

Germans Say Hitler Killed in Berlin

Weather
Data for 24 hours ending 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 70
Minimum 40
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

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Hamburg Radio Says Fuehrer Died as He Led Capital Defense

LONDON, May 1 (UP) — The German radio at Hamburg tonight broadcast an announcement that Adolf Hitler is dead. There was no immediate confirmation from any allied source.

The German radio said that Hitler "fell fighting for Germany till his last breath."

The radio said Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, commander of the German navy, had succeeded Hitler.

The Nazi announcement was broadcast as from "the Fuehrer's headquarters."

Doenitz himself announced the death of Hitler, the enemy broadcast said.

The German radio said Doenitz, in announcing Hitler's death, said he was taking over the leadership of the German people to "try to save them from Bolshevism."

Apparently the Germans, beaten to their knees by the Russians and the western allies, plan to go on fighting for a while. Doenitz called on the nation to continue resistance.

There was a mournful dirge of music on the Hamburg radio tonight and then the announcer said:

"It is announced that our Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, this afternoon at his command post in the reichschancellory, fighting till his last breath against Bolshevism, fell for Germany."

There was no immediate reaction or confirmation from allied capitals, but Doenitz made it clear that the Russians, Americans and British still had some fighting ahead of them before Germany would quit.

If, as the Germans said, Hitler died fighting at a command post in blazing Berlin, the details of his death probably will come from the Russians. The Red army was swarming through Berlin in an attempt to reduce the city in time for the great Soviet holiday of May day, and it seemed reasonable that some Russian soldier soon would learn the details of Hitler's death.

Trick Suspected

There has been persistent broadcasts on the German radio for days that Hitler was in the center of Berlin, determined to die in an attempt to save his capital from his most-hated enemies — the Russians. But observers, suspecting Nazi propaganda tricks, were inclined to believe Hitler lacked the physical courage. Even after the German radio announcement tonight, there were some who withheld comment until the news of Hitler's death could be obtained from a more reliable source than his own propagandists.

The Nazi announcement of Hitler's death was broadcast after three quarters of an hour of preliminary buildup. The Hamburg radio warned the Germans to stand by for an announcement.

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Italian Fascist Army Surrenders To General Clark

ROME, May 1 (UP)—Marshal Rodolfo Graziani unconditionally surrendered the German-controlled Italian Ligurian army to the allies today, while New Zealand troops of the 15th army group made contact with Marshal Tito's Yugoslavian forces 16 miles north-west of Venice.

Graziani told German and Italian troops of the Ligurian army that "further resistance would be useless" and ordered his troops to lay down their arms.

The second New Zealand division crossed the Isonzo river in northeastern Italy and made contact with Tito's forces in the Monfalcone area.

The fascist Ligurian army had been fighting alongside the Germans in northern Italy under the command of Graziani, who reportedly was a prisoner of the allies.

Graziani signed the unconditional surrender proclamation.

General Mark W. Clark's allied armies in northern Italy continued to slash through broken enemy ranks. Fifteenth army group forces were within 139 miles of the seventh American army on the north and 22 1/2 miles from the French on the west.

Proper guidance for returning servicemen, that their latent talents may be directed into the proper channels, and they should be given the opportunity to try different types of employment until they find that which they can do best.

This was the substance of a statement by Robert Webb, who served as a lieutenant in the south Pacific for two years, who spoke last night at a meeting of the Union county veterans employment committee.

Webb said many of the boys who were employed before they went into the service will have

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Bowman Indicted On Charge He Murdered Father

An indictment charging Albert Forrest Bowman, 28, with first degree murder was returned today by the Union county grand jury in connection with the death of his father, Albert F. Bowman, 58, at the family ranch near North Powder a week ago.

Shortly after the indictment was returned Bowman was taken before Circuit Judge R. J. Green, where he made application for release on bail pending trial.

Judge Green granted his request and set the bail at \$7,000.

At the time the Evening Observer went to press bail arrangements were still pending. The request for bail was opposed by District Attorney C. R. Eberhard.

It was announced that Bowman will enter a plea on the murder charge tomorrow.

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Food Crisis for Millions Seen As Aftermath of War in Europe

WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP)—Americans were told today they face a new battle against hunger on which the future peace of the world may well depend.

A bleak picture of the starvation facing Europe and the latent fare awaiting this nation was coupled with an appeal for more production and a united front on the new world economic crisis that has arisen with the approach of the end of the European war.

Here are the developments that brought out the full nature of the seriousness of the world food situation:

Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, who made a tour of liberated areas of northwest Europe at the direction of the late President Roosevelt, told President Truman the economic problems of those areas are "extremely serious."

Lower U. S. Rations Seen

He said a "realistic appraisal" indicated that the U. S. will have the task of providing a "substantial share" of most civilian supplies including food, and urged a widespread campaign to acquaint the people with the gravity of the situation and the need for reduced food rations here to meet our "responsibilities."

