

Indo-China Base of Japs Wrecked

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m., May 11:
Temperatures:
Maximum 68
Minimum 46
Precipitation—Trace
Forecast: Clearing and colder tonight and Saturday.

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Reds Batter Holdouts In Czechoslovakia As Nazi U-Boats Are Surrendered

LONDON, May 11 (UP)—Five more German U-boats from marauding wolf packs in the Atlantic surrendered at sea to British warships and headed for northern Ireland ports today.

A Londonderry dispatch said German submarines had surfaced to surrender all the way from the Azores area to a point off the Canadian coast.

On land, the last diehard Nazi troops still fighting in Europe reeled back through western Czechoslovakia under assault by three vengeful Red armies.

Iron Hand' Rule Of Germany Is Plan Of Allies

WASHINGTON, May 11 (UP)—The U. S. military government of Germany will exercise iron control over the lives of German people in the American-occupied section, it was revealed today by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

Stimson, outlining the AMG setup for Germany, said America's uniformed bosses of the reich would be charged with demobilizing the German army in their portion of the country, demilitarizing the entire area, wiping out the Gestapo and thoroughly "denazifying" the territory.

They will rule over all courts, over domestic and foreign policies, over manpower and the area's economy. They will control all forms of public expression and the domestic police. There will be censorship of news going to the outside world, but it will be based "solely on military necessity," according to Stimson.

One of the most important agencies will be an intelligence section which will purge public agencies and German industries of Nazis and ruthlessly suppress activities of any German underground such as the "werewolves."

Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Boston	8 14 0
Cleveland	4 7 1
Cecil, Ryba and Garbark;	
Smith, Calvert, Center, Kleine	
and McDonnell, Steiner.	
Philadelphia	5 12 1
Chicago	2 7 1
Christopher and Hayes; Lopat	
and Trech.	
New York	7 7 1
Detroit	3 9 4
Borowy and Crompton; New-	
houser, Houtteman and Richards.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
St. Louis	0 7 1
Brooklyn	7 8 3
Wilkes, Burkhardt and Rice;	
Seats and Owen.	
Chicago	7 12 1
Philadelphia	1 5 1
Wyse and Williams; Spruill,	
Kennedy, Ripple, Schanz and	
Manuso.	
Cincinnati	3 9 0
New York	4 7 1
Daso and Riddle; Mungo,	
Adams and Lombardi, Berres.	
Pittsburg at Boston postponed,	
cold and wet grounds.	

Doolittle Predicts Fleet Of 2,000 Superforts Will Smash Jap Homeland

LONDON, May 11 (UP)—Plans at Japan in an aerial campaign were envisaged today at a press conference of Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle and his deputy commander of the Eighth air force.

Doolittle and Maj. Gen. Cyril Anderson revealed that part of the famous Eighth air force will stay in Europe as an occupation force. Part will be sent to the Pacific, where the Flying Fort-

LONDON, May 11 (UP)—King George and Queen Elizabeth visited Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle at his headquarters in High Wycombe today, and the king unexpectedly invested the Eighth air force commander with the order of the Bath, making him an honorary "Sir."

Press will rate as a medium bomber alongside the Superforts.

Doolittle revealed that the Eighth air force, at the maximum strength of 10, reached, had 2,400 heavy bombers and 1,200 fighters based on 100 airfields. An army



POLE PATRIOT FREED—Gen. Tadeusz (Bor) Komorowski, hero of the Polish uprising against the Nazis in Warsaw last summer, was freed from a German prison camp by American troops.

Himmler Escapes As Hideout Guard Gives Up To Yanks

MITTENDORF, Austria, May 11 (UP)—The commander of Heinrich Himmler's SS guard surrendered today but the hangman himself fled while new plans were laid to catch him.

Himmler arrived at this Alpine town by plane on Tuesday, according to accounts here, but he was gone when American troops arrived. While we hatched a plot for following him into a new mountain hideaway, his SS commander, Karl Rieger, came in to surrender and to say that Himmler was not on the hill.

