

London Believes New German Leader May Be Clearing Way To Negotiate Peace Terms

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(United Press War Editor)

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, self-proclaimed successor to Adolf Hitler, removed Joachim von Ribbentrop as foreign minister today in what London believed may be a move toward trying to negotiate peace.

Radio Hamburg said the veteran von Ribbentrop had been replaced by Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krosigk, a nephew of the late Kaiser Wilhelm.

As London looked for the announced death of Hitler to hasten German surrender, fighting continued on widely-separated sectors of the front.

The Russians battling fanatical German resistance in Berlin stormed from three sides to within 200 yards of the wrecked chancellery in the heart of the capital. Nazi spokesmen claimed Hitler died in action at his command post in the chancellery. Equally furious fighting was in progress in the Tiergarten a few hundred yards to the west, which was the other main center of resistance.

Junction Looms

The American Third army in the south reached the last 40 mile stretch north of Berchtesgaden and struck in another direction through the Austrian mountains toward a junction with the Russians.

The Seventh army drove toward Berchtesgaden from south of Munich and also thrust an armored spearhead to within less than nine miles of Innsbruck in an effort to seal off the Brenner pass.

The American Fifth army driving northward through Italy was 35 miles from the Austrian frontier and prepared its Arctic equipment for a drive to the Brenner pass, through which remnants of the shattered German forces were trying to escape.

Fifth army units also were within 35 miles of the French frontier on the west. The British Eighth army strengthened its junction with Marshal Tito's forces in the east.

British Close In

Far to the north, British Second army troops and supporting American units were closing fast on the Baltic port of Luebeck to seal off Denmark and trap the remaining Germans north of Berlin. The Canadian First army on

the British left flank broke through the German defenses before Wilhelmshafen and Emden and were within two miles of Oldenburg.

Fighting in western Holland slackened off during a truce under which the Germans opened the country to allied food trucks and ships for the relief of the starving Dutch. Hundreds of trucks began rolling along the one main highway agreed upon. The Germans also agreed to permit food ships to enter Rotterdam and not to interfere with planes dropping supplies by parachute. The truce was arranged by Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for Gen. Dwight E. Eisenhower, and Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Nazi commissar for Holland.

Future Uncertain

The sudden accession of Admiral Doenitz to power in Germany left the status of the surrender negotiations begun by Heinrich Himmler in a highly uncertain stage. Himmler's whereabouts were not known, and there was mystery about some of the other Nazi leaders. London heard that Paul Joseph Goebbels, propaganda minister, had died in Berlin with Hitler.

The American Seventh army announced that it had captured Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, former German commander in western Europe. Von Krosigk, who was active in German politics long before Hitler, became finance minister in Hitler's government and a member of the Nazi party. He was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford and speaks fluent English, and may have been selected by Doenitz as a man suitable for negotiations with the allies.

Two Men Injured In Freak Mishaps

Two employees of the state highway department stationed in Central Oregon, today were in the St. Charles hospital, victims of freak accidents, it was reported. Most severely hurt was William James, section foreman for the department, stationed at Lapine. Struck on the head last Friday by a 50-pound lid of a highway patching pot, James shortly afterwards began to suffer severe headaches. He was brought to the hospital yesterday for diagnosis to

The Father of Fascism Comes to Inglorious End



(NEA Radio-Telephoto) There lies the once mighty Mussolini, his bullet-riddled head resting on the body of his young mistress, Clara Petacci, who was slain with him by Partisans in Milan. As this grim and historic picture was taken, armed Partisans were fighting to restrain crowds that sought to trample the body of the fallen dictator.

determine whether he is a victim of concussion or more serious injury.

C. L. Ferris, stationed at San Juan Junction, was reported recovering from powder burns and superficial face cuts received when a dynamite cap exploded in a fire. Ferris was cleaning up the grounds around the highway department maintenance headquarters when he tossed an old, supposedly empty dynamite box into the flames. He did not know that it contained the one powder cap, and the accident resulted.

Truman Certain Hitler Is Dead

Washington, May 2 (UP)—President Truman announced at a news conference today that according to the best possible information obtainable at this time, it is true that Adolf Hitler is dead. Mr. Truman in a philosophic remark to his news conference said it was now a fact—speaking of the death of Hitler and Benito Mussolini—that the two principal war criminals would not have to come to trial. "Does that mean official confirmation that Hitler is dead" he was asked. The president said yes, explaining that his confirmation was based on the best possible authority obtainable at this time. Asked to give his source for this information, the president declined.

