

German Surrender Moves Hinted

Weather
Data for 4 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 85
Minimum 45
Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday.

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Hamburg Is Captured by British

Organized Resistance of Enemy Disintegrates As Thousands Lay Down Arms

PARIS, May 3 (UP) — German forces are fleeing northern Germany and Denmark by sea tonight in what allied sources described as a "reverse Dunkirk."

The Germans were leaving in vessels ranging from 10,000-ton cargo vessels to fishing smacks and submarines, presumably for Norway.

PARIS, May 3 (UP) — The British second army captured Hamburg and a half-million thoroughly beaten Nazi troops today. The remnants of Germany's northern armies fled for Denmark and Norway by land and sea under a terrible train of bombs and aerial gunfire.

Organized German resistance in the north and, in fact, all across the European continent, was melting away at an incredible speed in the wake of the unconditional surrender of northern Italy and western Austria with their garrisons of almost 1,000,000 men.

American seventh army troops in the south swept up another 50,000 prisoners along the western flank of the Bavarian redoubt and plunged across the Inn river in force to join with Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. third army in the final assault on the Nazi stronghold at Berchtesgaden.

The seventh army sent four divisions across the Inn west of Berchtesgaden, one reaching Chiem lake, only 31 miles from the mountain hideout. Other seventh army columns to the southeast broke into the Inn valley at Zirl, six miles west of Innsbruck, northern gate to the Brenner Pass.

Patton's troops rolled three miles south of Hitler's captured birthplace of Braunau on the Inn to within 23 miles north of Salzburg and 39 miles of Berchtesgaden. Unconfirmed Moscow reports placed the Americans only 10 miles from the city.

Aussies Meet But Light Resistance In Borneo Drive

MANILA, May 3 (UP)—Veteran Australian infantrymen, advancing in Tarakan against Japanese tunnel defenses, have overcome enemy positions around the town of Lingkas and driven to the edge of the island's air field, front reports said today.

Engineers were disclosed to be following the combat teams ashore. Their function was to put Tarakan's great oil-producing facilities into quick operation for the benefit of the Pacific allies.

In Australia Commander-in-Chief Sir Thomas Blamey described the Tarakan operation off the east coast of Borneo as an "outstanding success."

Australian front dispatches said Japanese were fighting back from tunnels, and that progress on the right flank of the beachhead was slow because of marshy ground.

Front reports said the Japanese were putting up only sporadic small arms fire against the troops driving on Tarakan, while the force approaching the airfield was said to be meeting almost no opposition.

Many German War Leaders Captured by Yank 7th Army

WITTING U. S. SEVENTH ARMY IN GERMANY, May 3 (UP) — In the greatest big-shot bag of the western war, two field marshals, 15 generals, a prince and a princess poured into seventh army prisoner cages today.

The seventh army already had taken the former commander of the German armies in the west, Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, who told his captors, "it is senseless for the German people to resist any longer."

The latest captives included Field Marshal Hugo von Sperrle and Field Marshal Baron Maximilian von Weichs. Von Sperrle, as chief of the Luftwaffe in the west, was responsible for the aerial massacre of Rotterdam in 1940 and personally directed the blitz against London. Von Weichs was former German commander-in-chief in the Balkans.

The seventh also took Prince

Albert and Princess Marie, ranking royalty of the house of Bavaria.

Von Rundstedt, a trembling, sick old man, was interviewed by Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commander of the 30th division which captured him.

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A DIPLOMATIC DRAMA AT SAN FRANCISCO—One of the few controversies ever aired in an open meeting at an international conference had reached a climax when this picture was taken in the San Francisco opera house. Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov is shown (right) as he stands to vote against the issuance of an immediate invitation to Argentina to attend the UNCTO. Evan Subasic (left), Yugoslav foreign minister, was one of the few delegates who rose in support of the Russian stand.

City Commission Names Members of Budget Committee

Mike Lynch, J. H. Pearce and A. K. Parker were named last night by the city commission to serve on the budget committee.

Each commissioner appoints a citizen of the city to serve on the budget, and the above named members will be asked to serve.

An application by Nora Miller for a license for rooming house at 221 Fir street was denied. An ordinance was adopted deeding lots 3 and 4, block 5, Chaplain's addition to W. E. and Marie H. Wilkins.

A resolution was adopted to sell lot 6, block 4, Rynearson's addition to Charles F. and Maude Wallace for \$50.

The payroll for April, amounting to \$6,672.37, was approved. The city insurance policy for property damage was increased to pay \$5000 for each accident or an aggregate of \$25,000.

A contract was discussed for the disposal of sewage sludge at the disposal plant.

The manager's report showed the general fund receipts of \$630.62 for the week and general disbursements of \$860.91. Water receipts were \$153.50 and disbursements \$447.77.

Students Nominate College Officers

Student body officers at Eastern Oregon college today announced that candidates for officers for the 1945-46 college year have been nominated as follows:

President, William Dittich, and Hazel Trollinger, La Grande; and Allen Matthews, Condon.

