

REDS AT VERY GATES OF BERLIN

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Civic-minded citizens who have to do the chores when it comes to solicitation for worthy causes have been under some embarrassment in recent weeks because of the campaign for funds of the American Cancer society. The effort has been made to concentrate money-raising campaigns for welfare purposes into two major drives, one for the Red Cross in the spring of the year, the other for the war agencies and local community chest agencies in the fall of the year. When new appeals of a general nature come along it is hard to find workers to do the task, and the public is apt to be resentful of another campaign.

It does seem as though there might well be some consolidation in the health field. First is the sale of Christmas seals for support of the tuberculosis organization which has had a long and very successful career. Stimulated by the original Roosevelt birthday balls money has been raised the past 13 years for work in the field of infantile paralysis; but that has extended from the mere holding of birthday balls to a general appeal for funds. Now the American Cancer society has expanded its appeal to \$5,000,000 for the purposes of education and research, and is holding a general drive in April. In this state a number of the counties which had surplus funds in their war chest treasuries drew on those funds to meet county quotas in order to spare workers and the public a fresh drive for funds.

This is only a temporary expedient. The question that will come up is how future campaigns should be handled. And what overall check should there be.

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Yanks Conquer Central Sector Of Philippines

MANILA, Saturday, April 21—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today announced conquest of the central Philippines has been completed with extermination of all but a few remnants of the Japanese garrison on Cebu.

He said the Cebu victory, in which 500 enemy bodies were counted on the field Thursday, gave his forces control of 33,000 square miles of the central and southern Philippines, liberated 6,400,000 civilians and reduced Japanese strongpoints in the entire Philippines to two—Davao on Mindanao and Baguio, the summer capital on Luzon. Doughboys are approaching both these, which have been weakened by aerial bombardment.

MacArthur also announced that three Filipino collaborationist leaders had escaped to Formosa in a Japanese plane. He named them as Jose P. Laurel, "head of this disloyal group," and Benigno Aquino and Osias (given name unavailable) "two of its most active members."

Tugman Sees Intolerance As Threat

"At no time in our history has there been such great danger that a war-weary people will forget everything for which they have stood together and fought, not only in this war but in every war of our history." This was the warning sounded by William M. Tugman, Eugene newspaperman who has been a leader in developing the now-famous "Lane county plan," as he spoke here Friday night at the annual banquet of the Salem Federation of Patriotic Societies.

The federation elected Rex Kimmel as president to succeed Luther D. Cook; named Paul Hendricks vice-president, Mrs. Arvin Strayer secretary, and Mrs. Frank Marshall treasurer at the meeting which followed the banquet in the Marion hotel mirror room. "In our American faith," Tugman declared, "we have a cross to bear—this cross of intolerance." Whatever plans are made, he urged, should retain "the essentials of functioning democracy. Admittedly, there are a great many functions of business and government which can be performed more efficiently for this age if the administration is national in scope. But the underlying question, even in these things, is whether power and authority grows from the bottom up or whether it is to be imposed from the top."

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Allies Race for Bavaria; 15 U. S. Navy Ships Lost

Junction With Reds Due Soon

Nuernberg Falls; British Closing In on Hamburg

PARIS, Saturday, April 21—(AP)—Three Allied armies raced as much as 23 miles south yesterday toward Hitler's redoubt in Bavaria, captured Nuernberg and reached within 30 miles of Lake Constance, western bulwark of the probable last-stand Nazi position deep in the Alps.

With the British battering a mile from the suburbs of Hamburg, Germany's second greatest city, and with peace riots reported raging in Berlin and Munich, Hitler passed silently through his 56th and blackest birthday. But worse was in store.

Supreme headquarters declared flatly that the union of western Allies and the Red armies would come in the next few days. General Eisenhower declared in an order of the day that German armies of the west were "tottering on the threshold of defeat."

Three great American armies, the U.S. Ninth, First and Third, were coiled and ready to strike along the Elbe where, by German account, the Americans and Russians were but 54 miles apart.

