

Himmler Dies Suicide

Truman Asks Authority To Reorganize Office

Kills Self

Reveals Disguise Himself



Heinrich Himmler

Bites Tiny Glass Of Poison While Being Searched

By William F. Bond BRITISH SECOND ARMY HEADQUARTERS, May 24-(AP)-

The owlish chief of the German gestapo and of Hitler's SS troops, whose orders condemned hundreds of thousands of conquered civilians and Germans to death,

The man for whom the allies had conducted an intensive manhunt since Germany capitulated died clad only in a pair of socks.

Civilian clothes had been stripped from him as a medical examiner made an exhaustive check.

Asked to Open Mouth It was when the physician ordered him to open his mouth and forced back his tongue for a closer look that Himmler decided the end had come.

With a quick shake of his head, Himmler disclosed a tiny glass container which he apparently had kept lodged along his gums since his capture three days before.

He crushed the vial between his teeth and fell to the floor. Fifteen minutes later, Germany's No. 1 war criminal was dead.

The British Second Army headquarters disclosed that he had been picked up unrecognized three days before as he and two SS bodyguards attempted to slip across a bridge west of Hamburg.

Well Disguised At the time of his arrest, Himmler was disguised with a black patch over his right eye. His mustache was shaved from his thin, upper lip.

He was in civilian clothes and he carried forged papers purporting to identify him as "Hitzinger."

The papers failed to satisfy the guards, who took all three men to the field security police, who in turn passed the trio back to a detention camp.

There Himmler still remained unrecognized, but some time later he demanded an interview with the camp commander.

Summoned before a British officer at 7 p. m. Wednesday, he calmly removed the black patch and donned glasses.

Reveals Himself Thus, with a dramatic touch, he revealed himself at Hitler's terrorist.

British officers immediately ordered Himmler stripped of all clothing and despite vigorous protests searched him carefully for hidden poison.

A small blue vial was found in his clothing, but developments proved that this was not Himmler's trump card with which he intended to cheat the allies of vengeance.

Unknown to his captors, he apparently had a second vial in his mouth, and presumably had kept it there continuously since he was taken into custody.

To forestall an attempt to take any poison which might still be hidden, his captors took his clothing from him.

Chooses Blankets Himmler was given the choice of donning British battle dress or wrapping himself in blankets. He chose the latter and was removed by automobile to a house in Luebenberg for detention.

Yank Forces Inside Naha Reinforced

GUAM, Friday, May 25-(AP)-Across bridges thrown over the Asato river under enemy fire,

Sixth division marines reinforced their forces fighting inside the capital city of Naha on the west coast of Okinawa Thursday.

Marine patrols fought throughout the day inside the rubble of the city to reduce Japanese strongpoints.

On the east coast, Seventh division infantrymen in the face of stiff resistance drove farther south below captured Yonabaru in what today's fleet communique reported as "important advances."

Heavy mud restricted operations elsewhere along the "little Siegfried line."

In the Naha sector, while Japanese artillery poured shells on the river area, marine engineers built two bridges across the Asato. One was of sufficient size to accommodate vehicles bringing supplies for the expanding bridgehead inside the ruined capital.

The Seventh division's gain expanded a bulge in heights south of Yonabaru from which the Yanks are in position to swing in behind Fortress Shuri.

House Banking Group Okehs Bretton Plan

WASHINGTON, May 24-(AP)-The house banking committee, by a thumping 23 to 3 bi-partisan vote, approved the Bretton Woods international monetary agreements today.

The agreements, drawn last summer by representatives of 44 nations, propose to set up a \$9,100,000,000 world bank for reconstruction and development loans and a \$8,800,000,000 fund for stabilization of world currencies.

Action of the banking group was the second congressional victory in a week for the administration's international economic program.

Legislation now being debated in the house would give President Truman broad new authority to cut tariffs in reciprocal trade agreements with other nations. The house ways and means committee approved the bill 14 to 11 last week.

PFC Albert D. Rock On War Casualty List

PFC Albert D. Rock, U.S. Army, son of Florence E. Rock, Sweet Home, has been killed in action in the European theater, today's OWI casualty list reveals.

Treasury Needs 5000 More 'T-Men' to Find Tax Evaders

WASHINGTON, May 23-(AP)-The treasury is finding so many "shocking, revolting, and disgusting" cases of tax evasion, Secretary Morgenthau said, that it will ask for at least 5,000 more treasury agents to deal with them.

security agency, the federal works agency, and the federal loan agency, under that law.

