

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

It looks as though the allies will have to post "DEAD OR ALIVE" posters bearing offers of liberal rewards all over the world if they want to get hold of the "fugitives from justice" who started this war. So far, in spite of the fact that virtually all organized resistance within Germany has ceased, there is no trace of Hitler, of Goering, of Goebbels, of Himmler, of von Ribbentrop, of Ley. Plenty of high-titled officers of the army and navy have surrendered, but not a trace is found of the top nazis.

Himmler was in Lubeck on April 24th last, according to the report of Count Bernadette de Sweden. Goering reportedly was relieved of command of the luftwaffe a few weeks ago. No authentic word backed up with corroborative evidence has come regarding Hitler and Goebbels. Admiral Doenitz broadcast from Hamburg news that Hitler was killed at his command post in the reichs - chancellery. Hans Fritzsche, deputy to Goebbels, who was captured by the Russians, reported Hitler and Goebbels both had committed suicide. But when the reichs-chancellery was captured the bodies of these men were not found. Here is the top crime case of all time. Detectives must be put to work at once.

The situation lends itself admirably to the development of a Hitler-nazi legend. Unless adequate proof comes of Hitler's death both friends and enemies will insist he is alive. He will be reported as bobbing up in all quarters of the globe. The rumor mill will never cease turning out Hitler stories. He escaped by submarine. He took flight.

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Weather			
City	Max.	Min.	Wind
San Francisco	77	61	20
Chicago	77	61	20
Portland	58	45	20
Seattle	54	45	20
Willamette river 5 ft. 7 in.			

FORECAST: (by U. S. weather bureau, McNary, Dept. of Army) Clear today with a maximum temperature of near 61 degrees expected.

## Two Nazi Armies Surrender; Czech Patriots Fight Germans

### Prague Is Objective Of Fight

#### Radio Declares Negotiations Are Under Way

LONDON, Sunday, May 6 (AP)—The British Exchange Telegraph agency said today that the Prague radio had broadcast orders from both the Germans and Czech patriots to cease fighting in the Czech capital.

The broadcast was timed at 4:24 a.m., a little more than two hours after the Prague radio had indicated that Czech patriots and German occupation troops apparently were engaged in a swaying battle for control of the city.

The news agency said the broadcast, over short wave, declared that negotiations were under way for handing over the administration of the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia to the Czechs.

At 4:20 a.m. a speaker on the Prague radio, identifying himself as a liberated British prisoner of war, declared, "we are holding Prague; the whole city is under control, but you, the allies, must help here today."

Another speaker, identifying himself as a red army officer, appealed for Russian aid for the capital, saying "Germans tanks are surrounding Prague from all sides."

The patriots announced by radio from Prague at midnight that "Prague is in Czech hands," but less than three hours later the German high command for Bohemia and Moravia broadcast, also from Prague, that "irresponsible Czech elements in Prague are disturbing order in Prague and are using the radio transmitter."

Shortly before the German broadcast the patriots made an urgent radio appeal for the allies to send them troops, tanks and planes quickly.

Says Rumors False  
The German broadcast said the patriots "are spreading rumors which do not conform with facts" and added "all rumors that an armistice with the red army has been made are false."

In one broadcast the patriots accused the Germans of breaking a truce and at 3 a.m. the Czechs said "we are fighting in all districts, the Germans are heading for the city from the north, south, east and west."

Just before signing off for the night, the patriots declared at 3:42 a.m. that "Germans are surrendering here by the thousands."

In their first appeal for help the patriots said street fighting started in the center of the city.

Oregon Traffic Deaths Aggregate 23 in March  
Oregon traffic fatalities during March aggregated 23 of which number 3 or 36 per cent involved pedestrians, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., announced here Saturday.

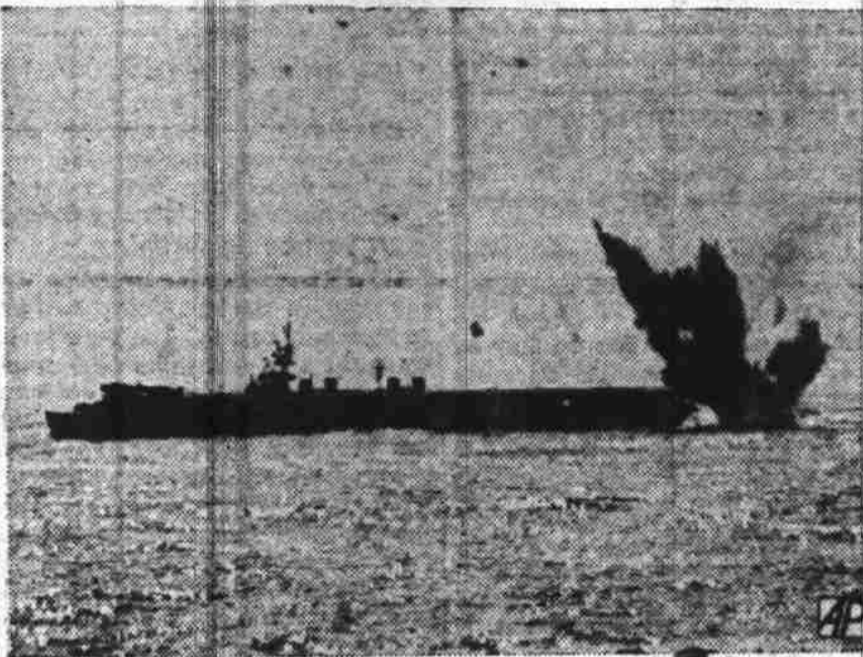
Thirty two per cent of the fatalities resulted from accidents in the rural areas.

