'Hopes and Fears of All the Years'-



Symbolic of a hurt and weary world is this dramatic photo of two wounded veterans watching and waiting outside the great auditorium in San Francisco where allied nations seek a lasting peace. They are Marine Pvt. James Enoch and Seaman Thomas Kyle late of Iwo Jima. But their names aren't news. They're your son, husband, brother, sweetheart. Are their prayers being answered? (International photo)

SEEMS Delegates TO ME In Dither

By Cherley A. Stragene

The allied world held a deathwatch all day Saturday. Wires and radio waves crackled with rumors of German offers of surrender, culminating just after 5 p.m. with an AP bulletin from San Francisco crediting a "high American official" with the statement that Germany had surren-dered, followed an hour and a half later with the statement from President Truman denying the report. But no one has denied that overtures for surrender have been

The falling apart of Germany is so obvious that were any government of character in charge surrender would long since have been tendered. Now authority has shrunk to near a vanishing point. Who is left to surrender? What does he have to surrender? There is no civil government save in loralities. The capital is surrounded. The most of the reich is in to Britain and the United States allied hands. What is left is but a and had been turned down bemiserable remnant, a mixture of fanatic nazi storm troopers, of Russia. frantic civilians, of a shattered Wehrmacht; a remnant though over which Hitler and Himmler still assert authority.

Hitler has said that Germany would die rather than surrender. The octopus that was Germany, bleeding from all its extremities and from its very heart, is dying, writhing in death-throes, lashing fiercely where strength and will are left, but dying. Surrender now races with death for the reich.

The report that Himmler proposed surrender to the western allies may be authentic. The Germans may hope for more considerlies than from the soldiers of the red army. But it may have been pride as well as fear which prompted the gesture to the west. The cause Russia was omitted. (Ad-Germans must hate to admit ditional details on page 2.) their defeat at the hands of the "bolshevik barbarians," led by milftary idiots." Yet the superb German military machine was defeated and decisively and continuously by the armies of Soviet Russia. By every test the Russians have earned a large share in any

that surrender now lacks the dra- and hung poised in space 100 feet 1818. But the end of the war, by Clair Huff, 60, bus operator, God, seems near at hand. crashing the railing. Three passengers were hospitalized.

Bay Meet

By Douglas B. Cornell delegates saw their peace-shaping in Russian hands.

task growing more difficult. "momentarily." They heard with Moscow's account, however, Washington, had pronounced the reichstag. surrender report unfounded.

But most of them felt that a now, can't be long delayed. Connally repeated, after the Washingannouncement of surrender "mo-

titude was based on one clear fact—that gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler had offered surrender cause he made no overtures to

Two different possibilities lay ahead of the delegates:

1. A shift to high speed to accomplish as much as possible toward molding the pattern of a peaceful world before top statesmen have to leave San Francisco. 2 A longer and more complicated job if such men as Eden of Britain, Molotov of Russia and Stettinius of America have to rush to their capitals in the hour of

Delegates split their time between listening to two sessions. of formal speech-making and clustering in groups to go over the unconfirmed reports that the nazis had offered to yield unconditionally to the United States and Britain and were turned down be-

Portland Bus Hangs 100 Feet Above Rails

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28-(AP) A driver and four passengers escaped death tonight when a traction company bus crashed through So inevitable is German doom a steel railing of a high bridge climax of the armistice of above S. P. & S. railroad tracks. South Santiam

surrender or by proclamation of said as he turned onto the viavictory will release emotions long duct, wheel of the bus started pent-up, will occasion celebration slipping on wet pavement. It and thanksgiving throughout the struck two automobiles before

Molotov Presides Over Bay City Conference Like a Lamb

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28-(AP) Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov. who came roaring into this United Nations conference like a lion, pre- Foreign Secretary and Foreign sided over its plenary session to-

After sitting patiently in his unobtrusive seat all morning, jotting tries from Czechoslovakia to Leb- four chairmen of the conference.

He was applauded heartily as he tribunal."

strode onto the stage, indicating the delegates had dropped the doubtings aroused at the start of the conference by Molotov's insistance on sharing the chairmanship with Secretary of State Stettinius, Minister Soong.

Molotov, smiling broadly, said, "First of all permit me to thank you for having elected me, the Sodown notes as delegates of coun- viet representative, as one of the

anon spoke in the half-filled opera | Pausing for an outburst of aphouse, he picked up the gavel this afternoon to exercise for the first time his right as co-chairman of the conference.

He was applauded heartily as he house, he resumed, "Assuming the discharge of my duties, I express that German prison dured in this war without alipting the conference.

