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## Yank Troopers Lunge Toward Island Capital

Tokyo Reports Landing Attempt Is Made Near Naha; Fight Is Fierce

Guam, April 20 (UP)—American troops lunged to within three and a half miles north of Naha, capital of Okinawa, in the most powerful offensive of the Pacific war today.

Radio Tokyo said other troops attempted to land on the south coast of Okinawa about eight miles southeast of Naha yesterday from a 30-ship invasion fleet, including 20 transports and several battleships.

Such a landing would deeply outflank Naha, a city of 65,000, and clamp a pincers on its garrison of 60,000.

Three army divisions—possibly 45,000 men—smashed deep bulges into both flanks of the Japanese line across southern Okinawa yesterday under cover of the greatest coordinated ship and artillery bombardment ever given American troops for the size of the target anywhere in the world.

Nearing Capital  
Front reports said Americans now were less than 6,200 yards north of Naha and approaching Machinato airfield on the west coast and nearing the northern end of Yonabaru airstrip on the east coast.

A hill overlooking Shuri, two miles inland from Naha, was all but cleared in the center of the line. The town of Machinato, a mile north of the airfield of the same name, was captured in the initial phases of the offensive yesterday.

Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, commander of the 24th army corps, said his forces had made "good gains" in the heart of the enemy's main line of resistance. Key ground had been won, he said.

Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, commander of the 10th army, said the offensive was going "just about as we expected."

Line Is Powerful  
"The Japs have as well an organized line as I have ever heard of anywhere," Buckner said. "We all know that we still have to use a blow torch and corkscrews to get them out of their caves."

Tokyo radio said the amphibious forces attempted to land on the southern coast at Chinen and Minatokawa, 4 1/2 to 5 miles south of Yonabaru, but were driven off. The enemy report described the American invasion force as comprising 20 transports, two to four battleships, one cruiser and five destroyers.

Tokyo also claimed that Japanese naval units had entered the Okinawa area and shelled two American-held airfields.

## Deschutes Chest Offer Rejected

The Deschutes county war chest committee's offer of \$500 to the Salvation Army is not satisfactory to the Oregon and southern Idaho division officers of that organization. H. R. Edward, chairman of the local war chest unit, has been notified. The chest officers voted at a recent meeting to allocate \$500 to the Salvation Army, with the provision that officers not conduct a drive for funds here this year.

Lieutenant Colonel James Dee, divisional commander of the Salvation Army, with headquarters in Portland, wrote the following letter to Edwards:

**Letter Quoted**  
"We have just received a letter from Mrs. William Niskanen, secretary of the county war chest committee, of which you are the chairman. Evidently the committee met and they offered us \$500."

"This, however, is not satisfactory to us. We have many friends in Deschutes county who have supported our work for many years and we would hardly feel justified in accepting such a small amount."

"Therefore we feel it would be better for you to eliminate the name of the Salvation Army from your coming fall campaign and we will take care of our own appeal as in the past. This will eliminate confusion and will no doubt be more satisfactory to your committee."

## German Radio Stations Silent, England Reports

London, April 20 (UP)—Regular radio broadcasts virtually disappeared from the air waves today.

The United Press listening post in London was unable to hear a single German station at 12:30 p.m. (DBST), when the German home service news and commentary usually are broadcast.

## Last Birthday?



Adolf Hitler

Adolf Hitler, the defeated dictator, passed his 56th birthday in his dying empire today, and there were no celebrations. There are many who believe that this will be Hitler's last birthday.

## Hitler Is Silent On 56th Birthday

London, April 20 (UP)—Adolf Hitler, the defeated dictator, passed his 56th and probably last, birthday today.

There were no celebrations in his dying empire for the most hunted man in history. The only victory salutes came from the guns of allied armies closing in on him from east and west.

Berlin, where in Hitler's heyday the red flags with the black swastikas flew and his storm troopers paraded, echoed with the artillery of the oncoming red army, reported only nine miles away.

