## 500,000 GERMANS SURRENDER

# To me

y Charley A. Strague

(Summary of talk before the Salem Realty Board Friday noon.) V-E day is here! It has not been announced by General Eisenhow-er or Marshal Stalin, Winston Churchill and Harry Truman; but V-E day is here. They know it; We know it; even the Germans know that they are licked. Only the final clean-up of pockets of resistance delays the proclama-

"This is the day we long have sought, and mourned because we found it not." So closely has our attention been riveted on military operations and recently on the San Francisco conference to plan a new world organization that we are hardly ready for V-E day. Peace, like the war, is "busting too late," as were those for war.

25 per cent of our agricultural Olmuetz (Olomouc). production has been for war or decline 12 per cent in three progress in Austria. months, 20 per cent in six months | The nazi high command said the markets.

months even in the case of auto- were plunging toward Austria's mobiles than

(Continued on Editorial Page)

## Prisoners of War at Adair **Pack Dishes**

Camp Adair, May 4-(Special)- The entire Czechoslovak prov-Several score German prisoners ince of Slovakia was freed of -housed on grounds which once were the training site for 40,000 American soldiers - were busy packing thousands of dishes and cooking utensils here today for shipment to U.S. encampments ern Moravia in preparation for an

The majority of the prisoners slovak capital, Prague. appeared cheerful at their work on what constituted a virtual assembly line of boxes. One man with Rates of Draft the letters "PW" on his work clothes wore a red campaign ribclothes wore a red campaign rib-bon—attesting to his service on the Calls to Stay Russian front-and he obviously was proud of what was regarded

The prisoners are kept busy maintaining camp facilities when no ther duties are assigned, and officials have said that in the main they are ready and able workers. They are kept under day. strict military dicipline and no major trouble has been encount-

### Chinese Halt Nip Offensive

CHUNGKING, May 4-(P)-The committee, stated that the pre-Chinese high command announced tonight that Chinese troops aided by American-equipped air-borne over the next three months. reinforcements had completely halted a four-pronged Japanese offensive aimed at the U.S. air when German resistance collapses base at Chihkiang, 250 miles altogether. southeast of Chungking, annihilat-

Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, chief of staff to the allied commander in chief in China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, also said that the enemy offensive A war production board official "seemingly has bogged down," and will visit the Salem, Ore., alumthat the Chinese were continuing inum plant to determine how much their counter-drive in this port sulphate ammonium will be needof western Hunan province.

## Reliable Source Says

STOCKHOLM, May 4-(P)-Reports from a usually reliable source said tonight that Heinrich Himmler, gestapo chief and com-mander of the German home army,

Danes Wildly Celebrate Hour This might mean that Admiral Karl Doenitz and other officials Karl Doenitz and other officials of his German government also Of Liberation From Germans are in that country.

There has been no indication here that British forces yet have crossed into Danish territory.

#### Sweden Premier Happy Over Surrender News

STOCKHOLM, May 4-(AP)-Premier Per Albin Hansson of Sweden said tonight he was tremendous-ly glad to hear the news of the singing, crying . . . and fighting, seat of the feared HIPO (Danish In the midst of the celebration nazi auxiliary police corps), the man forces in Norway and in the sage would be "followed by anthe Danish Freedom council orgestapo headquarters in St. Anne
Czechoslovak-Austrian pocket. capitulation and hoped the mes-

This was an obvious reference to Norway, in which the Swedish government long has been interested and is hopeful of a peaceful

dered mobilization of the whole resistance movement, on what was at Dagmarhus on the Raadshusplaten, the capital's central square. They used light field guns, smaller

Moreover, supreme allied head-quarters of German Ambassador Werner Best at Dagmarhus on the Raadshusplaten, the capital's central square. They used light field guns, smaller

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## The Oregon Statesman Enemy Beaten On Land, Sea,

NINETY-FIFTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, May 5, 1945

Vessels

Yanks Destroy

Planes in Fight

By Lief Erickson

GUAM, Saturday, May 5-(AP)

Attacking by land, sea and air,

the Japanese sank five small US

ships off Okinawa yesterday, af-

fected nuisance landings behind

One of the counterlandings was

repulsed on and upwards of 500

enemy troops involved in three

other other landings were pock-

were being destroyed.

