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Citadels Fall to Russians

LONDON, Apr. 27 (UP)—Russian troops in Berlin have captured the Tempelhof air-drome.

LONDON, Apr. 27 (UP)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight that the second White Russian army had captured Prenzlau and Angermunde, German strongholds in western Pomerania north of Berlin.

Other Russian armies captured the Berlin anchor posts of Potsdam and Spandau today, reached the Elbe at Wittenberg, and neared it due west of the capital within a dozen miles of the U. S. ninth army.

The fall of Potsdam and Spandau unhinged the western defenses of Berlin, and a Nazi broadcast said the situation in the capital had become "still more critical" after Soviet forces drove to its heart.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army captured Wittenberg, on the Elbe 41 miles southwest of Berlin and 25 miles north of the new historic junction town of Torgau.

Soviet troops sweeping westward beyond Berlin captured Rathenow, big rail hub 13 miles from the Elbe where the German high command reported an American ninth army crossing.

Tonight a German broadcast said Russian shock units driving into Berlin from the south had reached the heart of the city.

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Ernie Pyle

Indian Marines Put on Ceremony To Soften Japs

(Editor's Note: In addition to the story which appears here today, we will print several others which we have just received from Ernie on Okinawa. We believed he would have wanted us to. As a great reporter, a great newspaperman and a great person, he would have wanted his stories to go through, despite his tragic death.)

By ERNIE PYLE

OKINAWA (By Navy Radio)—Back nearly two years ago when I was with Oklahoma's 45th division in Sicily and later in Italy, I learned they had a number of Navajo Indians in communication.

When secret orders had to be given over the phone these boys gave them to one another in Navajo. Practically nobody in the world understands Navajo except another Navajo.

Well, my regiment of First division marines has the same thing. There are about eight Indians who do this special work. They are good marines and very proud of being so.

There are two brothers among them, both named Joe. Their last names are the ones that are different. I guess that's a Navajo custom, though I never knew of it before.

One brother, Pfc. Joe Gatewood, went to the Indian school in Albuquerque. In fact our house is on the very same street and Joe said it sure was good to see somebody from home.

Joe has been out here three years. He is 34 and has five children back home whom he would like to see. He was wounded several months ago and got the See INDIAN Page . . . 3



CURTAIN RISES IN SAN FRANCISCO—This is the stage—and here are some of the actors in the great drama of peace. The picture was taken as Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, center, opened the world security conference. At the extreme right is Mayor Roger Lapham of San Francisco. Governor Earl Warren of California sits beside Stettinius and at the far left is Alger Hiss, acting secretary of the conference. In the background are representative men and women of the United States' armed services and the massed flags of the United Nations.

Stettinius Gets Key Positions At Security Parley

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27 (UP)—Soviet Russia, victorious in its first two major demands on the United Nations security conference, agreed today to a compromise on its third where Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., gets the conference's two most important jobs.

He will be chairman of the conference's executive and steering committees. The formula provided that the four sponsoring nations—the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China—would delegate their powers to Stettinius to allow him to preside at the sessions of the two key conference committees.

The conference will have four presidents but their powers will be welded by Stettinius "to conduct the business of the conference," Michael McDermott, chief press officer, announced.

The decision was reached in a three-hour-plus closed meeting of the steering committee. Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov in yesterday's stormy session of the same group had vigorously opposed granting the key powers to Stettinius. But a united Anglo-American-Chinese front apparently had forced Molotov to retreat.

A morning session of an American delegation subcommittee broke up after more than four hours. The group had virtually completed its line-by-line consideration of the Dumbarton Oaks plan and expected to present its findings to the full delegation at a meeting tonight.

Benito Mussolini Arrest Rumored

ROME, April 27 (UP)—The Free Milan radio reported without immediate confirmation today that custom guards had arrested Benito Mussolini and two of his leading henchmen in the fascist regime that once ruled Italy.

The broadcast said guards arrested Mussolini at Lecce on Lake Como in the border area near Switzerland. Taken with him, it said, were Alessandro Pavolini and Roberto Farinacci. Pavolini once was Mussolini's propaganda minister and Farinacci the secretary of the fascist party.