The German radio, which once boomed Hitler's birthday speeches from Berlin, had only news of fresh defeats to offer. There was no indication the fuhrer would make a birthday broadcast, although a Swiss report said 21 Gauleiters had asked Goebbels last week to persuade Hitler to speak for the sake of morale.

The same dispatch, quoting a Munich source, said Goebbels and Himmler had refused to act on the matter.

The fuhrer was believed to be at his mountain retreat at Berchtesgaden, planning a "twilight of the gods" finale to his career of conquest. Some recent reports have suggested Hitler still was in Berlin, but few believed he would remain that close to the red army if he could help it.

A Zurich dispatch, quoting a German diplomat who supposedly left Berlin last week, said the reich capital had been stripped of its capture. According to the report, all Nazi organizations and government offices had been evacuated to the Bavarian redoubt, where Hitler plans his last stand. The dispatch said anything that might identify Nazi party members—uniforms, emblems, and even books and pictures of Hitler—had been destroyed.

**Redmond Soldier To Be on Radio**  
"Hawaii Calls," a program broadcast from the distant Hawaiian islands, tomorrow will interview a Redmond soldier, William V. Hogan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hogan, a telegram received today by The Bulletin from Honolulu states.

The interview will be broadcast over KBND Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Parents of the soldier have been notified and will be listening in.

Dorothy Scharff, an Oregon girl serving with the Women Marines, will also be interviewed. Miss Scharff, who has visited Bend on various occasions, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Scharff, of Amity.

## President Truman's Day Starts Very Early; Crowds Gather on Avenue to See New Chief

Just now Truman is walking to work—about 300 yards from Blair House to the White House. He says howdy to people along the short route, walking constantly at a rapid clip.

The new president likes people very much and is flattered when some of them want to shake his hand. That was all right when he was not president, but he will find now that he has less and less time to be Harry S. Truman and must devote almost every waking hour to being the president of the United States and commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The president's daily two-minute walk from the Blair house to the executive offices started at 8:36 a. m. today. A crowd of more than 500 lined street car loading platforms on Pennsylvania avenue as Truman appeared.

The crowd applauded, the president grinned and waved and then walked briskly across the street with his secret service escort.

Although Truman likes to walk, he'll probably do most of his walking in the White House grounds after another week or so. When he moves into the White House, his strolls to work will be only through the corridors of the executive mansion and not down Pennsylvania avenue.

He works at a machine-gun pace during the morning. When an appointment is scheduled for 11:35 and is supposed to end at 11:45, it ends at 11:45. This is in contrast to the late President Roosevelt who extended the time listed on his appointment schedule because of his habit of "bulling" with his callers once business was out of the way.

Jim, a navy torpedo man, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Chambers, and Bill, who is in the navy air corps, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Currie.

Two other Bend boys, Ted Hughes and Don Graham, are in the Admiralties, and, according to word received here, there is going to be a real "Bend party" in the far Pacific very soon now.

## U. S. Fighters Get Beachhead On Moro Gulf

Mackmen Unopposed In March Across Island; Yanks Near Davao Port

By Don Caswell  
(United Press War Correspondent)  
Manila, April 20 (UP)—American troops thrust almost unopposed across Mindanao to within 80 miles of the big port of Davao today.

The drive was moving nearly a mile an hour and already had secured an approximate 400-square mile beachhead on the eastern shore of Moro gulf.

At the same time other U. S. troops occupied without opposition Balabac island, south of American-controlled Palawan and only 45 miles from the northern tip of Borneo.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger's eighth army troops met only occasional sniper fire as they pushed south along the coast and inland on Mindanao, southernmost and last major island in the Philippines not controlled by the Americans.

**New Hops Made**  
In a series of shore-to-shore hops from the original landing beachhead, assault forces pushed 15 miles southward to capture the towns of Cotabato and Tamontaka on the north and south shores of the Mindanao river.

