

**Weather**  
 Forecast: Generally cloudy to night and Saturday. Continued warm tonight. Cooler and occasional showers Saturday.  
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 Lowest this morning 45  
 Precipitation to 8 a. m., none

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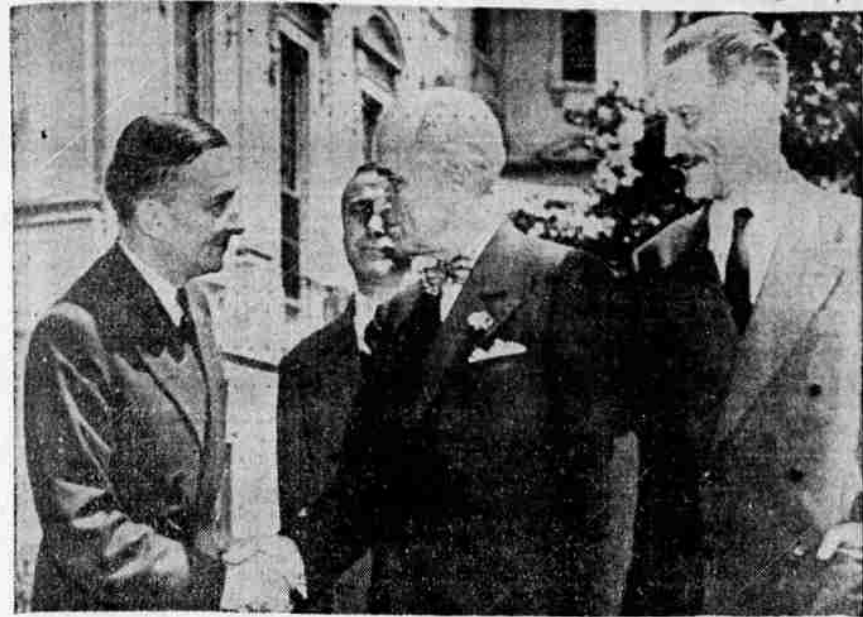
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## Truman Greet French Delegates to Conference



(Acme Telephoto) President Harry S. Truman greets George Bidault (left), French minister of foreign affairs, in garden of the White House after his arrival in Washington with other French delegates to San Francisco Conference. Left to right: George Bidault, James E. Dunn, assistant secretary of state, and French Ambassador Henri Bonnet.

## Representatives Of Anti-Axis Countries Converge For San Francisco Conference

San Francisco, April 20—(U.P.)—Representatives of the anti-Axis world converged by train and plane on San Francisco today for the United Nations' conference on international organization.

The few empty hotel rooms filled as statesmen, newsmen, official secretaries and nonofficial observers arrived in ever increasing numbers for opening of the United Nations conference on international organization.

The men and women selected

by the governments of 46 United Nations to draft a World Security formula represented many shades of political thought.

**Fares to Indians**  
 Dr. Anup Singh, secretary of the national committee for India's freedom, issued a statement saying the people of India consider their participation at the San Francisco conference a "farce."

Dr. Singh said the three official Indian delegates "would get their instructions from London" and would not represent the Indian people. He is here to prepare for arrival next week of Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Indian National Party Leader Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

and Gen. Alfred Nemours, president of the senate. Sir Anthony Rumbold, assistant secretary to the British delegation, and Francis Williams, controller of the British Press and Censorship, also arrived.

**Special Trains Coming**  
 Arrival of dignitaries will reach its peak Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. State Department officials announced five special trains were scheduled to reach here on those three days.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. announced it had put in operation a conference telephone exchange. It will be serviced by 35 operators divided into crews speaking Spanish, French, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese and English.

## ARROGANT NAZIS FORCED TO BURY PRISON VICTIMS

By Richard D. McMillan  
 United Press War Correspondent  
 Belsen Camp Near Hannover, Germany, April 20—(U.P.)—Nazi SS elite guardsmen were put to work today gathering the bodies of the hundreds of inmates who died in this hell hole.

Hungarian prisoners of war also were brought in to help with the mass burial. British troops already had entombed hundreds of bodies from the mounds of dead the nazis left behind.

The question of India's future will be represented at the conference, Dr. Singh said, because the problem of India's freedom must be solved before a stable peace can be realized in India.