REPARATIONS AIDE NAMED

WASHINGTON, April 27 (UP)—Edwin W. Paulay, 42-year-old treasurer of the Democratic national committee, was named by President Truman today to serve as the American member on the allied reparations commission which meets in Moscow next month.

War Loan Quota of Employees Of Union Lumber Firm Passed As Teams Vie for Sales Honors

One of the first quotas to be achieved in the seventh war loan campaign in Union county was announced today by W. C. Perkins, county chairman, with the revelation that employees of the Oregon Trail lumber company at Union have oversubscribed a \$10,285 quota.

In a contest arranged by G. I. Hess, manager of the company, and war finance chairman for the city of Union, the company's 58 employees purchased an average of \$179.50, or a total of \$10,411 purchase price, and the contest is continuing, Hess reported.

The company offered a \$25 bond as a prize to the team captain who sold the most bonds, and six \$25 bonds and a \$100 bond as prizes to bond purchasers.

Three teams of two men each were formed to solicit the employees, the members being Guy Goble and Cliff Rhodes, Dave Johnson and Lawrence Hibblin, and Ike Gibbs and Earl Bowell. Due to the fact that the contest is continuing and the teams expect to sell larger amounts of bonds, the contest awards have not been made, Hess told Perkins.

The contest is the outgrowth of a movement by the county war finance committee to solicit bond purchasers at their places of employment apart from any other phase of the seventh loan campaign, Perkins announced. He said arrangements are being made for similar solicitations in other industrial and business concerns throughout the county in advance of the opening of the main phase of the campaign on May 14.

Some 400 miles to the northeast, superfortresses blasted for the second time in 24 hours at seven Japanese suicide plane bases on Kyushu, southernmost of the enemy's home islands.

American doughboys of the 33rd division today battled toward the center of Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines, against fierce Japanese resistance.

Front dispatches said the fall of the mountain city was imminent despite a last-ditch fight by its Japanese defenders.

On Mindanao, 24th division troops racing across the island to split the Japanese forces in two were less than 20 miles from Davao Gulf.

Removal of OPA Officials Threatened

WASHINGTON, April 27 (UP)—Chairman Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., of the senate food investigating committee today threatened to force the office of price administration to save meat packers from going broke.

Senator will seek to amend the price-control extension bill unless OPA provides relief immediately, he said. If that fails, Thomas added, they will demand replacement of OPA meat executives.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 64
Minimum 40
Forecast: Cloudy, showers to night and Saturday.

North Powder Man's Murder Laid to Son

State police announced today that Albert Forrest Bowman, 27, confessed he killed his father, Albert F. Bowman, 58, wealthy cattle and sheep man of the North Powder district last Sunday evening and threw his body in an abandoned well.

District Attorney C. R. Eberhard announced a murder charge will be filed today.

Captain A. E. Dunn of Baker, and Capt. W. H. Howard of Portland, state police officers, announced the confession was obtained early today after they had questioned Bowman for several hours.

Claims Self Defense

They said the slayer said he struck the fatal blow in self defense after his father attacked him with a milk stool while they were quarreling in a corral. He said he picked up a large rock and struck his father on the head and then put the body in an abandoned well in a corral.

The quarrel occurred in a spot remote from the house where it could not be heard by an elderly woman who was the only other person present on the ranch at the time, the officers said.

The elder Bowman's absence from the ranch Sunday night led to a search but it was not until the following morning that an employee found the body.

The police said they questioned the younger Bowman only briefly in the early stages of their investigation, but obtained statements from others which led them to suspect him. They took him into custody yesterday and brought him to La Grande for questioning.

Surviving the rancher are his widow, two daughters and three other sons, Lt. Eugene Bowman of Baker, and Staff Sgt. Quentin and Pvt. Howard Bowman, both of whom are serving in the South Pacific.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow in Baker. Burial will be in the North Powder cemetery.