The Germans predicted that soon the Ninth army would uncoil a power punch at Berlin from its bridgehead on the Elbe 52 miles away, concerting its blows with the eastward thrust of the Russians now at the eastern gates of the German capital.

Allied bombers loosed destruction on German defenses northwest, west, and southwest of Berlin along the route the Allies from the west would have to take to reach the capital. They struck both by day and by night.

The fall of the Nazi party city of Nuernberg released elements of two armored and three infantry divisions for the southward push that was driving a steel wedge between the Germans' Alpine retreat and Czechoslovakia's arsenals. The Seventh army was less than 70 miles from Munich and the French were but 65 miles from the Austrian frontier.

Germany not only was losing control of her great ports—Bremen was cut off from three sides with only roads to the North sea open—but she was losing her grip on those of France which she long had blockaded.

The French announced that the big Atlantic port of Bordeaux now was open with all effective resistance wiped from both sides of the Gironde river approaches to the city.

VALUATIONS INCREASED

ALBANY, April 20—(AP)—Assessed property valuation in Linn county will be increased 10 percent for the 1945 tax rolls, County Assessor W. C. Templeton said today.

Dead Get Ghastly Burial at Fearsome Concentration Camp

By William Frye
BELSEN, Germany, April 20—(AP)—The dead were getting a burial today at this fearsome concentration camp—each nameless dead getting a ghastly burial.

Truman Receives First Poppy



Five-year-old Margaret Ann Forde, daughter of a disabled ex-service man (left), plus the first Buddy poppy of the 1945 Buddy poppy sale on the lapel of President Harry S. Truman at the White House in Washington. Margaret Ann is from Eaton Rapids, Mich. (AP wirephoto)

Connally Says Dumbarton Plan May Be Liberalized To Provide More Flexibility

(By the Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 20—Senator Connally (D-Tex) told the senate today that the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world organization probably will be liberalized at San Francisco to provide for more flexibility in future years.

Connally, chairman of the foreign relations committee and given a rousing ovation after a leave-taking speech in which he declared that the American delegation is in harmony and the United States "has a lofty duty to perform in leading the peoples of the earth away from the concepts of rule by the sword."

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), also taking leave as another member of the American delegation, said he was going "with a sense of deepest dedication to a supreme cause."

He asked the senators not to expect a chart for the millennium to come out of San Francisco, but asserted: "I have faith that we may perfect this charter of peace and justice so that reasonable men of good will shall find in it so much good, so much emancipation for human hopes, that all lesser doubts and disagreements may be resolved in its favor."

Vandenberg endorsed what he called the "sturdy statement" by his Texas colleague, in which Connally said the American delegates hold no "slavish devotion" to the precise Dumbarton Oaks formula although they are committed to its principles.

U. S. Develops High-Powered Rocket Bomb

LONDON, April 20—(AP)—Secret work by American air force engineers has developed a new type of high-powered rocket bomb conceived by the British navy for use against German submarine and E-boat pens, it was disclosed today.

The new weapon—hurled from bombers at a speed faster than sound and able to penetrate thick layers of concrete—was adapted for aerial warfare by a special section of engineers, all combat veterans of the U.S. Eighth air force. On February 10 and on March 14, these rocket-propelled bombs were used by B-17 Flying Fortress of the Eighth air force in attacks on the German E-boat pens at Ijmuiden, Holland. Concrete walls 20 feet thick were reported penetrated.

some of typhoid, some of tuberculosis, but most were just dying of starvation. Starvation—the flesh on their bodies had fed on itself until there was no flesh left, just skin covering bones and the end of all hope, and nothing left to feed on.

Tragically, there is still hope inside these still-breathing cadavers. As long as eyes can stare from the bodies scattered everywhere on the floors and on the ground, there is hope. Hope in these for whom there is no hope. They are living but they cannot live. No food, no care can save them. Ahead of them is nothing—nothing but that pit with the bulldozer waiting to cover them with earth.

Nothing—well, there is one thing, the knowledge that after months of bestiality there is suddenly, unbelievably, friendliness and good will among men. At least they will die aware of that.

