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Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Saturday with scattered showers today. Cooler east portion today.

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GERMANS IN MASS SURRENDER

Rangoon Falls Without Fight; Nips Baffled

Speed, Synchronization Of Drive Bewilders Foe; Installations Are Intact

Calcutta, May 4 (AP)—Japanese armies in Burma have been so decisively defeated that they were unable to defend Rangoon, the capital, an allied communique said today, revealing that the enemy lost 97,000 dead in the last 15 months of fighting.

Rangoon, with a pre-war population of more than 400,000, fell quickly yesterday when allied troops drove into the city after a three-way assault by ground and amphibious forces and paratroopers.

Southeast Asia command headquarters said the successful combined operation baffled the Japanese by its speed and synchronization and enabled the port to be seized before its installations could be destroyed.

Looming ahead for Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's formidable land, sea and air forces in southeast Asia are Malay, Thailand and Indo-China.

The harbor of Rangoon was expected to be ready for a tremendous amount of allied shipping within a few days.

Capture of the city broke a two-year Japanese hold on Burma and marked the end of a long overland drive from the Indian city of Imphal by British 14th army troops.

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Mill Quiet as U. S. Mediator Confers

Work remained at a standstill today in The Shevlin-Hixon Company plant and logging operations while a U. S. conciliator, who arrived in Bend yesterday, discussed the problem with both sides. At the headquarters of the International Woodworkers of America (IWO) it was stated that the conciliator met with the union men last night. Today he spent several hours in discussions with company officials.

The plants has been closed down since Wednesday night, as a result of a disagreement involving the dry sorting chain operation.

German Leaders Keep Side Arms

Rome, May 4 (AP)—The German surrender in north Italy was implemented today when five German officers reported to Gen. Mark Clark for instructions.

The Germans wore sidearms, which Clark allowed them to retain as a measure of protection against aggressive patriots in north Italy, among whom there probably are many who have not heard of the surrender.

A long conference was held at 15th army group headquarters. Arrangements were being made for the concentration of German troops in areas which have not been disclosed.

Truman Selects New Naval Aide

Washington, May 4 (AP)—The White House today announced the appointment of Capt. James K. Vardaman, Jr., as naval aide to President Truman.

Vardaman, 50, son of the former governor and U. S. senator from Mississippi by the same name, is a former St. Louis banker and businessman who was commissioned in the naval reserve just before the war.

Born in Greenwood, Miss., Vardaman served two years as a field artillery captain in the first World War and participated in the invasions of North Africa and Sicily in this war.

Molotov Attempting to Settle Long Deadlocked Polish Issue

Soviet Official Hopes to Solve Problem Before Arrival of Argentine Delegation

San Francisco, May 4 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov was seeking today to settle the long-deadlocked Polish government issue quickly so that Poland can be invited to the United Nations conference before the Argentine delegation arrives.

Molotov, it was understood, wants to leave San Francisco before the Argentines arrive, probably Monday or Tuesday. But he was represented as being optimistic that an accord could be reached before then on broadening the Warsaw provisional government in line with the Big Three Yalta agreement and inviting it to send a delegation here.

One official position has been left open in the conference's commission setup, that of rapporteur or recording secretary on commission four which is concerned with plans for a world court. It was understood originally that this place was being held for Argentina. But there were reports now that Molotov might attempt to get it for Poland in event of any speedy settlement.

Hull Not Rebuked In connection with Argentina, the United States delegation's press officer described as "without foundation" published reports that former Secretary of State Cordell Hull had rebuked the delegation for voting to invite Argentina to the conference.

It was believed likely that prior to the plenary session vote on extending an invitation to the formerly pro-axis South American republic, Hull with some reluctance had urged the delegates not to vote for the motion. But the press officer categorically denied that he had rebuked the delegates after the vote, as had been reported.

Technical experts meanwhile met in secret session to begin a detailed study of the Dumbarton Oaks plan, the basis on which a world peace organization is to be molded here.

British-educated Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krosigk, nephew of the late Kaiser Wilhelm, was named German foreign minister to succeed the ousted Joachim Von Ribbentrop.

