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Nazis in Italy, Austria Quit Homeland Defenses Totter Way Is Opened for Southern Thrust at Redoubt in Bavaria

ROYAL PALACE AT CASERTA, Near Naples, May 2 (UP) — The German armies of northern Italy and western Austria formally surrendered to the allies today, effective at 8 a.m. EDT.

The surrender affects between 600,000 and 900,000 men commanded by Col. Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff and Gen. Karl Wolff, chief of police and security for northern Italy and western Austria.

Lieut. Gen. W. D. Morgan, of the British army, who negotiated in behalf of Field Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, supreme commander in the Mediterranean theater, said the terms "in effect are complete and unconditional surrender."

The documents were signed in the Royal palace here on Sunday by Morgan and two German officers, representing Vietinghoff and the other Wolff.

The surrender will permit the allies to make an unhindered advance to within 10 miles of Adolf Hitler's former country home at Berchtesgaden. It also uncovers the flank of Col. Gen. von Leir, commanding enemy troops in the Trieste area.

The surrender documents were signed in the presence of a group of allied officers which included Russians. Secret negotiations for the surrender have been going on for several days.

The terms are the immediate immobilization and disarmament of enemy ground, sea and air forces.



CAPTURED — Former commander of German armies that besieged Moscow and later western front commander, Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, who was captured last night by an American tank crew.

Marshal Rundstedt Captured at Dinner By U.S. Tank Crew

WITH SEVENTH ARMY IN GERMANY, May 2 (UP)—An American tank crew surprised Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt at his dinner table and captured the man who had battled the allies from Normandy to the Rhine, it was announced today.

Von Rundstedt, twice commander of the German armies in the west since the allied invasion, was taken at 10 p. m. last night at Bad Tölz, a resort town south of Munich.

He was having dinner with his wife and son, Hans Gerd, when a tank commanded by Lt. Joseph Burke rumbled into the hospital grounds at Bad Tölz. Von Rundstedt, who was taking a health treatment, was living in a house attached to the hospital.

Von Rundstedt said he had not expected the Americans until the next morning. He told his captors he last saw Adolf Hitler on March 12th.

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperatures:
Maximum 81
Minimum 43
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP) — President Truman today announced the "unconditional surrender" of all German forces in Italy.

The president said that "the collapse of military tyranny in Italy, however, is no victory in Italy alone, but a part of the general triumph we are expectantly awaiting on the whole continent of Europe."

"Only folly and chaos can now delay the general capitulation of the everywhere defeated German armies," he said.

The president immediately sent messages to Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander and Gen. Mark Clark, congratulating them for the "complete defeat of the Germans in Italy."

At the same time he warned Japan to understand the full meaning of these events.

"Unless they are lost in fanaticism or determined upon suicide," he said of the Japanese as well as the Germans, "they must recognize the meaning of the impending, swifter-moving power now ready for the capitulation or the destruction of the so-called arrogant enemies of mankind."

In breaking the news of the complete victory over German forces in Italy, the president said "the allied armies in Italy have won the unconditional surrender of German forces on the first European soil to which, from the west, we carried our arms and our determination."

The surrender imposes upon the German commander-in-chief the obligation to carry out any further orders issued by Field Marshal Alexander.

Von Vietinghoff's command includes all of northern Italy to the Isarno river and the Austrian provinces of Vorarlberg, Tyrol, Salzburg and parts of Carinthia and Styria.

Hannegan to Get Cabinet Position

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP)—President Truman announced today that he will nominate national Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan as postmaster general. Hannegan will succeed Frank Walker.

The president said he accepted Walker's resignation "reluctantly and grudgingly," effective May 30.



NEW FUEHRER OUSTS MINISTER—Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, left, who yesterday announced the "heroic" death of Adolf Hitler, and right, Joachim von Ribbentrop, who was ousted as German foreign minister, in one of Doenitz' first reported official acts.

Doubt Is Cast On Report That Hitler Died as Hero

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP) — President Truman announced at a news conference today that according to the best possible information obtainable at this time, it is true that Adolf Hitler is dead.