100 Jap Vessels Destroyed

Yanks Bag 2569 Enemy Aircraft, Gain on Island

GUAM, Saturday, April 21—(AP)—Fleet headquarters announced today the loss of 15 naval craft between March 18 and April 18 in the battle of Okinawa and associated operations, and said during the same period 100 enemy ships, besides many small craft, were sunk and 2569 enemy aircraft destroyed.

Against furious enemy opposition, Yank amphibious forces, continuing their all-out push against strong Japanese lines on southern Okinawa, ground out gains of 1,000 to 1400 yards yesterday. The Assault was started Thursday, breaking a 13-day deadlock on that front.

The fleet communique said the 15 ships constituted all those of the American navy to be sunk in the Okinawa and related operations within the 32-day period. It made no mention of damaged ships but previously announced that "several" units of the fleet had been hit.

Strong Japanese resistance continued on Je island, west of Okinawa, but the Yanks there continued to gain. At the end of April 18 they counted 736 enemy dead. Today's communique said they had started to destroy enemy forces holding Iegusug peak, a troublesome eminence on the islet.

The American ship losses included five destroyers, the Halibutan, Bus', Colhoun the M. L. Abele and the Pringle; two minercraft, one destroyer-transport, one gunboat, four landing craft and two ammunition ships, the Hobbs Victory and the Logan Victory.

No Quibbling Over 'and-or' Beat HB 450

No quibbling about "and/or" prevented HB 450 from becoming law, says Sen. William E. Walsh of Coos Bay in reply to published reports that such quibbling so delayed senate action on the bill that the session closed before it could be passed, resulting in a "loss" to the state of some \$200,000. The bill was intended to capture for the state school fund unclaimed deposits in banks.

Senator Walsh writes that the bill was not referred to the revision of laws committee until the afternoon of March 16, was considered the morning of the 17th by the committee, which made one amendment (there was no and/or in the bill), got the bill on the afternoon calendar where it was approved, but the house and adjourned before it reached that body for approval of the amendment.

The amendment deleted the clause which included "other business enterprise holding money or securities for others," and was removed to meet objections of insurance companies.

Walsh says that no \$200,000 is lost because the funds remain dormant and the next legislature can act.

Lend-Lease Deal Signed

WASHINGTON, April 20—(AP)—The United States, Britain and Canada have signed the fourth lend-lease agreement with Russia in Ottawa, the state department announced tonight.

The agreement, which was signed April 17, covers a period from July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945, having only a little over two more months to run.

B-29s Hit Kyushu Airfields

Large Force of Superforts Blast Jap Air Bases

GUAM, Saturday, April 21—(AP)—A very large force of Superfortresses, estimated at between 200 and 300, visually bombed nine Kyushu air fields this morning in their third bombing strike in five days to neutralize bases from which the Japanese have been attacking American forces at Okinawa.

The Superforts unloaded demolition bombs from medium altitude in a strike lasting an hour and a half.

The last B-29 strikes directly supporting the Okinawa operations in an effort to check Japanese air attacks, were made on April 17 and 18.

Apparently they have achieved neutralization, because no strong Japanese raids have been made on Okinawa since April 16.

Dividing into nine separate task forces today, the Superforts pounded fields ranging the length and breadth of Kyushu, from Kanoya in the south—only 325 miles north of Okinawa—to Usa in the north.

The 21st bomber command reported opposition apparently was negligible.

Target airfields were Nittagahara, Kushira, Kanoya, and Kanoya-East, Izumi, Kokubu, Tachiarai, Usa and Oita.

Germans Lose Last Big Ship

LONDON, April 20—(AP)—The German navy, reeling under allied knockout blows, has lost its last pocket battleship, the Luetzow, the air ministry announced tonight, and authoritative reports were received of other crippling naval losses.

These reports said the Russians were believed to have seized the 26,000-ton battleship Gneisenaw and the 10,000-ton heavy cruiser Seydlitz at unidentified Baltic ports, while Stockholm dispatches said that what was left of the German navy fled to refuge at Copenhagen.

