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Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Thursday, few scattered light showers along coast today. Not much change in temperature.

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Russians Complete Berlin Encirclement Patton's Troops Race for Austrian Border

★ ★ THEIR EYES ARE ON SAN FRANCISCO ★ ★



Truman

Churchill

Stalin

Chiang

Delegates Meet to Talk Peace As Wars Still Rage

First Session Will Be Brief; Shadow Seen

By Lyle C. Wilson
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
War Memorial Opera House, San Francisco, April 25 (UP)—Representatives of 46 nations united in war against the axis meet here in plenary session at 4:30 p. m. PWT today, determined to make the post-war world safe for peace-loving peoples.

The objective is the same at which the world shot after in 1918—and missed.

The delegates gathered here on the shore of the Pacific do not intend that the world shall miss again. They meet this time with war still raging.

Foreign Minister Anthony Eden of Great Britain arrived by plane early today, completing the list of prominent personages present for the important conference.

Day Is Clear
A beautiful, sunny California day furnished a favorable augury for the opening of the conference and greeted the hundreds of delegates as they awoke on this festive day which may mark the opening of a new chapter in world history—a chapter of international peace.

The hundreds of delegates, experts and aides are as mixed a group as ever is likely to gather. Almost all the world's languages are spoken here today. There are men from the desert, men and women from great cities, spokesmen of poor nations and spokesmen of the rich. But they have much in common. They know that men of anti-axis armed forces are being killed or wounded as they sit down together and talk today.

To Be Brief
They call this the United Nations Conference on the International Organization. The first session will be brief. It takes place under the shadow of a stubborn Big Three dispute over the status of the Russian-sponsored provisional government of Poland.

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., chief of the American delegation, will open today's session and introduce President Truman who will broadcast a 10-minute opening address from Washington. Local officials will deliver messages of welcome. Stettinius will speak again at the opening session which will end.

Surprise Meeting Held By Big Four Delegates

War Memorial Opera House, San Francisco, April 25 (UP)—The "Big Four" sponsoring powers convened a surprise meeting among themselves today a few hours before the United Nations conference for international organization was to begin its task of safeguarding world peace.

The first plenary session meets at 4:30 p. m., PWT, in a spirit of determination to prevent another world war. The delegates will be addressed in today's brief session by President Truman, speaking from Washington.

In the Fairmount hotel office of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., the "Big Four" conferees met for 90 minutes. The others were Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, of Great Britain, Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov, of the Soviet Union, and Foreign Minister T. V. Soong, of China.

Molotov Leaves
Molotov was the first to leave. He departed while state department press attaches were trying to arrange a group picture of the "Big Four." The photographers were barred.

None of the conferees would discuss their meeting other than to say that it was "to complete arrangements for the conference" convening a few hours later in the War Memorial opera house.

Soong replied "assume nothing," to an inquiry whether it might be assumed that the conferees had discussed the Polish question.

FBI agents mingled with the 100 reporters and photographers outside the conference suite. Soviet Union police sat outside the hotel in a large black limousine.

Mutual network broadcast from Stockholm said today that Swedish newspapermen in Berlin expected the city to fall to the red army within 48 hours.

FIRE HITS QUARTERS
Lisbon, April 25 (UP)—A fire of undetermined origin swept the German legation quarters here today.

Nippon Radio Says Outlook Very Gloomy

(By United Press)
American troops broke through Japanese defenses on southern Okinawa today to seize an important hill feature north of Naha, the capital, while marines occupied three more nearby islands.

Radio Tokyo meanwhile admitted "nothing seems possible now to stop extermination of the Japanese nation."

The broadcast disclosed that American Superfortresses had destroyed 770,000 homes, making 3,130,000 homeless at Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe, and Nagoya.

GIETS MEAT WITH GUN
Belleville, Ill., April 25 (UP)—Clarence Wessel, proprietor of a butcher shop, complained to police a woman entered his store, flashed a gun and demanded a four-pound roast. When he handed her the meat, he said, she threw \$2 and a handful of red points on the counter and fled.

FIRE DESTROYS MILL
Eugene, Ore., April 25 (UP)—Fire destroyed the Austra Lumber Company sawmill, in the southwest corner of Lane county, Monday night. Only the loading platform, ramps and carrier were saved.

Hitler's Bavarian Home Bombed
London, April 25 (UP)—British Lancaster heavy bombers escorted by American fighter planes, attacked Adolf Hitler's Bavarian retreat high in the Alps near Berchtesgaden with six-ton earthquake bombs today.

Rough Riding Tank Columns Defeat Nazis

Americans Are Heading For Gateway to Retreat In Bavarian Mountains

Paris, April 25 (UP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third army raced for the Austrian border and the Salzach valley gate to Berchtesgaden today, stampeding thousands of crack Nazi troops 80-odd miles from Adolf Hitler's Bavarian death roost.

Field dispatches said the Germans were breaking into a confused and disorderly rout before the Third army drive, falling back 30 miles and more a day over the last approaches to the Bavarian redoubt.

Patton's men officially were reported 30 miles from the Austrian border, 52 miles from the entrance to the Salzach valley and fewer than 90 miles due north of Berchtesgaden late last night.

Patton's vanguards were fewer than 120 miles from the south bank of the Danube about 110 miles northeast of Berchtesgaden. More than 19,000 hand-picked Nazi elite guards were captured by the Third army yesterday and thousands more were being over-run and surrounded by the Americans' forward tank columns.

