

# Germans Assert Soviets Now Only 17 Miles From Berlin, in Move to Split Hitler's Armies

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(United Press War Editor)

American forces stormed Leipzig and Nuernberg today and the Germans reported the Russians within 17 miles of Berlin in a joint effort to split the nazi armies in two for final destruction.

The American Fifth army in Italy closed to within eight miles of Bologna and began shelling the outskirts of that key German base. The British Eighth army pushed in from the northeast as the renewed allied offensive against the southern-most defenses of the reich blazed across the peninsula.

The allied air forces, having dealt the death blow to the luftwaffe by destroying at least 932 German planes and damaging 373 yesterday, engaged in tactical support of the ground armies on all fronts.

American Superfortresses in the Pacific blasted six airfields on the Japanese home island of Kyushu in an attempt to cripple bases used for attacks on the invasion forces on Okinawa. It was the sixth straight day of attacks on Japan by American planes and the third assault in 72 hours by Superfortresses.

The three-way attack on the Germans from the east, west and south found the Russians and their allies close to a junction in the area south of Berlin.

The American Third, First, and Ninth armies were driving hard in an attempt to cut off large bodies of nazis from fleeing southward for a death stand in the Bavarian and Austrian Alps. Allied fliers bombing the corridor between the Elbe and Oder rivers reported nazi columns streaming steadily toward Bavaria.

The Germans also were reported retreating across the Elbe north of Berlin, indicating a plan to divide for a stand along the northern coast as well as in the south.

A Paris report, unconfirmed and apparently premature, said the Americans and Russians already had come together in the upper Elbe valley southeast of Dresden.

In the north, the British Second army pounded toward Hamburg on a 40-mile front. Allied fliers reported the Elbe there packed with shipping headed seaward.

Warships were among the vessels sighted. Stockholm reported dissatisfaction spreading in the German navy, citing the arrival of 12 German sailors aboard a patrol vessel at a Swedish port, where they surrendered for internment. Seventeen men arrived at another German port on a minesweeper and asked to be interned.

The port of Bremen also was threatened. British armored forces reached the east side of the city and established a line three-quarters of the way around it.

To the west, the German defenses in northern Holland were cracking after a junction of British and Canadian forces south of the Zuyder Zee. Front reports said only scattered mopping up remained in the northern part of Holland.

On the American sector, First army troops stormed Leipzig and fanning out beyond the city were rapidly closing the main German escape routes to the south.

Third army troops on their right flank were menacing the path of retreat through Dresden and Czechoslovakia, advancing to within 30 miles of Dresden and to the Czechoslovak border.

The American Seventh army in Bavaria besieged Nuernberg and drove an infantry spearhead into the city itself.

## New Stars Due For 2 Generals

Washington, April 17 (AP)—Lt. Gens. George S. Patton and Courtney H. Hodges, respective commanders of the spearheading Third and First armies in Germany, were nominated today to be full generals in the first list of nominations sent to the senate by President Truman.

They were the first army commanders to be promoted to four-star rank. The rank heretofore has been reserved for army groups commanders and highest staff officers.

Mr. Truman also nominated nine major generals to be lieutenant generals: Joseph L. Collins, Oscar W. Griswold, Lucius Clay, Geoffrey Keyes, Edmund B. Gregory, Walton H. Walker, Levin H. Campbell, Wade H. Haislip and Eugene Reybold.

All of these ranks were temporary wartime promotions.

## Fishing Boats Idle in OPA Price Protest



Against a backdrop of idle fishing boats in Los Angeles harbor, Gene Bird, Steve Parcells, Victor La Cereme and R. G. Lee (left to right), crewmen of the Mascot II, loll on deck during idleness protest against OPA 11-cent drop in ceiling prices in retail fish markets.

## Memorial Building Meeting Called

A special meeting of the Deschutes county veterans' council was called for 8 p. m. today in the Chamber of Commerce offices by D. Ray Miller, commander. At that time a committee composed of M. Ray Cooper, Jack Davis and George F. Euston was scheduled to report on plans for the construction of a veterans' memorial building in Bend.

The veterans' council is sponsoring the erection of such a memorial building here, and at the last meeting of the city commission the committee appeared before that body asking that the proposition be placed on the ballot when city electors are called to vote upon the annual budget. The commissioners asked that the group submit plans and costs at their next meeting, slated for tomorrow night.

## Sisters Sailor Shot By Nippon

Seven days of caring for wounded marines on Iwo Jima ended for Lyle Davis, 19, pharmacist's mate 2/c, USNR, of Box 133, Sisters, Oregon, when a Jap sniper's bullet tore through his hand, the eleventh naval district disclosed today.

Corpsman Davis, now convalescing at the U. S. naval hospital, San Diego, Calif., landed on Iwo Jima on D-day. Advancing with the marines, he was shot while tending a wounded man near one of the airports in the interior. "The first few hours of the battle started out mildly, but we weren't left in doubt long as to how tough it would be," said the Oregon pharmacist's mate. A graduate of Sisters high school, Davis worked at Camp Abbot, Bend, Ore., before enlisting in the navy in October, 1943. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Davis, live at Sisters.

