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9th ARMY REACHES ELBE RIVER

Vienna Freed, Austrian Radio Announces

Last Nazi-Held Area Cleared; River Crossed

Aged City Strongest Bastion Athwart Back Door to Hitler's Reich

By Robert Musel
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, April 11 (UP)—An Austrian broadcast said today that the last three Nazi-held districts of Vienna have been cleared, presumably completing the liberation of the Austrian capital.

Radio sender Austria said the Leopoldstadt (second) and Brigittenau (20th) districts, both between the Danube river canal and the river itself, and the Floridsdorf (21st) district east of the river finally had been liberated.

Occupation of the remainder of Vienna's 21 districts—all those west of the river and canal—was completed yesterday by Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Russian third Ukrainian army.

Crossing Seized

A Soviet front dispatch said Tolbukhin had captured a crossing over the Danube canal into the Leopoldstadt and Brigittenau districts.

Radio sender Austria, presumably operated by Austrian patriots or the Red army, did not specify whether the last three districts were cleared by the third army or Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's adjacent second Ukrainian army. There also was a possibility that Austrian patriots had thrown the last of the Germans out of their capital city.

Malinovsky's forces at last reports were driving along the east bank of the Danube less than eight miles northeast of Floridsdorf. They had narrowed the German escape gap from Vienna to less than 10 miles, already spanned by artillery fire.

Reds Thrown Back

The German DNB agency said the Russians had been thrown back to the famous Ringstrasse, a boulevard in the heart of Vienna and just west of the Danube canal. Bitter street battles developed between the parliament building and the Vienna castle, DNB said.

The liberation of Vienna would topple the strongest bastion athwart the back door to Germany and the Nazi last-ditch defense zone in the Austrian and Bavarian Alps.

Tolbukhin's forces, without waiting for the mop-up of Vienna, already have driven beyond St. Poelten, 32 miles west of the Austrian capital, Stockholm said. St. Poelten lies 201 miles east of Munich, 141 miles from Berchtesgaden and some 260 miles from American Third Army spearheads.

Soviets Get City

Moscow did not place the third Ukrainian army beyond Neulengbach, 13 miles east of St. Poelten, however. Neulengbach was captured by the Russians Sunday.

Tolbukhin's forces liberated all but three of Vienna's 21 municipal districts yesterday, capturing the Franz Joseph station, the general hospital, cavalry barracks, the science academy and other buildings.

Still in German hands were the Leopoldstadt (second) district and the Brigittenau (20th) district, both between the Danube river canal and the river itself, and the Floridsdorf (21st) district, east of the river.

Group to Present Progress Reports

Reports from 28 separate committees of the Bend chamber of commerce are expected to be made tomorrow when the chamber holds a town meeting at noon in the Pine Tavern. The open meeting is being held for the purpose of presenting the reports, and determining the progress each group is making in its 1945 program.

The reports are limited to two minutes each, according to Secretary Don H. Peoples, who urged that all members attend, as well as non-members interested in the chamber's work.

Togo Asserts Nips Fighting Survival War

(By United Press)

Japanese Foreign Minister Shi-gemori Togo, in his first speech since he resumed cabinet office under Premier Kantaro Suzuki, said Wednesday that Japan's foreign policy "will now dovetail perfectly into military considerations."

Togo, regarded in Japan as an expert on Soviet relations, asserted that Japan was "fighting only a war of self defense," and aimed only at "universal peace and concord of nations based on equality." Tokyo radio reported in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco.

His statements on the future course of Japan's diplomacy closely paralleled previous Japanese announcements that every effort would be made to placate Russia, following Moscow's denunciation of the Soviet-Japanese neutrality pact.

Overseas Troops To Get Furloughs

Washington, April 11 (UP)—Congress took its first steps toward demobilization legislation today as the army revealed plans to send virtually all physically-fit troops in this country overseas as soon as they can be replaced.

