

# Berlin, Nightmarish Labyrinth Of Ruins, Is Visited By Writer; Famous Buildings Demolished

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Berlin, May 11 (UP)—In the language of the air forces, Berlin has had it. As a city it no longer exists.

The saturation raids of the Royal air force and the United States air forces did four-fifths of the job of obliterating the German capital. It needed ten days of suicidal street-to-street and house-to-house fighting to complete it.

Now the proud capital, where Hitler ordered nazidom to make its suicidal last stand, has been wiped from the map of Europe—wholly and irrevocably.

It is Stalingrad and Coventry, Cologne and Aachen all heaped into one—a hideous, nightmarish labyrinth of ruins beyond all hope of repair or rebuilding. Only on its outskirts does it even remotely resemble a city where human beings can live.

I saw Berlin last on Dec. 14, 1941, a week after Pearl Harbor. I left it under gestapo arrest to be interned with other American correspondents after covering the first 2½ years of war there.

I returned—almost exactly three years and five months later—as one of the first group of allied correspondents officially permitted by the Russians to enter the city since its fall on May 2. It was only with the greatest difficulty that I could identify the site of the former United Press office, 43-45 Unter den Linden, where I had worked for more than three years.

"Berlin Kaput!" As we stepped the car in the silent, echoing waste that is all that's left today of Unter den Linden, the Russian chauffeur kept repeating "Berlin—Stalin-grad! Berlin Kaput!"

The extent of the catastrophe that has overtaken Berlin is difficult to grasp. It's a whole city practically obliterated. From the fashionable Kurfurstendamm in the west to the Alexander-Platz and Frankfurter Allee in the east—a distance of maybe 4½ miles—and the same distance from north to south, the city is an eerie, echoing waste of ruins and bomb-craters and burned-out skeletons of buildings.

Often whole areas are blocked by enormous bomb-craters in the streets or piles of debris which the bulldozers have not yet had time to push aside. Some buildings are still blazing, but no one makes any attempt to put out the fires. It couldn't be done, anyhow, because there are no water-mains working. The streets are thick

with the dust of blitzed buildings and passing Russian army motor vehicles churn it into great, choking, swirling, dust clouds that blot out visibility like miniature Sahara sand-storms.

**Buildings Ruined**  
It's hardly worth even beginning to list the famous buildings in Berlin destroyed. There is hardly one that does not stand in ruins. Unter den Linden—the "triumphal route" of 150 years of German history is only recognizable by its breadth and by the Brandenburg Tor, bomb-scarred and mutilated but still standing, at its western end.

The former Kaiser's palace, the Opera House, the Prussian State library, the hideous late Victorian cathedral, the Adlon and Bristol hotels, the American, French, British, and Russian embassies, all have been wiped out completely or are nothing but grim, smoke-blackened husks of buildings.

In the Alexander Platz—one time hub of traffic in the eastern part of the business district, I was unable to identify for sure which pile of rubble was the former dread gestapo headquarters and prison where I and 15 other American correspondents spent 12 hours after being arrested, by the gestapo on Dec. 10, 1941, the day before Hitler declared war on the United States.

**New Building Wrecked**  
Hitler's new reichschancellery, completed in 1939, by which the Nazi leader thought to perpetuate himself for all time in concrete and yellow stucco and marble, is something that should be seen by millions of nazidom's former slaves throughout Europe. If any building in Berlin was to be completely bomb-proof Hitler intended it should be his chancellery.

He had it built with a roof of concrete nine feet thick, under the whole building was an air-raid shelter—supposedly able to with-

## British Air Head

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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                                 | <b>VERTICAL</b>     |
| 1.8 Pictured British air marshal                  | 1. Empty action     |
| 13 With animation (music)                         | 2 Measure of length |
| 14 Starvation                                     | 3 Stead             |
| 15 Frozen water                                   | 4 Long meter (ab.)  |
| 16 Hangman's knots                                | 5 John (Gaelic)     |
| 18 Fastener                                       | 6 On top            |
| 19 Dull, heavy sound                              | 7 Waste land        |
| 21 Fore part of boat                              | 8 Existed           |
| 22 Vipers   | 9 Type measure      |
| 23 Exempli gratia (ab.)                           | 10 Mouth parts      |
| 25 Home of Abraham                                | 11 Clip             |
| 26 Expunge  | 12 Fowls            |
| 29 Bedaub   | 14 Not many         |
| 33 Slopes   | 17 Thus             |
| 34 Sacred (comb. form)                            | 20 Notwithstanding  |
| 35 Those opposed                                  | 22 Armor-bearer     |
| 36 Heron  | 41 Stringy          |
| 37 Toward   |                     |
| 38 Anent  |                     |
| 39 Painful  |                     |
| 42 Barbed spear                                   |                     |
| 46 Highway  |                     |
| 50 Egg (comb. form)                               |                     |
| 51 Kind of dog                                    |                     |
| 53 Compass point                                  |                     |
| 54 Iterate  |                     |
| 56 He served with General Eisenhower in the North |                     |
| 58 Meeting place                                  |                     |
| 59 Concisely                                      |                     |



Answer to Previous Puzzle



## No Changes Due In Milk Routes

Milk routes in Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties must remain as they are now, according to a ruling of the office of defense transportation made public today. The ruling is for the purpose of conserving present transportation facilities, it was reported.

According to the ODT, there must be no alterations, relocations or extensions of milk routes without first receiving the approval of the ODT.