The president's wartime power over some government functions is still more temporary. It stems from the first war powers act of 1941. Its application is limited to war-connected operations, without some such law as the president proposed today, and shifts made under it will be nullified six months after hostilities end, and the affected agencies will revert to their original status.

The president's call for reorganization authority over all administrative agencies without exception appeared certain to meet some opposition. Several presidents have proposed reorganization power for the executive in one form or another, and each has encountered moves to exempt some agencies. The strongest opposition to reorganization power generally has centered on such quasi-judicial agencies as the interstate commerce commission.

The permanent nature of the power asked by Mr. Truman would be a major departure from past practice. The 1939 act was called permanent legislation but it provided only for shifts made effective by January, 1941. It therefore was permanent only insofar as it gave continuing legal backing to reorganization carried out by that date.

President Roosevelt set up such executive offices as the federal

Curtailment of Portland Meat Marts Studied

PORTLAND, May 24-(AP)-Scarcity of meat and customers may result in closing of markets here one or more days a week.

J. M. Lansinger, Oregon Food Merchants association officer, said today markets have reduced staffs to the minimum and now are debating closing part time.

An independent Gresham market recently reduced its days open from three to one a week, and markets in other Oregon towns have followed suit.

7th Loan Sale Passes Two Billion Mark

WASHINGTON, May 24-(AP)-America's extra cash pouring into the vault in the Seventh War Loan has passed the two billion mark.

The treasury announced sales are \$2,101,000,000. All of this represents war bond purchases by individuals. Corporation sales haven't begun.

The sales figure now is 30 per cent of the seven billion dollar quota for individuals. The total sales goal is \$14,000,000,000.

Of the sales so far, \$1,366,000,000 was in E bonds. That's 34.1 per cent of the E bond quota of \$4,000,000,444.

The seven-week drive began May 14 and ends June 30.

Log Train Hits Switch Engine

When a northbound log train collided with a switch engine in the Oregon Electric yards south of Salem near the log dump Thursday afternoon, the switch engine was almost demolished and two of the log-flats it was moving were derailed.

The train, which was taking 80 cars of logs to Portland, was undamaged but stretched across so long a strip of track that it halted traffic on the roads crossing the South River road until it had been uncoupled to let farmers and golfers through. The track was cleared by 10 p. m., J. Condra, OE agent here, said.

Vandals Desecrate Mt. Hope Cemetery

Annual clean-up day for Mt. Hope cemetery 11 mile east of Salem, where members of a number of pioneer families are buried, will require more than the usual amount of work this year, W. A. Jones, member of the board of directors of the cemetery, said Thursday. Every window in the building and every sash was broken by vandals last week and a number of granite monuments were overturned, Jones said. State police are investigating. Clean-up day is Saturday, May 26.

Vets Should Get War Surplus, Says Alabama

MONTGOMERY, May 24-(AP)-Every veteran of World War II would be given \$1000 worth of surplus war goods under a joint resolution adopted by the Alabama house today and sent to the senate.

United Nations Discuss How Armed Forces to Be Used In Preventing Future Wars

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL SAN FRANCISCO, May 24-(AP)-The United Nations conference for the first time tonight dipped into the question of how armed forces will be put at the disposal of a world organization so it may take "urgent military measures" to prevent war.

With gold braid, navy blue and army khaki of many lands present in profusion, a committee deferred a decision on whether the new league should be able to strike originally with an air force alone or with a mixed contingent.

What the committee tackled was a portion of the Dumbarton Oaks formula for a world charter dealing with how a proposed security council would use forcible means to keep peace if diplomatic, economic or other pressure failed.

Power to Move The blueprint says the council "should be empowered to take such action by air, naval or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security."

Members of the new league would be expected to sign special agreements on the size of the forces they would make available to the council on call. Dumbarton Oaks says, however, that for urgent military measures, members of the organization should hold air force contingents immediately available for peace-enforcement action.

Action was postponed on French and Australian amendments proposing that mixed forces be held in readiness for emergency operations. Some delegates said the big-four nations sponsoring the conference wanted delay because they are still consulting on the subject.