Selective Service Revision Approved

WASHINGTON, April 27 (UP)—The house today unanimously adopted a draft extension bill carrying a provision banning future use of 18-year-old draftees in combat until they have had six months training.

The legislation, which now goes to President Truman, extends the selective service act to May 15, 1946, or to the end of the war, whichever comes first.

The provision on training of 18-year-olds was placed in the bill by the senate. The house military affairs committee approved the amendment unanimously in a closed session yesterday and it was offered to the house under unanimous consent.

The amendment contains no restrictions on the use in combat of 17-year-old navy and marine corps volunteers, nor does it say anything about the training of inductees 19 and older.

Hitler in Berlin, Says Nazi General

WITH U. S. NINTH ARMY IN GERMANY, April 27 (UP)—Lieut. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, military spokesman for the German high command who surrendered to the Americans today, said Adolf Hitler and Paul Josef Goebbels are in Berlin and would stay there, dead or alive.

The man whose voice once trumpeted German military victories over the Berlin radio gave up, convinced Germany had lost the war.

Dittmar said Berlin would fall in a matter of hours, or at the most in a few days.

President Truman Says Victory Is Near as Allies Join Forces Near Torgau, Heart of Germany

WASHINGTON, April 27 (UP)—President Truman today announced the juncture of United States and Russian forces in the heart of Germany and proclaimed the near approach of the victory over nazidom for which allied peoples "have toiled and prayed so long."

The historic juncture, which the world has been eagerly awaiting for days, was accomplished in force at 2 p.m. EWT, yesterday, at Torgau, 75 miles due south of doomed Berlin. Torgau is at the apex of a triangle, the other points of which are formed by Leipzig to the southwest and Dresden to the southeast.

The coming together of the allied armies, President Truman declared, means that "the last faint, desperate hope of Hitler and his gangster government has been extinguished."

It proves, he added in an allusion to the United Nations conference at San Francisco, that: "Nations which can plan and fight together shoulder to shoulder in the face of such obstacles of distance and of language and of communications as we have overcome can live together and can work together in the common labor of the organization of the world for peace."

"Hour of Final Victory Draws Near"

President Truman, hailing the fact that "the enemy has been cut in two," warned the American people:

"This is not the hour of final victory in Europe, but the hour draws near, the hour for which all the American people, all the British peoples and all the Soviet people have toiled and prayed so long."

According to White House Press Secretary Jonathan Daniels, the juncture took place in force on April 26—yesterday—at 2 p.m., EWT, when large units of the American 69th division joined with substantial Soviet forces.

The point of juncture was 75 miles due south of Berlin.

Patrols of the two armies consisting of small groups of soldiers met at 2:40 p.m., EWT, April 25, but the juncture was not a large, practical fact until yesterday afternoon.

News of the juncture was released simultaneously at noon (EWT) in Washington, London and Moscow through simultaneous, although no identical statements.

President Truman said "the Anglo-American armies under the command of Gen. Eisenhower" in joining the Soviet armies in the heart of Germany meant:

"The last faint, desperate hope of Hitler and his gangster government has been extinguished."

The successes of the common allied front against the German tyranny and inhumanity, the president said, made certain that nothing would divide or weaken the common purpose of "final allied triumph in Germany."

The president, mindful of the importance of the United Nations meeting in San Francisco, said the juncture "signals to ourselves and to the world that the collaboration of our nations in the cause of peace and freedom is an effective collaboration which can surmount the greatest difficulties of the most extensive campaign in military history and succeed."

Post-War Road Building Program Planned in State

SALEM, Ore., April 27 (UP)—A detailed program of postwar highway construction in Oregon was announced today by the state highway commission.

The program, which is tentative, and to be financed by approximately \$30,000,000 of federal and matching state funds, calls for construction work on the primary federal aid system of highways, the secondary system, and work on urban area federal aid routes.

An additional \$3,400,000 will be available yearly for forest highways, the commission stated, to be expended by the public roads administration. This will be added to the \$2,000,000 of previously authorized forest highway funds.