Nearly 2 Million Men Will Be Released From Army in Year  
WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—The army, virtually done with fighting in Europe, is going to pare its force down from 8,300,000 to 6,968,000 for use in the war against Japan. Altogether about 2,000,000 men now in uniform are to be out in a year, but that includes many who would be released normally and be replaced.

It is planned to send overseas all able-bodied men who have not had such service, as fast as veteran replacements can be brought back for any necessary jobs they are doing at home.

Draft calls, the army said, will stay higher than combat losses, so more veterans can be released. The draft also will cut into the ranks of men who have been deferred "for one reason or another." Released veterans of long service are depended on to take the

### Jap Plane Misses U. S. Carrier



Shot out of a sky filled with deadly flak, a Japanese plane crashes dangerously close to an American light carrier during action off Ryukyus. (AP wirephoto from U. S. navy)

### Big 3 Clashes Anew Over Pole Problem as Russians Admit Arrest of Leaders

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5 (AP)—Russia clashed anew with Britain and the United States over Poland today at the very instant of reaching broad agreement on measures intended to strengthen a world-organization of United Nations.

The latest row over Poland was revealed by Secretary of State Stettinius who reported that Russia had arrested "a number of prominent Polish democratic leaders." A Moscow broadcast said there are 16 of them.

Stettinius and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden have demanded a "full explanation."

Until they get it, there will be no talk with the Russians on setting up a Polish government satisfactory to all three powers.

Agree On Changes  
The recurrent squabble over Poland contrasted with a spirit of harmony and good-will engendered at the United Nations conference by the ability of the four sponsoring powers—China, Russia, Britain and the United States—to get together on all but two amendments they want to incorporate in the Dumbarton Oaks charter for world peace.

The broad sweep of changes acceptable to all four embraces such points as:

"Specific assurances of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms, non-interference in a nation's domestic affairs unless they threaten world security, fair representation for small and middle-sized nations on a powerful security council, and expansion of the council's powers so it not only could recommend procedures but also actual terms of settlement of disputes.

Russia Asks Time  
In addition, Britain, China and the United States are agreed on provisions for review of threatening international situations and for fitting regional security systems into the scheme of a world organization. Russia asked for more time to consider those points and may yet join in sponsoring them.

As a result of discussions he has had with Osmena, Mr. Truman said he is "prepared to endorse and carry through to their conclusion the policies laid down by President Roosevelt respecting the islands and the independence of the Filipino people."

Red Cross Blood Bank Short 123 Donors For Next Tuesday  
The Red Cross blood bank last Saturday was short 123 donors, in connection with the weekly visit of the mobile unit here next Tuesday, and officials declared the need was more urgent than ever for volunteers.

Thousands of wounded men need blood plasma, and the lives of other thousands still fighting can be saved if sufficient quantities are available for them. The mobile unit will be at the First Methodist church Tuesday. Advanced registration may be made by tele-

### Big Port On Baltic Captured

#### Swinemuende Is Taken by Reds; Advances Made

LONDON, Sunday, May 6 (AP)—Russian troops captured the German naval base of Swinemuende yesterday, topping the last big German Baltic port as Soviet mountain fighters ripped 14 miles across the Nazis' shrinking Czechoslovakian redoubt and smashed within 12 miles of the arsenal city of Olmuetz (Olmouze).

Some 215 miles west of Swinemuende on the Pomeranian bay, Soviet forces also cleaned out the last square miles of East Prussia after they hurled back enemy forces along the mile-wide Frische Neuhung and reached Danzig territory at Schottland on the narrow sandspit.

Marsal Alexander M. Vasilevsky's Third White Russians were within five miles of the Danzig mainland where a German hold-out group was isolated on the Vistula river delta plains.

