airfield on Tarakan, bringing every corner of oil rich Borneo within their range. Australian infantrymen and Dutch colonials came within a mile and a half of completing their drive across Tarakan island—first step in the reconquest of Borneo.

41st Mops Up 800 Japs

In the strangest battle in the Philippines the U. S. 41st division annihilated 800 grounded Japanese airmen trapped on the Zamboanga peninsula of Mindanao. They had fled from New Guinea where Australians were reported closing in on Wewak.

Weather hampered British and Indian forces in Burma, which already is being turned into an allied base for the British drive to recapture Singapore. Primary job ahead there is the cleaning up of roughly 100,000 Japanese.

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Displacements Planned To Up Navy Efficiency

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(AP)—The navy today announced that within the next six months it plans to discharge some enlisted men 42 years of age or older, who request discharge, and some enlisted men who are physically qualified only for limited duty.

A statement said the purpose of the action is to increase the overall efficiency of the fighting force by releasing older men and men unqualified for general duty and replacing them with younger men who are fully qualified to meet the needs of the fleet.

The navy emphasized that the action had no relation to the war in Europe, saying that the defeat of Germany means only a redistribution, not a reduction, of navy strength.

Small Boy Drowns While Playing on Log

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—The body of Alvin Kniss, 11, Portland, drowned in the Zig Zag river near Foulton while playing on a log, was recovered yesterday after an 18-hour search.

The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kniss.

Casualties of U. S. Army in Defeating Germany Exceed 700,000 on Partial Count

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—The fight to bring Germany to her knees cost the U. S. army 732,270 casualties, including 139,498 dead, up to about April 1, the War department reported today.

In addition to those killed, 467,408 were wounded and 72,374 are missing. This toll includes the campaigns in the Mediterranean area including North Africa, on the continent, in the middle east and in the Caribbean sector.

The department said that the figures do not include all the men taken prisoner by the Germans although many of the missing were taken prisoner. Neither do the figures take into account the prisoners liberated by the allied armies.

In a tabulation released last Thursday, American losses in all theaters since Pearl Harbor exceeded 950,000.

V-E day also ends six years of torrid combat involving men and tanks as 27,000,000 men, 200,000 tanks, 200,000 planes, 400,000 Czechs and 1,000,000 impressed "foreigners," principally Poles, Slavs and Russians. In addition there were 1,300,000 Italians in active combat in 1943.

War Not Finished Until Unconditional Surrender Of Japan, America Told

Surrender to Be Okayed At Berlin Today

Joy Should Be Brief in View of Task Against Japan, Churchill Says

LONDON, May 8.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, proclaiming the victory in Europe, said today that the unconditional surrender of Germany "will be ratified and confirmed" and that hostilities will cease one minute after midnight, British time.

(This will be 3:01 p. m., PWT.)

Churchill, officially bearing out yesterday's dispatch of Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press, said the German capitulation occurred at Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters at Reims at 2:41 a. m. Monday.

The capitulation was made simultaneously to the allies and the soviet high command, with Gen. Jodl, representative of the German high command and of Grand Admiral Doenitz, signing the act for Germany.

"Today," Churchill said, "this agreement will be ratified and confirmed at Berlin, where Air Chief Marshal Tedder, deputy supreme commander of the allied expeditionary force, and Gen. Tassigny, will sign on behalf of General Eisenhower."

Some Nazis Holding Out
He said the Germans are "still in places resisting the Russians," but added that if resistance continued after midnight "they will of course deprive themselves of the protection of the laws of war and will be attacked from all quarters by the allied troops."

He said it was not surprising that commands of the German high command should not be obeyed immediately because of disorganization.

But he added immediately that

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Orderly V-E Day Wins Appreciation

Appreciation for cooperation given in orderly observance of V-E day was expressed officially Monday night by Mayor W. F. Harris in addressing the Roseburg city council at its regular session.

"The day was observed most appropriately and I feel very grateful," the mayor told the council, reporting that closing of the liquor stores, taverns, and all places handling intoxicants was carried out voluntarily and without even necessity of formal notification by the police.

Having observed V-E day upon the receipt of first news of Germany's surrender, instead of awaiting the formal proclamation made today, Roseburg made no further observance today, business being conducted in the usual manner.

Prayerful Thanksgiving Asked of Oregonians in Snell's Proclamation

SALEM, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Governor Snell said today in a proclamation that today should be observed as a "period for prayerful thanksgiving and determined rededication to goals yet before us."

He also asked for prayers for the success of the united nations conference at San Francisco.