The president shied away from any discussion of V-E day, declining to comment on the current situation in Germany and disclosing nothing about his V-E day plans.

LONDON, May 2 (UP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today there is some evidence that Adolf Hitler had died of a brain hemorrhage instead of a hero's death in battle as the nazis claimed.

The statement by Eisenhower was the first from any allied official to shed light on the mystery of Hitler's reported death.

Eisenhower said the enemy claim that Hitler died fighting the Russians in Berlin was "in contradiction of facts" given by Heinrich Himmler at a conference with Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden at Luebeck eight days ago.

Himmler and a General Schilgenbrugg, who accompanied him to the conference, said Hitler had a brain hemorrhage and might not live 48 hours, Eisenhower said in a statement issued.

The move, coming only 24 hours after the same station announced that Adolf Hitler had been killed at his command post in Berlin yesterday, broke up the all-nazi front in the top German ministries.

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Doenitz is reported to have ousted Joachim von Ribbentrop as foreign minister in what may be the first move toward trying to save Germany from further battering.

Radio Hamburg said Doenitz had appointed Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krosigk, 58-year-old nephew of the late Kaiser Wilhelm, to the foreign ministry.

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Resistance Weakens on All Fronts

PARIS, May 2 (UP)—German resistance in both the Bavarian and Baltic pockets on either side of the bisected reich was reported collapsing today.

The surrender of German forces in western Austria dissolved the U. S. seventh army's front, which already was in the yielded area. It opened the way to within 10 miles of Berchtesgaden, and in effect linked up western and southern or Italian fronts.

Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British second army plunged a spearhead to the Baltic cutting off all of Denmark and the northwestern corner of Germany embracing Hamburg, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven.

Hamburg Outlet Closed
The British 11th armored division cracked into Luebeck, sealing the fate of all the Germans to the west and north, including those in Hamburg where Admiral Karl Doenitz may have established his new headquarters.

British sixth airborne forces reached Wismar, on the Baltic east of Luebeck and only 30 miles or so from Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's second White Russian army pushing westward along the coast.

The "national redoubt" sector at the other end of the line, Gen. George S. Patton's third army raced forward up to 20 miles. See GERMAN... Page 2

Allied Invaders Press Battle to Annihilate Japs

By United Press
Allied invasion forces battled in southern Burma and on Borneo today in new offensives to retrieve Japanese-occupied territory.

British troops stormed ashore 20 miles south of Rangoon to clamp a three-way pincers on the capital of the occupied British colony and bring liberation of Burma and its supply lines to China to a climactic stage.

Radio Tokyo announced 5,000 allied troops had landed on Tarakan island off the east coast of Borneo in the Dutch East Indies Tuesday morning, about 12 hours after allied assault forces were reported to have landed on Borneo itself.

American troops on Mindanao continued a drive north along Davao gulf, while other U. S. forces battered through strong Japanese defenses on southern Okinawa to reach within a mile and a half of Naha, the capital. On the east coast of the island other American troops pushed to the north end of Yonabaru airfield, and tank units neared Shuri, Okinawa's second city, three miles from Naha.

While signs of victory in Europe piled up hour after hour, the president took steps to keep war workers in their jobs and to be sure that key government personnel borrowed from private business for "the duration" did not pull stakes in Washington and go back to their old jobs.

The president's word through his press secretary, Jonathan Daniels, that he wanted no nationwide celebration on V-E day, but sought instead "a national understanding of the importance of the job which remains."

STATE AID REAPPOINTED
SALEM, Ore., May 2 (UP)—Dr. L. R. Burdette, Salem, was today beard of examiners in optometry. Gov. Earl Snell announced. He will serve a three year term.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 2 (UP)—A formal demand that the United Nations conference recognize organized labor in a consultant capacity was made today by leaders of the world trade union conference, in session here, in a letter to U. S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius.