"It looks like your bird has flown," said Wehrmacht Doctor Karl Wahlster, a former Viennese specialist, who was helping us.

The first clue to Himmler's whereabouts came from a Mittendorf resident, Albert Sickmann, who was taken to the third division command post last night to tell of the Gestapo chief's arrival on Tuesday. Sickmann said he was employed at Himmler's hideout but fled after he was beaten by SS troops for damaging a vehicle.

The hideout was 45 miles east of Salzburg and there were 175 SS troops there. He said they fortified two farmhouse strong-points, but that they only planned to stop over there and Himmler was due to go deeper into the mountains late today.

We found no German troops here, but Sickmann's story was confirmed by Wahlster, another Wehrmacht doctor, Franz Limberger, and two local hunters.

U. S. Soldiers Soon To Leave Italy

ROME, May 11 (UP)—Allied headquarters announced today that about 1,000 American soldiers will leave Italy for the United States this month.

The repatriation and redeployment of the United States army in Italy is beginning immediately, headquarters revealed.

Depending on shipping space, about 15,000 will leave in June and a like number in July. A majority of the first 11,000 expected to be on their way by the end of May are eligible for discharge.

An unspecified number of troops in Italy will undergo readjustment training here and proceed directly from Italy to the Pacific headquarters said.

Truman Visit to Europe Rumored

LONDON, May 11 (UP)—British newspapers loosed a flurry of speculation today over the possibility of a Truman-Stalin-Churchill meeting in London but official sources discounted the reports.

The Evening News said President Truman is ready to visit London and that Prime Minister Churchill believes "an early meeting of the Big Three is urgently required."

Traffic Accident Breaks Boy's Leg

Merrill Smutz, 3, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smutz, is in Grande Ronde hospital for treatment of breaks in both bones of his right leg as a result of a traffic accident which occurred at 2:45 p. m. Wednesday at Adams Avenue and Fir Street.

The vehicle was driven by Chris Nelson, 507 Cedar Street. The child was crossing the street with his mother when the accident occurred.

Many Youths in Armed Service Are Listed Among 113 Members Of La Grande High Class of '45

Baccalaureate services and commencement exercises will be held for 113 graduating seniors of La Grande high school this week. Baccalaureate will be at 8 p. m. Sunday in the First Methodist church and graduation exercises at 8 p. m., Wednesday, in the high school auditorium.

Club Presents Fine Concert as Music Week Offering

An audience which filled the First Presbyterian church, last night was entertained by a fine concert which was an outstanding highlight of the local observance of National Music Week.

Presented under the auspices of the Neighborhood club, and arranged by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, the program elicited enthusiastic praise both for the participants and Mrs. Richardson, who served as general chairman of the week's observance.

Club Sponsors Concert

The concert was conceived as the Neighborhood club's contribution to music week and contributed much to the advancement and appreciation of good music.

The program opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. Harley H. Richardson, who also presented other organ solo numbers. Miss Mary Jasper was piano soloist and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Harvey Carter and Mrs. T. R. Maxwell were accompanists for the various vocalists. The soloists included Mrs. Harlow Speckhart, Miss Elizabeth Foley, Larry Brunette, Mrs. Retta Ehlers, and Arthur McCall, Jr.

The concluding event of the music week schedule will be a concert in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock this evening by the high school band under the direction of Leroy Darling.

Miss Phyllis McLaughlin will be featured in a piano solo, and the girls' sextet and a capella choir will be heard in vocal selections. Bernella Bryant, Don Jordahl, and Brunette also will be featured in solo numbers.

Manpower Freeze To Be Lifted Soon In Many Areas

WASHINGTON, May 11 (UP)—Millions of workers who have long been "frozen" in their jobs will soon be free to seek employment where they choose under a sweeping relaxation of manpower controls announced today by the war manpower commission.