In a statement for the press, the governor said today "is indeed a day for rejoicing but not wild celebration."

Housing Unit Site Draws Protests

Resolutions of protest against location of public housing units in Bellows field in West Roseburg were adopted at a meeting held Monday evening in the city hall. Residents and land owners in the vicinity of the field contended that the project would lower property values, would add congestion to the Oak street bridge, already overcrowded with traffic, would cause excess enrollment at the Fullerton school, and would otherwise be unsatisfactory in the location projected.

It was urged that Roseburg's need is for permanent rather than temporary housing and that priorities should be granted for construction of homes with private capital rather than spending public funds.

Copies of the resolution were ordered forwarded to the Federal Public Housing agency and to the Oregon delegation in congress.

"Brown-Out" Ended by War Production Board

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—The "brown-out" is ended. The War Production board today revoked its order against unnecessary lighting immediately after President Truman's proclamation of victory in Europe.

It was the final lifting of the so-called "brown-out" curbs on civilian activity imposed during last winter's military setbacks.

The midnight curfew and the prohibition against horse racing are expected to be dissolved shortly.

The revocation ends the ban on the use of electric power for advertising, promotional, decoration ornamental or sign lighting.

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Big 3 Meeting After V-E Day Predicted

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—(AP)—A meeting of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin is expected to be arranged soon after V-E day.

These authorities believe that only a gathering of the Big Three—probably somewhere in the European area—can solve some of the urgent problems now arising from the total defeat of Germany and lay the basic plans for restoring civil order and real peace to Europe.

Oregon City Woman State's Top War Mother

SALEM, Ore., May 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Ella Garner, Oregon City, is the Oregon mother with the largest number of children in the armed forces, and thus is the state's candidate for American war mother of 1945.

Mrs. Garner, who has nine sons in service, also won last year's contest, when she had eight sons in uniform.

The contest is sponsored by the governor's office.

Russians Take Olmuetz; Prague Resistance Ends

LONDON, May 8.—(AP)—Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day tonight the capture of the big Czechoslovak rail junction of Olmuetz.

The Czech-controlled radio later announced tonight that a "cease fire" order had been issued in Prague and its vicinity upon agreement between the Czech and German commanders.

Nazi Commissioner for Netherlands Arrested

WITH THE CANADIAN FIRST ARMY, Holland, May 8.—(AP)—Arthur Seyss-Inquart, German commissioner for the Netherlands, was placed under arrest today by the Canadian First army. He faces war crimes charges.

Hard Fighting Is Still Ahead, U. S. Reminded

World Peace Founded on Justice Also Top Goal, President Announces

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—President Truman proclaimed today "complete and final" victory in the European theater of the greatest war in history.

He went on a radio hookup to read his formal proclamation, which he prefaced with brief remarks in which he solemnly warned:

"Our victory is but half won. The west is free, but the east is still in bondage to the treacherous tyranny of the Japanese."

No V-E Day Proclaimed

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—In announcing victory in Europe, President Truman today carefully avoided any use of the popular term "V-E Day" and White House sources later made it clear that for the United States no formal V-E Day was proclaimed.

When the last Japanese division has surrendered unconditionally, then only will our fighting job be done.

It was President Truman's 61st birthday, his first in the White House, and he described it as "a solemn but a glorious hour."

In his proclamation he designated next Sunday—Mother's day—as a day of prayer for offering "joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace."

Watchword Now "Work"
"Our rejoicing is sobered and subdued by a supreme consciousness of the terrible price we have

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War Bond Sale Set By RHS Students

Students of the junior and senior classes of Roseburg high school will visit Roseburg homes Wednesday and Thursday evening to sell war bonds. The campaign, which does not get underway officially, except for pay-draw deductions, until May 14. The students are working this week, however, as they will be busy next week with examinations.

The classes will be divided into teams of two students each and propose to visit every home in the city. They will be provided with application blanks upon which bond purchases may be transacted.

The committee is urging great-est possible cooperation with the high school students in their bond selling effort.

German Troops Start Trek Out of Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, May 8.—(AP)—Nearly 300,000 German troops today started the homeward March from all Denmark in miles-long columns along the main roads.

The Germans transported their luggage on wheel barrows, perambulators and other makeshift vehicles. Before their departure they burned official papers and blew up all hand grenades. All their weapons are being left at the border.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rotzheim

General von Jodl, upon signing the surrender of Germany, "hopes the victors will treat the German people generously." In other words, allow them to pre-prepare for another bloody exploitation by Prussian war lords.