Vice-president, Ida McCullough, Burns; Marilyn King, Pendleton; and Janette Frazier, Milton.

Secretary, Dorothy Coffman, Nyssa; Marjorie Chandler, and Maxine Sinden, La Grande; Helen Mason, Prineville.

Junior council member, Evelyn Scott, La Grande; Mary Sommer, Hermiston; and Nadine Tucker, Union.

Sophomore council member, Carol Banish, Portland; Steve Kinzel, La Grande; Louise Green, Heppner; and Anita Brown, Joseph.

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City's Outstanding Vocalists, Instrumental Musicians To Be Heard in Music Week Programs

Observance of national music week with four programs in which the city's finest vocal and instrumental groups and soloists will be heard, will open Sunday with a concert at 4 p. m. in the First Methodist church by combined church choirs. The concert was arranged by Nephi Combs.

Sponsored by the Neighborhood club, the observance will include a concert by college musicians and singers at 8 p. m., Tuesday in the college auditorium, another at the same hour Tuesday in the First Presbyterian church under Neighborhood club sponsorship, and a high school band program in the school auditorium at 8 p. m., Friday.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson is general chairman of the music week committee, the other members of which are: Mrs. John M. Miller, Mrs. J. K. Wright, Mrs. L. C. Smith, Leroy Darling, Combs and Henry Ehlers.

As a prelude to the opening of national music week, Larry Brunette has arranged a program to be presented tomorrow evening in the high school auditorium by La Grandoliers, the Rancheros and the Modernettes, children of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades of Central school.

La Grandoliers are a group of 115 children, while the Modernettes are a group of girls and the Rancheros a boys' chorus.

They have been organized and trained by Larry Brunette, who has selected a widely diversified program for their concert tomorrow evening, including light classics, various popular melodies.

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Windsors in U.S. May Visit Britain

MIAMI, Fla., May 3 (UP) — The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived here today on a journey which may take them back to Europe and possibly to the British Empire.

The former king and his American wife came here by boat from Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, where he was governor for nearly five years. Length of their stay in America was not made known.

Windsor resigned his office March 16, effective at the end of April. He said at the time he was forced to return to his private affairs and that he believes his job in the islands is done.

Three Counties Get Wheat Insurance

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 3 (UP) — Federal crop insurance on spring wheat will be effective for 175 farms in Umatilla, Baker, and Walla Walla counties this year, AAA commitments announced today.

Umatilla county is first in volume, with 67 farms protected. Six other spring wheat Oregon counties did not reach the minimum of 50 farm participation required by law.

Winter wheat producers will be given ample chance to obtain insurance on 1946 crops seeded this fall, it was stated.

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U. S. Control Of Mandate Areas Sought

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3 (UP) — Four United States senators came here today to ask the American delegation to the security conference to demand that the United States have complete control over Pacific islands formerly mandated to Japan.

The senators were Harry F. Byrd, D. Va., Charles Tobey, R., N. H.; James O. Eastland, D., Miss., and Homer E. Capehart, R., Ind.

The senators came to San Francisco after Chairman David I. Walsh, D., Mass., of the senate naval affairs committee advised the state department he wanted members of that committee to present committee views to the American delegation.

The state department immediately invited Walsh to send any committee representative here that he chose and assured them that they would be permitted to sit in on as many meetings as possible.

The senators flew here from Washington and had lunch with Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., chairman of the U. S. delegation.

Security Issue Raised

The senate naval affairs committee is seriously concerned lest the conference permit action which would deny to the United States the absolute control which the committee feels the United States should exercise over Pacific islands of strategic value to this country.

Earlier, however, the American delegation made it plain that the security conference will not deal with specific areas subject to trusteeship.

Amendments Proposed

The United States delegation meanwhile, revealed plans to seek to write into the Dumbarton Oaks plan special emphasis on See SENATORS ... Page 5

Mrs. W. F. Tyler Is Chosen Head of Girl Scout Council

Mrs. R. F. Tyler yesterday was elected president of the girl scout council at a meeting in the Methodist church at which a constitution was adopted. Mrs. George Bean was elected vice president, Mrs. M. Mortensen, secretary, and Miss Eva Daugherty, treasurer.

The meeting was conducted by Miss Marian Christensen, state field director of girl scouts, who will be in La Grande the remainder of the month to assist the troop organization.

Chairman of committees were chosen as follows: Mrs. George Hutchison, finance; Mrs. W. B. Hemmick, public relations; Mrs. Homer Leffel, organization; Mrs. Vernon DeLong, program; Mrs. Lynn Hill, world friendship; Mrs. LaVeda Zecha, registrar; Mrs. Lloyd Gray, training chairman, and Mrs. William Snodgrass, camp.

