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## Red Forces Near Lair of Hitler in Berlin GERMAN RESISTANCE IN BREMEN COLLAPSES

### Patton's Men Rapidly Close In on Citadel

German Redoubt Shakes  
In South as 4 Armies  
Advance to Sanctuary

Paris, April 26 (AP)—Allied armies heading back both wings of Germany's western front captured the wrecked North sea port of Bremen today and drove within 8 1/2 miles of the Austro-German-Czechoslovak border triangle.

Paris, April 26 (AP)—The British second army cleared virtually all of the wrecked North sea port of Bremen today and in the south American Third army troops closed swiftly on the Bavarian fortress of Passau, 67 miles from Berchtesgaden.

German resistance in Bremen collapsed suddenly this afternoon after more than a week of savage, close-in fighting and three days of concentrated aerial bombardment that reduced the reich's second port to rubble.

Front dispatches said a few die-hard nazis, including the Bremen commander, Gen. Becker, still were holding out in the ruined port area along the Weser river late today.

**Capture Seems Near**  
But tough Scottish riflemen and armored troop carriers were racing through the streets to finish them off and complete the capture of the city seemed imminent. (A BBC broadcast received by FCC monitors in New York said Bremen had been captured.)

United Press war correspondent Richard D. McMillan reported that Becker had refused a final surrender ultimatum and fled with a few Nazi troops to a hideout in the Bremen port area.

Thousands of German civilians swarmed up from cellar dugouts, however, to greet the incoming British.

The second and greatest Nazi redoubt already was shaking in the south under the blows of four American, French and Russian armies closing in from the north, northwest, west and east on Hitler's Berchtesgaden retreat.

**Patton in Lead**  
Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third army was far out in front of the four-cornered drive, moving southward along the Bohemian plateau on Passau, only 98 miles from a juncture with red army troops advancing from the east.

Delayed front dispatches, lagging 12 hours and more behind Patton's racing tanks, said the Americans were only 11 miles from Passau last night and rolling unchecked through disorganized German opposition.

There was every possibility that the Third army would cross the Danube into Austrian soil near Passau within a matter of hours, if it had not already done so, to close the northern arm of the Soviet-American pincers on the inner defenses of nazidom's Bavarian redoubt.

### Scenes Reminiscent of 1918 Enacted as Nazis Surrender

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
London, April 26 (AP)—The German army was disintegrating today amid scenes reminiscent of 1918.

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At Golden Gateway to World Peace



There they stand: An American soldier who has made his sacrifice for his country; and a little boy. On the eve of the Security Conference, they gaze out toward San Francisco's great and graceful Golden Gate Bridge—a gateway, perhaps, to world peace forever. If success crowns the efforts of the conferees, the soldier's sacrifice will not have been in vain, and the little boy will never have to march off to another war.

### Marshal Petain Heads for Home

Paris, April 26 (AP)—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain started for France today to face trial as a traitor to his country.

Swiss dispatches reported the aged marshal and his party left the Swiss mountain town of Weesen at 9 a. m. for the frontier town of Vallorbes, where his extradition will take place at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Petai's secretary said he would be arrested by French authorities at the border.

The secretary also said that Dr. Walter Stuckel, former Swiss minister to Vichy, would be Petai's first defense witness. Stuckel arrived at Weesen yesterday empty handed, and left with a big portfolio of documents.

Petai's entourage entered France yesterday, but he remained in Switzerland for orders from the French government.

The 89-year-old "hero of Verdun" was penniless. The Swiss federal council was paying his bills at the old Hotel Mariahalden in the town of Weesen, overlooking the dark waters of the Wallen sea.

The minister of justice said the marshal would be put at the disposal of the high court of justice as soon as he arrives in France. His trial for treason was scheduled for May 17.

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### Yanks Smash Japs' First Big Line of Defense on Okinawa

Over 21,000 Nippons Killed on Small Island  
Near Mainland; American Dead Placed at 889

Guam, April 26 (AP)—Front reports said today that U. S. army troops had smashed the first major Japanese defense line on southern Okinawa.

