

Rumors of Peace Are Heard As Die-Hard Nazis Fight to Death in Rubble of Berlin

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Die-hard nazis fought desperately in Berlin and Munich today as the allied armies there and elsewhere proceeded methodically with the destruction of what remained of German resistance.

Amid various rumors of the death of Adolf Hitler, a neutral emissary was reported enroute to Stockholm with Heinrich Himmler's reaction to the demand that Germany surrender unconditionally to Russia as well as to Great Britain and the United States.

Regardless of the surrender talk, the fanatical nazi survivors battled savagely in Berlin, where they were compressed into a flaming pocket of eight square miles around the Tiergarten and Unter Den Linden in the center of the city.

Moscow believed the battle might end tomorrow in time for the May day celebration. Resistance Fades

Resistance was less stout in Munich and was being rapidly overcome by troops of the American Seventh Army. Elsewhere in the highly-touted southern redoubt it was almost non-existent.

The Seventh and Third armies, which had taken almost 124,000 prisoners over the week-end, lunged at will through the Alpine foothills.

The Seventh army was within 27 miles of the Brenner pass, beyond which shattered German forces in Italy were being mopped up.

Rome reported that the only sign of effective resistance was at the northern end of Lake Garda, where the nazis fought to keep open an escape route to the Brenner pass.

Gen. Mark W. Clark, allied commander in Italy, proclaimed allied victory there declaring that the German armies have been so smashed they have been virtually eliminated as a military force.

British Eighth army troops which took Venice headed eastward along the coast toward Trieste, 58 miles away, to join with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav forces repressed fighting inside that port.

The situation in the redoubt on the other side of the Alps was somewhat similar. The Third army crossed the Isar river at three points on a 60-mile front and streamed southward through the foothills barely 30 miles from the Inn river valley and Hitler's birthplace at Braunau.

In storming Munich, the Seventh army took over the infamous Dachau concentration camp seven miles to the north, killed or captured 300 nazis SS guards, and released 32,000 political and religious prisoners. Fifty boxcars were

loaded with bodies, torture chambers and other apparatus which the nazis were preparing to remove.

In northern Germany, British and Canadian forces were smashing ahead in a drive aimed at the big ports of Emden, Wilhelmshaven, Bremmerhaven and Luebeck.

A giant new centrifuge installed at the University of California for use in polio-myelitis research develops a force approximately 150,000 times that of gravity.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL CASUALTY COMPANY OF OREGON FOR THE YEAR 1944

Table with columns for Income, Disbursements, ADMITTED ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS. Includes financial data for 1944.

Delegates Hear President's Address



General view of interior of San Francisco Opera House as Security Conference delegates give rapt attention to President Harry S. Truman's opening address from Washington, D. C. (NEA Telephoto)

Iwo Jima Hard Place to Dig Foxholes, Says Bend Youth

The setting on Iwo Jima, the "Hell island" where the United States marines held the bloodiest engagement of their history, is vividly described in a letter sent to Mrs. Leo Bishop, 213 Vine lane, by Willard E. Nelson, pharmacist's mate 1/c Nelson, son of Mrs. Ernest Nelson, is a former guard and forest lookout in the Deschutes national forest. He wrote in part:

"Iwo Jima was quite an island, or I should say, cinder pile because that very effectively describes it. Mt. Suribachi was the highest point on the island (538 feet) and it is just a cinder, volcanic cone not an awful lot unlike Lava butte—even had a crater in it. Mt. Suribachi was located on the narrow end of the island, so the rest of the land fanned out from its base and was kind of pear-shaped. It was only a couple of hundred feet above sea level. There were several sulphur pits on the place and live steam came out of about all of them. They drew water from one for showers, and it was so hot it would scald you.

"There wasn't much vegetation on the island and what there was had a sickly green color to it. I did see a few little birds on the vegetation, but that was all. The Japs didn't even have any live stock there except chickens.

"Oh yes, there was (so I am told) live steam issuing out of the bottom of the crater in Suribachi. I hope that's the closest to the 'hot spot' I ever get!

"We had a lot of work to do on Iwo. The whole company got hot and set up a complete 80-bed hospital in eight hours, complete with X-ray, laboratory, pharmacy, dental, wards and surgery. I worked

in surgery again and this time we really worked. Day and night. It in my opinion, was much rougher than Saipan. It wasn't as bad as Saipan in a few respects though, as there were very few flies. No mosquitoes and very few land crabs.

"The first night ashore we caught a little shrapnel. The Japs were trying to hit the C.P. area so we were liberally sprinkled with mortar shrapnel. It's a funny feeling to lay in a fox hole and hear that stuff sing over head and thud into the ground nearby. Not a funny feeling, either, but quite a bad feeling because you would never know until it hit if the piece was coming into your foxhole or not.

"These fox holes are quite a problem for us, too. There was no sand or dirt to mix with these volcanic cinders and hold them up. As fast as you'd throw out a shovelful of the stuff another shovelful would come cascading down the side into your foxhole. We finally drove barrel heads in the cinders and sand-bagged our fox holes."

Those receiving certificates were Fred Barnett, Clarence Bells, Don Brown, David Coyner, Roberta Childers, Louella Cook,

Nels Hanson, Laurence Dyer. Don Hinshaw, Robert L. Jackson, Harvey Jacobson, Irene Mortimer, Wilfred Officer, Dorothy Salisbury, Tom Sandwick, Fayet Scoggin, Della Swagert and Marie Waters.

Polio Regional Director Coming

Eugene Hall, regional director of the National foundation for infantile paralysis, will be in Bend Wednesday, May 2, to confer with members of the local chapter, and will address a luncheon meeting at 12 o'clock in the Trailway coffee shop, according to announcement by Mrs. J. F. Arnold, Deschutes county polio chairman.

Hall has just returned from a national conference in New York City, where he conferred with national chairman Basil O'Connor and other committee members. He is expected to have a report which will be of great interest to local workers, Mrs. Arnold said. All members of the local chapter are urged to attend the luncheon, Mrs. Arnold stressed.

College President Kiwanis Speaker

Discussing the "wartime problems of an educator," Dr. Morgan O'Dell, president of the Lewis and Clark university in Portland, today addressed members of the Kiwanis club at their noon-day meeting in the Fine Tavern.

Introduced by Jack Berpee, program chairman, Dr. O'Dell said that colleges and universities will have to greatly expand to accommodate an expected increase of attendance after the war. He predicted that thousands of the returning fighters will enter colleges or resume their studies

where they left off upon enlistment. Martin Skarr of Redmond, was a guest.

FOUR GENERALS CAPTURED

Rome, April 30 (UP)—The American First armored division has captured four more German generals in northern Italy, including Major-Gen. Von Behr, commander of the 90th panzer grenadier di-

vision, and his entire staff, it was announced today.

BRITISH NEAR RANGOON

Calcutta, April 30 (UP)—Armored columns of the British 14th army have reached within 36 miles of Rangoon, capital of Burma.

Formerly almost all the cigaret paper for U. S. smokers was imported from France; now it is made in America.

STRICTLY POSTWAR STUFF

Cincinnati (UP)—This is a post-war project. The Kluson Cigar Co. held a meeting recently to teach its salesmen how to sell cigarets and other tobacco products.

It is being recommended that roofs of barns be painted a light color for the summer months, to make it cooler for the livestock occupants.

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