Handlers of dairy products in Central Oregon who desire to alter their routes must first confer with members of the committee set up to work with the ODT. Chairman of the committee is Paul Spillman of Powell Butte; H. H. Kilgore of Redmond is vice-chairman and Howard G. Smith, Deschutes county agent is secretary. Members of the committee are Fred Shepard, D. M. Lay, H. P. Eby, Robert Wilson, Delmer Davis, L. L. Cox and E. L. Woods.

## Wickiup Designer Leaves U.S. Bureau

John Lucian Savage, for 34 years a member of the U. S. bureau of reclamation staff and designer of the Wickiup dam and reservoir, has retired from service, it was learned here today. At the time of his retirement in Denver, Savage was chief designing engineer for the bureau.

Savage, accompanied by Dr. Charles P. Berkey of New York, consulting geologist for the bureau, first inspected the site for the Wickiup dam and reservoir on August 28, 1935. The two officials spent a day at the scene. In 1939, Savage approved plans for the Wickiup dam, and in 1942 officially oked drawings for the Wickiup reservoir.

In 1935, Savage made a report on the Polton site on the Crooked river, which was then considered an alternate plan to the Wickiup project.

## PINE DATA RELEASED

Portland, Ore., May 11 (UP)—Orders for all species of Western pine for the week ended May 5 totaled 52,407 feet as compared with 48,575,000 feet for the previous week and 73,853,000 feet for the corresponding week last year.

The Western Pine association reported today that shipments of Idaho white pine, Ponderosa pine, sugar pine and associated species for the week amounted to 61,751,000 feet.

## 8th Grade Pupils To Be Graduated

Madras, May 11 (Special)— Graduation exercises for 18 members of the eighth grade will be held at the Madras grade auditorium on Friday evening May 18. Rev. Edward H. Cook, Episcopal rector with missions in Prineville, Madras and Cross Keys, will be the speaker. Mrs. Edward Carlson will give the invocation. Salutatorian is Leona Wallace, valedictorian, Shirley McKenzie. Members of the class are: Elva Jean Ashcraft, Ann Brownhill, Betty DeLude, June Hull, Barbara Hunt, Shirley McKenzie, Mildred Nance, Mancel Nance, Darlene Spafford, Leona Wallace, Lucille Duling, Neil Carter, Marvin Dee, Calvin Gregg, Philip Haggstrom, James Jackson, Eldon King and Lewis Crocker. A reception will follow the exercises.

## Sawmill Workers To Meet Sunday

Madras, May 11 (Special)— A meeting of the Central Oregon district council of the Sawmill Workers of the A. F. of L. will be held in Madras on Sunday May 20. Executive assistant secretary of the Northwest council, Bud Pearson is expected to be here as well as many delegates from Central Oregon and Washington. A banquet and a dance will also be on the program.

Meetings on Sunday will be held at the Community hall, beginning at 9 o'clock Sunday morning and lasting until noon and resuming again at 1:30. Local Union 2941 will serve a banquet at noon at the New Madras hotel and act as hosts at a dance the night before.

Delegates will be here from Kleeikat, Wash., Gilchrist, Prineville, Kinzua, Dayville, John Day, Bend and Klamath Falls. All A. F. of L. members are asked to attend.

## BUILDING WORK STARTS

Madras, May 11 (Special)— Excavation has been completed for the erection of a new two-story building east of the First National bank here. Howard W. Turner, owner of the site, states that he has no definite date in which the building will be ready for occupancy. He plans to use the lower floor for his abstract office, which is now located on Fifth street.

## TO DELIVER SERMON

Madras, May 11 (Special)— Rev. G. R. V. Bolster of Trinity Episcopal church, Bend, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the services to be held at the high school auditorium Sunday evening before members of the graduating class of Madras union high school. Mrs. Edward Carlson will give the invocation and benediction.

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## S. W. Redmond Nurse Induction Date Announced

S. W. Redmond, May 10 (Special)—Mrs. Floyd Holt and Mrs. August Anderson attended the luncheon and D.A.R. meeting at the home of Mrs. C. W. Heim Friday afternoon.

Redmond grange home economics club held the May meeting last Tuesday at the grange hall, with Mrs. John Viegas as hostess. Routine business was transacted, with Mrs. Laura Ahlstrom presiding. The members voted to serve sack lunches at grange meetings, beginning May 25, until further notice. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Viegas, Mrs. Forrest Lowe will be the hostess for June.

F. A. Hein and daughter, Mrs. James Baxter, of Prineville, were Friday dinner guests at the Owen Brown home.

Mrs. Fannie Sharp and Mrs. Morgan Sharp were visitors Tuesday afternoon at the August Anderson home.

A group of grangers, including past masters of Redmond and subordinates and their wives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Wednesday evening to plan for the May 11 program. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Fleck, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davenport and Iris, Mr. and Mrs. Milfred Wallenburg, and the Owen Brown family.

Saturday evening, May 5, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davenport and daughter, Iris, were guests of honor at a farewell party at the Redmond grange hall. Games, dancing and visiting occupied the evening, after which refreshments of cake, ice cream and coffee were served. A gift was presented to the Davenports, who will leave soon to make their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davenport and daughter, Iris, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riehoff were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. August Anderson.

Next Sunday, May 13, members and friends of Redmond grange will enjoy a potluck dinner at the hall at 1 o'clock, after which a program of speaking and special music honoring Mother's day will be given. Servicemen and their wives are extended a special invitation to be guests of the grange on this occasion.

In cheese cookery, low heat is the rule.

program in Deschutes county has been very gratifying, especially in the quality of girl who is planning to or who is already in the corps, Miss Davison said adding: "Only those who have the necessary qualifications in disposition, physical and mental health and grace requirement have been encouraged."

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