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Budget Planners For City Named

Members of the 1045-46 city budget planning committee, as selected by City Commissioners Melvin Munkers, A. T. Niebergall and Loyde S. Blakley, were announced today. They are George P. Grove, former Bend mayor; R. H. Beck, accountant for the Bend Furniture company, and Sumner Dietrick, president of the Bank of Bend. Gove has served in this capacity six times previously, and Beck once.

According to City manager C. G. Reiter, an early meeting of the budget planners and the city commission will be called to study the financial needs of the city for the next fiscal year.

Yesterday the county court announced its budget committee, with M. A. Lynch, Redmond; John Hohnstein, Alfalfa, and A. J. Glasgow of Bend as members.

Jap Suicide Planes, in New Attack Against Okinawa Ships, Sink Two More U. S. Vessels

Guam, May 4 (AP)—Fresh elements of the First marine division stormed through strong Japanese defenses on the west coast of Okinawa today to within a mile from Naha, capital of the island.

A sizeable force of B-29 Superfortresses rained southern Kyushu and Shikoku, Japanese home islands, again today in an attempt to neutralize bases for Japanese suicide planes which sank two more American light fleet units in the Okinawa area last night.

The attack on Kyushu was the second in 24 hours and the 12th in 18 days.

Four units of the First marine division, thrown into the southern Okinawa battle only several days ago, led a new 10th army offensive against an estimated 30,000 Japanese entrenched in strong defenses before Naha.

A front dispatch said the marines, pushing down the rugged west coast sector, were nearing the Asa river, last natural barrier before Naha and only a little more than a half-mile from the city.

The breakthrough by the marines was the first major gain of the American forces since Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr. brought the marine division and a Fourth army division into the battle.

Aussies Invade Fiery Tarakan In Hard Battle

Japs Fight Tenaciously To Hold City; Mackmen Are Reported in Davao

Manila, May 4 (AP)—Australian troops battled through the outskirts of smoking Tarakan city on Tarakan island off Borneo today against strongly resisting Japanese forces.

At the same time American troops on Mindanao, in the southern Philippines, brought their campaign to the climactic phase by driving into Davao, last major occupied city in the island.

Coastal guns and ammunition dumps were seized intact by the 24th division in entering the port at the head of Davao gulf. The Japanese, who have put up little resistance during the Mindanao campaign, were reported retreating north of Davao, indicating the city may be quickly occupied.

Meet Resistance On Tarakan, rich oil center 400 miles southwest of Mindanao, Australian forces ran into tough resistance as they pushed into the outskirts of Tarakan city and drove to the edge of the airfield, three miles to the northwest.

United Press Correspondent H. D. Quigg reported from Tarakan that the Japanese were fighting tenaciously to hold the city, even firing from positions atop derricks in the Paotesian oil fields.

Tokyo radio reported that three allied cruisers and about 10 destroyers were continuously shelling the Japanese lines from Tarakan bay.

Area Mined The Australian drive was hampered by an elaborate system of land mines and booby traps, which front reports described as equaling or surpassing that used by the Japanese in any other Pacific operation.

In addition, the Japanese at the airport were entrenched in pillboxes and tunnels which the Australians were attacking with flame-throwers and tanks firing point blank.

A heavy smoke pall spread over the city from burning wells, set afire by allied shelling or Japanese demolitions. Some sectors reported periodic explosions at drillings, indicating the Japanese were setting off explosives by remote control.

Marion Martin To Visit Oregon

Several members of the Deschutes county Republican Central committee today were reported planning to hear Miss Marion E. Martin, assistant national chairman of the republican party, when she speaks at four different Oregon cities on May 7, 8, and 9.

Miss Martin, who is from Maine, is reputedly a gifted speaker and a student of politics.

On May 7, Miss Martin will talk at Medford at noon; on May 8 in Corvallis at noon, and at 7:30 p. m. in Salem at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and on May 9 at Portland at the Multnomah hotel.

Darrell Gibson Hit by Shrapnel Word has been received concerning three of Bend's Company I boys, Dale and Darrell Gibson, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gibson, 810 Newport, and Pfc. George Casle, son of Mrs. Jack Christenson, 1326 Galveston.