STUDENT MANAGER ON SPOT

Holland, Mich. (UP)—When the Holland basketball team traveled to Lansing recently and the equipment trunk was opened just before game time, it was empty. The student manager had forgotten to put in the uniforms.

Rider Badly Hurt By Kick of Horse

Ruth Livingston, 28, wife of Winton Livingston, in naval training at San Diego, was in the St. Charles hospital today, suffering from a serious leg injury as a result of having been kicked by a horse on Sunday, it was reported. Attending physicians indicated that the victim's condition was serious. Mrs. Livingston, who resides at 175 East Irving avenue, was said to have received her injury while riding a horse at O'Donnell field while practicing for a relay race. According to witnesses, Mrs. Livingston, Walt Smead and Lyle Wood wheeled their mounts up to the starting line preparatory for the race, when one of the other animals kicked at the stallion Mrs. Livingston was riding, striking her right leg.

Mrs. Livingston is the daughter of Mrs. C. W. Elliott, 1258 East Second street, Livingston, who is an apprentice seaman, was granted an emergency leave, and will be met by members of his family at Klamath Falls, at about noon tomorrow.

LOIS LANE VISITS

Miss Lois Lane, faculty member from Oregon State college, arrived in Bend by bus Tuesday night to attend a meeting of the Cloverdale extension unit today. Her subject was "Dry Cleaning," illustrated with a demonstration. Miss Lane will leave tomorrow for The Dalles, where she will speak at an extension meeting of the Wasco county unit.

More than 10,000 men and women from Montana are now serving in the U. S. navy, according to Lt. Charles N. Dill, officer in charge of Montana recruiting.

Tumalo Airman Gets Oak Cluster

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England, May 2—Second Lt. Frederic K. Shepard, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Shepard, Tumalo, near Bend, Oregon, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to his air medal, it was recently announced by Col. James S. Sutton of Findlay, O., commanding officer of the veteran 306th bomb group.

Lt. Shepard received his latest decoration for "meritorious achievement" while serving as pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress during sustained combat operations over enemy territory.

A veteran of many daylight bombing attacks against targets in Nazi Germany, Lt. Shepard has participated in some of the Eighth air force's greatest assaults of recent months. Besides flying in the huge formations of heavy bombers that pounded vital synthetic oil refineries in the Hamburg-Harburg area, he has taken part in many attacks on tactical targets—bridges, supply centers, railway marshalling yards and communications—in coordination with the allied ground offensive.

Lt. Shepard was a student at Oregon State college, Corvallis, Oregon, when he entered the army air forces in March, 1943.

Bend Rifleman Is On Winning Team

Portland, May 2 (Special)—Elwin D. Woerner, 17 year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Woerner, 514 Broadway, Bend, is a member of the victorious rifle team of Hill Military academy, Portland, Oregon, which won the military schools competition of the IX service area, with a score of 7,235 total for the four firing stages—standing, sitting, kneeling and prone. This is the word received by Colonel Joseph A. Hill, president of the academy, yesterday from IX service area command at Fort Douglas, Utah. The winner of the college division is the University of Idaho, with a score total of 7,421.

Hill Military Academy Rifle Team is now eligible for the National Service Command competition, and is so entered. Sergeant Ward Coward, assistant professor of military science and tactics, is in charge of the rifle team.

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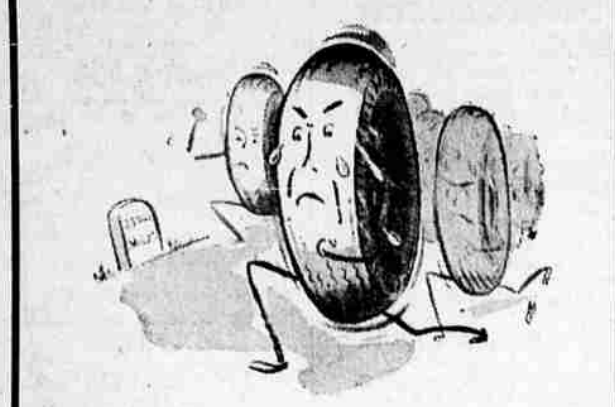


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