All key terrain on which the line was anchored was captured by the Americans as they pushed more than half a mile through the strong Japanese defenses to less than three and a half miles from Naha, capital of the island.

The developing Okinawa campaign brought a force of 200 to 250 Superfortresses ranging over Japan again today in new neutralization raids on airfields in Kyushu and Shikoku, two of the enemy home islands.

While the Japanese staggered under the weight of the American land, naval and aerial blows, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced that 21,269 enemy troops were killed on Okinawa and the surrounding islands up to yesterday.

**Garrison Hard Hit**  
Most of the Japanese were killed on Okinawa and it was estimated the enemy had lost one-third of its original garrison in the bloody fighting on the island, 325 miles from Japan. Only 399 Japanese were taken prisoner.

American casualties in the campaign of April 22, were: army; 889 dead, 4879 wounded and 289 missing; marines, 257 dead, 1,103 wounded and seven missing.

The worst V-2 raid killed 167 persons in November when a rocket scored a direct hit on a department store during the lunch hour rush in the New Cross section of London.

In another attack 133 persons were killed when a rocket hit an apartment building.

Another major rocket incident was in London's Farringdon market in March when the stalls were crowded with shoppers and 115 were killed. Bloodhounds were used to trace trapped persons.

### Horse Fly Causes Collision of Cars

Portland, April 26 (AP)—Maybe horses went out of style with the advent of the automobile.

But horse flies are still with us. Cyru Tie told police he was trying to swat a horse fly, lost control of his car, and wrecked another automobile, injuring a woman passenger.

He (Tie) told the fly was cited for driving on the wrong side of the street.

Butter and hamburger remain

### Tension Marks Initial Session Of Conference

Showdown on Soviets'  
Bid for Three Votes Is  
Expected Late Today

San Francisco, April 26 (AP)—United Nations delegates assembled today for their first working session with prospects of a quick showdown on Russia's request for three votes at the conference, the question of Argentine participation and, possibly, some new move on the deadlocked Polish issue.

Russia, it appeared, may submit to the initial meeting of the conference steering committee her request that the Ukraine and White Russian republics be granted seats in the conference.

Whether Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov will also submit for a third time a demand that the Warsaw provisional Polish regime be represented was not yet known.

However, it appeared that there had been no actual developments on the Polish matter since the Big Three discussions were suspended in Washington because of the imminent opening of the San Francisco gathering.

**Showdown Delayed**  
Some quarters said the Polish issue would not be brought to a showdown today but would await further consultations between Molotov, W. Averell Harriman, U. S. ambassador to Moscow, and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British ambassador to Moscow. These three comprise the commission set up at Yalta to deal with Poland and there has been no change in their authority to handle the issue.

The possibility of quick and amicable settlement of the Russian three vote question and the Argentine representation issue emerged sharply.

Molotov made a surprise gesture which raised diplomatic hopes that these hurdles to conference agreement might be cleared more easily than expected.

He tendered a banquet last night to some 30 persons, including the foreign ministers of Mexico, Chile, China, Australia, France, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

**Toasts Offered**  
Innumerable toasts in vodka were drunk in the Russian fashion. It was learned that Molotov was frankly told by the Latin American diplomats of their desire to see Argentina invited to San Francisco.

Molotov on his part reiterated the statement made by Marshal Stalin to President Roosevelt at Yalta—that Russia desired the Ukraine and White Russia to be represented as a tribute to the suffering they have endured at the hands of the Germans.

So far as was known no commitments were made on either side. But the prospect emerged that the Latin Americans might support the three vote request if Russia agreed to let in Argentina.

The Molotov dinner, it was understood, was held in a most cordial atmosphere.

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### Patriots Break German Grip in Northern Italy

Rome, April 26 (AP)—A general uprising of Italian patriots was reported unofficially today to have broken the German grip on north Italy and liberated Milan, Genoa, Turin, Verona and scores of other towns.

