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Scattered clouds today, tonight and Thursday. Cooler west of the Cascades today.

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Nazis Sign Surrender Terms With Russians in Devastated Berlin; Zhukov Is Witness

Keitel, in Full Dress Uniform, Places His Signature to Document; Last Minute Attempt To Play for Time Is Blocked By Red Officials

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(For Combined Press and Radio)

Marshal Zhukov's Headquarters, Berlin, May 9 (UP)—The final seal was set on the wehrmacht's defeat and humiliation before the world when Field Marshal Keitel, titular head of the once proud oberkommando der wehrmacht was brought to Marshal Zhukov's headquarters in the devastated German capital early this morning and signed the formal ratification of Germany's unconditional surrender.

As one of the first two American newspapermen officially permitted to go to Berlin since the Russian occupation I witnessed the signature in the large white-washed hall of an army technical school in the eastern residential suburb of Karlshorst, now used by Zhukov as his headquarters.

The document was more or less identical terms as that signed at Reims on Monday morning, with certain additions requested by the Russians defining more closely the details of the surrender of German troops and equipment.

Zhukov Sigas
On the allied side it was signed by Marshal Zhukov for the Russians, by Air Chief Marshal Tedder on behalf of General Eisenhower and was witnessed by Lt. Gen. Spaatz and Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny. On the German side Keitel, as oberkommando der wehrmacht signed together with Admiral Friedeburg, commander-in-chief of the German navy, and Col. Gen. Paul Stumpff, commander-in-chief of the luftwaffe.

With signatures of the heads of all the German armed forces appended, this historic document forestalls forever any future claims that the German army ended the war unbeaten.

Keitel, tall, haughty grey-haired figure wearing the full dress uniform and red striped pants of a German field-marshal, maintained his Prussian arrogance to the bitter end.

Plays For Time
After his signature already had been appended to the document and while the allied chiefs were signing, Keitel made a last minute attempt to play for time. He beckoned the Russian interpreter to him and began haranguing him, bitterly protesting there was insufficient time to notify the forces under his command of minor modifications in the capitulation text and asking for another 24 hours grace before it became effective.

He could clearly be heard repeatedly saying to the interpreter: "I insist you go to the colonel-general—I mean Marshal Zhukov and tell him I must demand another 24 hours respite."

Prisoners Told Of Nazi Downfall
Seattle, May 9 (UP)—Five hundred German prisoners at Fort Lawton were advised for the first time of their homeland's downfall late yesterday, but there was no evident emotion and demonstration.

A proclamation, read in German by one of the prisoners, told them the national socialist government of Germany was dead and that they were "released from any obligation entered into with a government that no longer exists."

The prisoners, most of them captured during the Normandy breakthrough, are employed by the Seattle port of embarkation at a processing lot where motor vehicles are prepared for shipment overseas.

47 REPORTED MISSING
Portland, Me., May 9 (UP)—The navy today announced that among 47 officers and missing after the sinking of the USS FE-56 off Cape Elizabeth, April 23, was Walter M. Goe, MM 2/c, wife, Mrs. Jean Goe, 133 Boren avenue, Seattle.

U. S. Drafts Compromise Formula to Settle Own Disputes; Molotov to Return to Russia
By R. H. Shackford
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

San Francisco, May 9 (UP)—The United States has drafted a compromise formula which would allow the western hemisphere to settle its own disputes within the framework of the world organization, it was learned today.

The formula, which would preserve the Pan-American security system without weakening the authority of the world organization, was disclosed as the United Nations conference devoted itself today to closed meetings of technical committees. No plenary sessions were scheduled.

Soviet foreign commissar V. M. Molotov was expected to leave today for Moscow where the question of expanding the Polish government to permit its being seated at the conference here will be settled.

War Spotlight Turns West; Japan Invasion Plans Made

Admiral Nimitz Reveals Large Forces Are To Be Shifted From Europe to Pacific Lands

BY FRANK TREMAINE
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Guam, May 9 (UP)—The joint chiefs of staff now are working on plans for an invasion of Japan, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz disclosed today.

With the war spotlight now focused solely on the Pacific theater, Nimitz also told a press conference, the United States immediately will step up "very materially" its air bombardment of the enemy homeland.

He spoke as adverse weather slowed ground operations on southern Okinawa, where five American divisions were hammering at the strongest Japanese defenses in the Pacific only a mile above Naha, capital of the island.

American battleships and cruisers knocked out enemy gun emplacements, artillery and mortars in a heavy bombardment. Illumination shells fired by the warships at night curbed Japanese infiltration of the American lines.

To Shift Forces
Nimitz told his press conference that he was anticipating the shifting of large forces from Europe to the Pacific and added that his command was endeavoring to obtain areas to support them.

Additional air strength probably would arrive first, he said. Their attacks would be supported by increased raids by American carrier planes, he said.

Asked if he thought the Japanese would capitulate before their homeland were invaded, he said: "I don't know how much the Japs can take. If they see the handwriting on the wall, they can see what happened to Germany. We will plan the invasion of Japan and go ahead on the basis that the invasion will be necessary."