John C. Ross, Deputy Secretary General of the Conference, announced that the United States will propose that the conference be divided into four commissions. The commissions in turn would be divided into two to four committees for a total of 12.

If such a plan is adopted a delegates' proposal would be introduced in a steering committee which in turn would refer it to the proper commission for handling. The commission would send it to a committee for consideration. The committee would return it to the commission. Finally it would be given to a conference plenary session for rejection or adoption.

Late arrivals included a 10 man delegation from Haiti headed by Gerald E. Lescot, secretary of state, Velly Thebaud, secretary of national defense.

## POSTAL OFFICIAL LOOKS AT LOCAL BUILDING SITES

Pursuant to an announcement made in Washington, D. C., recently that Senator Guy Gordon had stated federal building needs in Medford would be surveyed, it was learned today that such a survey was made yesterday.

J. E. Fitzgerald, Seattle, post-office inspector, spent the entire day here conferring with Mayor Clarence A. Meeker, City Recorder J. R. Woodford, Chamber of Commerce officials, Postmaster Frank DeSousa, and others. He inspected the present federal building, looked at possible sites for a new building and will report on his findings to the postoffice department, it was stated.

**For P. O. Use**  
 It is believed that if a new building is erected, the new structure would be used as a postoffice and the present building would house other federal offices, some of which are now scattered in offices throughout the city.

Mayor Meeker informed the inspector that postoffice officials should prepare for an increase in population of Medford and vicinity, expected to reach 35,000, it is reported.

## Bodies Heaped

When I visited the camp today I had to stand in line with 150 or more of the Hungarians and like them be fumigated before I could pass down the lines of huts where British doctors estimated more than 300 persons—men, women and children—died last night.

Bodies still were being piled in heaps outside the huts in open spaces beside burial pits. Heaps of hundreds of bodies awaited burial.

Women among the nazis who ruled the camp were kept in cells. I was told that "if we take them out, the inmates would try to kill them."

A British medical officer said that one of these women used to reserve her torture of the inmates for Sunday afternoons, when she lashed her victims. Inmates said the women guards would tie a living body to a corpse and burn both together.

**Cremation Stopped**  
 British doctors believed the Germans stopped using mass cremation to dispose of the dead because they wanted to save fuel. Instead they were believed to have dug the burial pits, only to fall behind the death toll.

I have seen many gruesome sights in this war, but never have I set eyes upon such horror as this.

## Bombers, Fighters Busy On Continent

LONDON, April 20—(U.P.)—More than 1,600 American bombers and fighters raided prime targets throughout Germany and Czechoslovakia today in direct support of the American and soviet armies.

The 8th air force fleet of 800 Flying Fortresses and Liberators with an equally strong fighter escort concentrated the attacks on railway installations in the Berlin area and between Munich and Prague.

## SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Gene Thorndike asserting that Palm Springs and California weather can't compare with the Rogue River valley's balmy spring days.

Clarence Winetroot admitting that a change of residence brings a change of viewpoint.

Commissioner Arthur Powell wondering if it wouldn't be a good idea to give Klamath county back to the Indians.

## Mrs. Roosevelt Departs From White House With Fastest Exit on Record

Washington, April 20—(U.P.)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt departs from the White House today leaving nothing undone.

She is on schedule to the last minute, thereby completing the fastest exit any retiring first lady ever made.

Except for Dolly Madison, who was running from a fire set by the British.

Mrs. Roosevelt held her last press conference yesterday afternoon over tea in the softly-lit state dining room. She couldn't go, she said, without bidding goodbye to the friends she had met so regularly for so many years.

She told her all-female audience that she is going directly to New York, where she has an apartment on Washington Square, then to Hyde Park on Sunday.

First off she will dispose of Mr. Roosevelt's belongings. That will take some time, she explained— "you know, Franklin's great interest in things historical."

Most of them will go to Hyde Park after the children have made their selection. It is especially difficult to decide about these things, she explained, with two boys in the Pacific from whom we haven't heard since their father's death.

She revealed that she expects to keep on writing, though her definite plans will not be made until she is settled again. She resumed her syndicated column "My Day" last Tuesday.

She stated definitely that she doesn't aspire to public office.

