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News of the Surrender

Monday was a weird day in newspaper circles. The Associated Press started the day with a factual report of the signing of terms of unconditional surrender by the German Col. Gen. Gustay Jodl. No other news service dispatched the report. They remained silent, though as a rule news of this character is duplicated within a matter of seconds or minutes by other news services. Then came word through INS that the Associated Press had been suspended from further filings from the European theatre of operations because of its earlier transmission of the news of the surrender. Later in the day this suspension was lifted.

Evidently what happened was simply that Mr. Edward Kennedy, chief of the AP staff on the western front, obtained the news of the surrender, wrote his story, filed it with the censor, and it was transmitted to this country without interruption. Then SHAEF put the clamps on any reports as to the surrender. This cut UP and INS out from getting any stories of their own across. Not until today, Tuesday, is formal announcement to be made at the capitals of the three great powers, but the fact will be old news then, for the AP report is regarded as correct.

The generals must have been deferring to the politicians, reserving announcement of victory for the chiefs of state. It seems absurd to try to bottle up one of the biggest news stories of all time for a period of 24 hours, the more so when the German radio had already announced that the German armies were directed to surrender unconditionally by Admiral Doenitz, acting head of the German government. Even more absurd was to put the muffler on the other agencies after the AP had broken the story. That put them at a serious disadvantage and denied their clients news they were fully entitled to have. To penalize the AP for its alertness seems petty.

We await, of course, the full report on just what happened at Reims and at Paris. It seems certain that the Associated Press story was accurate in its details and was so complete it could have been obtained only from official sources. As it was about nine hours elapsed between the signing of the surrender and receipt of the news on this side. One would think that a story like that would be flashed within a mere matter of minutes. Of this we may be sure, there mus be great bitterness at supreme headquarters over the way this news was handled. The bungling took some of the edge off of the great news. caused considerable bewilderment, and robbed the event of some of the enthusiasm which it

'Master Plan'

Some days ago The Statesman commented on the need for tracing back the diabolical plot which was executed in the tortures of the German prison and concentration camps. Now the groups of editors who have been visiting these camps on invitation of General Eisenhower have issued a statement which says:

The conclusion is inescapable that the nazis had a master plan for their political prison camps. That policy of calculated and organized brutality. The evidence we have seen is not a mere assembling of local or unassociated incidents. It is convincing proof that brutality was the basic nazi system and method.

This brutality took different forms in different places and with different groups. The basic pattern varied little.

Actual nazi methods ran the gamut from deliberate starvation and routine beatings to sadistic tortures too horrible and too perverted to be publicly described. Murder was common-

The master plan had master planners. Who were they, besides Hitler? Where was their bureau? What documents did they leave? Here indeed is a field for study in the psychology of the authoritarian mind. It needs scientific investigation quite as much as the military developments need experts in military history.

Shipyard Workers

It is estimated that 16,000 shipyard workers have left the yards in the Portland area in the last ten days, homeward bound. They want to be early birds to get jobs in the old home town. At the same time this hegira is taking place, calls are going out for workers to return to the yards to do work to complete contracts and on ship repairing which now is providing jobs in Portland yards. Recruiting is extended to over Oregon in an effort to build up a larger working

Surely there should be no letdown in essential work. The long haul in the Pacific will require lots of shipping, and the toll of craft by enemy action and accidents is by no means small. Yet, aside from the importance of maintaining needed shipyards work, it is a good thing for Portland to have the workers pull out. There is no substitute local work in sight when the shipyards fold. If these people can get out and find jobs without impairing the war effort it is better for them and relieves Portland of a head-

Notables Freed

The nazis didn't carry out all the executions they were accused of. With the opening of prison and detention camps who should turn up unharmed but Kurt von Schuschnigg, ex-chancellor of Austria, whose death was reported a few days ago; Lt. Gen. Tadeusz Komorowski, the "General Bor" of the Warsaw underground; Dr. Hialmar Schacht, ex-finance minister for the nazis: the Rev. Martin Niomuller, famous Lutheran dissenter to the nazi ideology, Leon Blum Edourd Deladier and Paul Reynaud, former premiers of France. So extreme were the cruelties of the Germans one wonders why these men were spared. Perhaps from fear of reprisals.

Tip your hat to Sweden. Its government an-nounced it had no condolences to offer on the death of Hitler. Dublin papers please copy.

