

# 500,000 GERMANS SURRENDER

**IT SEEMS TO ME**

By Charles S. ...

(Summary of talk before the Salem Realty Board Friday noon.) V-E day is here! It has not been announced by General Eisenhower 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 proclamations.

"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 in our faces." Our preparations for peace may be "too little and too late" as were those for war. Consider these facts: about 50 per cent of our industrial production has been for war; perhaps 25 per cent of our agricultural production has been for war or lend-lease; perhaps as many as 50 per cent of our workers have been employed directly or indirectly in war production. With V-E day Chairman Krug of WPB estimates that war production will decline 12 per cent in three months, 20 per cent in six months and 35 per cent in 12 months. At the end of a year all types of civilian goods will be flowing into the markets.

Reconversion of industry will be much more rapid than was once estimated, merely a matter of months even in the case of automobiles than (Continued on Editorial Page)

## Prisoners of War at Adair Pack Dishes

Camp Adair, May 4 (Special)—Several score German prisoners 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 overseas.

The majority of the prisoners appeared cheerful at their work on what constituted a virtual assembly line of boxes. One man with the letters "PW" on his work clothes wore a red campaign ribbon — attesting to his service on the Russian front — and he obviously was proud of what was regarded as a distinction.

## Chinese Halt Nip Offensive

CHUNGKING, May 4 (P)—The Chinese high command announced tonight that Chinese troops aided by American-equipped air-borne reinforcements had completely halted a four-pronged Japanese offensive aimed at the U.S. air base at Chihkiang, 250 miles southeast of Chungking, annihilating 3000 of the enemy.

## Reliable Source Says Himmler Is in Denmark

STOCKHOLM, May 4 (P)—Reports from a usually reliable source said tonight that Heinrich Himmler, gestapo chief and commander of the German home army, was in Denmark.

## Sweden Premier Happy Over Surrender News

STOCKHOLM, May 4 (P)—Premier Per Albin Hansson of Sweden said tonight he was tremendously glad to hear the news of the capitulation and hoped the message would be "followed by another of the same kind."

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## Russians Liberate Slovakia

### Germans Bitterly Resisting Soviet Army Advances

By Romney Wheeler  
LONDON, Saturday, May 5 (P)—Russian troops, smashing out powerful 10-mile gains in the Nazi Czechoslovakian mountain re-doubt, liberated all Slovakia yesterday as German forces bitterly resisted Red army advances and staged a big tank battle near the Moravian war production city of Olmütz (Olmouze).

Despite violent German opposition in which the Russians lost and then regained at least one town, Red army forces battled for a quick cleanup of Czechoslovakia while the Germans reported a new Soviet offensive was in progress in Austria.

The Nazi high command said that Soviet armor had opened a big drive west of Vienna toward a junction with American troops battling for Linz that would cut off the Austrian redoubt from Czechoslovakia. The enemy said Red army mountain fighters also were plunging toward Austria's second city, Graz.

While the Red army pressed campaigns to reduce the Germans' southern European strongholds, mop-up operations continued against German forces in northern Europe.

More than 45,700 German troops laid down their arms and surrendered to the Red army north and southwest of Berlin and north of Stettin a drive was opened to clear the Baltic islands guarding Stettin Bay.

The entire Czechoslovak province of Slovakia was freed of German troops after month-long battles when the 2nd and 4th Ukrainian armies rolled down from the White Carpathians and west toward Prague in preparation for an all-out drive toward the Czechoslovak capital, Prague.

## Rates of Draft Calls to Stay After V-E Day

WASHINGTON, May 4 (P)—The army's draft calls may stay at the current rate of about 100,000 men a month for some time after V-E day.

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.

## WPB Official Will Visit Salem Aluminum Plant

WASHINGTON, May 4 (P)—A war production board official will visit the Salem, Ore., aluminum plant to determine how much sulphate ammonium will be needed to have the plant operating in June, Congressman Homer Angell (R-Ore.) said today.

## Danes Wildly Celebrate Hour Of Liberation From Germans

By Lasse Lemkow  
COPENHAGEN, May 4 (P)—The Danish people burst loose from the long hard bonds of German occupation tonight with scenes never before equalled in Copenhagen's 800-year history.

## Blazing Chancellery Fails To Yield Body of Hitler

By Eddy Gilmore

MOSCOW, May 4 (P)—Adolf Hitler's blazing chancellery in Berlin failed to yield the body of the German fuhrer who the nazis said had died there May 1, dispatches from the German capital said today.

Meanwhile German prisoners went to work clearing up their ruined city as thousands of civilians wandered through the rubble-streets facing starvation.

Berlin "aristocrats" were filling out of their cellars and falling on dead horses in the streets — tearing them up in the space of moments, dispatches said. Hundreds of German bodies still were not buried, but the red army was beginning to restore order and a registration of all nazis had begun.