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Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, April 29, 1945

The Otegon Statesman

V-E DAY HELD IMMENT

BERLIN WRITHING

Airtight Against

der to all three principal Allies.

Amid persistent rumors of an

attempt by Gestapo Chief Hein-

rich Himmler to surrender the

reich to America and Britain-but

not to Russia-it was pointed out

here that repeated statements and

agreements commit the Allies

firmly to uncompromising joint ac-

Meanwhile Jonathan Daniels,

the White House press secretary,

told reporters he knew nothing

about any surrender proposals,

and added that it was "perfectly

clear" that there can be no uncon-

ditional surrender unless made to

Last 2 German

Escape Routes

In Italy Closed

By Lynn Helnserling

ROME, April 28 -(AP)- U. S.

western Italy captured Brescia

and Bergamo at the foot of the

Alps today, blocking the last two

Brenner pass into Austria, and an

unofficial Milan radio report said

they already had reached the

Swiss frontier at Como, 30 miles

mation in Rome or elsewhere.

(Another unconfit ned Swiss

Benito Mussolini, had been taken

to Milan by Italian patriots and

The last German troops were

cial allied communique said.

French Force

Obstructs 7th

PARIS, April 28-(AP)-Suprem

headquarters declared today the

French were obstructing the U.S.

Seventh army drive on the nazis'

southern redoubt by occupying

Stuttgart and unless they moved

out the Americans would have to

find "a less desirable and less

At last reports the French First

army, which captured Wuerttem-

berg province's capital, was still

there, backed by the French coun-

The council disapproved of the

request to move out the troops on

claims in southwest Germany.

Sugar Allowance for

efficient" supply base.

beyond Bergamo.

Separate Peace

22 PAGES

Strangle **Hold Held** By Reds

NINETY-FIFTH YEAR

Nazi Resistance Grows Weaker, Many Surrender

By Richard Kasischke

LONDON, Sunday, April 29-(AP) Soviet armies, taking a final strangle hold on dying Berlin, hurled its defenders back into a shell-raked 25-square-mile pocket in the city's center yesterday while thousands of German troops gave up the suicidal struggle and sur- all the Allies. rendered to the red army.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28-(AP) German resistance was fanatical Hopes of the united nations con-but it was tottering. Almost all ference for a speedy German sur- the city but the central pocket, render rose and fell like a tide which was forged by a red army tonight and through the confusion | inner ring of encirclement, was

The Paris radio said early to-They cheered at word that an day that the Russians had occu-American delegate, Senator Tom pied the reichstag in the center Connally of Texas, had declared of Berlin, adding "It is believed that the nazis had surrendered and that the end of German resistance the announcement would come in the capital is imminent." By dismay that President Truman, in Russians were two miles from th

Smash Northward While the city lashed in its nazi collapse, if it does not come death agonies, soviet forces north of the capital smashed out across the Mecklenburg plains on an exton denial, that he expects the panding 81-mile front and gained up to 22 miles toward Rostock and Hamburg in a clean-up of the iso-And the delegates' hopeful at- lated northern half of Adolf Hitler's now-bisected third reich.

These forces captured five major towns, including Pasewalk, where Hitler, blinded by gas, in November, 1918, resolved in a military hospital to become a politician, rebuild Germany's military power and avenge the Ver- radio report said the fallen duce,

sailles treaty. Three major Berlin city districts and parts of three others would be tried by a patriot court were captured by the First White martial.) Russian and First Ukrainian armies as they battled up to three cleared from Genoa, last big west miles through blazing streets and coast port held by the enemy, and linked up in western Berlin, Mos- 6000 prisoners were taken, a specow revealed.

Many Nazis Quit More than 13,000 enemy troops straggled through desert-like clouds of dust to red army lines where they surrendered, while southeast of Berlin another 14,000 enemy troops were taken prisoner in a giant trap which had been Army's Drive forged several days ago.

In two days more than 32,500 enemy troops of the Berlin garrison have been killed or captured. The majority have preferred to end the vain struggle. Front dispatches to Moscow afternoon newspapers yesterday reported wholesale German efforts to escape the holocaust in the heart of the capital, where only fanatical nazi elite guards were forcing a prolongation of the battle.

Road to Open

The South Santiam highway, closed Monday afternoon, will be opened to traffic Monday morning, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, declared Saturday.