Army Plans

On the eve of victory the war department gives definite information on its manpower needs for prosecution of the war with Japan. In brief the army will be reduced by about two million men to a total of nearly seven million men who are deemed sufficient to crush Japan. Those discharged will be those in the older age groups, those with families and those with long records of service. It will take a year to effect these discharges. The immediate job is to redeploy the armies for service in the orient, Twothirds of these men will be brought back to this country and given furloughs before being shipped across the Pacific. The airforce already is being diverted to the Pacific.

In the war with Germany the armies of the allies must have numbered over 12 million men. Russia is said to have massed four million men for the assault on Berlin. Now for the Japanese war we plan to use only seven million men. Does this give any inkling of war plans in the Pacific? For island attacks not as many men can be used. If the war is waged on broad fronts in China and Manchuria then armies of great size would be required, if Japan concentrates its principal forces there. Since there is no sign that Russia will enter the war in the far east, the only ally that can be expected to furnish large armies is China. So it may be the plan if the fighting is carried to China on a large scale, to build up Chinese armies.

With victory in Europe eyes turn to the Pacific. All this while our country has been building up strength there, probably using the Philippines as a major base. Iwo Jima took out a thorn in the side of the B-29s raiding Japan. Okinawa provides an advance base which can be used to attack shipping and other Japanese islands. General MacArthur must be about ready for a major strike either on the China coast or in one of the home islands of the enemy.

Does Not Choose to Run

Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia surprised the people of Gotham by announcing himself out as a candidate for reelection. He had generally been credited with intention to seek a fourth term. Indications were that the "Little Flower" would face a stiff fight if he had run. The old fusion of parties behind him was off. General O'Dwyer of Brooklyn, his opponent in the last race, was credited with greater strength. Now "Butch" bows himself out of the race, which was not an easy thing to do, considering his love of politics, also the fact that he has made his living by office-holding.

The peppery mayor who makes all the big fires tried hard to land a federal job and Roosevelt kept him dangling in hopes for years. Finally blocked from getting the assignment to head the civil government for Italy, LaGuardia evidently gave up hopes of a federal berth. His attempted defiance of the curfew order cut the last ties with Washington. However he did have a turn as director of civilian defense, a job which he botched woefully.

One should not worry much about the New York mayor, however. He has plenty of action and plenty of color. He is almost certain to break out in a new place in politics.

From his speech promising blood and sweat and toil and tears Prime Minister Churchill has never fed his people optimism. But the remark in his Tuesday speech in the commons is a classic for understatement, when he said in reply to a question that the war position in Europe "is definitely more satisfactory that it was at this time five years ago." May, 1940, it is recalled, was the time of the blitz through the Low Countries and France, when allied fortunes were at

Interpreting The War News

With or without benefit of official London-Moscow-Washington V-E day proclamations, the war in

It had degenerated into a rat-hunt in Germany even before general unconditional surrender papers singned in Reims made outlaws of nazis still bent on resistance anywhere.

How long it may take to kill or disarm the last sniper or run down Germans responsible for shocking crimes against humanity is unpredictable. The slate cannot be wiped clean for a new start in Germany until that grim mission also is accomplished. The victors are so pledged to that as they were to bringing Nazi Germany abjectly to its knees in

surrender. There can be no mercy for the merciless. Nor can it be doubted that every Allied and possibly Russian agency for depicting before Japanese eyes the relentless retribution to be visited upon Nazis responsible for the horrors found in Germany will be re-focussed for that service. There are object lesson values in that which conceivably could affect the duration of the war against Japan.

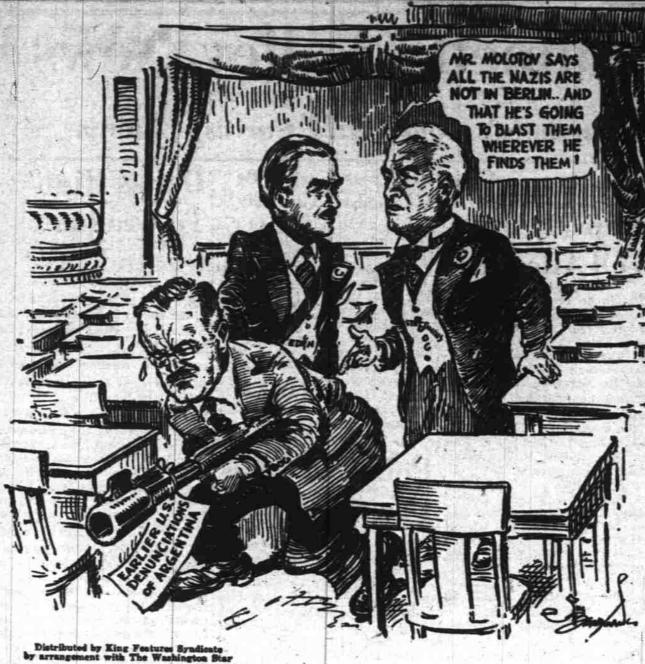
Aside from that aspect, however, the German surrender sets definitely in motion Russian-Allied machinery long ago agreed upon not only for occupation of Germany but for maintenance indefinitely of the means for destroying at its source the first sign of a recurrence there of the war mania that led the nation to its doom

Current reports from Allied air centers indicate that the core of long range Russian-Allied plans for dealing with conquered Germany is air power.

