

By Charles Spague

A few days ago the papers told of the sale of the Davenport hotel at Spokane to William E. Dris of Seattle, principal owner of the Olympic hotel. This news stirs memories among those who have lived in the "Inland Empire" of which Spokane is capital and among those who have visited in Spokane and stopped at the Davenport. For if Spokane is the "capital" of the great intermountain region, Davenport's is its "capitol." It is the meeting-place, the community center for a vast area, a real oasis for what in a hot midsummer might be called, with some liberty in use of language, a desert. The hotel was and is unique, and its history is unique. As I recall the story L. M. Davenport started a lunch counter in booming Spokane, in a tent, just after the big fire of the late 1880's. (Many towns do their dating from "big fires." Chicago does, so do Seattle and Spokane. Portland seems to have escaped any general holocaust, also Salem; but not Astoria—or Bandon). From such humble beginnings later emerged Davenport's restaurant, which became one of the famous restaurants of the country. It gave distinction to Spokane as the city struggled to erect ten-story buildings and lay out its streets through and around and over the basaltic outcrop surrounding Spokane falls. The wealth of the Coeur d'Alene mines, of the Palouse and Big Bend wheat fields, of the pine forests of northern Idaho and northeastern Washington and from uses of the abundant hydro-electric energy of its streams poured into Spokane, as did

R. E. Hannegan Will Succeed Frank Walker

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—In the first shift in the old Roosevelt cabinet, President Truman today announced the resignation of Postmaster General Frank C. Walker and the selection of Robert E. Hannegan to succeed him. Walker, 59-year old New York lawyer and theatre chain operator, will leave the cabinet voluntarily June 30 after completing a reorganization of his department. Hannegan, 41 year old Missouri lawyer who ran Franklin D. Roosevelt's fourth term campaign, will take over his new job July 1, if confirmed by the senate. He will retain the democratic national chairmanship. James J. Farley held both posts for eight years under Roosevelt, but quit over the third term issue. Walker also acted in the dual capacities for a year. In a second major appointment announced at his news conference the president said he was naming David E. Lilienthal for another nine-year term as chairman of the Tennessee valley authority starting May 18. In doing so he sided with Alabama and against Tennessee senators.

Truman Urges 10% Slash in War Spending

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—President Truman today recommended a 10 per cent slash in war spending and pledged further economies as the military situation improves. The executive proposed a \$7,365,000,000 cutback in shipbuilding, and an \$80,000,000 reduction in eight war agency budgets. In addition, he abolished the office of civilian defense. Mr. Truman said he was impelled by "favorable progress of the war." He sent his recommendations to congress with the advice that all federal activities "will be continually reviewed to achieve economies where they will not interfere with the prosecution of the war."

Dittmar Sees Nazis' Finish

U. S. 12TH ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, May 2 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, German military commentator who surrendered voluntarily to the Americans a week ago, told reporters today he had no doubt Hitler is dead, and repeated his own prediction that the European war would be over in few days. Answering questions freely, he said it was conceivable that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, the new Fuehrer, had done away with Heinrich Himmler before announcing himself as Hitler's successor. Dittmar said Doenitz was a "realist" and expressed surprise that he had asked the German people to fight on. The commentator predicted they would refuse.

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MILLION NAZIS SURRENDER; BERLIN FALLS TO RUSSIANS

Hitler's Suicide Reported Stalin Announces Conquest After 12-Day Struggle

LONDON, May 3 (AP)—Hamburg has been declared an open city, the Hamburg radio announced today, and British forces under Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey will enter the port at noon today. The announcement, heralding the fall of Germany's second largest city, came less than 12 hours after Premier Marshal Stalin had announced the capture of Berlin by his besieging Russian forces. The broadcast was made in the German language in the name of Secretary of State Ahrndt.

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in propaganda and the press; press chief Flick, and government counselor Heinrich Dorsch. "During interrogation Dr. Fritzsche stated that Hitler, Goebbels and the newly-appointed chief of the general staff, infantry general Krebs, had committed suicide." Presumably a thorough checkup was being made by Russian troops in the ruined buildings of Berlin, but the Soviet communique made no mention of such a search. Nor did it indicate whether the Fritzsche statement was believed in Moscow, although its inclusion in so formal a document as the communique indicated at least

that the Russians placed credence in the report. Only Tuesday night the Nazi Hamburg radio said that Hitler had died "a hero's death" in the reich's chancellery in Berlin, "fighting to the last breath" against the Russians and that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz had been appointed by Hitler as the new Fuehrer. The Moscow official radio had scorned this report, stating that it was "another fascist trick," designed to let Hitler escape to the underground. The new report that Hitler was indeed dead, but by his own hand,

came as the grim U-boat boss, Doenitz, issued a "fight-on" battle cry to the dwindling and rent forces still clinging to Hitler's tattered swastika banner. Goebbels, Hitler's shadow and closest advisor since the earliest days of the Nazi party, apparently made good—a statement in his last radio address that he would rather commit suicide than "be under the holshrek terror." The suicides were in direct contrast to the heroic picture the Hamburg radio presented of the Fuehrer falling while directing his depleted armies.