Japs Counterattack

tle, Lindsley added.

eted near Machinato air field and

About 3000 Japanese troops

counterattacked behind 20 or more

tanks, in the 7th division sector,

killed, Associated Press Corre-

spondent James Lindsley reported

from 24th army corps headquar-

There was much hand-to-hand

fighting and one unit of the 7th

division engaged in a grenade bat-

ships off Okinawa, resulting in a

ed and one Baka bomb shot down

of aircraft winging southward but

96 of these. The previous day they

destroyed two and damaged 19 on

the ground in neutralizing strikes

one reached American forces off

damaged.

154 Japanese

# Russians

#### **Germans Bitterly Resisting Soviet Army Advances**

By Romney Wheeler

LONDON, Saturday, May 5-(AP) -Russian troops, smashing out powerful 10-mile gains in the nain our faces." Our preparations zis' Czechoslovakian mountain refor peace may be "too little and doubt, liberated all Slovakia yesterday as German forces bitterly Consider these facts: about 50 resisted Red army advances and per cent of our industrial produc- staged a big tank battle near the tion has been for war; perhaps Moravian war production city of

Despite violent German opposilend-lease; perhaps as many as tion in which the Russians lost 50 per cent of our workers have and then regained at least one been employed directly or indi- town, Red army forces battled for rectly in war production. With a quick cleanup of Czechoslova-V-E day Chairman Krug of WPB kia while the Germans reported estimates that war production will a new Soviet offensive was in

and 35 per cent in 12 months. At that Soviet armor had opened a the end of a year all types of big drive west of Vienna toward civilian goods will be flowing into a junction with American troops battling for Linz that would cut Reconversion of industry will be off the Austrian redoubt from much more rapid than was once Czechoslovakia. The enemy said estimated, merely a matter of Red army mountain fighters also

> second city, Graz. While the Red army pressed campaigns to reduce the Germans' southern European strongholds, as the Pan-American act of Chamop-up operations continued pacts with France and other Euro New Phone against German forces in northern

More than 45,700 German troops pean countries, into the Dumbar-ton proposals for an all-powerful More than 45,700 German troops ton proposals for an all-powerful laid down their arms and sursecurity council with worldwide Book for 1945 rendered to the Red army northnorth of Stettin a drive was opened to clear the Baltic islands guarding Stettin Bay.

German troops after month-long battles when the 2nd and 4th Ukrainian armies rolled down from the White Carpathian and west Beskid mountains into eastall-out drive toward the Czecho-

## After V-E Day

army's draft calls may stay at the current rate of about 100,000 men a month for some time after V-E

Hopes for a cut at the end of the German war were dimmed, it was learned today, by an assertion from Gen. George C. M. Marshall that May and June replacement needs of the army cannot be met under the present calls.

The chief of staff, writing within the last week to Chairman May (D, Ky) of the house military vailing shortage probably will be increased "by some 50,000 men'

There was no indication that this situation may be alleviated

#### WPB Official Will Visit Salem Aluminum Plant

WASHINGTON, May 4, - (AP) ed to have the plant operating in that her son, Sgt. John H. Parks, June, Congressman Homer Angell 23, was killed in Luxembourg on

Angell said the WPB official will earlier that he was missing. Himmler Is in Denmark make the trip in a week or 10 days. Previously the agency had my signal corps, appeared in Stars refused to allocate any of the and Stripes Dec. 22—the day bechemical from the fertilizer pro-gram.

Man of the Year" caption.

## **Blazing Chancellery Fails** To Yield Body of Hitler Five U.S.

MOSCOW, May 4-(P)-Adolf gun. the German fuehrer who the nazis problems in all Europe. said had died there May 1, dispatches from the German capital

bled streets facing starvation. Berlin "aristocrats" were filing famine. out of their cellars and falling on dead horses in the streets-tear-

buried, but the red army was be- cellery's smoking windows.

treaties into a world security system.

pultepec and Russia's assistance

All were described as having

agreed in principle on the point

that security can best be maintain-

ed on a worldwide basis, rather

principle and at the same time pro-

tecting regional defensive arrange-

again being attacked by a resur-

The big-four met early in the evening at dinner in the pent-house to 120.

apartment of Secretary of State

Stettinius. It had been planned

to get joint amendments to the

press tonight. But word later went

out that nothing would be issued

Then it was learned that the

reason was a decision to meet

again later. If complete accord

could be reached, it was said, the

only amendments to be sponsored

by the big four would be those on

which they all agreed. Otherwise

it was thought that the United

States and possibly Russia and

Britain might have one or more

the big-four would be in agree-

ment on 80 to 85 per cent of the

changes they want made. (Addi-

LaPORTE, Ind., May 4-(AP)-The

soldier who was chosen by the

army newspaper Stars and Stripes

as the "GI Man of the Year" for

Mrs. Ella Harness said tonight

Dec. 23. She had been informed tacks.

the war department notified her

Parks' picture, taken by the ar-

1944, has been killed in action.

independent proposals.

tional details on page 2).