Darrell Gibson, Sgt. T-4, has been wounded in the Philippines, where he is hospitalized. According to word received from his parents, he has had 17 pieces of shrapnel removed from various parts of his body since he has been in action, having been wounded, it is presumed, in several engagements.

Lt. Dale Gibson and Pvt. Castle arrived in San Francisco yesterday, having been hospitalized in Australia. Dale will be assigned to a hospital in this country, it was stated. George is reported to be in good health.

Moscow Asserts War End Is Near

London, May 4 (AP)—A Moscow radio commentator said tonight that all that remains to be done is to stamp out the remnants of the "Hitlerite clique" and their end is at hand.

He added those qualifications to an assertion that "the war is over. Victory has been achieved."

German Surrender in Italy



The documents of unconditional surrender of German forces in Italy and western Austria are signed by the German representative of Supreme Commander Karl Wolff, plenipotentiary of the wehrmacht in Italy. The signing took place in the office of Lt. Gen. W. C. Morgan, chief of staff, AFHQ. (British Official Photo via Signal Corps Radio Telephoto from Acme.)

More Aid Needed To Sort Clothing

Members of the Bend Lions club, who sponsored the recent campaign here to gather clothing for overseas war relief, are really confronted with an emergency, they reported today.

Unless they get immediate help from residents, women's organizations and service clubs they will be unable to ship the approximately 12 tons of garments to the distribution centers, they stated.

Not only help is needed in sorting and packing the clothing at the salvage depot in the basement of Lydiek's, Oregon avenue and Wall street, the Lions must have more boxes and cartons. Any persons having unused cartons, and stores particularly are asked to take them to the depot as quickly as possible.

Sorting Under Way Sorting and packing of the clothing goes on each night from 7:30 to 10 p. m., according to Ray Dahl, publicity director for the successful campaign. Volunteers were asked to either report at the depot for duty, or notify any Lion when they might help.

Past presidents of the Lions club will be in charge at the depot on Tuesday, May 8; and on Wednesday the board of directors will supervise the work.

Working at the depot last Wednesday night were Ida Rines, Lowell and Bob Jensen, Joe Justice, Earl Ware, Gally Marshall and C. E. Bush. On Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dahl, Bob Edwards, scoutmaster, Gally Marshall, Clarence Bush, Bert Stevens and Loyde S. Blakley staffed the depot.

OPA Rule Defined For Meat Handlers

Federal regulations governing the slaughtering of livestock and the handling of meat, were explained last night to a large group of slaughterers, farmers and retail meat men by McDannell Brown, state director for the OPA and Verne F. Livesay, regional agriculture adviser. The meeting was held in the city hall, and was also attended by several members of the local war price and ration board.

Brown explained that the new regulations were designed to combat the black market, and to insure a greater meat supply for the armed forces, and a more even distribution for civilians. He said that the new regulations divide meat slaughterers into three classes as follows:

Class 1 — Federally inspected plants which are not affected by the order.

Class 2 — Commercial slaughterers whose plants are not federally inspected.

Class 3 — Farm slaughterers. Livesay explained that class 2 slaughterers must register and receive quotas and a class 2 slaughterers license (form MC-5) at district offices before May 14, 1945.

Brown stressed that all farm slaughterers must register before July 1, 1945. However, he said, if they wish to sell or transfer slaughtered meat on or after May 14, they must register and receive a permit from their local OPA board.

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Paris, May 4 (AP)—The remnants of three German field armies—the ninth, 12th and 10th panzer armies—have surrendered to American troops, it was announced today.

London, May 4 (AP)—A Russian communique tonight reported the capture of 23,700 prisoners southwest of Berlin yesterday. In reducing the enemy-held territory between the Red Army and the Americans along the Elbe.

Paris, May 4 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said in a statement tonight that the Germans were "thoroughly whipped" and "their only recourse is to surrender."

(By United Press) Fragments of a German high command communique, broadcast from Denmark and recorded by the FCC, said today that the bulk of German forces in the Mecklenburg area had "fought their way back" to the west bank of the Elbe to surrender to American and British forces.