All manpower regulations—such as job freezes, the compulsory 48-hour work week and manpower ceilings—will be lifted by July 1 in 116 communities where the labor supply is equal to or in excess of demand.

In these and other areas where controls may also be lifted workers will not need after July 1 certificates of availability from employers or the WMC before changing jobs.

Concessions Planned On Post-War Taxes

WASHINGTON, May 11 (UP)—The joint congressional committee on postwar taxation today proposed a set of tax concessions, including a speed-up of scheduled refunds totaling approximately \$5,540,000,000, to help industry meet its reconversion problems.

It also recommended a more liberal excess profits tax exemption which would have business an estimated \$160,000,000 in 1947 on its 1946 taxes.

Goering Seeks to Shift Blame For War to Hitler's Shoulders

OUTSIDE AUGSBURG, Germany, May 11 (UP)—Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering said today that Adolf Hitler first admitted the war was lost and further resistance was useless after "certain events" in the chancellery at besieged Berlin on April 22.

Goering, prize prisoner of the U. S. Seventh army, referred mysteriously to the "events" in the chancellery as the Russians stormed through the streets of Berlin toward it and neared the complete encirclement of the capital.

When he left Berlin for Berchtesgaden on April 20, he said, Hitler intended to follow him. But he changed his mind, Goering said, after he was convinced that even a stand in the Bavarian Alps was useless.



DANES' PREMIER—Wilhelm Buehl, former Socialist premier, who was named new head of the Danish government by King Christian X following the surrender of that country by the Nazis.

Members of Famed 41st Division In Line for Release

PORTLAND, May 11 (UP)—Original members of the 41st division serving overseas will be eligible for immediate discharge under war department regulations announced in Washington.

Original members of this northwest outfit have at least 91 points or six more than the required number. The 41st was the first combat division to go overseas, after its activation in September 1940.

First elements of the division left the United States for the south Pacific on March 2, 1942, landing in Australia.

First Veterans To Be Discharged By Army Tomorrow

PARIS, May 11 (UP)—Supreme headquarters tonight issued a letter from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to all senior commanders containing a guarantee that veterans who fought in both North Africa and Europe would not be sent to the Pacific.

WASHINGTON, May 11 (UP)—The first U. S. soldiers to be discharged under the point system, about 2,500, will be released at separation centers throughout the country tomorrow.

The war department said today that this group, first of some 1,300,000 to be released during the next 12 months under the army's partial demobilization plan, include soldiers with long overseas service records.

All have been brought back to this country for rest and recuperation before V-E day. Representing all theaters, they have high point scores based on length of army service, overseas service, combat awards, battle honors, and parenthood, the war department said.

Arrangements are being made to discharge some of the men at each of the following separation centers:

Camp Atterbury, Ind.; Camp Eale, Calif.; Fort Bliss, Tex.; Fort Bragg, N. C.; Camp Chaffee, Ark.; Fort Devens, Mass.; Fort Dix, N. J.; Fort Douglas, Utah; Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Fort Logan, Colo.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; Fort McPherson, Ga.; Camp Shelby, Miss.; Fort Sheridan, Ill.; and Fort Snelling, Minn.

Civic Memorial Service Planned

Representatives or committees from each of the patriotic organizations in La Grande will meet at 3 p. m. Monday in the city hall to plan for Memorial Day exercises.

Among those to be represented are the Oliver P. Morton unit of Women's Relief corps, Daughters of Union Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and auxiliary, American Legion and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary, Daughters of the American Revolution, Navy Mothers, and Wives and Mothers Service club.

Fuel, Supply Depots, Naval Repair Yards At Saigon Smashed

Philippines-based American bombers have wrecked the great Japanese naval station at Saigon, French Indo-China, it was disclosed today, while other raiding fleets rained bombs and sea mines down on Japan's inland sea area in a bid to choke off the enemy's remaining naval and air power in the home islands.