GI Man of

Year Killed

authority.

gent Germany.

before tomorrow.

Big Four Strikes Snag on

How to Fit Area Treaties

By Douglas B. Cornell

tonight to have agreed on more than 20 amendments to the Dum-

barton Oaks plan but to have struck a snag on how to fit regional

having divergent ideas on dovetailing such regional arrangements

than with regional organizations telephone directory was almost

working independently of the se ready for distribution today, with curity council. But they lacked the Smiths still leading in the

a formula for maintaining this number of entries of that name.

Russia evidently was chiefly company, the directory contains

concerned with the possibility of 192 pages. Salem has 64 pages.

In any case, it was reported that Big Force of

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4-(AP)-The big four were reported

The United States, Russia and Britain were represented as

Into World Security System

Hitler's blazing chancellery in city make it apparent that the the chancellery got so hot we had Berlin failed to yield the body of capital offers one of the worst to duck out through windows."

Meanwhile German prisoners oners to work in emergency bak- but the gigantic shelter is intact," went to work clearing up their eries, turning out bread for the it said. ruined city as thousands of civil- population, but it appeared that ians wandered through the rub- even these measures would be in- that the bodies of Hitler and

ing them up in the space of mo- related how they found dead Ger- buildings. ments, dispatches said. Hundreds man machine gunners, iron crosses of German bodies still were not around their necks, at the changinning to restore order and a "Hitler's chancellery still is the chancellery.

Almost Ready

Produced by The Statesman

Publishing company for The Pa-

cific Telephone and Telegraph

nearby town's 18-identical fig-

as did the 1944 directory for this

tributed within a few days, has a

year's, but restrictions on the

making hundreds of additional

**Superforts Hit** 

WASHINGTON, May 4-(AP)-A

very large force of B-29 Super-

fortresses carried out a two-prong-

ed attack on the Japanese home is-

lands of Honshu and Kyushu to-

day (May 5 Japanese time), head-

quarters of the 20th air force an-

target at Kure on the main Japa-

nese island of Honshu, while other

B-29s continued the assault on air

Possibly as many as 150 of the

Both phases of the operation

were carried out by Marianas-

base Superfortresses of the 21st

Today Is Not

V-E Day---Ike

By the Associated Press

German troops in northwest Ger-

many, Holland and Denmark and

mass surrenders elsewhere yes-

terday, there still are large Ger-

man forces in Norway and in the

big bombers participated in the at-

nounced tonight.

bases on Kyushu.

"GI Curtis E. LeMay.

Two Nip Isles

connections sought.

registration of all nazis had be- ablaze," the dispatch said. "Smoke and flame are so thick it is im-Dispatches coming out of the possible to see much. The fire in

Reichsmarshal Herman Goer-Dispatches to Moscow newspa- ing's ministry of aviation likewise pers said that red army comman- was ablaze, the dispatch revealed. dants had put hundreds of pris- "It is impossible to get into it,

The Russian reports indicated sufficient to stem the threatened Goering, if he too joined Hitler and Goebbels in reported suicides, Correspondents who entered the would be difficult to identify if chancellery with Russian soldiers they actually died in the burning. American lines on that island and

caused some damage to Yontan Red Star's story strengthened air, field on the central western the theory here that if Hitler coast. killed himself he did not do it in



Portrait off Count Ludwig Sowerin von Krosigk, nephew of the Kaiser Wilhelm, who has been appointed Foreign Minister of Germany to succeed Joachim von Ribbentrop, ousted by the new "Fuehrer." Admiral Karl Doenitz. (International Radiosoundphoto).

#### urges with last year's but the classified directory jumped from 76 May Weekend In the Salem section there are Activities Set 87 Smiths in the new book, 52 Browns, 50 Johnsons, 49 Jones, 48 At WU Today Millers, 40 Andersons. It begins with the AAA Automobile association and ends with G. L. Yysset,

sity campus, which in turn climax the collegiate social calendar, the corresponding of Queen Betty Hancoronation of Queen Betty Hanfew more names than did last auska of Salem is scheduled for use of equipment has precluded throne room of the campus.