Big Powers to Direct A military staff committee, made up of chiefs of staff of the big four powers plus France, would have "strategic direction" of the forces used by the council. An amendment of the sponsoring nations to let the staff committee establish regional subcommittees was approved 10 to 0.

Coming up for a vote, probably tomorrow, is an amendment by Uruguay suggesting that the world be divided into regions, each with its general staff representing all the member states in the individual regions. The regional staffs would elect a chief, who thereupon would become a member of the world organization's general staff committee.

Jan Christian Smuts Observes 75th Birthday

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24-(AP)-Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts celebrated his 75th birthday tonight at a quiet dinner party with other members of the South African delegation.

During the day Smuts, who sat at the peace table after the world war, attended working committee sessions of the United Nations conference.

Two Valley Soldiers Discharged From Army

PFC Henry I. Covey, 427 Stark st., Woodburn, and M/Sgt Joseph W. Dent, route one, Lebanon, are among 72 enlisted men from Washington and Oregon at Fort Lewis on Thursday. Most of the army discharges were issued under the point system, it was announced.

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WASHINGTON, May 24-(AP)-President Truman asked today for continuing authority, subject only to an affirmative veto from congress, to make unlimited changes in the administrative set-up of government.

Such legislation is needed, he said, to make the executive branch "more business-like and efficient."

The requested legislation would extend to non-war operations, and into peacetime years, the reshuffling power which the chief executive now holds on a wartime basis over government offices and affairs having to do with the war.

Mr. Truman, in a message to congress asking for the authority, was very specific that he wanted no strings on it other than the veto.

"The legislation should be of permanent duration," he said. "No agency of the executive branch should be exempted from the scope of the legislation."

Americans Spend More for Goods Than Last Year

WASHINGTON, May 24-(AP)-Americans are spending even more for goods and services than they did last year.

The commerce department said today consumer expenditures in the first quarter of 1945 rose to the record annual rate of \$104,000,000,000, after adjustment for seasonal variations.

This represents a gain of four per cent from the rate of the fourth quarter of 1944 and of nine per cent over the first quarter of 1944, when all figures are adjusted to eliminate purely seasonal factors.

Mindanao Isle Campaign in Mop-Up Stage

MANILA, Friday, May 25-(AP)-Three American divisions joined along a north-south highway on central Mindanao Wednesday, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today the campaign on that big Philippine island had reached the "mopping-up stage."

The juncture bisected Mindanao from Macajalar bay on the north to Davao on the south, and served to doom remnants of an enemy garrison once estimated at 50,000 troops.

Maj. Gen. Clarence Martin's 31st division made contact with the 40th under Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush, and the American division under Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold along the Sayre highway against only slight resistance.

The biggest part of the central Mindanao Japanese force withdrew to the hills east of the road to fight it out.

Maj. Gen. Roscoe Woodruff's 24th division to the south east fought a slugging battle with a large Japanese force entrenched between the Davao and Talomo rivers on Davao gulf. One regiment going up the coast joined a guerrilla force moving south.

WPB Gives OK For 200,000 Cars in 1945

DETROIT, May 24-(AP)-Production of 200,000 passenger automobiles this year was formally authorized today by the war production board, carrying out decisions reached at WPB-industry conferences in Washington a week ago.

Tied to the authorization, however, was a stipulation that the industry must find its own materials in the "free market"; that it could not be accorded materials priority.

Under the authorization car manufacturers are permitted to place orders now for materials, delivery to start after July 1. Henry P. Nelson, WPB coordinator for the automotive industry in the reconversion effort, said few if any manufacturers would be able to get cars off the assembly lines before October 1.

400 Determined Women Step Into 7th War Loan Campaign

Nearly 400 women, determined to keep Marion county's war record unsullied, stepped into the Seventh War Loan campaign yesterday in a concerted effort under leadership of Mrs. James T. Brand, chairman, to contact all potential bond purchasers and "sell" them on the idea of getting behind the war job with a bang.

Through downtown booths, "second story" solicitation, scouring the residential districts and enrolling newcomers on the Walt Disney cradle roll the women workers expect to put new life into the drive that so far has been lagging by far other opening weeks.

County Chairman Douglas Yeater was unable to report the "first million" in bond sales as he had hoped, but with the new enthusiasm of the women workers he expects 25 per cent of the \$4,320,000 quota to be sold by the end of the week. Individual purchases passed the \$300,000 mark, of which \$245,500 was in E bonds.