Chairman Andrew J. May, D. Ky., of the house military affairs committee said he believed the fall of Germany was "close enough" for the war department to let congress in on its plans for demobilization and reorganization of the army after V-E day.

He asked Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to send the proper army officers to a closed meeting of the committee next Tuesday to discuss legislation "to coordinate the general problems with which we will all be concerned."

News that the army is planning to get all able-bodied troops in this country overseas, presumably to take the place of battle-weary combat troops for occupation duty in Europe and fighting in the Pacific, came yesterday in a letter from Stimson to Rep. George M. Mahon, D., Tex.

Mahon suggested that the army "scrape the bottom of the barrel" in this country before switching combat troops from Europe to the Pacific after V-E day.

Photos Show Nazi Battleship Sunk

London, April 11 (UP)—The air ministry announced today that aerial reconnaissance showed the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer was sunk by RAF bombers in an attack on Kiel the night of April 9.

The Admiral Scheer was one of Germany's two pocket battleships of the 10,000-ton class. The other was the Luetzow, formerly the Deutschland.

Win 'Five Star' Ratings



Three more Bend Bulletin carriers have won "Five Star" ratings, and accordingly have been presented with \$25 war bonds as a reward for their efficiency and salesmanship. They are: right to left, Clyde Rhoades, 1605 Galveston avenue; Billy Niskanen, 525 Broadway, and Bobby Moody, 427 Riverfront. Each is 12 years of age, and has been carrying The Bulletin for more than six months. Requirements to win the "Five Star" rating are that the carriers must have worked at least six months, have less than four complaints, get two new subscriptions each month, and have all bills paid by the 15th.

Yanks Capture Isle Sub Base On Okinawa

Resistance of Nippons Stalls Advance of U. S. Forces Toward Naha

By Frank Tremaine
(United Press War Correspondent)

Guam, April 11 (UP)—Bitter Japanese resistance stalled the 24th army corps' push toward Naha in southern Okinawa today, but marines in the north seized a submarine base in a mile-and-a-half advance.

Other army troops unlocked the entrance to Nakagusuku bay, one of the finest naval anchorages south of Japan, with an amphibious landing Tuesday on tiny Tsugen (Tsukata) island, about 10 miles off the southeast coast of Okinawa.

The invasion troops stormed quickly inland from the south coast and captured the town of Tsugen against only slight opposition. Moderate resistance in the form of small arms and mortar fire developed later, but officers expected the entire mile-long island soon would be in American hands.

Ships Use Bay

Japanese broadcasts said American warships already were operating in Nakagusuku bay. Nearly two-thirds of the Okinawa shore of the bay has been captured.

Marines captured Japanese submarine pens and other naval installations at Unten bay on the north coast of Motobu peninsula, which juts out of the west coast of northern Okinawa, yesterday after beating off two small enemy counterattacks the previous night.

Torpedoes and mines were seized at Unten bay, but the enemy had evacuated all submarines and other craft. The base was known to have been a lair for mid-range submarines, though larger types also may have used it.

Japs Decimated

The marines decimated counter-attacking Japanese Monday night, then advanced their lines to Unten bay in the northwest and the Manu river in the southeast. Tsuwa village was captured.

While resistance continued almost non-existent in the north, troops of the 24th army corps in the south were fighting a battle almost as bloody as Iwo in an effort to crack through the last four miles to Naha, capital of Okinawa.

Marine artillery was moved south to supplement army guns in the heaviest artillery bombardment of the Pacific war. Naval guns ranging up to the 16-inch rifles of battleships offshore also were pounding away at the enemy defenses.

Japs Have Advantage

The Japanese were answering almost shot for shot and had the advantage of emplacements on two ridges from which they can observe every American move.