Should the cloudy sky do more

With patriotism as a theme, the musical program following the Maypole dance will honor Queen Betty and her attendants, Princesses Wilma Frohman of Ashland and Emma Lou East of Salem. The day starts with a May- with the war effort was being demorning breakfast on the campus lawn and closes with the formal

### House Okehs One force attacked an industrial Spending Cuts

WASHINGTON, May 4-(A) What had been described as \$7, building funds shrank to \$4,265, it approved the \$4,265,000,000 slash and sent the legislation on to the senate.

### One Industrial Death Reported During Week

One fatality, 772 covered accidents and 13 claims for occupa-tional disease benefits were filed night that Germany had been "thoroughly whipped," but this did not make Friday V-E day. Despite the capitulation of all

### Appointed



by a destroyer. First Baka Downed This was the first official report of a Baka bomb being down-ed. The Baka is a suicide-piloted rocket-like missile built like small airplane. Other Baka bombs presumably were used. Later in the day, as carrier pilots roamed the northern Ryukus, the enemy sent additional waves

## Ryukyus airfields. Morse Seeks

To Change Act Assistance of J. M. Devers, at torney for the state highway commission, in recommending amendments to the federal surplus property act, was sought by Sen. Wayne Morse, Washington, D.C.,

in a letter received here Friday. Devers some time ago sent a letter to Senator Morse calling attention to complaints that surplus property acquired by various governmental agencies in connection stroyed and in some cases disposed of under conditions which appeared to favor a certain class of persons to the exclusion of others.

Senator Morse replied that he had received similar complaints and that a number of senators, including Guy Gillette of Iowa, chairman of the surplus property board, were conducting an investigation.

"The manner in which public property has been and is being disposed of has created considerable feeling and the republican members of congress are endeavoring to remedy the situation," Senator Morse wrote.

#### Norway Patriots Carry Away Official Papers

STOCKHOLM, May 4-(A)-Norwegian patriots clad in police uni-

said the patriots' coup was design- tal city of more than 400,000 were of the Rangoon river 20 miles ed to save from destruction im-portant papers which could be within a few days to handle Allied used later for war criminal tri-shipping and provide a staging ing there—encountered only 37

#### V-E Day Expected

## **Enemy Beaten** Air Says 'Ike'

LONDON, May 5-(AP)-The end of hostilities in northwest Germany was proclaimed by the Wilhelmshaven and Bremen radios at 8 a.m. (11 p.m. PWT) today in accordance with the surrender articles signed by German commanders yesterday at Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters.

It was presumed here that German forces in both Holland and Denmark, also bound by the surrender articles, were observing the deadline for the end of hostilities, although there was no immediate word from either allied or German quarters on this score.

Both the Wilhelmshaven and Bremen stations called upon the population in northwest Germany to "maintain exemplary calm, order and discipline."

Both also declared they would have another im-A total of 154 Japanese air- portant official announcement at 11 a.m. (2 a.m. planes were destroyed and 21 PWT).

By Robert Eunson

PARIS, Saturday, May '-(A)-All enemy troops in Denmark, Holland and northwestern Germany surrendered unconditionally yesterday in the greatest mass capitulation since the armistice of 1918, and General Eisenhower declared the enemy was beaten "on land, sea and

Only formal admission from Fuehrer Karl Doenitz that further fighting was useless was needed to bring peace to Europe five years and eight months after the dead or missing Hitler plunged the contibut were repulsed with hundreds nent into the most terrible war in the history of mankind.

A half million Germans in the north will surrender today, to Field Marshal Montgomery under terms of the capitulation order, and with the 500,000 captured on the British-Canadian front yesterday will account for one million men. This overshadows even the mass capitulation in northern Italy and western Austria Wednesday. 500,000 Germans Left

It was estimated that no more than 500,000 Germans remained to The enemy's strongest aerial at- fight of an army that once made all Europe tremble. The Germany tack was made against American army at its peak strength numbered 8,000,000 men.

By these estimates there were 300,000 in Czechoslovakia and Ausvolving bombers, torpedo planes, tria, where the enemy was surrendering almost as fast as the Amerisuicide crashing pilots and Baka cans approached, 150,000 in isolated Norway, and 50,000 in the French bombs. The five light naval units ports and channel islands.

Associated Press Correspondent Daniel de Luce cost the enemy 54 planes destroy- gotiations were in progress for the surrender of both the Norway and Czechoslovak pockets, with Doenitz apparently delaying capitulation to let as many troops as possible escape the Russian occupation zone.

De Luce said he had learned in Stockholm that the Germans in Norway had reached a tentative agreement with Swedish officials to pull out of Norway and accept internment in Sweden. Offers to Quit Norway

(The Luxembourg radio said that Vikdun Quisling puppet rules of Norway, had appealed to all party leaders in Norway to retain discipline in order to avoid turning the country into a battlefield.)