Preparations for establishment of more or less permanent air bases in and around Germany that would keep every nook and corner of the reich within hitting distance in a matter of minutes rather than hours are well under way. And with the ruins of the doomed cities about them no German of this or the rising generation can doubt what that massed air power would mean for them if it ever became necessary to call it into action to stamp out recalcitrance in Germany.

As the situation in Germany after her co

defeat has been long visualized by Washington au-thority, there should be no disheartening prospect of years of service in Rhine or other strategic oc-cupation, bridgeheads confronting United Nations armies as after the last war. Air power can take



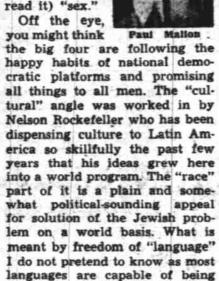
Gunning for International Amity

ews Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON (Distribution by King Features Syndicate, Inc. Reproduction in whole or in part strictly prohibited.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7 .-The four nations draft of changes to Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta constant-

ly reiterates several new world freeing ideals -- "cultural," "race," "language," "religion" and (doubt it only if you have not read it) "sex."



of an essential freedom. The eradication of distinctions between the sexes is a universally accepted ideal. Its inclusion probably refers to far corners of the world like India, as I believe the feminist movement in China has made great progress and may need many other helpful encouragements than those which can be provided by a world organization (I mean economic encour-

used freely, and often have been

used too freely by nations. Like

race, "religion" is of course an

old and basic American concept

agement and such things.) Down deep in this document, however, are provisions which open up vast possibilities for action upon these matters. Under the assembly of nations has been placed an economic and social council which no one had believed would amount to much. A similarly named committee at this conference, for instance, has decided to go into such matters only in general terms and avoid specific recommendations about tariffs, trade, finance, etc.

But the big four proposal entrusted to its permanent economic and social council the new task of "making recommenda-

GRIN AND BEAR IT

tions for promoting respect forhuman rights and fundamental freedoms." It could presumably tablished. even go into the Jewish situation in Russia, or the condition by which the Greek orthodox church has become the only state approved-or allowed - religion and where I believe only one of-By W. G. ROGERS ficial in the entire Russian government is a Jew. It could go

and sex. Indeed it is charged to establish commissions for those purposes-one committee on economic activity, one on social activity, another on culture, a fourth on the promotion of human rights and committees on "any other field within the competence (this is another new and good word coming for the first time into international usage) of the commission.'

into race freedoms, religious

freedoms, language freedoms-

This means a large permanent organization to delve farther afield than the old league ever cared or dared to go. It adds considerably to the structure of the new setup at the bottom, and in fact, gives it a character beyond Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta.

Appropriations for these investigations are to be provided by the assembly, but the big nations apparently thought these endeavors might get out of hand and reserved for themselves the right to veto appropriations, and, in effect, to limit them.

Other rights are mentioned in

the document-but not freedom of press which I think ought at least to be as free as sex, and might well have a world commission looking after it. There is the right of "self-determination of peoples" from the Atlantic charter. This will not, however, result in any commission going into Russia or other nations, I assume, as no commission has been appointed for it. In fact, Russia held one election, in my recollection, which came out about 98 or 99 per cent for the one party allowed on the ballot, and that one may last a long time. Thus there appears to be some conflict in the expressions on the one hand for "freedom for all" and "self-determination," on the other.

These I think are the fundamental changes from Dumbarton and Yalta although there are others. They express many of

By Lichty

the yearnings of many people, largely hopes without measures. But I think there is a very good chance much will be done-in a promotional way at least-about the added new freedoms of "culture," "language," and "sex" as well as the old ones of religion and race which we have long es-

The Literary Guidepost

"THE BEST IS YET," by Morris L. Ernst (Harper; \$3).