# RUSSIANS STORM BERLIN BARRIERS

## AMERICANS TAKE OLD NUERNBERG, NAZIDOM SHRINE

Once Beautiful City Guttled in House to House Battle; Vanguard Race South.

Paris, April 20—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today in an order of the day that the "ragged remnants of Hitler's armies of the west now are tottering on the threshold of defeat."

Eisenhower's order of the day was addressed to "every member of the allied expeditionary force" on the conclusion of the battle of the Ruhr, where more than 300,000 German troops were trapped and eliminated as a fighting force.

## POWERFUL DRIVE TAKES YANKEES CLOSER TO NAHA

Three Divisions Smash Bulges in Jap Line Defending Okinawa Capital City.

Guam, April 20—(U.P.)—American troops lunged to within three and a half miles north of Naha, capital of Okinawa, in the most powerful offensive of the Pacific war today.

Radio Tokyo said other troops attempted to land on the south coast of Okinawa about eight miles southeast of Naha yesterday from a 30-ship invasion fleet, including 20 transports and several battleships.

**Would Flank Town**  
 Such a landing would deeply outflank Naha, a city of 65,000, and clamp a pincers on its garrison of 60,000.

Three army divisions—possibly 45,000 men—smashed deep bulges into both flanks of the Japanese line across southern Okinawa yesterday under cover of the greatest coordinated ship and artillery bombardment ever given American troops for the size of the target anywhere in the world.

Front reports said Americans now were less than 6,200 yards north of Naha and approaching Machinato airfield on the west coast and nearing the northern end of Yonabaru airstrip on the east coast.

Marines on northern Okinawa continued mopping up enemy remnants on Motobu Island.

**Tokyo Stated**  
 Army Mustangs from Iwo bases truck the first heavy fighter blow against Tokyo yesterday with an attack on the Atsugi airfield. Preliminary reports listed 102 enemy planes destroyed or damaged.

American troops on Mindanao in the Philippines drove unopposed to within 80 miles of the big port of Davao. The drive, moving a mile an hour, already had secured a 400-square-mile beachhead on Moro Gulf.

Other U. S. Assault troops occupied Balabac Island, south of American-controlled Palawan, without opposition. Balabac is only 45 miles from the northern tip of Borneo.

On northern Luzon, American troops met continued fierce resistance in the battle for Baguio.

## Nazis' Last Bastions Falling



(Acme Telephoto) Capture of Leipzig by U. S. First Army topped keystone fortress of German defenses below Berlin. Americans also battled inside Nuernberg, Halle and Chemnitz with fall of those three major bastions expected soon. General Bradley announced Americans in eastern Germany have reached their immediate objectives and would pause—ostensibly to wait development of Russian drive which Berlin said had reached within 14 miles of Nazi capital after seizing Silesia and Wriezen. Far to the north, British and Canadians closed rapidly on Hamburg, reached Zulder Zee, drove for Amsterdam.

## CAPTURE VILLAGE 7 MILES EAST OF GERMAN CAPITAL

Moscow Reports Red Patrols and U. S. 3rd Army Probably Linked Near Dresden

London, April 20—(U.P.)—Russian troops storming the last barriers before Berlin broke into a village seven miles east of the capital today, the nazis reported, and a Moscow dispatch said U. S. 3d army and soviet patrols probably had met in the Dresden sector.

"The battle for Berlin has reached the decisive stage," German broadcasters said repeatedly during the day in describing the struggle at the gates of the burning and shell-swept city.

**In Hangelsberg**  
 The left wing of an intensely concentrated mass of soviet tanks and men charging straight in against Berlin was reported by the Germans to have pushed into the streets of Hangelsberg, on the Frankfurt highway seven miles short of the city limits.

A Moscow dispatch said the outriders of the Russian and American armies probably had made their first contact around Dresden. Related to Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army front, a high-ranking source denied that any such meeting had taken place, "unless," he added jokingly, "some of our troops deserted us."

But the nazis were paying most of their attention to the Berlin front, where their radio commentators said the Russians had driven into the capital's "defense zone proper."

**Situation Bad**  
 The German high command, acknowledging widespread reverses in the fortifications in front of Berlin, said frankly that "the situation has deteriorated."