Miss Christensen will meet with the intermediate group leaders in the Sackajawia hotel at 7 p. m. tomorrow. She will meet at the same place at 2 p. m. Tuesday with officers and committees of the council.

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High Allied Leaders Believed Negotiating Warfare Cessation

LONDON, May 3 (UP) — A Kalundborg, Denmark, radio said today in a broadcast purported to be in the name of the German government that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, the new Nazi fuhrer, will not lay down arms.

A speaker identified as Albert Speer, Nazi minister of arms and munitions, made the Kalundborg broadcast, and said he was speaking in the name of the government.

LONDON, May 3 (UP) — Negotiations for the capitulation of Germany were believed in some quarters to be under way today.

There was widespread speculation in London that Prime Minister Churchill may have gone to Germany on a mission to negotiate for the end of the war in Europe. The speculation embraced the possibility that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower might be engaged in a similar task together with British and Russian military and political leaders.

The unconditional surrender of all German forces in Holland, Denmark, Norway and Czechoslovakia was reported under negotiation, and possibly in some cases already concluded.

The last four major pockets of Nazi resistance outside the Reich were reported near collapse. Some sources believed the capitulation of some or all of them might be announced by nightfall.

Churchill was absent from the house of commons today. Sir John Anderson, speaking for him, told the house that should the war end on Saturday or Sunday there would be a general holiday Monday.

Hour of Victory Near?

Churchill's absence together with continental reports of surrender negotiations created a feeling in diplomatic and political quarters here that the hour of victory probably was near.

Churchill's latest public appearance here was Wednesday evening. Then he announced in commons the fall of north Italy. He said today that he could not attend today's session, a highly unusual procedure.

New "Fuehrer" Flees

Following hard on the Nazi announcement of Adolf Hitler's death and the fall of Hamburg, the new fuhrer, Admiral Karl Doenitz, apparently was wading the northland in search of a new refuge. The press association See GERMAN ... Page 7

Chinese Viewpoint Is Held Crux of U.S. Friendship

"We must make an effort to understand the people of China and their problems from the point of view of their civilization and standards, not ours, if we want to win their confidence, respect and cooperation," Dr. R. G. Johnson, head of the department of animal husbandry at Oregon State college, told members of La Grande Rotary club and their wives at International and Ladies' night held last evening in the banquet room of the Stein Coffee shop.

Dr. Johnson spoke on western China and Tibet, where he was sent in an official capacity to assist in advancement of grazing and farming practices.

Price Schroeder introduced H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader, who told of the growth and activities of these agricultural clubs in Oregon.

A musical program was presented by the Modernettes and Rancheros, under the direction of Larry Brunette.

H. E. Dixon was program chairman, and T. B. Lumsden presided. Dr. Robert J. Maaske introduced the speaker, who was sponsored by the college and who spoke at an assembly there yesterday morning.

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PEACE COURIER — Count Folke Bernadotte (above) reportedly is the intermediary in peace negotiations between the allies and Heinrich Himmler.

Russians Search Berlin Rubble For Hitler's Body

LONDON, May 3 (UP) — Premier Stalin announced in an order of the day today that the second White Russian and the British second armies have linked up on a 60-mile front between Wismar and Wittenberge on the Elbe river.

LONDON, May 3 (UP)—Victorious Red army troops searched the rubble of captured Berlin today for the bodies of Adolf Hitler and his crippled henchman, Paul Joseph Goebbels.

On the success of their hunt hinged the solution to the greatest mystery of the war—whether Hitler and Goebbels actually are dead, and if so, whether they committed suicide, were killed by Soviet shells or died of natural causes.

Goering Also Sought

The Soviets also may find among the dead and 70,000 prisoners in Berlin such personages as Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, Joachim von Ribbentrop, ousted only yesterday as Go-

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President Vetoes Measure to Halt Draft of Farm Workers

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP) — President Truman today vetoed legislation to defer large numbers of agricultural workers. He said it would be an injustice to those already inducted or about to be inducted.

A few hours later the veto was sustained by the house. A slim majority — 185 to 177 — voted to override the veto, but the margin was far short of the necessary two-thirds required by the constitution.

The joint resolution, introduced by Rep. John A. Flannagan, D., Va., chairman of the house agriculture committee, was designed to halt induction of farm workers who are deemed necessary to agriculture.

"The sole test under the law is whether the individual can better serve his country in the armed forces or in an essential activity in support of the war effort," the president said in his veto message.

The bill, he said, "would single out one special class of our citizens, the agricultural group, and put it on a plane above both industrial occupation and military services."

Veto of the Flannagan resolution does not affect the Tydings amendment governing farm deferments which states that any essential farm worker shall be deferred so long as he remains on his farm job or until a replacement has been found for him.

Selective service has interpreted this clause to permit local boards to hold that a registrant is more greatly needed in the armed services than in his farm job, regardless of whether a replacement for him is available. Dissatisfaction with this interpretation of the Tydings amendment prompted congressional passage of the Flannagan resolution.