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Tankmen Drive East in Austria To Meet Reds

German Redoubt May Be Cut in Two; Ike Compliments Seventh

Paris, May 1 (U.P.)—The American Third army thrust across the Austrian border at a new point north of the Danube today in a powerful drive to link up with Russians and cut the southern redoubt in two.

Third army tanks cracked into Austria near Ober Kappel, 14 miles east of the border fortress of Passau, 27 miles northwest of Linz and 83 miles from red army forces west of Vienna.

To the north, the British Second army broke out of its Elbe river bridgehead and stormed within 22 miles of the Baltic port of Luebeck in a new push designed to split the northern redoubt and seal off Denmark.

Hamburg Flanked
The British were flanking Hamburg on the east and either had or were about to cut the Hamburg-Berlin superhighway, main German east-west communications link in the northern redoubt.

Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's attack coincided with European reports that the Germans were about to quit Denmark.

A London Evening Standard dispatch from Stockholm said German troops already were withdrawing from Copenhagen. Other Swedish dispatches said the Germans were expected to turn back administration of the country to King Christian today.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's American Seventh army completed the occupation of Munich, cradle of nazism and capital of Bavaria, last night against surprisingly light resistance.

Army Congratulated
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a message of congratulations to the Seventh army on the seizure of what he called the "cradle of the nazis."

Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commander of the Sixth army group, hailed the conquest of Munich as a victory that "may well affect the final stages of the war to a degree second only to the capture of Berlin."

The population of Munich was so relieved that the war was over for them that they greeted the Seventh army with cheers and garlands of flowers, United Press War Correspondent Eleanor Packard reported.

Nazi bigwigs long since had fled. A few small fry locked themselves in a cluster of party buildings, but they were surrounded and helpless.

Parlor Devastated
The famous beer cellar where Adolf Hitler and his Nazi henchmen plotted the putsch that brought them control of Germany and ultimately most of Europe was in a portion of the city devastated by allied bombs, Mrs. Packard said.

There also was no immediate word on the fate of the Bavarian patriots who revolted against their Nazi overlords last weekend and seized temporary control of the Munich radio station.

Count Confers With Himmler

London, May 1 (U.P.)—Count Folke Bernadotte, Swedish emissary reputed to be negotiating with Nazi leaders for Germany's surrender, confirmed today that he had conferred with Heinrich Himmler 10 days ago.

A Swedish foreign office spokesman insisted, however, that Bernadotte had not brought back any new peace message from Himmler to be transmitted to the Allies through the Stockholm government.

Bernadotte partly lifted the secrecy covering his recent activities during a press conference late today in the Swedish foreign office in Stockholm.

Details Withheld
He refused to give details of any of his discussions with Himmler, beyond the fact that they had met 10 days ago in the Baltic port of Luebeck—obviously to discuss the Allied demand that Germany surrender unconditionally to the United States, Britain and Russia.

Bernadotte and the foreign office spokesman emphasized that no new reply from Himmler had been transmitted to the Allies through the Swedish government today—a statement which did not preclude the possibility of Bernadotte's communicating direct with the Allied embassies in Stockholm.

Berlin Says Hitler Dead



Hitler Reported Killed

London, May 1 (U.P.)—The German radio announced tonight that Adolf Hitler had been killed at a command post in the middle of the ruins of his once proud capital of Berlin.

Admiral Karl Doenitz, chief of the German navy, takes over the leadership of the nation, the enemy broadcast said. Apparently the Germans, beaten to their knees by the Russians and the western allies, plan to go on fighting for a while. Doenitz called on the nation to continue resistance.

There was a mournful dirge of music on the Hamburg radio tonight and then the announcer said:

Announcer Speaks
"It is announced that our fuhrer, Adolf Hitler, this afternoon at his command post in the reichschancellery, fighting till his last breath against bolshevism, fell for Germany."

The text of the German radio report as from the fuhrer's headquarters:

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"On April 30 the fuhrer appointed Admiral of the Fleet Doenitz his successor. The admiral and successor of the fuhrer now speaks to the German people."

Hitler Lauded
"German men, women and soldiers of the wehrmacht: Our fuhrer, Adolf Hitler has fallen."

"In the deepest sorrow and reverence the German people bow."

"He recognized the terrible danger of bolshevism at an early date, and dedicated his existence to this struggle."

"The end of this, his struggle, and of his unswerving path of life is marked by his heroic death in the capital of the reich."

Fight Not Over
There was no immediate reaction or confirmation from allied capitals, but Doenitz made it clear that the Russians, Americans and British still had some fighting ahead of them before Germany would quit. He issued a proclamation saying:

"Fighting now is going on to save the German people. We shall have also to fight on against the Anglo-Americans."

Doenitz described himself as head of the state and commander-in-chief of the wehrmacht.

Data Awaited
if, as the Germans said, Hitler died fighting at a command post in blazing Berlin, the details of his death probably will come from the Russians.

U. S. Troopers Near Naha, Okinawa Capital; Sky Forts Start Big Fires in Tokyo Arsenal

By Frank Tremaine (United Press War Correspondent)

Guam, May 1 (U.P.)—American troops swept within two miles of Naha, capital of Okinawa, today and brought its northeastern outpost of Shuri under direct tank fire.