The river positions were quickly consolidated and under a heavy air cover the troops drove 22 miles inland on both sides of the river to the road junction of Lomopog.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that the northern beachhead at Malabang was being rapidly expanded and that its airfield, built by the Americans before the war, already was in operation.

**March Unopposed**  
While the advance through the heart of Mindanao was virtually unopposed, American troops were meeting continued fierce resistance in northern Luzon around the enemy citadel of Baguio.

The Japanese attempted to break the siege arc northwest of Baguio Tuesday in a tank-supported counter-attack. But the assault, which may have been the final enemy offensive attempt at Baguio, was repulsed and all the tanks destroyed. The number of tanks used by the Japanese was not disclosed.

**British on Move**  
In the north, Canadian First army troops completed the liberation of northeastern Holland and wheeled northeast and west for the naval base of Emden and the V-bomb coast of western Holland.

British Second army forces sealed off all but one slim escape route for the Germans in the burning port of Bremen, rammed an armored spearhead within three miles or less south of Hamburg, and battled for a crossing of the Elbe fewer than 120 miles from Berlin.

U. S. Ninth army troops on the Elbe river bridgehead southeast of Magdeburg against fierce opposition and dispersed a strong Nazi counterattack near the American-British hinge after the enemy had made some initial gains.

**Nazi Pilot Lands On U. S. Airstrip**  
With Third Army, Germany, April 20 (UP)—A German fighter plane buzzed an American airstrip in Germany yesterday and wagged his wings in greeting.

The amazed tower control fired a red flare and ordered all guns to fire. As they opened up, the plane zipped around the field and calmly landed.

The German officer pilot stepped out and was captured.

**Over 20 Men Die In Plane Crash**  
Sweetwater, Tex., April 20 (UP)—Between 20 and 25 passengers aboard a twin-engine army transport plane were killed today when it crashed and burned three miles south of here.

Army officials refused at first to release the number of men aboard the plane until an accurate check of the bodies could be made, but local undertakers said that "more than 20 bodies" were in Sweetwater funeral parlors.

The plane, based at Midland army air field, was en route to a New Jersey destination when it crashed shortly after 6:30 a. m.

Capt. Schumacher was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the crash, about three-fourths of a mile east of the San Angelo highway, and said that all of the occupants were dead by the time he arrived.

Deputy fire chief Roy Stephenson of Avenger field's department said the men "had no chance whatever" to escape.

# Reds 7 Miles From Berlin Nuernberg Falls to American Army

## Hitler's Party Shrine Is Taken On Birthday

Conquering Yanks Head For Adolf's Retreat in Mountains of Bavaria

Paris, April 20 (UP)—The American Seventh army captured the ruined Nazi shrine city of Nuernberg today and struck south for Munich to open the battle for Hitler's last retreat in the Bavarian Alps.

All organized resistance ended in Nuernberg after a savage, house-to-house battle that front dispatches said had gutted the once-beautiful medieval city.

The last survivors of a Nazi elite guard corps surrendered to the Americans inside the old walled city in the center of Nuernberg late this afternoon—ironically on the 56th birthday of the fuhrer who had ordered his party shrine defended to the death.

It was the 15th city of the reich and the third big Nazi stronghold to fall to the rampaging American armies in the past 24 hours. Halle and Leipzig were taken by the U. S. First army yesterday after a prolonged fight that outlasted in fury even the bloody battle for Nuernberg.

Armored vanguards of the Seventh army were racing 25 miles and more beyond Nuernberg even before the last enemy resistance ended there. They struck within 70 miles or less of Munich, cradle of the Nazi party and northern outpost of the Bavarian redoubt where Hitler had boasted his followers would continue the fight even if all else in Germany fell.

The Seventh army triumph highlighted a day of un spectacular but strategically important gains scored by the allied armies against by-passed German strongholds up and down the western front.

**Music Festival Plans Take Shape**  
Plans are rapidly taking shape for the south Central Oregon music competition festival, to be held in Bend on Friday, April 27, with high school units from four counties taking part. It was announced today by C. Dale Robbins, in general charge of arrangements. The competition will be open to the public, and Robbins is confident that music lovers of Central Oregon will have a real treat.