## Big Four Strikes Snag on How to Fit Area Treaties Into World Security System

By Douglas B. Cornell

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 (P)—The big four were reported tonight to have agreed on more than 20 amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan but to have struck a snag on how to fit regional treaties into a world security system.

The United States, Russia and Britain were represented as having divergent ideas on dovetailing such regional arrangements as the Pan-American act of Chapultepec and Russia's assistance pacts with France and other European countries, into the Dumbarton proposals for an all-powerful security council with worldwide authority.

All were described as having agreed in principle on the point that security can best be maintained on a worldwide basis, rather than with regional organizations working independently of the security council. But they lacked a formula for maintaining this principle and at the same time protecting regional defensive arrangements.

Russia evidently was chiefly concerned with the possibility of being again attacked by a resurgent Germany.

The big-four met early in the evening at dinner in the pent-house 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 before tomorrow.

## GI Man of Year Killed

LaPORTE, Ind., May 4 (P)—The soldier who was chosen by the army newspaper Stars and Stripes as the "GI Man of the Year" for 1944, has been killed in action.

## Today Is Not V-E Day—Ike

By the Associated Press  
Gen. Eisenhower declared last night that Germany had been "thoroughly whipped," but this did not make Friday V-E day.

## Nips Sink Five U.S. Vessels

Yanks Destroy 154 Japanese Planes in Fight

By Lief Erickson  
GUAM, Saturday, May 5 (P)—Attacking by land, sea and air, the Japanese sank five small US ships off Okinawa yesterday, affected nuisance landings behind American lines on that island and caused some damage to Yontan air field on the central western coast.

A total of 154 Japanese airplanes were destroyed and 21 damaged. One of the counterlandings was repulsed on and upwards of 500 enemy troops involved in three other landings were pocketed near Machinato air field and were being destroyed.

## Appointed



Portrait of Count Ludwig Sewer, nephew of the Kaiser, who has been appointed Foreign Minister of Germany to succeed Joachim von Ribbentrop, ousted by the new "Fuhrer," Admiral Karl Doenitz. (International Radio-sondphoto).

## May Weekend Activities Set At WU Today

Highlight of May weekend activities on the Willamette university campus, which in turn climaxes the collegiate social calendar, the coronation of Queen Betty Hamuska of Salem is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today in the outdoor throne room of the campus.

## Big Force of Superforts Hit Two Nip Isles

WASHINGTON, May 4 (P)—A very large force of B-29 Superfortresses carried out a two-pronged attack on the Japanese home islands of Honshu and Kyushu today (May 5 Japanese time), headquarters of the 20th air force announced tonight.

One force attacked an industrial target at Kure on the main Japanese island of Honshu, while other B-29s continued the assault on air bases on Kyushu.

## House Okehs Spending Cuts

WASHINGTON, May 4 (P)—What had been described as \$7,365,000,000 cut in wartime shipbuilding funds shrank to \$4,265,000,000 today when it was discovered that someone in the government made a \$3,100,000,000 error.

## One Industrial Death Reported During Week

One fatality, 772 covered accidents and 13 claims for occupational disease benefits were filed in the state industrial accident commission here during the week ended May 3. The fatality involved Arthur A. Beyer, Portland electrician.

## Weather

Max. Min. Rain

Salem	57	45	0
Portland	55	47	0
Seattle	57	50	0
Willamette river	55	45	0

FORECAST (by US weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today, with somewhat warmer temperatures. Maximum temperature expected about 55 degrees.

## Enemy Beaten On Land, Sea, 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 important official announcement at 11 a.m. (2 a.m. PWT).

By Robert Ensson  
PARIS, Saturday, May 5 (P)—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 in the air."

Only formal admission from Fuhrer 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 continent 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 fight an army that once made all Europe tremble. The German army at its peak strength numbered 8,000,000 men.

By these estimates there were 300,000 in Czechoslovakia and Austria, where the enemy was surrendering almost as fast as the Americans approached, 150,000 in isolated Norway, and 80,000 in the French ports and channel islands.

Associated Press Correspondent Daniel de Luce reported that negotiations 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.

(The Luxembourg radio said that Vikund Quisling, puppet ruler 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 (3 a.m. eastern war time) all northwestern Germany, Holland, Denmark, 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 to surrender.

3. Germans in flight to Norway, possibly with their fuhrer, Admiral Doenitz, were under a terrible aerial scourge that sank or damaged 74 of their vessels.

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, Mountain Nebout Vanishes

## British Look to South After Whipping Japanese in Burma

CALCUTTA, May 4 (P)—Japanese armies in Burma have been "decisively defeated," leaving 97,000 dead on the field of battle, Allied headquarters announced today as British and Indian forces completed the bloodless occupation of the great port of Rangoon.

Harbor installations of the capital city of more than 400,000 were taken intact and will be ready within a few days to handle Allied shipping and provide a staging base for future operations in the southeast Asia theatre — perhaps an assault on the naval base of 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 capture, however, was not officially announced until today.