Curfew Lifted, Vinson Reveals
Washington, May 9 (UP)—War mobilization director Fred M. Vinson today lifted the midnight curfew on amusement places but said restrictions on transportation must continue.

He also revoked, effective at once, the government ban on racing. Vinson discussed almost every phase of home front activity at a press conference in which he said that he was confident the American people would "keep their feet on the ground and not go haywire" during the coming months.

Vinson announced revocation of the midnight curfew with the words "curfew will not ring to night." He then went on to other aspects of civilian life in wartime.

To Proceed Vigorously
Vinson said production of electric refrigerators and washing machines will be started immediately in "moderate" quantities.

Reconversion, he continued, must proceed "vigorously." He warned, however, that complete change-over to a civilian economy must await the defeat of Japan.

Vinson also announced that: 1. War plants will continue on the 48-hour work week.

2. The Little Steel wage formula and other stabilization policies will be retained.

3. The administration still favors legislation to put manpower ceilings on employment.

Jap War Ahead, Bond Buyers Told
Washington, May 9 (UP)—"The collapse of Germany should inspire all America and give us renewed courage and determination in our fight for total victory," Ted R. Gamble, national director of the war finance division of the treasury, said today.

"In thousands upon thousands of American homes there is pride and sadness; from these homes have come our fighting men who died to bring us this far on the road to victory."

"The battle of Japan has just begun. Those who have loved ones in the Pacific know that the war is not over. Japan has four million soldiers strongly entrenched and fortified in China to say nothing of other Japanese troops in the various islands of the south Pacific. We must continue to supply our armies there with clothing, food and fighting materials in unlimited quantities."

"Buying and holding all the war bonds we possibly can is the least that we at home can continue to do."

Garage Folk Buy Bonds on V-E Day
Employees of the Bend Garage company had a real patriotic way of celebrating V-E day.

For when the announcement came that the war was ended in Europe, they "went over the top" in the Seventh war bond campaign, considerably exceeding their quota, it was reported today by Lorne Carter, in charge of business firm solicitation.

The garage firm has 12 employees, and each subscribed 100 per cent, according to the announcement.

W. Averill Harriman and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, U. S. and British ambassadors to Russia are expected to return to Moscow soon. Harriman, Clark Kerr and Molotov comprise a special conference set up at the Crimea conference to work out an acceptable reorganization of the Polish government.

European and Latin American countries proposed today that the old league of nations hold a final meeting in San Francisco and hand all its authority over to the new world organization. Such action, they said, would remove any question of the legality of transfer of authority over territories mandated to certain powers, especially Japan, by the old league.

The American formula, it was learned, was presented to a Big Five meeting last night by secretaries of state Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. It would allow the Pan-American system to deal with hemisphere disputes without referring them to the world organization for a limited period of time—so long as they were strictly hemisphere.

But once such disputes were prolonged and the security council decided that they threatened world peace, they would come under the jurisdiction of the world organization.

Under the original Dumbarton Oaks amendments, all international disputes in a given area could be handled by a regional security system up until the time for positive enforcement action. For application of sanctions or use of force, however, approval of the security council would be needed.

Prague Falls to Soviet Army

Goering Seized by Americans

Foe Hierarchy Leaders Held By 7th Army

Ex-Reichmarshal Says He Was Condemned to Die By Adolf Hitler

Paris, May 9 (UP)—Reichmarshal Hermann Goering and Marshal Albert Kesselring, two of the leaders in the fallen Nazi hierarchy, are in the hands of the American Seventh Army, supreme headquarters announced today.

Goering said he was condemned to death by Adolf Hitler for suggesting on April 24 that he—Goering—take over the leadership of Germany.

Hitler's SS elite guardsmen arrested him, Goering said, and members of his own air force rescued him.

Kesselring had been commander in chief of Germany's western front since early March. He was believed to have taken over from Marshal Karl von Rundstedt—now also in allied hands—after the Germans suffered a series of disastrous reverses in the west.

Caught by Patch
Gen. Jacob L. Devers' Sixth Army group headquarters relayed through SHAEF the announcement that Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army had captured Goering and Kesselring.

The first reports of Goering's capture gave no details of his whereabouts. He was rescued by members of the luftwaffe he commanded in its heyday.

The whereabouts of Goering had been one of the major mysteries of the collapse of the Nazi command in Germany. A few days before reporting that Adolf Hitler had been killed in battle, the German radio said Goering had been relieved of his air force command because of bad health.

First of 'Big Three'
Goering's obesity and love of medals made him a favorite subject of caricaturists. He was an ace airman in the first world war and was credited with laying the foundation for and building up the German air force that was the scourge of Europe in the early years of World War II.

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Americans Capture Goering



Reichmarshal Hermann Goering is a prisoner of the American Seventh Army. It was announced today. Goering said he had been condemned to death by Hitler.

City Is Target Of Nazi Fliers At War's End

Garrison in Dunkirk Gives Up; St. Nazaire Germans Surrender

London, May 9 (UP)—The red army, fighting on against outlawed German diehards after the official end of the European war, today captured the Czechoslovak capital of Prague in a pre-dawn attack.