United Nations Jurists Meet in Washington



United Nations jurists meet in Washington to begin work on a new world court in line with the Dumbarton Oaks proposal calling for "an international court of justice." Here Secretary of State Edward Stettinius (center) welcomes Dr. Wang Chung-Hui of China (left) and Sir Michael Myers of New Zealand, who answered the address of welcome.

Troops of 41st Division Capture Sulu Isle Group

Manila, April 11 (UP)—American troops today crushed all organized Japanese resistance in southern Luzon and seized complete control of the Sulu archipelago in the southern Philippines.

Elements of the 11th airborne division shattered the final Japanese defenses in southern Luzon with a 22-mile drive that carried from Lucena to the east coast at Atimonan, 72 miles southeast of Manila.

"All organized enemy resistance in southern Luzon has collapsed and its liberation is at hand," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced.

Virtual completion of the conquest of southern Luzon came as veteran troops of Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st division seized control of the entire Sulu archipelago with the occupation of the principal portion of Jolo island.

Airfield Seized

Jolo capital city of the same name and the 4,000-foot Zettel airfield were captured by the 41st troops which made a double landing Monday on the island midway in the 200-mile long archipelago stretching from Mindanao in the southwestern Philippines to Borneo.

Other units of the 41st division also invaded Busuanga island, north of American controlled Palawan across the Sulu sea from Mindanao, and ended Japanese control of approximately 3,000 lepers in the Cullion colony, largest leper colony in the world.

The landing at Coron bay on Busuanga was made without opposition and a supply ship immediately began unloading medical supplies and food—the first the colony had received in three years.

Truck Fire Loss Reported Large

Loss to merchandise and other cargo, including 200 cases of liquor, will run into thousands of dollars as a result of a fire which early yesterday destroyed a Bend-Portland Trucking service trailer on the Wapinitia highway, on the Maupin grade, northwest of that town. It was reported here today by officials of the line. Fire destroyed the trailer and its 12 ton cargo, after a flat tire had caught fire from friction and set the vehicle ablaze.

Besides the liquor, the trailer contained tons of staples and other merchandise, Portland newspapers destined for Central Oregon, and motion picture films bound for Madras, Redmond and Bend theaters.

The truck was being driven by William Blanchard of Portland. He said that after he noticed smoke issuing from the trailer, he brought the heavy vehicle to a halt and tried to extinguish the flames. Falling in this, he detached the tractor and drove it to safety, then salvaged several tires off the trailer before the flames prevented further salvage work.

Food Merchants Hold Conference

Members of the Bend chapter of the Food Merchants association today were on record as favoring OPA policing by local boards, rather than by outside representatives of the office of price administration, as a result of a meeting of the group last night in the chamber of commerce offices. The group authorized James Mayne, president, to write the Oregon Food Merchants association soliciting that body's support of the plan.

At the meeting, speakers expressed the belief that local boards could better enforce OPA regulations because of their more intimate knowledge of local conditions. It was asserted that OPA officials have caused merchants in other localities considerable inconvenience and trouble by summary investigations and decisions.

U. S. Division Only 63 Miles From Berlin in Bold Advance Into East; Gain Is Spectacular

Hell-on-Wheels Armored Unit Sweeps as Far As Magdeburg, to Bivouac on Final Barrier Before Capital; Super-Highway Is Big Help

Paris, April 11 (UP)—The Ninth army's hell-on-wheels second armored division in one of the most spectacular drives of the war tonight raced to the banks of the Elbe river at Magdeburg, 63 miles west of Berlin.

The Elbe is the last water line barring the American advance upon the reich capital.

The second armored's advance was one of the most dashing in a campaign that rapidly was developing into a speed race along the super-highways that Adolf Hitler once built for the use of the wehrmacht.

Far behind the American spearhead, other Ninth army elements captured Essen.

The American First army thrust forward within 140 miles of a juncture with the red army and the Third army started a three-division armored race that put them up to 20 miles closer toward Berlin.

But the hell-on-wheels outfit was away out in front. At Magdeburg it was only 117 miles west of the red army's lines on the Oder river elbow just northeast of Berlin.