What a meandering book this is! There's a new subject on every page, and of course several in every chapter, and there are almost more chapters than I can count since they're numbered in Roman numerals that reach almost to the limit of my Roman But what paths, often just

downright pleasant and often very thrilling. Ernst picks for his meandering! It's about carpentering, cruising and bowling; about deafness; left-handed robins and the inner temperature of birds; about J. Edgar Hoover, Mayor "I am the law" Hague, correspondent Karl Marx of the New York Tribune, Heywood Broun, Edna Ferber, Russell Leffingwell, Judges Brandeis, Holmes, Cardozo, and critics . . . including book critics; about when are books and plays obscene and about Ernst's courageous and effective defense from the Comstocks of Joyce's "Ulysses" and Schnitzler's "Casanova's Homecoming" and other

works. "I am sure I know the gang who did the job," he says of the murder of paymaster Parmenter, but it was not in his opinion the two men electrocuted for it: Sacco and Vanzetti.

His next to last chapter is devoted, with fateful timeliness, to the Roosevelts: "Much of the past 15 years of my life has been colored and enriched by Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt."

If Ernst talks to jurors the way he writes for book reviewers, it's no wonder he wins cases.

"SHOTGUNNING IN THE LOW-LANDS," by Ray P. Holland John Taintor Foote believes

"no other living creature knows as much about ducks as Ray Holland" . . . and this is the Holland he means. This book, tastefully illustrated, is meat for every hunter.

"DEAR RUTH," comedy by Norman Krasna (Random House; \$2).

"A BELL FOR ADANO," by Paul Osborn (Enopf; \$2)... a Gramati-ration of the novel by John Hensey. "I REMEMBER MAMA," play in two acts by John van Druten (Har-court, Brace; \$2.50).

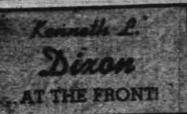
Funds Ready For Training **Therapists**

A critical shortage of qualified physical therapists which endangers the proper care of infantile paralysis victims has caused the national foundation for infantile paralysis to appropriate \$1,267,-600 for the training of these vitally needed specialists, according to Dr. W. J. Stone, chairman of Marion county chapter of the na-tional foundation. Scholarship covering tuition

fees, maintenance, and incidental expenses based upon the needs of the indivadual will be awarded to qualified persons to approved schools of physical therapy.

To qualify for a scholarship one must be a graduate nurse, or a graduate of a school of physical education, or have completed two courses in biology and other basic

Complete information concerning these scholarships may be obtained from Eugene W. Hall, Oregon state representative of the na-tional foundation, 608 Park building Portland 5.



By New York Kids Put to Good Usage

Ambulance Bought

WITH THE AEF IN GER-MANY, May 4.-(Delayed)-(P)-Side to kids attending Horace Mann school

for boys in New York City - - do you guys remember how you raised enough dough to buy an ambulance for use on the war fronts over-Well, you ought to feel

Kenneth Dixon

pretty good about it today. This morning a long cavalcade of ambulances, trucks and jeeps rolled across the combat line, over No Mans land some 20 miles into German territory. Flying flags of a temporary truce it was bound for Antengrabow prison to get more than 1200 captured American soldiers as well as thousands of other allied prisoners.

Ambulances of the 308th medical battalion were along to bring out the wounded. They needed those ambulances badly - - but even so it was slightly unnerving to sit in them and wonder what would happen if the Germans decided to double cross us.

But they didn't - - and a lot of men were brought out. The point is that the first ambulance, driven by Pfc. Willie Copper, Danville, Va., carried a little metal tag saying it had been donated by you boys of

Horace Mann. "You might write something about that," said Sgt. Phil Pinnis, of Foxcroft, Maine. "Those kids probably will be glad to know their ambulance is doing some good."

"Yeah - - tell them we really needed it," said Cpt. John Ling, of Madison, Ind. "The last one we got was shot up."

There is probably a moral of some kind in the antics of those liberated Yanks as they rode the trucks of the motor cavalcade back through miles of German

territory to freedom. Some who had been prisoner



There will be no wild celebrations among the troops. These men have seen too much death and suffering."

Though our exultation be restrained, our gratitude should know no bounds. In the past five and a half years our country and the world have passed through deep perils. A fanatic monster, heading the most hideous system ever conceived by the human mind, was on the point of conquering the world. The bulldog determination of the British, the infinite capacity of the Russians for taking punishment without breaking, the generous response of this country under the leadership of a president, Mr. Roosevelt, who was aware of the issues at stake, saved the world, saved western culture as it has been developed through the centuries. With firm conviction that our armies fought in the right and for the right there was confidence that the God of battles

would finally bless our cause. So now our hearts should overflow in gratitude for peace borne on wings of victory. The hearts of millions are lifted that the risks of fighting in

its obligation to them. The crown of victory is not tary school fund \$1,050,641.64.

seeking political stability which will give their peoples health and hope. If the unity which prevailed in war can be preserved path of human progress.