From north to south, this was the story of the fall of the military machine with which Hitler set out to conquer Europe. 1. The Germans agreed yesterday to surrender at 8 a.m. today (2 .m. eastern war time) all northwestern Germany, Holland, Denmark,

Okinawa. Carrier pilots shot down | Helgoland and the Frisian islands. 2. General Eisenhower declared Germany was "thoroughly whipped" and called on all enemy troops holding out in Norway, Czechoslovakia, Austria, the Channel islands and the French coastal pockets

on Amami and other northern 3. Germans in flight to Norway, possibly with their fuehrer, Admiral Doenitz, were under a terrible aerial scourge that sank or dam-

4. The remnants of the German 9th and 12th armies, beaten by the Russians, gave up to the US 9th army west of Berlin near Stendal,

5. The Bavarian-Austrian redoubt vanished, with the US 7th army seizing Hitler's Berchtesgaden, the bastion of Salzburg, and Innsbruck, key to communications in the Alps. Organized resistance virtually ceased on a 70-mile front and 50,000 prisoners were taken.

6. The 7th army plowed on into Italy through the Brenner pass, meeting the US 5th army's Italian veterans. 7. The US 3rd army accepted surrender of an entire panzer division at the Czechoslovak border, then drove 10 miles or more un-

opposed inside, threatening to outflank the arsenals of Pilsen. 8. The 3rd army last was reported three miles from the stronghold of Linz, and the German communique said the Americans had

entered that third largest city of Austria. 9. Pilots back from Czechoslovakia bombing missions said thouands of civilians were in flight from Prague, fleeing toward the American lines ahead of the Russians. Apparently they were German

Germany were these forces under the overall command of Field Marshall Ernst Von Busch: Col. Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz's armies in the Netherlands.

Involved in the surrender of Denmark, Holland and northwest

Col. Gen. Georg Lindemann's armies in Denmark. Gen. Schlemm's 1st paratroop army.

A makeshift army under the command of Gen. Gunther Blumen-

Supreme headquarters discounted reports that Doenitz himself

### ligured in the surrender, asserting that the capitulation was strictly "battlefield surrender" and Doenitz now is considered head of Ger-British Look to South After

Whipping Japanese in Burma

CALCUTTA, May 4-(P)-Japa- In a message to Admiral Lord nese armies in Burma have been Louis Mountbatten last night, of files and official papers, the day as British and Indian forces achieved by all arms and services in the capture of Rangoon."

The German controlled agency

The German controlled agen base for future operations in the Japanese. They killed 36 and

Naxi Surrender Forces

southeast Asia theatre — perhaps wounded the other.

an assault on the naval base of Although it was plain at that

forms entered the justice and police department in Oslo late Wednesday and carried away a mass lied headquarters announced totions on the brilliant success

V-E Day Expected

Singapore.

LONDON, May 4 -(P) Lines formed at bakeries and tobacco shops tonight as home-bound Londoners stopped for emergency supplies in event of an overnight V-E day announcement. Shops are to close on that day.

V-E Day Expected

Singapore.

British amphibious and land forces entered the Burma's first city yesterday and found that, but for a few stragglers, the Japanese had evacuated the city April 25. Its day announcement. Shops are to close on that day.

Although it was plain at that the enemy had fled Rangoon and that the reconquest of Burma virtually was complete three years after the Japanese overnant the country, the seaborne control of the naval base of Singapore.

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## By Lasse Lemkow alone. They seemed to be every-COPENHAGEN, May 4-(P)-The where, carrying tommyguns, ma-Danish people burst loose from the chineguns and pistols, mostly of long, hard bonds of German occu- British and American make, and

before equalled in Copenhagen's colors. 800-year history.

mated 300,000 men in the capital weapons and tear gas.

pation tonight with scenes never wearing armbands in the Danish

Some of the members of the re The ordinarily temperate Danes sistance movement immediately



Highlight of May weekend ac tivities on the Willamette univer-1:30 p.m. today in the outdoor

than threaten the annual ceremonies, to which townspeople of Salem annually throng, the ceremonies will, as in many another year, be held indoors.

365,000,000 cut in wartime ship-000,000 today when it was discovered that someone in the government made a \$3,100,000,000 error. However, the house of representatives heard that further war ending cuts are forthcoming as

in the state industrial accident commission here during the week ended May 3. The fatality in-volved Arthur A. Beyer, Portland