## PARKING FINE ASSESSED

Ken Moody, Bend, today was assessed a \$5 fine for alleged improper parking in an alley between Franklin and Minnesota avenues. Moody recently was cited into municipal court on a warrant and pleaded not guilty. Judge H. C. Ellis took the matter under advisement, and rendered his decision last night. Moody had posted \$10 bail, half of which the judge instructed be returned to him. The court, in making the decision, said that Moody's offense was a result of lack of understanding of city ordinances rather than a willful violation.

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## Victory Gardens Topic of Lions

"Growing a Victory Garden" was the topic of Howard W. Smith, Deschutes county agent, guest speaker at today's meeting of the Bend Lions' club in the Pine Tavern. Victory gardens planted last year furnished as much as 50 per cent of all canned goods and fruits used, Smith reported. He stressed that the need for garden produce is just as great this year as it was in 1944.

Smith told the clubmen how to prepare their soil, touched on the use of fertilizers and gave advice as to the planting of produce, with reference also made to the proper care of the victory garden.

Don H. Peoples was in charge of the program, and Rev. W. I. Palmer conducted a memorial service, in tribute to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A report on the clothing drive was made by Clarence Bush. Approximately 20 Lions who failed to bring old clothes to the luncheon session were ordered to sing the official song, "Have You Got Old Clothes," as entertainment for those who responded to the request for used clothing. Bush reported that all clothes gathered in the drive would be sent to the state penitentiary at Salem, for sorting and crating preparatory to shipment to Europe.

## OPA Sugar Forms Available May 1

Application forms for extra sugar for canning purposes are not yet available at the Bend war price and ration board, it was reported today by Mrs. Edna Skjersan, chief clerk. Mrs. Skjersan said that a report published several days ago that the forms were ready was in error, and that she did not expect them to be available until May 1.

According to Mrs. Skjersan, allotment of additional sugar will not be made until later this year, because of a discovery by the OPA that last year persons expended their extra sugar rations on early canning and had no more available when the fruit season

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## Congress Is Told Of Jap Atrocities In Doomed City

By Dorothy Williams  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 17 (AP)—Congress today heard "the passion of Manila"—heard how that city and its people died so freedom might live.

The story, studded with accounts of incredible atrocities, poured from the lips of one of Manila's sons, Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines to the United States.

Romulo, speaking in the house, pleaded for American help in rehabilitating his people and called upon congress not to forget the sacrifices of the Filipinos.

He branded the Japanese treatment of Manila "the culminating crime in a long series of charges that war crimes commission of the United Nations must charge in its indictment against the Japanese nation."

At the conclusion of his address, he declared: "Manila is dead, and Tokyo must die—not in reprisal but as a defense measure necessary to insure future Pacific peace."

Frequently Romulo quoted from affidavits signed by American medical officers, priests, and civilians who escaped the Japanese.

He told of a massacre at La Salle college where Japanese soldiers bayoneted toddling children and their elders, finally throwing the dead upon the living.

He cited the testimony of Father Cosgrave, Superior of the Redeemptorist Fathers.

"We heard the soldiers drinking outside," the priest's testimony declared. "Frequently during the afternoon they came in to watch us and laughed and mocked at the suffering of their victims... sometimes the Japanese soldiers came in and tried to violate the young girls who were actually dying..."

And there was the report of the Fort Santiago massacre where a roomful of dying human beings were buried alive and those who sought escape met machine gun fire and the laughter of Japanese soldiers.

And in the case of the so-called Red Cross massacre, when Romulo said a Japanese murder squad entered the Philippines Red Cross hospital and "shot and bayoneted staff doctors, nurses and patients alike."

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## Gov. Earl Snell Grandpa—Twice

Salem, Ore., April 17 (AP)—Twins, a boy and a girl, made Gov. Earl Snell twice a grandfather today, for the first time.

The children, son and daughter of William Earl Snell, a medical student at the University of Oregon, were born last night in a Portland hospital.

The children's mother, the former Marylee Frye, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Fry, Jr., of Salem.

## Parents Get Word Of Son in Italy

Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Linse, who yesterday assumed operation of the former Malone service station on the north highway, just past the Tumalo junction, read with more than usual interest a news story from Italy that appeared in last night's edition of The Bulletin. The story carried the information that their son, Lt. Paul H. Linse, had completed his 50th mission as a B-24 Liberator bombardier, operating out of Italy. Lt. Linse last visited home in May, 1944, just short of a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Linse are former residents of Lakeview. They have two other sons, Lyle, who is operating the garage at the Linse service station, and LeRoy, who is going to school.

## Oregon School Funds Allocated

Salem, Ore., April 17 (AP)—The secretary of state's office today announced the final apportionment of the 1944-45 state school support fund this week. The amount disbursed was \$2,500,000. Last distribution of the \$5,000,000 total was made in October, 1944.

The apportionment represents the schools' share of the state revenue from income taxes. Largest individual apportionment went to Multnomah county, with \$817,120. Lane county was second with \$171,913, followed by Clackamas county, \$151,062; Marion, \$144,984, and Washington, \$103,197.

These were the only counties receiving \$100,000 or more. Other shares included: Clatsop,

\$48,115; Coos, \$65,702; Crook, \$13,667; Deschutes, \$37,417; Jackson, \$84,076; Linn, \$85,073; Polk, \$50,268; Union, \$38,479, and Wasco, \$21,415.

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