American, Canadian and British food officials, who have been conferring here, declared united nations requirements are higher

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Baseball Results

American League		National League	
R. H. E.			
Washington	100 001 020	4 4 0	
Boston	120 002 00x	5 10 1	
Niggeling, Pieretti (8) and Garrera; O'Neill, Woods (8) and Garbark, Holm.			
Chicago	000 400 010	5 6 10	
Detroit	000 000 000	0 1 0	
Haynes and Tresh; Wilson, Mueller (6) and Swift.			
Philadelphia at New York postponed, rain.			
National League			
St. Louis at Pittsburgh postponed, cold.			
New York at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.			

Churchill Hints New Peace Offer

Emissary Confirms Proposal Americans Close in On Bavarian Fortress



NEW BANK OPENS — F. B. Emery, president, and Jesse Crum, vice-president, are shown opening the doors of the Elgin State bank for business. Before press time today, the new financial organization had reached deposits of more than \$200,000 with a list of more than 60 depositors. The bank, opened with F. E. Chambers, for more than 25 years with banking institutions at Monmouth, as cashier-manager, George H. Wahler, appointed cashier-manager, has been taken ill and was unable to serve. First depositor was Tom Burton of Elgin, station agent there. Flowers and good wishes were received from all sections of the county and Oregon points, including Portland. Many visitors made the opening an auspicious event.

Former Hungarian Regent Is Captured

WITH U. S. SEVENTH ARMY, Germany, May 1 (UP) — Admiral Nicholas Horthy, former regent of Hungary, and two German field marshals were revealed today to be in the hands of American seventh army forces.

The field marshals captured by Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's army were Wilhelm Ritter von Leeb and Wilhelm List. Both commanded large German forces in the Polish, French and Russian campaigns.

Horthy was found at Weilheim in southwest Germany. He was placed in protective custody. Troops of the 36th division found him at Waldbiel castle on the northern fringe of the Austrian Tyrol. He was reported in good health.

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Defenses Slashed By Armor

PARIS, May 1 (UP) — Armored columns of the American third army rolled up to the outskirts of Braunau, birthplace of Adolf Hitler, today in a spectacular 25-mile sweep that carried to the Inn river only 43 miles from Berchtesgaden.

Meanwhile advances from Copenhagen said the Germans had withdrawn from several towns in Denmark, leaving them under control of Danish police, and the British radio quoted a Hamburg broadcast as saying that American airborne troops had landed beside the British second army on the north German plain.

Race Into Redoubt

Along a 100-mile front stretching eastward from the Munich area to the Bohemian plateau, Gen. George S. Patton's third army veterans were advancing into the Bavarian redoubt with terrific speed and power.

They reached the Inn river, main communications line of the redoubt, opposite Braunau, in full view of the Austrian town where Hitler was born 56 years ago.

U. S. seventh army troops to the southwest sent a half-dozen armored and infantry columns racing through the Austrian Tyrol at the center of the redoubt, driving within nine miles of Innsbruck, northern exit of the Brenner Pass.

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FUEHRER'S DEATH REPORTED — Adolph Hitler, dictator of Germany, who is reported today by Hamburg sources to have been killed while personally directing the defense of Berlin against the Russian armies.

Borneo Is Invaded Under Huge Naval Bombardment

By United Press

Allied troops have invaded Borneo, oil and rubber rich island in the Dutch East Indies, Australian government officials announced in Canberra today.

Australian Treasurer J. B. Chifley said Australian troops participated in the landing, indicating that American forces also were involved.

There was no immediate confirmation of the report from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

Earlier, Radio Tokyo said allied invasion forces landed last night on the Borneo coast and were engaged in "fierce combat" with the Japanese garrison.

The Japanese broadcast said the troops went ashore last night under cover of a naval bombardment in the Tarakan area, 175 miles southwest of American bases at the southern end of the Sulu archipelago.

The Tarakan area is one of the largest oil centers in the East Indies. Tarakan itself, however, is a comparatively small island in the Celebes sea several miles off the east coast of Borneo.

MacArthur meantime disclosed that troops of the 34th division advanced 10 miles northward from Digos on the western coast of Davao gulf on Mindanao and reached within 17 miles of the big port of Davao.

While the troops were pushing steadily toward Davao against only disorganized resistance, Filipino guerrillas seized Talikud island, nine miles southeast of the port. The combined operations virtually cut off all escape routes for the Japanese garrison at Davao.

Tin Salvage In Oregon Declines

PORTLAND, May 1 (UP) — The chairman of the Oregon salvage committee, Claude S. Seranous, said today Oregon is lagging in producing salvaged tin, and the nation's tin stockpile, likewise has dropped to its lowest level since Pearl Harbor.

April tonnage from Oregon reached only 69 tons on a monthly quota of 242 tons. Total Oregon shipments for the first four months of 1945 242 tons, or 27 percent of the state quota.

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Advancement Is Conferred Upon 20 Boy Scouts

Fifty-four merit badge awards were presented at the Boy Scout Court of Honor for the Mt. Emily district held last night in the high school auditorium at Union.

Fourteen boys were present to receive the badge of their rank of second class Scout, and two others will receive the badge from their scoutmasters. Three boys were awarded the badge of first class Scout. One was advanced to Star Scout and two were advanced to Life Scouts.

A highlight of the program was the presentation of the new council trophy which each troop will display in its meeting room. Troop No. 99 of Imbler, Ben Jordan, scoutmaster, made 100 percent advancement and is the only troop eligible to display the trophy.