Allied military authorities, whose armies were sweeping deep into northern Italy on the heels of routed German forces, withheld immediate confirmation of reports from the north of the rebellion against the nazis and fascists.

But accounts of the uprisings were supported by every evidence that the patriots had seized and were operating the radios in Milan and Genoa. Supplementary reports circulated freely in the Swiss border areas.

**Swiss Relay Reports**  
Swiss advices quoted an Italian press dispatch as hinting that Benito Mussolini was trying to make a deal with the patriots in an effort to save his life. He was reported to have been set up as a Nazi figurehead in north Italy after he was "rescued" by the Germans when his fascist regime cracked up.

"This morning," the dispatch was quoted, "Mussolini sent a man bearing a flag of truce to the head of the Milan socialist party and offered to permit patriots to take over power on condition that the Germans and new fascists be allowed to leave without hindrance."

**Resistance Collapses**  
German resistance in northern Italy appeared to have collapsed. Fifth army forces were within 75 miles southeast of Milan and less than 45 miles from Genoa last night. Today a headquarters spokesman said:

"Things are moving so fast we just don't know where they are." Rome morning newspapers, in big headlines, proclaimed the liberation of Genoa and said the Germans had abandoned Milan. A dispatch from Chiasso, on the Swiss-Italian border, also reported that the nazis and their Italian fascist underlings had handed over the city to patriots.

**Called "Mopup"**  
The Russian army organ Red Star referred to the battle of Berlin as a "mop up." Soviet front dispatches said there no longer was any continuous front line in the ruins of the German capital.

Russian spearheads were gouging into the heart of the city, and wild fighting swirled deep behind the Nazi barricades.

The battle of wrecked Berlin roared on into its sixth day in what Soviet front dispatches described as a "jungle of stone" above ground and in the dark, treacherous caverns of the city's subway system below.

**Canal Crossed**  
Four more city districts were cleared yesterday and both the Spree river and Teltow canal crossed despite ferocious counterattacks by the fanatic enemy garrison. Thirty-seven districts—nearly two thirds of the city—now were in Soviet hands.

**New First Army**  
Some 70 miles south of Berlin, Moscow said, other Soviet forces struck west across the Elbe river practically to within sight of American First army troops along the Mulde river. Official accounts put the Russians 17 miles from the First Army as of yesterday.

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**Judges Coming**  
Three national judges, whose names are not being announced in advance, will arrive in Bend tomorrow, to judge the various contests.

The program for the evening competition, in the high school gymnasium auditorium, follows: 7:30: Overture to "The Beautiful Galathea," von Snupe. Allegro (Continued on Page 5)

### 8 Tons Clothing Already Collected

With an estimated eight tons of usable clothing already on hand, and salvage committee workers striving to get at least another 9,000 pounds before next Monday, arrangements were completed today for a city-wide pickup next Sunday, it was announced. Approximately 25 Elks and Lions last night worked in the salvage depot in the basement of Leedy's sorting and packing the clothing, in order to make way for the expected large "haul" on Sunday.

Boy Scouts, who will aid in the pickup on Sunday, and who have been aiding in the sorting and receiving of clothing and footwear at the depot, were strongly praised today for their efforts by Clarence Bush, Lion drive chairman, and Ray Dahl, in charge of publicity.

**To Canvass City**  
Beginning at 2 p. m. Sunday, Scouts, assisted by Lions and Elks, will canvass the city gathering up bundles and removing them to the depot. Residents were asked to place their packages or bundles on their front porches, with shoes being tied together. The Scouts will remove them from there.

Meantime the contest among grade school pupils for a prize of ice cream and cake was growing hot, with the smaller children carrying great quantities of clothing to their class rooms. The room to the left of the Reid, Allen, Kenwood and St. Francis schools having the largest amount of clothing will be "treated" by the Lions and Elks. A committee is scheduled to visit the schools on Monday and decide the winning classrooms.

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