Division of the financing program is on the basis of 60 per cent coming from the federal government and 40 per cent from state matching funds, or for each year, \$2,100,000 federal money, and \$4,900,000 state money, making a total of \$12,000,000 yearly.

The yearly total will be divided between the three construction types on the following formula: \$6,310,000 on the primary system, \$4,310,000 on the secondary system, and \$1,375,000 on the urban federal aid routes.

Anthracite Miners Voted to Strike

HAZLETON, Pa., April 27 (UP)—The result of a strike vote in the Pennsylvania anthracite region revealed today that hard coal miners favored, 6 to 1, a walkout to support demands of John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, in his contract negotiations with operators.

Early End to German Resistance Foreseen In Allied Meeting

PARIS, April 27 (UP)—American and Russian armies have joined forces on the Elbe river below Berlin in a historic juncture that cut Germany into three broken fragments and sealed the doom of Hitler's Nazi regime.

The juncture split the reich into three crumbling islands of resistance centering around the North Sea ports, Berlin and the Bavarian redoubt in the mountains of southern Germany and Austria.

Still another American-Russian linkup appeared imminent in the Bavarian foothills bordering Hitler's Berchtesgaden retreat, where Gen. George S. Patton's third army established radio contact with a Red army force apparently only 30 to 40 miles away.

The location of the advanced Russian spearheads was not clear, but it was indicated that they were part of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Second Ukrainian army, last reported 85 miles southeast of the Americans in the Danube valley west of Vienna.

Patton's men were across the Austrian frontier just south of the Austro-German-Czechoslovak borders little more than 80 miles north-northeast of Berchtesgaden. They were in position to wheel down with the Russian from the last assault on Hitler's mountain hideaway.

Word of the impending juncture on the Third army front came as the American Seventh army crashed into the Bavarian redoubt from the west in a spectacular break-through that carried within 25 miles of Munich, birthplace of the Nazi party.

With the United States First Army in Germany, April 27 (UP)—The first juncture between the American and Russian forces actually took place Wednesday—and by accident! A 20-man American patrol, which failed to receive orders to halt its advance, walked into the Russian lines. The formal juncture at Torgau did not take place until the next day.

Message Miscarries The surprise meeting occurred at the little town of Riesa on the Elbe river. A radio message had been sent to the little American task force, ordering it to halt after it reached five miles beyond the Mulde river. But the Americans never got the message.

On and on they went, mile after mile, until they were 23 miles beyond the point where their orders had told them to halt.

There they met the Russians.

None of the Americans spoke Russian, but it didn't matter. Lieut. Albert Krevetterew of the American patrol, his uniform covered with dust, walked toward the Russians and stuck out his hand.

Swiss Report Says Goering a Suicide LONDON, April 27 (UP)—A Zurich dispatch of the Exchange Telegraph said today that reichsmarshal Hermann Goering shot his five daughters and then himself when the Nazis sentenced him to death and ordered him to execute his own death sentence.

(The British Who's Who says Goering has only two daughters.) The Exchange Telegraph dispatch said the commandant of gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's bodyguard read a Nazi death sentence to Goering, newly replaced as head of the German air force, and ordered him to carry it out.

The death sentence is rumored to have been the outgrowth of a letter sent Hitler by Goering in which the Fuehrer was urged to accept consequences of a lost war and spare further bloodshed.

Lumber Workers Win Pay Increase

PORTLAND, April 27 (UP)—Approximately 35,000 fir lumber workers in the Pacific northwest today had won commission-including pay increases for some—as result of a directive from the west coast lumber commission of the national war labor board.

Concessions included two weeks vacation with pay, check-off of union dues and an increase in pay for power saw operators to \$1.75 an hour.

Baseball Results

National League
Pittsburgh 000 030 000—3 8 4
Chicago 000 210 000—7 7 1
Sewel, Cuccurullo, Rescigno and Lopez; Derringer and Kingston.
New York 000 102 101—5 12 0
Brooklyn 000 000 000—0 8 3
Volselle and Lombardi; Davis, Pfund and Owen.
Philadelphia at Boston postponed, rain.
American League
Detroit at Cleveland postponed, cold.