The air ministry said the Luetzow is out of action, lying on the bottom in shallow water at Swinemunde on the Baltic coast, her under-water plating buckled by an RAF bomb.

Philippines Anxious To Aid Peace Plans

HONOLULU, April 20—(AP)—Maximo Kalaw, secretary of instruction and information in the Philippine cabinet, said today the islands' government is anxious to collaborate in all great undertakings that stand for world peace and security.

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Soviets Sever Enemy Escape Route to South

Russians Drive Within 7 Miles of Berlin, 18 From Dresden; Nazis Admit Situation Desperate

By ROMNEY WHEELER
LONDON, Saturday, April 21—(AP)—Red army tanks, racing westward for a link-up with American armies, have burst 38 miles across Berlin's dwindling southern escape corridor, Moscow revealed last night as the bomb-torn and flaming German capital disclosed that Russian armor was only seven miles from its city limits.

The Russians were at the "very gates" of Berlin and had breached its inner defense ring in a yard-by-yard "hell of fire, steel and blood," the enemy said as peace riots reportedly broke out and the rumble of approaching Russian guns added to the terror caused by round-the-clock Allied bombing which went on through the night.

Moscow revealed that a swift, Soviet breakthrough south of the capital had reached within 18 miles of Dresden, through which passes the only remaining railroad out of Berlin to the Nazis' "national redoubt." The Russians, sweeping German resistance before them like an avalanche, were 54 miles from the Americans by Berlin's account.

With the rail line torn up by repeated American bombing and with Russian stormtroops savagely machine gunning enemy transport within and below Berlin, the Germans admitted that the great red army offensive was deciding the war. A Berlin broadcast said "the front is very near and the rumble of guns can be heard in the center of the city, but out of 4,000,000 people, 3,000,000 still are here."

Strong Poles Fall
Moscow's communique announced that Russian forces, advancing on Berlin and Dresden on a 100-mile front, had seized eight major strongholds while wave after wave of Russian armor lapped at a dozen other fortified towns and villages within Berlin's shattered defense ring east of the city.

South and southeast of the blazing central front Russian troops in Austria hammered within five miles of the key Austrian rail junction of Laa, and in northern Czechoslovakia drove to points two and seven miles of Opava (Troppau) and Moravska-Ostrava.

In the fiery battle before Berlin's eastern approaches—possibly the greatest armored struggle in history—the Germans said masses of Russian tanks, infantry and big guns still were pouring into the fray against Nazi soldiers who had not slept for 150 hours. The enemy claimed that 1300 red army tanks had been knocked out and said the Russians were 29 miles beyond the Oder at Kuestrin after five days of fighting.

Fortis Blast Fails
"The decision of the war is being fought in an inferno of flames, searchlights and the most hellish noise ever heard," said a statement issued in the Wilhelmstrasse. Ahead of the attacking Russians 600 U. S. Flying Fortresses pounded key junctions in the Berlin area.

Moscow announced that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White army had captured strongholds of Bad Freienwalde and Wriezen, 23 and 24 miles northeast of Berlin, and had driven ten miles beyond the Oder, capturing the road junction of Seelow, 26 miles east of the city.

Princess to Celebrate Nineteenth Birthday

LONDON, April 20—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth, heir presumptive to the British throne, will celebrate her 19th birthday tomorrow in the country with her father, mother and sister. Messages of congratulation poured into Buckingham palace today from the British empire and the United States.

Nazi Nerve Center Falls

By Jean Meegan
AP News Writer
The nerve center of the Nazi party was not really Berlin or Munich or even Hitler's Berchtesgaden, but Nuernberg, a Jekyll and Hyde city in southern Germany, supposedly majoring in the manufacture of toys and Christmas tree ornaments.

More dangerous products of the fire-tree town were Diesel engines, locomotives, motor trucks, radio equipment, transformers, steel, tin, chemicals, pharmaceuticals—and above all, fanatic enthusiasm for the Third Reich.

Center of Power
The city's name is permanently attached to the Nazi congresses which met there to generate the high powered, neurotic nationalism which was then beamed to all Germany.