Canning to Be Slashed WASHINGTON, April 28.-(P)-A state highway crew, aided by recruits from Sweet Home, will work today removing last of the water and mud impounded by a home canning from a maximum of slide so that full logging opera- 20 pounds to 15 pounds a person tions may resume. The highway for the 1945 canning season. This was closed because of danger that was reported in authoritative the pressure created when a cul- quarters, but officials declined to vert was blocked might carry confirm or deny it. away a portion of the road and endanger lives of persons travel- 32 Junior Secretaries ing there, Baldock said. At Round Table Here



Allied Fences Are Munich 22 Miles WASHINGTON, April 28-(AP)-Allied fences appeared airtight today against the possibility of any separate peace for Germany or one short of unconditional surren-

Reich Split Into Two Traps, One Starts Crumbling

By James M. Long PARIS, Sunday, April 29-(AP)-American armies crushed down today on Germany's last major stronghold, rolling an unstoppable wall of tanks to within 22 miles of Munich, cradle of nazidom that already was reported torn by re-

The reich now is split into two traps, one on the north barely the size of Indiana and one on the south little larger than Colorado. The southern one was crumb-

ling badly at its very core under the blows of the U.S. Third and Seventh and French First armies. The Seventh army was but 22 miles west of Munich, considered the northern bastion of the Alpine redoubt, and the U.S. Third army was 27 miles away on the north.

As the tide of Third army tanks and troops struck down a super-highway toward Munich, their

on the city's wavelength announcing a "free action of Bavaria" re-German escape routes to the volt and asking the Americans to bomb Field Marshal Albert Kes- ized the following direct quotaselring's headquarters at Pullach, six miles south of the city.

(The Swiss radio said that the Germans had agreed to surrender in the provinces of Lombardy and Piedmont, which border on southspread confusion. ern Switzerland and embrace northwest and north central Italy. This report was without confir-

Seventh army, which seized 23,000 prisoners and with a lightning blow captured Augsburg, third city of Bavaria 35 miles northwest of Munich.

Tenth armored division tanks in 20-mile dash drove up to Fuessen on the Austrian frontier 50 miles southwest of Munich, then poured

Here, 37 miles northwest Innsbruck-northern gateway to the Brenner Pass leading down to Italy—the Americans stood at the entrance to the Austrian Tyrol, through which pass all the main east-west communications in the Alpine redoubt.

No Shutdown Due V-E Day

WASHINGTON, April 28.-(AP) War plants will operate full work schedules on V-E day if they follow the advice of chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board. Krug issued a statement today appealing to all workers to put in a full day's work, "pausing only to give thanks for the success of allied arms on one front

Krug said, however, that he France's postwar occupation zone do not interfere with production. in an unsuccessful coup.

of this multi-front war."

Momentarily?



Sen. Tom Connally (D-Texas) chairman of senate foreign relations committee, who "announced" German capitulation der would be made known "momentarily."

Short, Pithy Denial Given

President Truman tonight authortions on his denial that Germany Munich went on the air and de- a little work, and the rumor got clared the revolutionaries had started. I had a call from San een dispersed and that a "treas- Francisco and the state departonable transmitter" was trying to ment called me. I just got in touch with Admiral Leahy and had him Meanwhile, Munich was being call our headquarters-commandeeply outflanked by Lt. Gen. Al- der-in-chief in Europe-and there exander M. Patch's rampaging is no foundation for the rumor. That is all I have to say."

PARIS, April 29 - (Sunday) (P)-The Paris radio said today tremendous events were impending.

LONDON, April 28-(AP)-Prime Minister Churchill declared today that rumors of a German offer to surrender were "in harmony with the enemy's desperate situation," and strongly reaffirmed that any German capitulation would be accepted only on a joint basis by the Big Three. The London Sunday Times political correspondent said flatly tonight he had reliably informed "Germany may cease fighting during the next 24 hours."

LONDON, April 28-(A)-The Stockholm Svenska Dagbladet, quoting "reliable circles" said that Hitler had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and was near death in Berlin and that "it was believed an immediate announcement of Hitler's death would mean mass capitulation of a great number of troops."

approved of V-E day ceremonies German army deserters had atin war plants where facilities are tempted to arrest him and seize the had not taken any action on available for them, provided they government of Bavaria last night

WASHINGTON, April 28 - (AP)

LONDON, April 28 -(AP)- Paul Giesler, gauleiter of Munich and upper Bavaria, disclosed today in a Munich radio broadcast that

War-Shy Sweden Still Clings Grimly to Neutrality Policy

STOCKHOLM, April 28 -(AP) Cautious, war-shy Sweden is clinging grimly today to her pol-icy of official neutrality and making no commitments to any allied power to fight the Germans in

holm was that Sweden will continue intact the tradition of 130 men who have been in YMCA years of peace.

work two years or less, are at-tending the round-table training tion was brought into the open by conference which opened in Sather Norwegian government-in-lem on Saturday and closes this exile. It is only the latest of many here," snaps the taxi driver.

on street corners, in the shopsable majority opinion on the question whether the country should fight now for Norway's

"Why should our sons be killed merely to end the war a month or two earlier?" replies the aris-tocratic lady active in Norwegian

"We don't want any V-2s falling

Truman Denies All Reports Of **Nazi Surrender**

Reds Confirm Rejection of Himmler Appeal; Connally Sees News 'Momentarily'

Moscow announced early today (Sunday) that Heinrich Himmler had attempted to surrender Germany unconditionally to Britain and the United States, but a startling report at San Francisco that a surrender actually had been made to all three major allies was flatly declared by President Truman to be "unfounded."

