

Full Speed Ahead Order Given To Allied Armies Now Racing For Berlin On Broadened Front

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The final great concerted offensive in the west with seven allied armies pushing aside the last disconnected German resistance carried British and American forces to within less than 100 miles of Berlin today at the nearest point.

Vienna fell to the red armies today, a free Austrian broadcast said as the last three Nazi-held districts of the Austrian capital, across the Danube from the heart of the city, were cleared. The victory opens the back door to both Germany through the Danube valley, and Hitler's "Berchtesgaden redoubt."

Sufficient gasoline, ammunition and supplies to carry the allied armies over the last 100 miles to Berlin and the 150 or so miles to make a junction with the red armies has now been accumulated. It was the necessity to allow supplies to catch up with the armor which forced the American columns into comparative inaction the past few days. But the "full speed ahead" order has been given and gains have averaged 25 miles a day.

Resistance Collapses
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said that German resistance in the west had collapsed and warned populations of Bremen and Hamburg that destruction of those ports will increase their hardships. His proclamation coincided with a stiffening or die-hard resistance inside of Bremen where strong forces of mixed German troops, sparked by the SS detachments and backed by German naval units and forces in the port, battled to hold Bremen as other Germans still hold Dunkirk, St. Nazaire, Lorient and other important ports along the French coast. Bremen still was burning from British artillery shelling and the main British effort appeared to have swung past Bremen towards Hamburg and Luebeck.

On the central front, four American armies, the Ninth, First, Third and Seventh, were engaged in a concerted shoulder-to-shoulder drive through a 180-mile wide hole they pounded into the last German positions from Hannover to Crailsheim. Brunswick now was behind the American 9th army front which was near the Elbe river loop at Magdebourg. The First army, moving on from captured Nordhausen had Halle as its next objective.

Canucks Active
At the northern end of the front, the Canadian First army, after trapping an estimated 150,000 enemy forces in the lowlands by their capture of Zolle and Meppel, moved on the last German corridor at Groningen. Deprived of all direct railway outlets, the enemy had only a causeway across the Zuider Zee. Even that escape route would be cut if Groningen fell.

Both wings of the enemy front in Italy curled back as the American Fifth army on the Ligurian coast swept on towards the naval base of La Spezia after the fall of Massa. These American troops operated in difficult terrain. The whole country is mountainous

Mine Victim



(NEA Telephoto) His foot blown off by a Jap land mine, an American infantryman lies on his stretcher on Philippine island of Cebu. The wounded soldier was in first wave to land. Signal Corps photo.

Nine members were present at the meeting.

The first meeting in their new office building was held last Monday night by the board of directors of the Squaw Creek Irrigation district. Those present for the meeting other than the board were Leslie Wills, Joe Howard, George Coombs, Earl Robinson, E. W. Poffenbarger and George Brewster.

George Billingsley returned Wednesday from Portland and Salem where he had spent several days transacting business.

Mrs. Ray Le Bland and her daughter, Suzanne, arrived home Tuesday from Seattle where they had spent the weekend visiting Ray LeBlanc.

Plainview Grange honored Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Young Saturday night at a silver wedding anniversary party. About 75 people were in attendance and the supper was in charge of Mrs. Robert Thompson. A large mirror was presented by members of the grange to Mr. and Mrs. Young and an appropriate program followed by dancing completed the evening entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyd Simmons have received word from their daughter, Mrs. James Alcorn, formerly Corporal Margaret Simmons that she is soon leaving France for the United States and will arrive in Central Oregon before long. Both Mrs. Alcorn and her husband Major Alcorn have been serving in the 9th bombardment division somewhere in France. They both served in the same unit in England for 14 months before going to France. It is two and a half years since Mrs. Alcorn has been home.

Mrs. S. L. Hall and Mrs. R. L. Young were hostesses Wednesday to the Home Economics club. The meeting was held at the community hall and Easter decorations were carried out. It was decided by the club to have their annual community dinner on April 22nd.

Information discussed at the meeting will be relayed to the heads of various defense services, Simerville said. While in Portland en route to Bend, the mayor and city recorder visited Seaton Smith, high school instructor, at the Hahnemann hospital.

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2 City Officials Back From Salem
Mayor A. T. Niebergall and George Simerville, city recorder, returned yesterday evening from Salem where they attended a civilian defense coordinators meeting, held Monday in the capitol building.

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direct menace of Russia's action is real.

Throughout the war with Germany, the Russian command has kept 1,000,000 men in the Red Banner far eastern army even after withdrawing many divisions which turned the tide of battle and perhaps of this whole war at Stalingrad in January, 1943. This Red Banner army has two able commanders, Generals Stern and Guryev. Stern is old but Guryev is one of the most able of the young generals. It was Guryev who whipped the Japanese in the Khalka valley border battles of outer Mongolia.

Cloverdale

Cloverdale, April 11 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hammack and Lee Goodrich were blood donors on Tuesday, going to Portland on the bus sponsored by Anthony Roach of Sisters. Lee Goodrich stayed over and visited relatives in Portland and returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ridgeway of Deschutes spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Coombs. Mrs. Lee Goodrich was hostess to the Redmond Arma club on Tuesday evening at her home.

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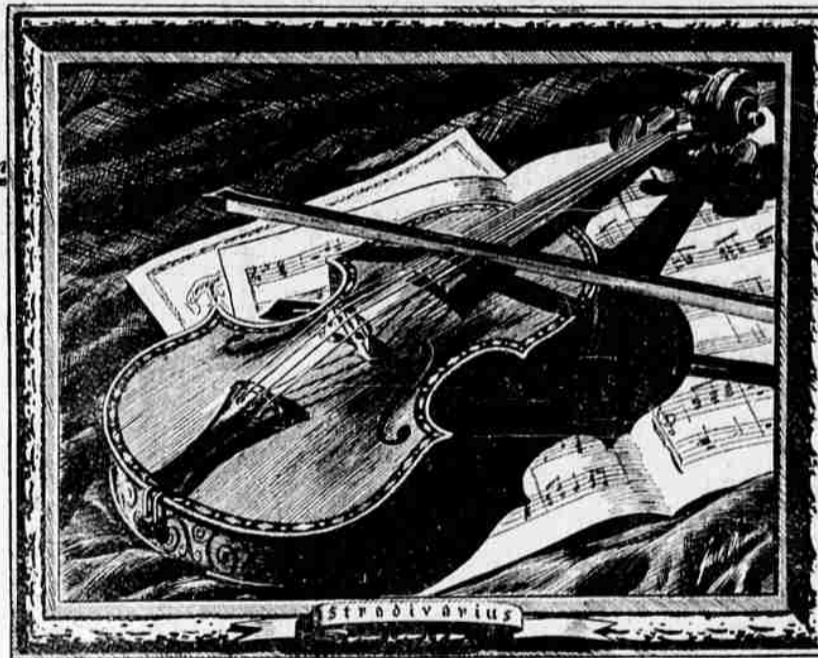
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