The feature of the festival will be the program in the high school gymnasium, at 7:30 p.m. on the day of competition. Bands from Prineville, Elmendorf, Klamath Falls and Bend will participate. Each band is to play one quick step march and a longer, more serious number. Also taking part will be five choirs, two of them from Bend. Each choir is to sing two or three numbers.

**Fish Bill Valid, Attorney Rules**  
Salem, Ore., April 20 (UP)—The compromise "fish bill" of the recent legislative session, which closes a number of coastal streams to commercial fishing, is both constitutional and valid, Attorney General George Neuner has ruled.

The opinion was for M. T. Hoy, master fish warden of the state fish commission.

**Neighbors Meet In Mail Line on Admiralty Isle**  
Two boys who lived next door to each other in Bend, Jim Chambers and Bill Currie, met recently by chance in the distant Admiralty Islands, while waiting in line for mail. Local relatives have learned.

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The late Ernie Pyle, famous Scripps-Howard war correspondent killed in action on island of Ie, near Okinawa, is pictured here with "That Girl"—his seldom photographed wife, Mrs. Geraldine Pyle, in library of their Albuquerque, N. M., home just before he left for the Pacific. With the couple is their pet Shetland sheep dog, Cheeta. Life photo by Bob Landry.

## Ernie Pyle Buried on Island Beside Soldiers He Glorified

Thunder of Battle Heard on Japs' Ie Shima As Coffin Lowered; Doughboys Pay Tribute

BY MAC R. JOHNSON  
(United Press War Correspondent)

Okinawa, April 20 (UP)—Ernie Pyle was buried on Ie Shima this morning beside some of the doughboys he glorified. As a chaplain read a brief burial service and spoke the final words, a squad of riflemen fired a volley of shots and the flag-draped coffin was lowered into the ground.

Even as the final services were being held, the thunder of the battle the tiny Hoosier hated but endured rose to a crescendo on nearby Okinawa where other doughboys were struggling to root the Japs from positions on Mount Iegusu.

The lovable little war correspondent, killed by Jap machine gun bullets Wednesday, was accorded a military funeral when it was discovered he was a seaman in first class in world war I. That, and not the fighting he did with his typewriter in this war—was decided upon as the official reason he was entitled to be buried with "appropriate" military honors.

**Loss Is Mourned**  
Here in the Ryukyu islands, as on every American fighting front, the G. I.'s still mourned the loss of the man who told their story better than anyone else.

Ernie was just getting acquainted with the men on Ie Shima, when he was killed. But they all had read his columns through the war, and each man felt he was a very personal friend of Pyle, because that was the way his columns affected readers.

An ammunition bearer in the 96th division, Pvt. Edwin L. Hill, Kansas City, Kans., put down his head, shook his head and said, "I read his columns and he knew what he was talking about. His death is a great loss to the common soldier."

**Princess Dies**  
London, April 20 (UP)—A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reported today that Princess Maifalda, 42, daughter of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, died at the infamous prison camp at Buchenwald, Germany, of gangrene resulting from an arm wound suffered in a bomb raid last August.

**Loyal Party Opposition Liked By President Harry S. Truman**  
By Lyle C. Wilson  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, April 20 (UP)—There seems to be no doubt today that President Truman has gotten off to a great start with congress.

Republicans are saying just as nice things about him as the democrats are. One—Sen. C. Wayland Brooks, R., Ill.—went so far as to make a prediction of future relations between the legislative and executive branches:

"It's going to be something we haven't seen before, in your lifetime or mine."

That, of course, remains to be seen. No honeymoon ever lasted forever, and neither Mr. Truman nor the republicans in congress are forgetting that it's still a two-party system.

As Senate republican whip Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb., put it: "We have done what we ought to do—pledge our help with non-controversial matters. That does not mean, however, that we're going all the way with this man."