These developments climaxed a climactic day of world

The United States and Britain rejected the Himmler offer because it did not include Russia, according to the Mosand later declared Nazi surren- cow broadcast by the official soviet Tass agency.

The San Francisco report that a surrender had been made with "no strings attached," originated with Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and vice chairman of the American delegation to the United Nations conference.

This information, given at first with the stipulation that Con nally not be identified, was carried by the Associated Press at 7:55 p. m., Eastern war time, Saturday.

One hour and forty minutes later President Truman told an extraordinary press conference at the White House in Washington that he had gotten Admiral Leahy to telephone General Eisenhower in Paris "and there is no foundation for the rumor."

Learning of the presidential statement, Senator Connally authorized identification of himself as source of the surrender report and o told a reporter that he still expected the surrender announcement to has surrendered: "Well, I was be made "momentarily." He said he believed the official news would Later Gauleiter Paul Giesler of over here, as you can see, doing be forthcoming in a matter of hours.

White House Press Secretary Jonathan Daniels, however, told reporters, "the lid's on," signifying that nothing more was expected

General Eisenhower issued a statement in Paris to the army paper, Stars and Stripes, that he had no information at all on any

Stettinius Silent on Surrender

Connally had said the announcement might come from Eisennower's headquarters. The senator did not give the source of his information about a surrender, but another high official in San Francisco said that he too had received the same report.

Secretary of State Stattinius made no statement and planned none. This series of developments culminated a 24-hour period in which Germany's complete military collapse was so imminent that surrender reports and rumors sprang up in many parts of the world.

The Tass announcement carried by the Moscow radio was the first official announcement that a surrender offer of any kind had actually been made.

Himmler, according to Senator Connally, explained that Adolf Hitler was ill and that Himmler was acting in Hitler's stead. Himmler was reported to have said that Hitler was mortally ill and undoubtedly would die when he learned of a surrender. Himmler Given Until Tuesday

The western allies promptly rejected the Himmler offer and were reported in San Francisco to have given Himmler until Tuesday, May 1, to surrender unconditionally to the three great powers, Russia, Britain and the United States. The alternative was increased destruction of Germany and total crushing of her army.

Himmler was said to be trying to make a deal for his own pernal safety before accepting the allied demand. Then Senator Connally passed the word that surrender had been accepted and that formal announcement could be expected at any moment. He said it previously had been set for 4 p.m., eastern war

time, Saturday, in Washington, but that it had been delayed.

The Stockholm paper Dagens Nyheter said that Himmler had made his surrender bid through Count Folke Bernadotte, vice chairman of the Swedish Red Cross and a frequent visitor to Germany

At San Francisco the fourth plenary session of the United Nations conference Saturday was thrown into an uproar and delegates celebrated prematurely when a newspaper was held up with big red For five minutes there were yells, applause and the flash of hun-

dreds of flash bulbs as cameramen swarmed over the floor.

As Julian Caceres, chairman of the Honduran delegation, held up the newspaper for colleagues to see, there was a moment of bewil-

Not realizing what was happening, Chairman V. M. Molotov rose to his feet. There was a bewildered look on his face but he applauded along with the more than 300 delegates in the hall.

The delegates streamed out of the building as the speech of Urugusyan Foreign Minister Jose Serrato, then being translated into English, was completed.

The celebration carried over into hotel delegation headquarters, but was dampened quickly by word from Washington that President Truman had said the victory report was unfounded.

But the delegates still felt victory in Europe was imminent.

At least one allied chief of government was known to be writing a statement to be issued upon the formal announcement of German surrender.

Could Himmler Effect Peace?

LONDON, April 28-(/P)-James in an analytical story tonight, said, "Whether Himmler had split with Hitler and could de-

WASHINGTON, April 28-(AP)-The Nazi salute is a thing of the past in German prisoner of war camps in the United States. "Since organized resistance by the German army apparently ceased," liver, even if he sought peace in good faith, was problematical—as evidenced by the fact that the