The two-pronged drive, supported by an unceasing air-land-sea bombardment, was paced by the 27th army division which overran Machinato airfield and pushed into the strong Japanese defenses on the northern outskirts of Naha.

A front dispatch disclosed that Sherman tanks of the 96th division, pushing down the center of the island shelling Shuri, second city of Okinawa, three miles northeast of Naha.

The tanks, from a platoon commanded by Lt. Robert B. Lyons,

Berlin Capture Held Near Allied Forces Invade Borneo Island

Troops Strike At Stronghold In Night Hours

Tokyo Reports 'Fierce Combat' Raging; Naval Units Give Assistance

Manila, May 1 (U.P.)—An allied invasion of Borneo, Japan's biggest and richest island conquest in the Pacific, was announced by Australian government officials in Canberra today.

A Canberra dispatch relayed to the United Press in Manila said Australian Treasurer J. B. Chifley announced the invasion of Borneo to the commonwealth legislature today.

Chifley said Australian troops participated in the landing, indicating that American invasion forces also were involved. There was no immediate confirmation at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, but an earlier Tokyo broadcast said allied troops were pouring ashore on the east coast of the immensely rich oil and rubber-producing island in the Dutch East Indies.

Navy Action Reported
The Japanese broadcast said the troops went ashore last night under cover of a naval bombardment in the Tarakan area, 175 miles southwest of American bases at the southern end of the Sulu archipelago.

The Tarakan area is one of the largest oil centers in the East Indies. Tarakan itself, however, is a comparatively small island in the Celebes sea several miles off the east coast of Borneo.

Tokyo said the invasion forces landed late at night and were engaged in "fierce combat" by the Japanese garrison. Although the reported invasion site was not given, it presumably was in the wide delta area on the eastern shore opposite Tarakan.

A previous landing attempt was made at noon yesterday, the broadcast said, but was repulsed.

Bombed Repeatedly
Borneo, the world's third largest island covering 392,000 square miles, and particularly Tarakan have been bombed repeatedly since Gen. Douglas MacArthur's American forces swept through the southern Philippines.

The Tawil Tawil base at the southern end of the Sulu archipelago is only 30 miles from the northeast corner of Borneo while American-controlled Palawan, in the southwestern Philippines, is but 180 miles from the northwest corner.

Borneo, with a population of approximately 2,300,000, is 325 miles east of the Malay peninsula, 550 miles southeast of French Indo-China and is flanked around the south by Sumatra, Java and Celebes.

Its oil, rubber and other natural resources were vastly exploited by the Japanese.

Admiral Horthy Found by Yanks

With U. S. Seventh Army in Germany, May 1 (U.P.)—Admiral Nicholas Horthy, ex-regent of Hungary, has been found by American Seventh army troops at Weilheim in southwestern Germany and has been placed in "protective custody," it was announced today.

There were 29,000 prisoners in Moosburg itself, and the rest of the 110,000 were spread in smaller camps in the immediate neighborhood.

Confessed Slayer Held in Seattle
Seattle, May 1 (U.P.)—Joe Bill, 33-year-old confessed slayer of five-year-old Irma Irene McGough, today was transferred from the city jail to the county jail to prevent an attempt at suicide.

Detective Capt. James Lawrence said "he's been wanting to do away with himself ever since we put him in jail."

Prosecutor Lloyd Shorett said Bill would be arraigned Friday on first degree murder charges. He was arrested Saturday after a week-long search. He admitted he raped and strangled the child April 22, leaving her body in a charity salvage center warehouse.

Laval At Border
Zurich, May 1 (U.P.)—Pierre Laval, Marcel Deat and Jean Luchaire, leading collaborationists during the Nazi occupation of France, arrived at Hechst on the Swiss border today.



Borneo, the world's third largest island, was invaded last night by the allies, it was announced from Tokyo and Canberra today. First landings were made at Tarakan, on the northeastern coast.

110,000 Prisoners Freed From Camp

Moosburg, Germany, May 1 (U.P.)—The 110,000 prisoners of this great camp won a battle of will and wits from their German captors.

By their own firm attitude and self-discipline the prisoners convinced their captors they would not be bent to their will.

When the 47th tank battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. James W. Lamm, Amory, Miss., entered the camp, its members were amazed by the iron discipline and military appearance of all the prisoners.

The prisoners cheered. They yelled. They nearly stood on their heads. But when enlisted men talked to officers they saluted, and at all times they carried themselves like soldiers.

Much of this was the work of Col. Paul R. Goode, former West Point instructor from Corvallis, Ore., who was captured at Faid Pass in North Africa.

Goode never let his fellow prisoners forget they were soldiers. The 11,000 Americans here worked just as if they were a division, and their organization was even broken down into regiments and battalions. There were regular inspections of the enlisted men's barracks each Saturday.

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Victory News To Be Released By Churchill

London, May 1 (U.P.)—The home office announced today that when news of the end of hostilities in Europe is made public, it will be done by Prime Minister Churchill in a radio broadcast.