Annually 140,000 men in brown woolen arrived at the congress to represent the 2,000,000 party members; 48,000 Hitler youths rallied; the chancellor, his ministers, guards, massed bands, official guests, spectators, and Hitler, surrounded by blue tinged lights and standard bearers met in formation—in the interests of frenzied national fervor.

Der Fuehrer's Warning
Ironically, it was from his platform at the congress in 1937 that Hitler flung the warning: "Germany never will be conquered now—either from without or within."

Probably Germany's most disgraceful law was authorized in this city—the Nuernberg laws on race and citizenship, which were passed 10 years ago and forbade "marriages between Jews and subjects of German or kindred blood."

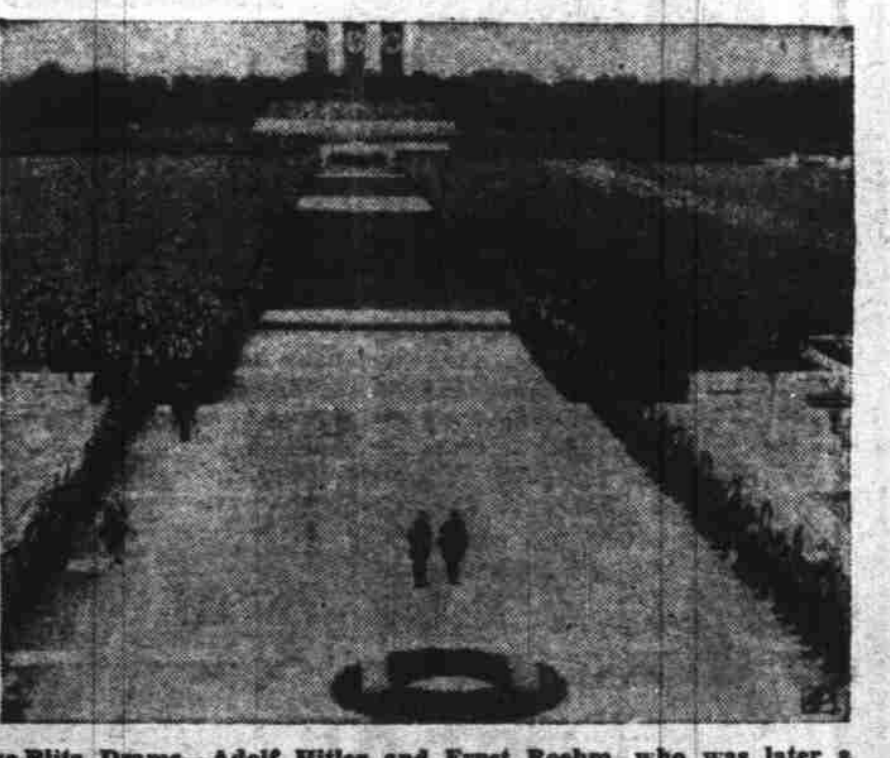
A Hitler Favorite
Hitler was sentimental about Nuernberg, the second town of Bavaria in size—and the first in commercial importance.

Like a lot of old-world cities, this one had an old and a new section—in this case separated by the Pegnitz river.

A half million people use to live there. It was a city of frame houses with wooden galleries and red sandstone churches built in the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries.

The publicity about it before the war featured the museum, which had a famous collection depicting the history of German art and civilization.

Its greatest glory was that it was Germany's fount of art and was heavily hung with the works of Adam Kraft, Veit Stoss, and Peter Vischer. Beer was also an attraction for tourists.



Pre-Blitz Drama—Adolf Hitler and Ernst Roehm, who was later a blood purge victim, backed by massed thousands, pay their tribute in 1933 to the "unknown soldier" at Nuernberg.

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Weather

Station	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	55	48	60
Eugene	72	43	60
Portland	72	42	60
Seattle	75	48	60
Spokane	79	45	60

FORECAST: (By U. S. weather bureau, McNary field) Occasional light showers today with cooler temperatures.