At the center of their line, Patton's men were storming the Danubian fortress of Regensburg, while their western wing rammed down within 52 miles of Munich, capital of Bavaria and the birthplace of Nazism.

On Patton's southwestern flank, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's American Seventh army poured a flood of men and armor through seven bridgeheads across the Danube, with their vanguards barely 40 miles northwest of Munich.

French First army forces farther to the southwest were rolling eastward along the German-Swiss frontier around the shores of Lake Constance and were rapidly clearing out thousands of trapped Germans in three pockets behind their lines.

Far to the north, the American First and Ninth armies deployed along the Elbe and Mulde rivers west and southwest of Berlin, awaiting an imminent juncture with the red army.

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British Chief



Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain arrived in San Francisco by plane early today, to represent his government in the historic Bay city conference.

Heads Soviets



Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov of the Soviet union has arrived in San Francisco for the United Nations conference that opened this afternoon, with 46 nations represented.

War Scribe Flies Over Berlin, Finds Nazi Capital in Flames

Lowell Thomas Views Bombardment By Reds, And Sees Answering Flashes of Hitler's Guns

BY LOWELL THOMAS
(NBC War Correspondent)
(Distributed by United Press)

Paris, April 25 (UP)—Berlin is in flames from one end to the other. Dense clouds of smoke hide most of the city.

I flew to Berlin yesterday in a plane with a crack air force pilot of the 67th reconnaissance group of the Ninth air force. I saw the city in flames, saw the bombardment going on between the Russians and Nazis, and then I raced back across half of Europe to Paris last night.

My flight came about this way: For two days I had been with the ground troops near the advancing Russians—with General Terry Allen and his 104th division Timberwolves, on the Mulde river, with the Russians only 18 miles away, and the Germans in between.

All along the front, the one thought had been: When do we join up with the Russians? An allied pilot with the Timberwolves brought word that the Russians, some miles to the north, were driving west at top speed. It looked as though the Second armored division of the Ninth army would be the first to make it.

Looks Over Front
So I decided to try to find a fighter pilot who would like to take a look all up and down the front. When I was back with the 67th reconnaissance group they had invited me to do this. So there I flew in a light artillery plane—and in no time two fast Mustangs were on the line.

Here are some of the things we saw: Berlin in flames, but not entirely. Potsdam and the southern side of the city seemed comparatively undamaged. The rest was in flames, from one end to the other.

An artillery duel was going on. Heavy guns on both sides going all out—dense clouds of smoke blowing over Berlin, concealing much of it.

OUR LOCKS STOLEN
Theft of the our locks from his boat while it was in the rear yard at his home, today was reported to Bend police by Rev. Robert McIlvanna, 816 Riverside drive. The minister said that the locks were apparently removed within the last two nights.

11 Million Nazis Killed, Captured
(By United Press)
A Moscow broadcast reported by the FCC said today that 11,000,000 Germans have been killed or captured on the eastern front.

Of the total, 2,000,000 casualties were inflicted since Jan. 1.

Soviets Seize Half of City; Climax Nears

Two Russian Armies Join Forces for All-Out Blow at Capital

London, April 25 (UP)—Two Russian armies completed the encirclement of Berlin today. Snapping a trap on its fanatical Nazi defenders and dooming them to surrender or stand and die without hope of reinforcement.

Marshal Stalin, in an order of the day sealing the fate of Berlin, announced that the armies of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov and Marshal Ivan S. Konev had linked up northwest of Potsdam, thus closing the gap between the prongs of the giant pincers around Berlin.

The encirclement of Berlin came as the two siege armies slugged through the streets in the heart of the city in what reports described as perhaps the most violent and spectacular fighting of the entire war.

Fall Is Expected
Swedish correspondents in Berlin forecast the fall of the city within two days, and Moscow, reporting panic and chaos in the German capital, said the climax of the struggle was near.

Stalin announced that the converging advances of the Zhukov and Konev armies hooking around the capital on the north and south had cut all the roads west out of the city and fused the barrier around it into a complete ring.

In the final push to complete the encirclement, Konev's first Ukrainian army captured Ketzin, 22 miles west of the Potsdamer Platz in the heart of the city. Zhukov's first White Russian army seized Mauen, 23 miles due west of the center of Berlin; Rohrbeck, 14 west-northwest of Potsdamer Platz; and Elstal, six miles west of Spandau.

All Roads Cut
Troops of the first White Russian front cut all the roads leading out of Berlin to the west and today linked up northwest of Potsdam with troops of the Ukrainian army, thus completing the encirclement of Berlin," Stalin's order said. It was addressed jointly to Zhukov and Konev.

Mentioned by the order was Gen. Ivan Y. Petrov, former commander of the fourth Ukrainian army in the Polish-Czechoslovak border area, who recently was relieved by Gen. Andrei Yermenko. Petrov now is chief of staff to Konev.

Stalin ordered a salute of 20 salvos by 224 guns in tribute to the troops who encircled Berlin.

Gateway to Pass Nearing By Allies
Rome, April 25 (UP)—Allied armies struck north from the Po river in northern Italy today to within 30 miles of Verona, gateway to the Brenner pass.

Swiftly expanding their bridgeheads across the Po, Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces joined the race to trap remnants of Adolf Hitler's armies in his national redoubt in the Bavarian Alps.