The Prague radio reported that the Germans, in defiance of the unconditional surrender agreement, bombed the capital and two other Czechoslovak cities.

Nazi garrisons in the Czechoslovak bastion were the only force of any consequence carrying on after the officially proclaimed cessation of hostilities at 12:01 a. m. today.

Reports from the continent said the garrisons of historic Dunkirk and the last enemy-held pockets at St. Nazaire, La Rochelle and Lorlent had given up.

Stalin Reports Capture
Marshal Stalin announced the capture of the day said Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army seized the capital in a tank and infantry attack.

Despite the end of the war 19 hours earlier, the order of the day concluded with the usual formula—"Death to the German invaders."

The Prague radio reported that German bombs crashed on the Czechoslovak capital and two other cities hours after the official end of the war in Europe. It added that Russian forces had entered Prague and with Czechoslovak patriots cleared the city of German troops.

Paris press dispatches reported that the Germans in Dunkirk, scene of the British evacuation from the continent in 1940, surrendered at 9 a. m. A French communiqué announced the German capitulations at St. Nazaire, La Rochelle and Lorlent.

Resistance Cracks
Telephone reports from Bornholm by way of Copenhagen said the German resistance on the Danish island off the tip of Sweden cracked during the night, and Russian warships put in after daylight.

The crumbling of the last nests of Nazi resistance, outlawed by the unconditional surrender which made them subject to allied attack of any nature, followed word of the final formalizing of Germany's surrender in Berlin.

Firebug Possibility Seen in Maeftair Fire
Tacoma, Wash., May 9 (UP)—Intimation that the Maeftair apartment house fire in February which took the lives of 19 persons may have been the work of a fire bug was published by the Tacoma Times today.

The Times article said information on a suspect has been sought by local authorities, concerning a person who was at the scene of the fatal blaze and disappeared shortly after the flames had been quenched.

Allies Start Moving Troops From Italy to Pacific Zone
Rome, May 9 (UP)—The Allies already have begun shipping combat and service troops from Italy to the Pacific for the war against Japan, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney revealed today.

McNarney, deputy supreme commander in the Mediterranean theater, said other troops would be sent from Italy to the Pacific by way of the United States.

It generally was known that engineering and other technical troops, as well as certain air force personnel, had been embarking for the Pacific for several weeks, but McNarney's speech was the first confirmation that combat troops already were on the way.

McNarney said that his answer to persistent questions from Allied troops as to when they would be permitted to go home would be disappointing.

"But it would be unfair if I were not absolutely frank in answering that question even if it is unpleasant," he said.

The return to civilian life for the majority of troops in Italy would come only after Japan had been defeated, he said. All troops in the European and Mediterranean theaters had been divided into groups for future disposition, he said.

"The first group will consist of men to be retained overseas and required for occupation, the tremendous job of reestablishing law and order in conquered Europe and of moving out our supplies and breaking up installations," he said.

"In the second group will come combat and service troops who will be transferred to active theaters in the far east.

"Some in this group will go directly from Italy to the Pacific. Some already have gone. Others will go by way of the United States."

To Speak Here



Dr. A. L. Strand, Oregon State college president, is in Bend today to address two local meetings, with "Peace Proposals" as his subject. Dr. Strand tonight at 7 o'clock will speak before the Business and Professional Women's club in the Pine Tavern. The address, to begin at 8 p. m., will be open to the public. This afternoon, Dr. Strand addressed 4-H club leaders at the courthouse.

Britain Prepares For War on Nips

London, May 9 (UP)—Britain observed the second day of the V-E celebration in comparative calm today as she turned to the task of throwing her full resources with the United States in battle of annihilation against Japan.

The job ahead for the British was outlined personally by Prime Minister Churchill last night in a victory speech from the balcony of the ministry of health building in White Hall.

Churchill said it was well that the British could take another holiday today when "our great Russian allies will also be celebrating victory."

To Rebuild Land
But he added, after that the people must begin the task of rebuilding their land and—
"We must turn ourselves to fulfill our duty to our own countrymen and to our gallant allies of the United States who were so foully and treacherously attacked by Japan."

"We will go hand in hand with them," Churchill said. "Even if it is a hard struggle, we will not be the ones who will fail."

Churchill's brief message highlighted a day and night of joyous celebration in which a rousing multitude thronged London's streets and literally besieged Buckingham palace.

Club to Entertain Bend's Guardsmen

The Enlisted Men's club, an offshoot of Company B, 20th battalion, Oregon state guard, will perform its first function tonight after the regular drill of the unit in the high school gymnasium, by serving coffee, doughnuts and ice cream to the members. The club was formed on May 2, at the suggestion of Capt. Ralph G. Graham, in command of the Bend guard unit.

Pvt. John Newby was named president of the club; Pvt. L. B. Foster, secretary-treasurer, and Pvt. August Schwartz as acting mess sergeant. The purpose of the club, it was pointed out, is to provide entertainment for the men after each drill. All members of the unit were urged to attend tonight's drill, and partake of the club's hospitality afterward.

HIMMLER IN NORTH?
Stockholm, May 9 (UP)—Unconfirmed reports reaching here said today that Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler and other prominent nazis were in Norway.