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Wehrmacht Being Squeezed Between Giant Pinchers In Narrow Elbe, Oder Corridor

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A battle of annihilation is fast shaping up in the narrowing corridor between the Elbe and the Oder rivers, wherein are massed at least 70 German combat divisions in the American sectors and 90 or more divisions on the Russian front.

The Elbe river, which the American 9th army reportedly crossed today, is not only the last water barrier before Berlin, but it is also the chief water system of the central reich and spreads down to the Prague region in the Bohemian mountains.

The terrain between the Elbe and Berlin is flat, a vast plain cut by the looping curves of the Elbe and the Havel rivers and many lakes.

The possibilities of a juncture with the red armies appear best south of Berlin. The autobahn down which Simpson's 9th army tanks now are racing cuts straight across the Brandenburg plains.

Military strategists agree that a junction of the Americans and Russians in the Berlin area would trap only a portion of the enemy forces and would not in itself be decisive.

A second squeeze, at the level of Leipzig, would be far more effective, but would also not be conclusive.

There may have been any number of reasons for the Russian weeks-long pause on the Oder river—spring thaws, regrouping of armies or a general allied strategy plan to allow the western allies to close in on Berlin.

None of those reasons is sufficient, however, to prevent the red armies making a 30-mile shove to reach Berlin if and when that becomes necessary.

The operations in Italy are clearly part of over-all allied strategy. The threat of a sweeping raid into the Po valley, which might force a general German retreat to the Alps, has forced the enemy high command to keep at least 25 first-line combat divisions on that one forgotten front.

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There is no reason why the administration, too, should not wait until they see what the postwar condition in Europe is and what its troubles are in Asia before attempting to sign, seal and deliver an unamenable formula for handling both.

In the strictest truth, their formula now proposes to guarantee, forever—and without change—the unknown.

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SNO-CAT BRINGS ILL CARETAKER FROM DIAMOND

Tucker Invention Used for Emergency Trip to Lake; Bucks Two Feet of Snow.

Making an emergency run with E. M. Tucker's new "sno-cat", a party of Medford men brought Robert Shampine, Diamond Lake resort caretaker, to Medford early this morning for medical treatment.

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY April 12, 1935 (It was Friday) Germany ready to sign peace agreement, as result of Stresa conference.

Peace parade in Chicago results in free-for-all street fight.

First Lady proposes a woman vice-president.

Huge expansion of CCC to start within 60 days.

Couldy. High 72, low 44 degrees.

Richard Sleight, high school artist sells work to Hershey company.

State liquor stores to sell whiskey at .50 cents per pint.

Principle of Wales reaches Gold Coast of Africa.

Fair. High 74, low 43 degrees.

Trout season to start Wednesday.

Easter is observed in churches of city with special services.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY April 12, 1911 (It was Wednesday) Heavy frost is predicted for tomorrow morning.

Carrie Nation, famed anti-liquor crusader is near death.

Espee to beautify right of way through city.

Ashland to have deer park.

GETS HOME-TOWN TANK Indianapolis—(U.P.)—Here is another wartime coincidence. A tank presented to the army by students of Indianapolis Broad Ripple high school was turned over to the command of an Indianapolis sergeant—Robert L. Davis—on Luzon island in the Philippines.

In an average year, about 43 per cent of the world's forest production comes from the United States.

LAST RITES FOR LAURA E. WHITE SET FOR FRIDAY

Funeral services for Laura E. White, 89, pioneer Oregon resident who passed away at the home of her daughter, Esther E. Sullivan, Central Point Road, early Wednesday, will be held Friday at the Litwiller funeral home in Ashland at 2 p. m.

Mrs. White, the former Laura Chew, was born in Selbyville, Ill., in 1855. She came to Oregon with her husband, Saunders E. White, and resided in Klamath county until about 18 years ago when they came to the Rogue River valley.

Mr. White died soon after. For the past two years Mrs. White had lived with her daughter.

The elderly woman was considered a remarkable personage among her friends, leading an active and interesting life until her death in spite of advancing years and delighting friends and relatives with vivid stories of pioneer life in Klamath county.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Sullivan, and a son, Earl R. White of Sacramento, Calif., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Two grandsons, M. Sgt. Gilford White and Sgt. Wayne White, are in the service, the latter recently returned home from overseas duty in Europe.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

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News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, April 12—(U.P.)—If you pull the curtains behind Sen. Vandenberg, you will find a republican party concealed in a haze from which there emanates varicolored, timid, bright lights.

The Michigan senator is earnestly attempting to present co-operative and constructive improvements to the administration world peace program.

The prominence he has attained doing it has elevated him to the pedestal of front-page spokesman of the minority party on this subject.

But the news behind the news of it is, he is not. There has been no agreement among the party leaders on a course of action.

FOR example, the points of the Vandenberg program of amendments are similar to two of the seven points made by ex-President Hoover. But my information insists Vandenberg did not get them from Hoover, who indeed wants to go much further and create a regional subdivision of new world order.

Sen. Taft is an old League of Nations man who appears not greatly impressed by anything that is now happening in the postwar peace line.

Ex-Gov. Stassen, who is being groomed for the next republican presidential candidacy by the new dealers at least, has talked with some of the other Republican big men, but he left them

with the impression that he has an ideal rather than a program. Dewey is keeping as quiet as a hidden cat in a field of mice.

His man, John Foster Dulles, refused or failed to go to San Francisco as Vandenberg's assistant, but is now going on his own as an observer. Dulles sees Vandenberg frequently, but I do not believe there is an agreement between them on a program or a party position.

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Frankly, a great many Republicans think the Roosevelt project is in the shoals already, will have to be changed, or may run aground. Saguely they are awaiting a clearer opportunity to commit themselves. They have heard, for instance, that Stalin's direct quotes repeatedly offered at the Livadia conference were:

"I am not going to consult Albina and Ecuador" about what is to be done or have them interfere with Russian purposes.

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PAUL BRADY AWARDED \$1228 FOR INJURIES

A compromise settlement in the auto accident claim of Paul R. Brady, 19, was announced yesterday and Mrs. Elsie Brady of Ashland was named as guar- dian by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna.

Brady was injured at Klamath Falls when hit by an auto driven by Novell N. Welman. The settlement awards Brady \$1228.54 for loss of earnings for a six months period, \$542.85 for hospital and medical care and \$75 for further care. Attorney Frank Van Dyke of Ashland is counsel for the Brady estate.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Friday. Continued cool tonight with frost Friday morning warmer Friday.

Oregon: Clearing tonight and Friday. Warmer over state Friday. Cool with local frost tonight.

Local Data Temperature a year ago today: Highest 56 degrees, lowest 39. Total monthly precipitation 23 inch. Deficiency for the month 32 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 13.98 inches. Excess for the season 32 inch.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 39%, 4:30 today 64%.

Sunrise 6:33 a. m., sunset 7:49 p. m. Past 24 hours: High Low Prec Boise 43 30 15 Boston 73 54 15 Chicago 61 55 08 Denver 67 46 06 Eureka 52 26 00 Havre 50 24 00 Los Angeles 67 46 00 Medford 53 36 01 New York 67 55 01 Omaha 60 41 02 Phoenix 70 41 02 Portland 54 37 02 Reno 50 29 00 Stoneburg 49 28 24 Salt Lake 45 29 00 San Francisco 56 40 00 Seattle 51 37 58 Spokane 48 33 10 Washington, D. C. 70 60 28 Yakima 56 28 00

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