With U. S. Seventh Army in Austria, May 4 (AP)—American Seventh Army troops today captured Berchtesgaden, core of the Bavarian redoubt where the nazis had boasted they would make their last stand in Europe.

Germany Ruined, Says Jap Writer

Tokyo, May 4 (AP)—A Japanese correspondent who said he took the last train from Berlin three weeks ago found a desolate and ruined country all the way from the doomed capital to Austria, including portions of the vaunted Bavarian redoubt, Radio Tokyo said today.

The correspondent, Susumu Eijiri, and three other Japanese newsmen found communications broken down, transportation disorganized and Allied planes roaming the skies at will, Tokyo said in broadcasts recorded by United Press at San Francisco.

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Serious resistance to the British forces had begun melting away (Continued on Page 5)

Japs So Sorry Hitler Missing

Tokyo, May 4 (AP)—The collapse of her axis partners will not affect Japan's determination to fight on to victory and world rule, Prime Minister Admiral Baron Kantara Suzuki has informed the Japanese people.

In a speech to the Japanese nation, broadcast by the Tokyo radio and heard by the United Press in San Francisco, Suzuki expressed sympathy for Germany's loss of Hitler.

Mysterious Explosion, Flash, Alarm People of Philadelphia

Philadelphia, May 4 (AP)—Hundreds of residents in this area were awakened early today by a mysterious explosion accompanied by a flash that lit the sky for 200 miles to the southwest.

Police in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland were swamped by telephone calls but were unable to locate the origin of the flash or the explosion. No damage was reported in the area.

Eight men in the Pennsylvania railroad tower at Washington, D. C., saw the flash across the sky to the north.

Bus passengers saw the flash at Ridgefield park, N. J., 95 miles northeast of Philadelphia. They said the flash came from the southwest.

The sound of an explosion seemed to be centered in the area around Philadelphia and Wilmington. Windows rattled here.

One explanation offered was that the flash was caused by a meteor falling into the ocean off the Atlantic coast and exploding when it hit the water.

Clerk Reeder, radio dispatcher at the Waterloo, Md., state police barracks, said he saw the flash. Waterloo is between Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

"I was looking out the window talking to two army MPs when the whole sky lit up, just like daylight," he said. "I didn't hear any explosion."

Reeder also said that police in Baltimore county reported seeing the flash.

"The explosion" was heard in Philadelphia about 3:35 a.m. The army, navy, federal bureau of investigation and police agencies started to check to learn the source. From all points, north, east, south and west of Philadelphia, people reported seeing the "flash" in the sky. Some said, however, that they heard no noise.

Foe Resistance In Europe Now In Two Pockets

Over 250,000 Men to Lay Down Arms Tonight, Gen. Montgomery Says

London, May 4 (AP)—The German armies of northwestern Germany, Denmark and Holland have surrendered unconditionally to Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, leaving nazi resistance isolated in the two doomed pockets of Norway and Czechoslovakia.

The surrender is effective at 8 a.m. British time tomorrow (11 p.m. PWT tonight).

The nazi capitulation was announced at the close of a dramatic conference between Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and a representative of Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, the new German Fuehrer who succeeded Adolf Hitler only 72 hours ago.

Montgomery informed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters in Paris that the surrender would also apply to the pocket German divisions in Helioland and on the Frisian islands off the Dutch coast.

More than 250,000 German troops, representing the last effective German fighting force on the European continent outside Norway and Czechoslovakia, were involved in the mass surrender, in addition to well over 500,000 nazis who laid down their arms on the British front in the last two days.

There were still many minor pockets of resistance on the continent, including areas around a few French ports.

A brief announcement of the northern capitulation, issued at Eisenhower's headquarters, emphasized that this was a "battlefield surrender" to Montgomery's 21st army group and not to the Allied governments.

"Field Marshal Montgomery has reported to the supreme Allied commander that all enemy forces in Holland, northwest Germany and Denmark, including Helioland and the Frisian islands, have surrendered to the 21st army group effective at eight o'clock tomorrow morning, double British summer time," the announcement said.

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