WEST SITE AND VINES RESIDENCE AND STATE WHEN

for nearly two and a half years leaned out and tossed cigarettes to German kids. Others threw them pieces of candy out of the first K rations they had seen in

a year. At the same time they shouted profanity at almost all German adults, whether civilians or soldiers. It didn't seem to make

"It's probably the first time in years they have been able to feel like they are top dog again," said one GI truck driver. "I guess they gotta do something to show how good they feel."

Maybe that was part of it - but it went deeper than that. During one pause a German soldier came up and tried to surrender. One erstwhile American prisoner who had been kicked around considerably in the German prison camp hopped off the truck and knocked the German down. Then he got back on the

truck.

From a half dozen nearby trucks - - from men who had also been kicked around plenty by the Germans for endless months - - came angry mutters. "What the hell did you do that for?" said one.

"Cut it out, Jack. He didn't do nothing to you," said an-

"That was a cheap trick - leave the guy alone he's through," was another.

You probably could get any kind of a moral you wanted to out of that incident. All I know is that it left us with a warm feeling. We had expected bitter viciousness out of these who had been under the German heel. Maybe they should have been that way - - maybe not. But that is what happened.

You folks back home who found out about your boys being liberated from Altengrabow incidentally can give Pfc. Carl T. Weber, of Rochester, NY, and Pfc. John L. Maloney, of Dunkirk, NY, credit for a big assist.

It was impossible to get the names of all 1200 Americans for the simple reason that they were promptly loaded into trucks and moved. It was necessary to climb into a truck and get all the names possible as it rolled along and then jump into another. One correspondent could have gotten a tenth of the names following

Carl and John pitched into the job. They are members of the 83rd division which effected the liberation. They were both former newspapermen. Carl used to work for the Rochester (NY) Democrat and Chronicle. John used to work for the Buffalo Evening News, the Dunkirk Evening Observer and the Associated Press.

Even the three of us working together only got about 300 names. But when I left the 83rd command post tonight, Carl and John were still working on notices so the boys' folks back home would get the good news as quickly as possible.

Cash Receipts Of State Total \$48,988,897.91

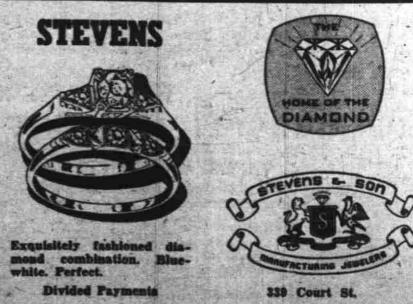
Cash receipts of the state treasury deportment, receipted and unreceipted, as of April 30, aggregated \$48,988,897.91, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott announced here Monday.

Unreceipted receipts totaled \$6,847,381.65. Cash receipts include:

General fund \$30,224,949.80. Europe are ended. But in hun- state land board \$660,957.33, indreds of thousands of homes the dustrial accident commission \$1,war was over when the sad news 900,531.98, board of higher educame of the death of loved ones. cation \$1,206,300.12, state board of We cannot forget them now, for control \$48,710.06, state highway it was through their sacrifice commission \$11,938,681.56, unemthat V-E day is possible. Nor can ployment compensation commis-we forget the men who came sion \$169,425.97, veterans state aid back, with broken bodies or commission \$365,927.19, vocationspent minds, victims of war's al \$655,214.96, public assistance fury. In their honor we stand in \$429,070.74, liquor control comsilent salute, and pray that a mission \$88,330.00, miscellaneous grateful nation will never forget \$164,065.22, state school support fund \$85,073.44 and state elemen-

without its thorns. Fascism and Unemployment compensation the war swept Europe into revol- commission trust funds deposited ution and on into chaos. The with the federal treasury total countries of Europe face a su \$67,187,000. Total bond investpreme task in picking up the ments aggregate \$36,092,086.88, threads of peaceful existence, re- exclusive of bond investments forming their economic life, carried in cash accounts of \$14,-059,334.61.

It is believed that repeated cold infections may progressively inin peace, Europe may get back to ure the membranes in the middle settled order, and back on the ear, and affect the transmission of sound.







over the watch on the Rhine in reverse, it is felt. "Hon. Spy report stupendous moral victory! U.S. Navy spend muc. The mere presence of the bombers at their assigned time and money, learn to identify willy Nippon battleship—bases should be sufficient."