Remnants of Enemy Forces Capitulate as Russian Armies Overrun Once Proud Capital

LONDON, May 2 (UP) — The Red army captured Berlin today. Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Berlin, the Red army's greatest victory of the war, in a triumphant order of the day broadcast from Moscow.

Berlin fell to the Russians after 12 days of siege. Two Russian armies smashed into the city from the east and south and slugged through its historic streets in what nazis and Soviets alike described as one of the bloodiest struggles in history.

The fall of Berlin meant that the Russian siege forces had overrun Adolf Hitler's reichschancellery, where the nazis said he died in battle yesterday.

The first reports from Moscow did not indicate what the Soviets found at the reichschancellery, but it appeared probable that their discovery must have included evidence—positive or negative—of the accuracy of the nazi report that Hitler died in battle.

Stalin's order—he has issued more than 300 during the war—was addressed to all the forces of the Red army and the navy.

Remnants of the Berlin garrison headed by General Weisling laid down their arms and surrendered at 3 p.m., Stalin said.

Stalin, calling Berlin the center of German imperialism and nest of German aggression, said it was captured by the First White

With the fall of Berlin to the Russians today, Germans still held four European capitals. They were:
The Hague, Holland; Prague, Czechoslovakia; Copenhagen, Denmark and Oslo, Norway.

Russian army of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov and the First Ukrainian army of Marshal Ivan S. Konev.

More than 70,000 prisoners were taken in the battle of Berlin, Stalin's order revealed.

The fall of Berlin came as the pockets of nazi resistance in north Germany along the Baltic and in south Germany around the Bavarian Alps were reported collapsing. Allied armies were racing at will through the last enemy positions.

Some high military authorities, including Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, former spokesman for the German high command, believed that nazi resistance could not last long after the fall of Berlin.

Only a few minutes before Marshal Stalin announced the capture of the city, the German radio said the siege was nearly over.

Truman Rejection Of Himmler Peace Offer Proposed

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP) — Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew today unveiled the hour-to-hour story of Heinrich Himmler's unsuccessful attempt to surrender Germany to the United States and Great Britain.

Grew revealed that Himmler was told yesterday by Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte, after the count had returned to Stockholm, that President Truman would accept Germany's unconditional surrender only if it was made "to the three allied governments on all fronts" rather than just to the two western allies.

The American legation in Stockholm said Bernadotte reported yesterday that he had delivered the president's message "but had received no reply" from the Germans.

On the same day, April 25, President Truman hurried to the Pentagon for a meeting with the joint chiefs of staff and Grew and immediately contacted Prime Minister Winston Churchill to "agree upon messages" which would advise Premier Josef Stalin of the Himmler offer.

Grew said the president sent his message to Stalin, "summarizing the Himmler offer and stating that the British and American governments proposed to reject it."

**Holland Opened
To Allied Relief**
PARIS, May 2 (UP)—The Germans opened Holland to allied food trucks and ships today under a mysteriously-arranged truce agreed upon by both sides to provide immediate relief for the famine-ridden Dutch people.

Hundreds of allied trucks, piled high with food and relief supplies, began rolling through the Canadian First army lines into German-occupied western Holland at 7 a.m. today, when the local truce went into effect.

At the same time, 25 allied medical teams were standing by behind the Canadian lines, ready to enter Holland immediately with equipment for scientific feeding if necessary to aid those Hollanders in advanced stages of starvation.

**Labor Asks Place
In S.F. Parley**
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The message was signed by Sidney Hillman for the United States; Sir Walter Citrine, Great Britain; M. Tarasov, Russia; and Louis Saillant, France.

Billions Slashed from War Agency Funds by President

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP)—President Truman today recommended budget reductions of more than \$7,000,000,000 for 10 top war agencies of the government for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

This was part of the preparation for transition from a two-war to a one-war basis.

In rapid succession today the president:

1. Recommended that congress cut the funds now available to the maritime commission for ship construction by more than \$7,000,000,000.
2. Recommended a reduction of more than \$80,000,000 in the 1946 budget estimates of eight agencies.