Swinemuende, a city of 20,500 persons situated on Usedom island north of the great port of Stettin, fell to Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian army pressing the final mop-up of the Baltic shores.

Swinemuende's capture was announced in an order of the day issued by Marshal Stalin. At the same time, Rokossovsky's troops cleared all Usedom island, taking the former V-bomb experimental station of Peenemuende, and seized the entire adjoining island Wollin.

Meanwhile, southwest of ruined Berlin, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army rapidly was wiping out the last big German pocket remaining in central Germany.

Osmena's Sons Suspected of Jap Dealings  
WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—Philippine President Sergio Osmena said today he had directed that two of his sons, suspected of dealing with the Japanese, be dealt with "as with the others suspected of such dealings."

At a news conference, Osmena denied an earlier report that he had actually ordered the arrest of the two, Nicolas, 35, and Sergio, Jr., 28.

He said he understood that no specific charge had been brought against them.

Asked whether he believed them guilty or innocent, he said he simply did not know.

The Osmena brothers were commodity brokers in Manila before the war and their father said he understood that they continued in business after the Japanese occupation.

Red Easter Celebration Gayest Since Revolution  
MOSCOW, May 5 (AP)—The gayest Russian Easter celebration since the revolution called a million of the faithful to Moscow's churches tonight for all-night religious services.

Archpriest Nikolai F. Kolchitski, manager of the synod, said 15 per cent more churches were open tonight than at any time since the revolution.

Nephew of Fallen Duce Arrested by Partisans  
ROME, Sunday, May 6 (AP)—A Swiss telegraphic agency dispatch from Berne quoting frontier reports said today that Vito Mussolini, nephew of the fallen duce, had been arrested by partisans in northern Italy along with several other fascists.

Vito Mussolini was the editor of Popolo d'Italia of Milan, a fascist newspaper.

### Nazis Fight Way To Yankee Lines So They Can Out

LONDON, May 5 (AP)—The German high command is reporting "fighting advances" to the last. The German high command said today:

"Further units of our Ninth and 12th armies have fought their way through to American occupied territory west of the Elbe."

Whereupon, it may be added parenthetically, they surrendered to the U. S. Ninth army.

### Americans Kill 33,462 Nippons On Okinawa

GUAM, Sunday, May 6 (AP)—American troops have killed 33,462 Japanese and taken 700 prisoners on Okinawa since their April 1 invasion, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today. Prisoners include 297 labor troops.

The figures are to May 5. Until May 3, Nimitz reported, the U. S. 10th army—comprising four army and two marine divisions—suffered 14,283 casualties. These were 2337 soldiers and marines killed, 11,432 wounded and 514 missing. The admiral did not separate army and marine figures, as he has previously.

U. S. ground casualties thus were less than half as many as the enemy's and the number killed was at a ratio of nearly 15 enemy troops to one Yank.

Total U. S. casualties for the entire Ryukyus campaign, begun March 18, thus are 19,834. These include 5561 navy, of whom 1131 were killed.

### Reds Uncover Food Stores Hid in Berlin

MOSCOW, May 5 (AP)—The Red army has uncovered in starving Berlin well-stocked food stores reserved for Nazi storm troops, a dispatch to the Moscow newspaper Trud said today, but these stores are not sufficient to put down the threat of general hunger now gripping the German capital.

The dispatch said the storm troopers' stores included canned meat, flour and canned vegetables and that these now were being distributed to people who are fighting in the streets for the meat of dead horses.

Meanwhile, the elaborate underground fortresses of the German general staff, like the reichs-chancellery, failed today to yield the body of Adolf Hitler and the mystery of his fate deepened.

### Bingenheimer Buys Salem Seed Firm

E. H. Bingenheimer, Salem business man for nearly 20 years, has acquired ownership of the Salem Seed and Implement company through the purchase of the interests of Walter H. Smith with whom he was in business for the last five years, it was disclosed Saturday.

Bingenheimer, who was president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce in 1940 and headed the Oregon Seed Dealers' group for two years also is opening a branch office here for the Miller Products company, makers of insecticide. He has been agent for the firm and now will be branch manager.

Bingenheimer formerly managed the Irish Cash stores in Salem, and operated Bing's Feed company prior to entering the firm he now owns.

### 400,000 Men In Austria Lay Down Rifles

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS, Sunday, May 6 (AP)—Two German armies in Austria, numbering possibly 400,000 men, surrendered to the Americans yesterday while Gen. Patton hurled his U. S. Third army into the attack against the German Seventh army in Czechoslovakia.

Outside Norway, this was the last German army opposing the western allies.

Patton's attack to spur the Germans to quit or fight, gained up to 12 miles into Czechoslovakia against weak to moderate opposition while Czechoslovak patriots announced that they had liberated Prague and taken control of Bohemia and Moravia.