First Unconditional Capitulation Made By Nazi General

By NOLAND NORGAARD ROME, May 2 (AP)—Nearly 1,000,000 German and Italian fascist troops made the first unconditional surrender of the war in Europe today, yielded without a shot the mountainous heart of the Nazis' "national redoubt" in the Alps and exposed the south flank of the fragments that remain. Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff-Scheel planned to come out of the Alps tomorrow to give up his staff to Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, the allied commander, or to Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the 15th army group in Italy. The surrender swept clean of resistance all northern Italy and western Austria up to and including Salzburg province and its capital of the same name, which was the eastern bastion of the Alpine retreat. Thus the allied armies of the south were free to march unopposed to within 10 miles of Berchtesgaden, where Hitler had his mountain hideout and which being in Bavaria is not included in the surrender order. (General Eisenhower in Paris told his armies to keep on pressing south, mopping up all resistance, although the surrender order yielded up the chief objectives of his U.S. Seventh army and part of those of the U.S. Third, which was closing on Salzburg.) Terms Signed Sunday The surrender documents, ending the bloody 20-month Italian campaign, were signed Sunday at the royal palace at Caserta, near Naples, and became effective at 12-noon (8 a. m., Eastern War Time) today. Two German plenipotentiaries signed for Germany in the presence of American, British and Russian officers. Approximately 20,000 square miles of German-held territory, including all of northern Italy to the Isonzo river in the northeast and the Austrian provinces of Vorarlberg, Tyrol, Salzburg and parts of Carinthia and Styria were surrendered to the Allies. The action not only uncovers the southern approaches to Germany but lops off the southwestern end of the so-called German "national redoubt" and turns the right flank of Col. Gen. von Lehr, commanding enemy troops in the Trieste area and northern Yugoslavia. New Zealand troops of the British Eighth army and forces of Marshal Tito's army already have joined 14 miles northwest of Trieste which has been occupied by the Yugoslavs. Order Broadcasted Even before the official announcement was made public German radios were heard broadcasting the surrender order to the few Nazi troops still holding out in Italy or fleeing for their lives to Austria. But even as the sirens screamed and jubilant celebrations were started a grim warning of the bitter fighting that still was ahead on the other side of the world was sounded by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of American forces in the Mediterranean, who said that not "until the last foe—Japan—is crushed" will "freedom loving men and women be able to enjoy lasting peace."

MacArthur Confirms Aussie Invasion of Tarakan Isle; Yanks Approach Davao City

MANILA, Thursday, May 3 (AP)—A new chapter in the Pacific war—a drive to erase the Japanese from the Dutch East Indies—opened Tuesday when an Australian force, bolstered by a few Dutch units, invaded Tarakan island, just off northeastern Borneo, against negligible opposition. This operation, previously reported by the Japanese and the Australians, was confirmed today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who said it "virtually severs the enemy's holdings in the south."

4171 Oldtimers Fighting With 41st Division

HQ. 41ST DIVISION, THE PHILIPPINES — As the famed 41st infantry division commences its 38th month in Pacific combat zones it is noted how surprisingly large a percentage of the personnel has served with the outfit since it left the U. S. mainland. Currently, 4171 oldtimers are still in the 41st ranks, still going strong after their years on battle fronts. Few divisions with a combat record even remotely comparable to the 41st's can boast of such a nucleus of veterans still slugging it out with the enemy. The 41st was the first infantry unit to reach the Southwest Pacific, the first division assigned to General MacArthur when he chartered his "way back" from Australia.

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Innsbruck Open City

NEW YORK, May 2 — Innsbruck has been declared an open city by the Germans, the Swiss radio reported in a broadcast heard today by NBC.

Hopes for Early Liberation Of Denmark, Norway Fading

By James F. King LONDON, May 2 (AP)—Hopes for a bloodless liberation of Norway and Denmark faded tonight as Germany military commanders in those two Nazi-occupied countries called on their troops for a fight to the end under Admiral Doenitz, self-announced successor to Adolf Hitler. While neither mentioned Doenitz by name both denied Stockholm reports that they were ready to discuss capitulation. A shutdown between factions led by Admiral Doenitz, ruthless German U-boat leader who proclaimed his ascendancy to Hitler's job yesterday shortly after the German radio told of the Fuehrer's death, and Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler appeared to be developing.

Captured Yank Forces Capture Gen. Von Rundstedt



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WITH U. S. SEVENTH ARMY IN SOUTHERN BAVARIA, May 2 (AP)—Thin-lipped Field Marshal Gen. Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt, Germany's top military strategist taken prisoner by American troops south of Munich, told his captors today it was senseless for the reich to fight any longer. Advised of the reported death of Adolf Hitler, the cold Prussian aristocrat commented without elaboration: "Admiral Doenitz has been in charge for some time."