It's commander, an American brigadier-general, had sworn when he took off this morning from a jump-off point southwest of Brunswick that he would be at the Elbe tonight. And he made good his promise.

The second armored covered 55 miles along the smooth hard-surfaced highway to hit the river bank. It was the greatest single day's advance of the war, obviously against defenses that were shattered.

The great drive coincided with First army forecasts of a juncture with the red army within the next 24 to 72 hours. The second armored, however, was a good 20 miles closer to the Russians than the most advanced points reported for the first army.

Raiser of Flag Dies in Action

One of the five men struggling to raise Old Glory from the rocky pinnacle of Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima in the epic photograph caught by an army photographer has been identified as Cpl. Rene Foubert by his father, J. W. Foubert of Klamath Falls, and an uncle, Ray DeGagne of 315 Yew lane, Bend.

A message from the war department received March 27 by the man's parents indicated that but five days after the heroic struggle to raise the Stars and Stripes against a shattering blast of Jap artillery and sniper fire, Cpl. Foubert was killed in action.

Was Paratrooper

A paratrooper with the Fifth marine division, Cpl. Foubert served overseas for a period of 14 months before returning to the states on furlough. He left last September for his second assignment in the south Pacific. Cpl. Foubert received his basic training at Los Angeles and before joining the armed forces was employed by the Great Northern Railroad company at Klamath Falls.

His wife, the former Rosemarie Denault, resides in Klamath Falls. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foubert.

Essen Captured

Essen, Germany's greatest manufacturing city and the core of the Ruhr valley industries, was captured by the Ninth army's 17th airborne division in an advance into the northern wall of the Ruhr trap.

Home of the sprawling Krupp works and the sixth largest city in Germany, it was the richest industrial prize to fall into allied hands. The German garrison, already more than 100 miles behind the Berlin-bound American armies offered only weak resistance.

Essen fell barely 24 hours after the Ninth army's 84th division had captured the big railway and factory city of Hannover. Cologne and Frankfurt-on-Maine are also

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The Hague Is Again Proposed As Site of New World Court

By R. H. Shackford
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 11 (UP)—Informal agreement to set up the new world court at its old site—the Hague in the Netherlands—today renewed speculation about the eventual home of the new world security organization.

The committee of United Nations jurists, meeting here to revise the old world court statute for presentation to the San Francisco conference, has agreed that the new court should return to the Hague. The final decision will rest with the full conference.

The Hague has been associated for a half century—ever since the first Hague peace conference in 1899—with man's attempt to set up a workable international tribunal for peaceful settlement of disputes.

But the decision on the "capital" of the world organization will not be so easy. The most prominently mentioned cities to date include Geneva, site of the League of Nations, Washington, Vienna, Prague, Trieste and Quebec. Against that is President Roosevelt's expressed desire to have the "world capital" move each year.

That will be one of the relatively unimportant but difficult questions the United Nations will have to answer at San Francisco. The latest suggestion came from London where the delegates of the British commonwealth of nations are meeting for pre-conference talks. Many of them were represented as naming Washington as their first choice and a Canadian city, probably Quebec, as their second.

Some British officials were said to feel that the American people probably would play a more active role in the new organization if it were in the United States. They haven't forgotten 1920.

Private Stevens Hurt in Action

Pvt. J. O. Stevens, fighting with the U. S. infantry in Europe, was wounded in action and is receiving medical attention at a Belgium hospital, correspondence received by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Stevens of Rt. 1, box 13, revealed.

Overseas six months, the army man suffered facial and eye burns while in the front lines. A native of Arkansas, he was stationed at Camp Abbot for advanced training prior to shipping overseas.

Firemen said the blaze apparently started in an overstuffed chair in the rumpus room and spread quickly through the luxurious home. Five Hollywood and Beverly hills fire companies fought the flames.