"We'll be with him when he's right and against him when he's wrong. Issues will come up when we'll meet him head-on. We'll do the job the minority ought to do."

That will be strictly all right with Harry S. Truman, late of the U. S. Senate. He told a group of republican senators who called at the White House with pledges of support on Wednesday that he believed thoroughly in the two-party system and recognized the responsibilities of a "loyal opposition."

But Mr. Truman's aim will be to seek areas of agreement—to avoid situations in which White House and congress get entrenched on opposite sides of an issue—as sometimes happened in the Roosevelt administration.

## Moscow Says Soviet, Yank Forces Meet

Battle for Capital Is At Decisive Stage as Allies Surge to East

London, April 20 (UP)—Russian troops storming the last barriers before Berlin broke into a village seven miles east of the capital today, the nazis reported, and a Moscow dispatch said U. S. Third army and soviet patrols probably had met in the Dresden sector.

"The battle for Berlin has reached the decisive stage," German broadcasters said repeatedly during the day in describing the struggle at the gates of the burning and shell-swept city.

The left wing of an intensely concentrated mass of soviet tanks and men charging straight in against Berlin was reported by the Germans to have pushed into the streets of Hangelberg, on the Frankfurt highway seven miles short of the city limits.

A Moscow dispatch said the out-riders of the Russian and American armies probably had made their first contact around Dresden. Related to Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army front, a high-ranking source denied that any such meeting had taken place, "unless," he added jokingly, "some of our troops deserted us."

But the nazis were paying most of their attention to the Berlin front, where their radio commentators said the Russians had driven into the capital's "defense zone proper."

The German high command, acknowledging widespread reverses in the fortifications in front of Berlin, said frankly that "the situation has deteriorated."

**Berlin Is Objective**  
Other Nazi broadcasts reported soviet tanks and infantry were moving directly against Berlin between Muencheberg and Wriezen. Their center had reached Strausberg, nine miles from the capital, and the lower wing was at Hangelberg, seven miles from Berlin.

Moscow dispatches, following up the first soviet high command confirmation of the showdown offensive on a broad Berlin front, reported that the Russians had broken across the Spree river and were closing against Dresden.

It was in that region that, according to a Moscow dispatch, out-riders of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third army and Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army, probably have met.

**Reds Give Reports**  
The first report of a possible junction of the American and Russian forces came from Moscow. United Press correspondent Henry Shapiro reported from the soviet capital that Russian forces, after breaking through the Spree river defense line, were thrusting on toward a junction with United States Third army forces advancing on Dresden.

"In the Dresden sector, motorized soviet patrols probably already have contacted the scouts of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton," Shapiro reported.

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Paris, April 20 (UP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today in an order of the day that the "ragged remnants of Hitler's armies of the west now are tottering on the threshold of defeat."

Eisenhower's order of the day was addressed to "every member of the allied expeditionary force" on the conclusion of the battle of the Ruhr, where more than 300,000 German troops were trapped and eliminated as a fighting force.

**Students Elect New Officers**  
Lee Reinhart, football letterman and member of the school's symposium team, today was elected president of the Bend high school associated students for the year 1945-46, at an election in which students registered in advance, then cast their ballots in "precincts."

Downtown Bend saw little of the pre-election campaign this season, but high school officials say, it was one of the most outstanding ever conducted here. "Campaign speeches this year were better and generally more serious this year," a school official said, in lauding the manner the students conducted their campaign.

**Jack Irvine Named**  
Jack Irvine was elected vice-president at today's election, in a race with Don McCauley that was so close a recount was necessary. Jackie Hahn was named secretary and Maureen Lyons, paymaster, with Jackie Chute to serve as treasurer in the coming year. Dale Hall was named yell leader.

A student body constitution amendment was also voted on, giving the eighth grade representation on the student council.

The new officers will be installed at the last assembly of the school year, on May 21. Bill Plath is head of the student body at present, taking over when Phil Brogan was recently called to active duty with the army air corps.