Headquarters of the U. S. fifth air force in the Philippines said American warplanes gutted Saigon's oil depots and submarine and ship repair yards in seven concentrated strikes between April 22 and May 4. They also destroyed or damaged 97 enemy merchant and naval vessels.

Greater Control Of Arms Sought By Small Nations

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11 (UP)—Small nations today made a new but apparently futile effort to win from the United Nations conference a greater share in controlling the use of arms for enforcement purposes in connection with the proposed world security organization.

New Zealand proposed in a closed committee meeting that the general assembly of the organization be given a voice in decisions involving the use of force. The proposal was supported by several other small nations but opposed vigorously by big three representatives.

Russian, British and United States delegates were understood to have remained adamant in support of the original Dumbarton Oaks plan provision where decisions involving the use of force shall be made only by the organization's security council.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the United States and Britain will oppose any further invitation to the conference to prevent revival of Russian demands for admission of the Warsaw Polish government.

Output, Shipments Of Pine Increase

PORTLAND, May 11 (UP)—Orders for all species of western pine for the week ended May 5 totaled 52,407,000 feet as compared with 48,575,000 feet for the previous week and 73,853,000 feet for the corresponding week last year.

The Western Pine association reported today that shipments of Idaho white pine, Ponderosa pine, sugar pine and associated species for the week amounted to 61,751,000 feet.

Comparison of shipments with the previous week's showed 58,687,000 feet for the week ended April 28. The corresponding week in 1944 recorded shipments of 76,607,000 feet of pine lumber. Similar comparison of production was 59,491,000 feet, 60,296,000 feet and 70,136,000 feet.

Record Snowstorm Hits New England

BOSTON, May 11 (UP)—The worst May snowstorm in 25 years raged in northern New England today after taking two lives, causing more than \$1,000,000 crop and property damage, and leaving highways blocked.

Brunt of the storm was felt by western Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Many towns were in darkness during the night as power lines fell.

Deepest snowfall was reported between Woodford and Brattleboro, Vt., where ploughs were battling through 15 inches of snow. The lowest temperature thus far reported was 29 degrees at Augusta, Me., where six inches of snow fell.

Two highway deaths were attributed to the storm.

Chinese Advance Against Japanese

CHUNGKING, May 11 (UP)—Victorious Chinese troops who crushed a Japanese attempt to capture the American air base at Chingkiang have reached a point 30 miles west of Paoching, main enemy base on the Hunan, a communique announced today.

U. S. 14th air force bombers blasted Paoching with 100 tons of bombs Wednesday, leaving the city "burned out," an air force headquarters announcement said. Demolition and fire bombs were concentrated on the Jap-occupied portions of the city.

Prussian General Says Allies Freed Germany From "System Of Gangsters"

SEVENTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, May 11 (UP)—Gen. Nikolaus von Falkenhorst, former German commander in Norway, surrendered today with an assertion that the allies have liberated Germany from "a system of gangsters."

"It's a national disgrace that we were unable to liberate ourselves," he told Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, commander of the 42nd (Rainbow) division.

Falkenhorst was picked up at Traunstein, where he had fled when the Russians approached his home near Breslau. One of Germany's ablest strategists in combined land, sea and air operations, he commanded all forces in Norway during the invasion April 9, 1940 until the middle of last December.

"Germany is through now as a world power and you need never fear she will rise again and wage another war," he said. "It would take 100 years to repair this country to the point where it was in 1940."

Germany never at any time could have beaten the United States, he said.

"The army knew it," he said. "Everyone should have known that when war was declared on America, Hitler had complete control of the army, for the army leaders never would have done that."

He said the German general staff knew from the beginning that Germany could not win the war.

"Nazi party members were put in command positions in the army and they knew nothing about warfare," he said. "They fought the most insane war in all history and there never was a chance that military operations would be successful under such mad leadership."