Other nazi broadcasters reported soviet tanks and infantry were moving directly against Berlin between Muencheberg and Wriezen. Their center had reached Strausberg, nine miles from the capital, and the lower wing was at Hangelsberg, seven miles from Berlin.

Moscow dispatches, following up the first soviet high command confirmation of the show-down offensive on a broad Berlin front, reported that the Russians had broken across the Spreewald and were closing against Dresden.

It was in that region that, according to a Moscow dispatch, outriders of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. 3d army and Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 1st Ukrainian army, probably have met.

## 750 LIBERATED LAND AT BOSTON

Boston, April 20—(U.P.)—Some 750 American soldiers, liberated from German prison camps by the advancing Russians, hurried eagerly off an army transport onto their native soil here today on the last lap of their trip home.

Tanned and somewhat rested, the soldiers disembarked to martial music and immediately entrained for Camp Myles Standish at Taunton. There they were welcomed home by Brig. Gen. Calvin DeWitt Jr., commanding officer of the Boston port of embarkation.

The men then received part of their back pay in preparation for 45-day furloughs starting tomorrow.

Their first meal at the camp, including steak and ice cream, was in sharp contrast to the moldy sawdust bread and horse meat stew they had been doled out daily by the Germans.

The prisoners said "the Germans kept marching them thru Germany and Poland."

More than 4,000 uses of wood have been counted, and the list is still growing.

## No Celebration As Hitler Passes 56th Birthday, and Probably Last

By W. R. Higginbotham  
 United Press Correspondent  
 London, April 20—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler, defeated dictator, passed his 56th, and probably last, birthday today.

There were no celebrations in his dying empire for the most hunted man in history. The only victory salutes came from the guns of allied armies closing in on him from east and west.

Berlin, where in Hitler's heyday the red flags with the black swastikas flew and his storm troopers paraded, echoed with the artillery of the oncoming red army.

The German radio which once boomed Hitler's birthday speeches from Berlin, had only news of fresh defeats to offer. There was no indication the fuhrer would make a birthday broadcast, although a Swiss reporter said 21 gauleiters had asked Goebbels last week to persuade Hitler to speak for the sake of morale.

The only birthday greeting to Hitler made publicly was by the

## SECOND SON OF LOCAL COUPLE LISTED MISSING

For the second time in recent weeks Mr. and Mrs. Elverton R. Clafin of Route 1, Box 343, have been informed by the government that one of their sons is missing in action. The second message, received Wednesday, stated that Sgt. Lynn E. Clafin, USMC, is missing after action in the Pacific area. First message informed the parents that Sgt. Cecil Clafin, member of a B-25 crew, was missing after a flight over the Brenner Pass in the Italian theater.

Mrs. Clafin is reported to be prostrated with grief and anxiety and permission has been secured for a third son, Flight Officer Vincent Clafin, to spend an emergency leave here and was expected to arrive today from Texas.

Sgt. Lynn Clafin has been in the marine corps for the past two years and was wounded earlier in the war during the battle of the Solomon Islands.

## 20 KILLED WHEN TRANSPORT FALLS

Sweetwater, Tex., April 20—(U.P.)—Between 20 and 25 passengers aboard a twin-engine army transport plane were killed today when it crashed and burned three miles south of here.

Army officials refused at first to release the number of men aboard the plane until an accurate check of the bodies could be made, but local undertakers said that "more than 20 bodies" were in Sweetwater funeral parlors.

## NEW BLOWS HIT GERMAN'S NAVY

London, April 20—(U.P.)—Germany's already impotent navy has suffered two further crippling blows, with the sinking of the pocket battleship Luetzow and the announcement that the 26,000-ton Gneisenau is now in Russian hands.

The 10,000-ton Luetzow, a sister ship of the sunken Admiral Scheer, was sent to the bottom of the Baltic harbor of Swinemunde by RAF bombers last Monday, the British air ministry said today.

The RAF put the Luetzow out of action with six-ton bombs and the ship is lying on her bottom in the shallow water.

In addition to the Gneisenau, the Russians may have captured the heavy cruiser Seydlitz.

## BASEBALL

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## President Names Press Secretary

Washington, April 20—(U.P.)—President Truman announced today that Charles G. Ross, 59-year-old Washington correspondent, will become his press secretary on May 15.