An official announcement said that on the evening of the day the news is broadcast, King George will speak over the radio at 9 p.m. Churches of all denominations will be open for prayer, and church bells will be rung throughout the country.

At the express wish of the king, the Sunday after the announcement will be a day of thanksgiving and prayer in Britain.

Bend Lieutenant FDR Honor Guard

Lt. George Chambers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chambers, Sr., 1655 West Second street, was a member of the honor guard at the funeral services in Washington and at Hyde Park for President Roosevelt. He has written his parents. The young officer had been called to the special duty from Quantico, Va., where he is stationed with the marines. At that time George was a staff sergeant, but he received his lieutenant's rating on April 25. Lt. Chambers was a graduate of 1940 from the Bend high school, and had spent two years at the Oregon State college.

Man Confesses He Killed Wife

Oregon City, May 1 (U.P.)—A life imprisonment sentence is to be imposed tomorrow on Wilmer Carl Brinkhoff, 29, who pleaded guilty to the poisoning of his wife last July.

His plea Monday of guilty to second degree murder makes the life imprisonment mandatory.

His confession states that he emptied capsules of a headache remedy and refilled them with strychnine. His wife, Wilma Lepora, 27, died several days after taking the powders.

Suspected at the time of his wife's death, Brinkhoff went free until arrested last month in Stockton, Calif., on a forgery charge. Confession followed his return to Oregon for further investigation.

World Awaits News of Fall Of Foe Capital

Citadel Reported Ready For Collapse; Hitler Believed Still in City

London, May 1 (U.P.)—Dying Berlin tottered on the brink of defeat today and Nazi broadcasts said Adolf Hitler was fighting in the midst of his soldiers defending the capital to the end.

The Moscow radio said the Russians expected the red army to complete the conquest of Berlin in time for a May day announcement. Already the soviet banner was flying over the reichstag and other administrative buildings in the heart of the city.

A Nazi broadcast recorded tonight by the Exchange Telegraph said that at midday Hitler was fighting among his soldiers, with bloody struggles whirling through the streets around him.

Hitler In Berlin
Count Folke Bernadotte, reputed intermediary between the allies and the nazis, said in Stockholm, according to the Swedish radio, that he was sure Hitler was in Berlin, but did not know whether he was alive or dead.

Marshal Stalin issued a special order of the day announcing that Rokossovsky had captured the big Baltic port of Stralsund, isolating the northernmost tip of Germany.

Meanwhile, both the Germans and Russians hinted broadly that the end of the Berlin siege was in sight. The Hamburg radio said tonight that ceaseless soviet onslaughts had made the situation in the capital "still more acute."

The garrison, pressed together in a narrow space, is "throwing in its last ounce of strength to repel heavy attacks and maintain the coherent character of their defensive front," the broadcast said.

Soviets Gain
"In spite of their gallant defense, deep soviet penetrations could not be prevented."

Russian and German reports alike indicated an imminent decision amidst the blood-soaked rubble of Berlin, where the red army was heaving out its greatest symbolic victory of the war.

The German high command joined the chorus of Nazi claims that Adolf Hitler was in Berlin. Its communique said that "in the heart of Berlin the gallant garrison, gathered closely around the fuhrer, is defending itself against superior soviet forces."

If Hitler were there, he appeared doomed to certain death or capture by the Russians.

All Moscow broadcasts and dispatches reflected confident expectation that Marshal Stalin would cap Moscow's first glittering May day celebration of the war with an announcement that Berlin had fallen.

City's Fall Expected
Robert Magldoff, broadcasting over the Moscow radio for NBC, said the Russian people expected the announcement of Berlin's fall tonight.

Reports lagging well behind the course of the struggle in the heart of Berlin said the Russians had battled under Unter Den Linden against faltering resistance.

Drastic Cut in Sugar Rations Faces Americans Rest of Year

Washington, May 1 (U.P.)—Sugar available to ration book holders and home canners will be about one-third less than the amount allotted last year, it was announced today by three government agencies.

The new sugar ration is fixed at 15 pounds annually for each individual compared to 24 pounds last year. In addition, sugar stamp 36 which becomes valid today must last for four months. It is good for five pounds of sugar.

Home canners will receive altogether only 70 per cent as much sugar this season as they received last year. Local ration boards will limit the amount of sugar for such purposes to 15 pounds for each individual compared to 20 pounds last year. The maximum amount available to any family will be 120 pounds.

In addition, sugar allotments to sandwich bars and soda fountains for coffee, other beverages and ice cream are reduced 25 per cent from the November-December allotment.

Sugar allotments for hotels, schools, restaurants and other institutional users will be made on July 1. They will be considerably lower than present allowances. According to the agencies which made the announcement—the office of war information, office of price administration and war food administration—the cut is drastic because "domestic reserves are at rock bottom."

The 1945 is carry-over at the end of the year is expected to be only 3,000,000 tons, compared with 4,100,000 tons for the end of 1944. At the same time world production of sugar is expected to be 100,000 tons less this year than in 1944.