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Hotest May 2 Ever Recorded Here Noted

Salem residents wiped their brows again Wednesday when the mercury soared to a new record of 83 degrees registered at 4:30 p. m. Observers at the weather bureau, McNary field, said it was the warmest May 2 ever recorded here.

DeValera Expresses Sorrow Over Hitler

DUBLIN, May 2 (AP)—Prime Minister Eamon de Valera in a formal visit expressed condolences tonight over the death of Adolf Hitler to Dr. Eduard Heimgartner, the German minister. The flag of the German legation was flown at half staff.

Yank Veterans Drive Salient Into Jap Lines

GUAM, Thursday, May 3 (AP)—Attacking in darkness with tanks and flamethrowers, U.S. Tenth army troops opened an intensified drive on southern Okinawa early yesterday. Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's veteran Seventh division on the east coast drove a salient 1400 yards into tough Japanese positions. Thus developed the first apparent breakthrough since the enemy garrison made its initial stand along a front so bitterly defended it has become known as the "little Siegfried line."

Subs Sink 1/2 Of Jap Ships

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The navy's commander of submarines in the Pacific said today that American undersea boats alone have sunk about one-half of Japan's merchant fleet. As the navy disclosed the sinking of 21 additional enemy vessels, including two combatant ships, Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, jr., told a news conference that the U.S. submarine fleet has sunk approximately 4,000,000 tons of Japanese merchant shipping. The submarine commander said this is about one-half of the entire merchant fleet the Japanese owned, built or stole since the war started.

County School Boards Plan Improvements on Buildings

Two hundred fifty persons from school, county, river and mountain city districts of Marion county in Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms Wednesday night set in motion the county's first long range plans for its varied educational plants. Those attending were members of schoolboards or district clerks, and every district was believed represented. Immediate improvement needs were emphasized as a series of colored slides revealed rotting steps, leaking roofs, peeling paint, an ancient pot-bellied stove, leaning "Chic Sales," the water bucket with single dipper, poor lighting systems and broken windows—all photographed in Marion county school buildings and grounds. Maurice Labor, president of the Oregon State Teachers' association, Lillian Van Loan, the association's placement secretary, and Ben Bulman, editor of the State Grange Bulletin and Ben Newell of the county agent's office accompanied the slides with a line of cleverly-wounded conversation and presented the discussion accompanying that feature of the session, indicating that the beginning of any plan lies in the wholehearted support, interest and pride of entire communities. The summer's grange program includes a schoolhouse beautification contest to be conducted over the state, with "before and after" pictures indicating improvements. A set of standards by which boards may check their schools was provided for every person attending. Donald A. Young of the Salem board, representing the Oregon State Schoolboard association, presented that organization's long range program. Lester Wilcox of the state department of education explained new laws dealing with education and new budget requirements. Following the meeting, he assisted boards with budget plans. Agnes C. Booth, county school superintendent, was assisted in arranging the session by members of the county school office staff and County Treasurer Sam J. Butler. A display of snapshots showing exteriors of every schoolhouse in the county was a feature.

New Landing Dooms 30,000 Japs in Burma

CALCUTTA, May 2 (AP)—British seaborne troops poured ashore from warships at the mouth of the Rangong river 20 miles south of Rangoon early today, cutting off from the sea and virtually dooming an estimated 30,000 Japanese troops in the Burma capital, Allied headquarters announced. Parachute forces made an initial landing in the area between Rangoon and the Bay of Bengal yesterday, clearing the way for the main body of Allied forces which landed in strength on both banks of the river. Details of the operation, which promised to crush the last important Japanese resistance in Burma in a matter of days, were hidden by censorship. The Japanese garrison in Rangoon was hopelessly trapped between the seaborne British and Indian armored divisions driving on the capital from less than 36 miles to the north. The land forces were that near to Rangoon three days ago.

British Attack Nazis Fleeing For Denmark

LONDON, May 2 (AP)—British fliers made day-long attacks today on the chaotic jumble of German military traffic fleeing toward Denmark, destroying or damaging at least 1207 vehicles and 31 planes in the area of Luebeck, which British ground forces captured. RAF pilots said that British tanks were advancing so fast that one group of fighterbombers, upon reaching its target, found the tanks already four miles beyond. They said the Bay of Luebeck was filled with vessels loaded to Denmark and that all roads were jammed with confused and frantic German transport. "Everybody seemed to be racing out," said one pilot.

War Costs Could Build Every Family a Home

NEW YORK, May 2 (AP)—The war has cost the American people enough to build an \$8000 house for every family in the country, Mordecai Ezekiel, economic adviser to the secretary of agriculture, said today. Before the women's action committee for victory and lasting PEACE he estimated the cost to date as \$272,000,000,000.

Alexander May Head Commission to Germany

LONDON, Thursday, May 3 (AP)—Lord Beaverbrook's London Daily Express said today that Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander may relinquish his command as supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean theater to return to London as head of the British control commission for Germany.

Tax Revisions Eyed

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—President Truman disclosed today that he is discussing the possibility of postwar tax revisions with Treasury Secretary Morgenthau. He said he had no information on what trend taxes may take after V-E day.