Civilian Defense Abolished
3. Ordered the abolition of the office of civilian defense by June 30, withdrawing its proposed budget of \$369,000 for the next fiscal year.

The cut recommended in maritime commission shipbuilding funds left available to the commission \$2,242,500,000 for completing the present ship building program and \$600,000,000 for possible future construction, reconstruction of vessels and restoration of shipbuilding facilities.

More Changes Indicated
"The war progresses," the White House statement said, "the activities of all agencies will be continually reviewed to achieve economies where they will not interfere with the prosecution of the war. It is anticipated that in addition to the cuts in the 1946 budget, reserves of many millions of dollars can be set up for the current fiscal year ending June 30."

Aside from the maritime commission and the OCD, the eight agencies affected by President Truman's communications to congress are:

- Office of War Information — Reduction of \$12,100,000.
- War Production Board — Reduction of \$8,894,000.
- Censorship — A cut of \$4,800,000.
- Office of Defense Transportation — Because of anticipated improvement by Dec. 31 of the See PRESIDENT... Page 2

**State Officials
Are Speakers at
Legion Conference**

The American Legion post and auxiliary yesterday held their district meeting with Penn Crum, state commander, Fritz Nissen, state adjutant, Jack Eckels of the Hood River post, and Mrs. Gladys Lemons, state auxiliary president, as speakers.

Commander Harper of the Wallowa post and representatives from Union, Elgin and Imbler were present.

Matters of rehabilitation were discussed and resolutions suggested for further legislation along that line.

Larry Brunette presented two of his musical groups, the Modernettes and Rancheros in vocal numbers.

A dance was held following a dinner in the Stein Coffee shop banquet room.

**Hearings on
Grazing Scheduled**

WASHINGTON, May 2 (UP)—Sen. Glen H. Taylor, D., Idaho, said today that hearings on grazing problems in Idaho and Oregon would be held in June by a subcommittee of the senate public lands and surveys committee.

Taylor heads the subcommittee. The schedule: Boise, Ida., on June 4 and 5; Baker, Ore., June 7 and 8; Burns, Ore., June 11 and 12.

Other members of the subcommittee are Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev., Guy Cordon, R., Ore., Bourke B. Hickenlooper, R., Iowa.



ROTARY PRESIDENT—Dr. Robert J. Maaske who today was elected president of the La Grande Rotary club.

Rotarians Elect College President As Club Leader

President Robert J. Maaske of Eastern Oregon college was elected president of the La Grande Rotary club, when the new board of directors met in the Stein Coffee shop for a breakfast meeting.

Frank Schiro was elected vice president, and Rev. Clarence A. Kopp was re-elected secretary-treasurer. They were chosen to represent the club at the district conference May 16 in Salem.

The other directors are John Cavanaugh, Raymond Gray, Lynn Larson, Harry Zurbick, Fred Patton, H. E. Dixon, and T. B. Lumsden, ex-officio.

Ladies' Night, an annual event of the club, will be held at 7 o'clock tonight in the banquet room of the Stein Coffee shop.

R. G. Johnson, head of the department of animal husbandry at Oregon State college, will speak on his experiences in China when he was an official representative of the government, checking farm and grazing practices in China and Tibet. A musical program has also been arranged.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati at Chicago, postponed, rain.

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	4	13	1
Pittsburgh	2	7	0
Brecheen and O'Dea; Sewell, Gerheuser (9) and Lopez; losing pitcher: Sewell.			
Boston	3	6	2
Brooklyn	1	7	1
Andrews and Klutz; Lombardi, King and Owen.			

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	4	6	1
New York	8	9	3
Christopher, Gassaway (5), Scheib (8) and Hayes; Gettel and Garbark.			
Washington	0	4	2
Boston	4	7	0
Haefner and Guerra; Wilson and Walters.			
Chicago	1	4	0
Detroit	2	5	4
Grove and Tresh; Benton and Swift.			