Further east in Czechoslovakia the Germans still were resisting massed Russian forces which were less than 55 miles from Patton's spearhead.

Capitulation in central Austria of the German First and 19th armies to Gen. Devers' Sixth army group came less than 24 hours after similar unconditional surrender of 1,000,000 German soldiers in the north to the British and Canadians.

Despite the surrender, British troops engaged in a brief fight with some resisting Germans as they marched into Copenhagen. Entry into Holland's great cities awaited the clearing of mine fields, dispatches from the liberated nation said.

Attention Focuses on Norway  
Attention focused on occupied Norway where Fuehrer Karl Doenitz may have taken refuge, but the Swedish foreign office declared officially that reports of imminent surrender in Norway were premature.

An order by Doenitz read over the Flensburg radio before the British occupation said surrender in the northwest had been forced "because the struggle against the western powers had become senseless."

Silent on Norway, Doenitz called on his troops on the Russian front to fight on "to save as many Germans as possible from bolshevization and enslavement."

SHAEF summed it up by saying all resistance to Eisenhower's armies on the active fronts where his forces were engaged had ended, save for the Seventh German army on Patton's sector.

Even as Patton struck on the Czech front, a Czechoslovak minister in London said the capital of Prague "has risen" and had driven out the Germans in the rear of the enemy's Seventh army.

Big Austria City Occupied  
The surrender in the south covered part of the U. S. Third army front in Austria and here Austria's third city of Linz was occupied by Patton's troops unopposed.

Whereupon, the Third army went over to the attack on a 110-mile front, driving as much as 17 miles into Czechoslovakia.

Cracking into the Czech's little Maginot line against small arms and sporadic artillery fire, Patton's troops were 22 to 27 miles west of the arsenal city of Pilsen, which in turn is 50 miles west of Prague.

As American tank columns roared across the border they accepted surrender of the 11th panzer division, the last, full-strength elite armored force of the German army in all Europe.

The attack rolled east along a front extending from a point 30 miles northwest of Linz to the city of Asch in Czech's Sudetenland.

Five divisions went over to the attack, and advanced columns were battling both west and southwest of Pilsen.

After Linz fell, the 11th armored and 26th infantry divisions captured a bridge across the Danube, rolled on across and captured the twin city of Urfahr.

Early Linkup Probable  
Thus the Third army laid bare Czechoslovakia's south flank and paved the way for an early linkup with the Russians fight through Austria west of Vienna.

Gen. Devers, emerging from the surrender conference near Munich, told correspondents "it's all over on my front."

To avoid unnecessary bloodshed, both the American and German commanders broadcast to their troops to cease firing at once, although the order does not become effective until noon Sunday.

Lt. Gen. Forstch, commander of the German First army, surrendered army group "G" on orders of its commander, Gen. Friedrich Schultz, and Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, commander of all enemy forces in the south.

Kesselring thereupon found himself in command of only a single army, the Seventh.

WPB Speeds Up Reconversion By Releasing Machine Tools  
WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP)—The war production board tonight approved well over \$103,000,000 worth of machine tools and plant construction for 72 major industries to break any bottlenecks which would delay reconversion.

The action grants priority aid for the retooling and reequipping job which must be done in advance if the automobile, refrigerator and other industries are to swing into peacetime goods production without long shutdowns and idleness when the reconversion signal finally is given.

WPB announced also that it has appointed "reconversion administrators" for each of the 72 industries, but did not name them. Their role will be the same as that of Henry F. Nelson, recently named coordinator of reconversion for the motor industry at Detroit.

The preparedness allotment is intended to prepare the industries only for a "break-even" rate of civilian manufacturing. This is the minimum amount deemed necessary for companies to meet operating expenses. For automobiles it represents more than two million cars a year, as against a pre-war peak of better than four million.

The lion's share, or \$85,000,000 worth will go to the automobile industry because of its economic dominance and its potentialities of layoffs and hardship if retooling is delayed. The motor industry will get \$50,000,000 worth of tools and \$35,000,000 worth of plant expansion.

'Werewolves' Ordered To Cease Activities  
LONDON, May 5 (AP)—The Danish radio at Flensburg, in a dispatch reported tonight by Reuters, said Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz had ordered the German "werewolves" organization to abstain from "any illegal fighting activity" in allied-occupied territory "by virtue of the truce which meanwhile has been put into effect."

Wilhelmina Addresses People From Own Soil  
EINDHOVEN, Holland, May 5 (AP)—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands addressed her people by radio from her own soil for the first time in five years tonight when she gave thanks for the liberation of all Holland and reminded the people of the Netherlands that a great task still awaits them in the Pacific.