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Truman Will Fly To Coast

WASHINGTON, May 24-(AP)-President Truman decided today to travel to the San Francisco conference early next month by air.

He thus will establish a precedent since no chief executive has ever flown across the continent while in office. The nearest thing to a domestic presidential flight was the late President Roosevelt's take-off from Miami for Casablanca via Brazil early in 1943.

Mr. Truman also may make an ocean flight soon—if the coming Big Three meeting which the White House said today is "definitely in the works"—is held outside the United States.

Incidentally, Charles G. Ross, the president's press secretary, said the special missions of Harry L. Hopkins to Moscow and Joseph E. Davies to London were "part of a general pattern" of the projected Truman-Stalin-Churchill meeting and not a substitute for such a meeting.

Hopkins left for his conference with Stalin yesterday morning. Davies departed last night or early today.

Ross, in stating that the Big Three meeting was "definitely in the works," said he had seen some speculation that the Hopkins-Davies trips might make a Big Three meeting unnecessary. He said the scheduled British elections, in his opinion, need not interfere with plans for such a meeting.

President Truman will return to Washington from San Francisco also by air after a side trip of a day or two to Olympia, Wash., for "rest and recreation." In the northwest he will visit Governor Mon C. Wallgren, who was very friendly with the president in their senate days.

Pantry-Wide Investigation Is Scheduled

WASHINGTON, May 24-(AP)-The man President Truman chose for secretary of agriculture tonight ordered a pantry-wide congressional investigation of food shortages and black markets.

Chairman Clinton P. Anderson (D-N. M.) of the house food investigating committee announced the group will leave Washington June 11 for a cross-country probe of butter, eggs, poultry, fruits and vegetables, meat and fish.

Anderson will become secretary of a reorganized agriculture department on July 1.

"There is a black market in poultry," Anderson told a reporter, "and there is a strong possibility of a black market in eggs."

"We want to finish the food investigation program I planned at the outset before I leave the committee so the congress—and the government—can have a complete picture of the entire situation."

Tennessee Mill to Stop Shipping Underwear

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 24-(AP)-Standard Knitting mills of Knoxville today notified its customers that it could make no more shipments of civilian underwear after the first of the month.

President Ed McMillan said an OPA order becoming effective June 1 made it impossible to ship underwear for civilian consumption except at a "definite loss."

Weather

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FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Only scattered cloudiness most of the day. Slight rain or drizzle this afternoon. Maximum near 73 degrees.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Tuesday we received a telegram from King Features Syndicate, which furnishes us with the daily Paul Mallon column, saying "The office of censorship request that you kill Paul Mallon's column for release Wednesday May 23rd. It is permissible to publish the following: "There is no column by Paul Mallon today. His column was killed by the office of censorship."

The Statesman acquiesced and did not run the column, but after reading it I would state bluntly that the action of the office of censorship amounts to political censorship of news, no less. As I suspected, the order or request tied in with two recent "requests" of editors not to speculate on the probability of Russia's entering the war with Japan. But that is a subject on which the people have been talking ever since we got into the war and particularly since V-E day. I have commented on this subject twice in this column, once just a few weeks ago. The Oregonian devoted a leading editorial to it. To attempt to suppress such comment goes beyond the necessity for military security, save as political decisions may affect military affairs. On such broad interpretation of military security virtually all political comment on international questions could be censored.

The office of censorship in blanking out the Mallon column is clearly acting as censor in the field of high politics, something which is extremely dangerous. To stifle the reporting of news with appropriate comment thereon, which was the content of Mallon's article, puts public opinion at the mercy of

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Big 3 Meet Not Probable Before July

LONDON, May 24-(AP)-The possibility of a big three meeting before mid-July appeared extremely remote tonight as premier Churchill plunged into the task of forming a temporary cabinet and rallying his conservative party for a finish fight in the general elections July 5.

The powerful and challenging labor party served notice it would be a no-quarter battle for the control of Britain when it voted unanimously in convention at Blackpool never again to join the conservatives in a coalition government and called for "complete extinction" of Churchill's "tory" party.

Responsible government quarters took the position that the economy certain to be engendered by the country's first general elections in 10 years would rule out any possibility of a big three meeting before mid-July, at the earliest. Results of the election will not be known until July 27 or 28, due to the necessity of counting the service vote.

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