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# RUSSIANS NEAR BERLIN'S CENTER

## CAPITAL ABLAZE AS RADIO VOICE ASKS FOR PEACE

Mighty Assault, Possibly Under Stalin, Smashes Nazi Lines—Chiefs Flee

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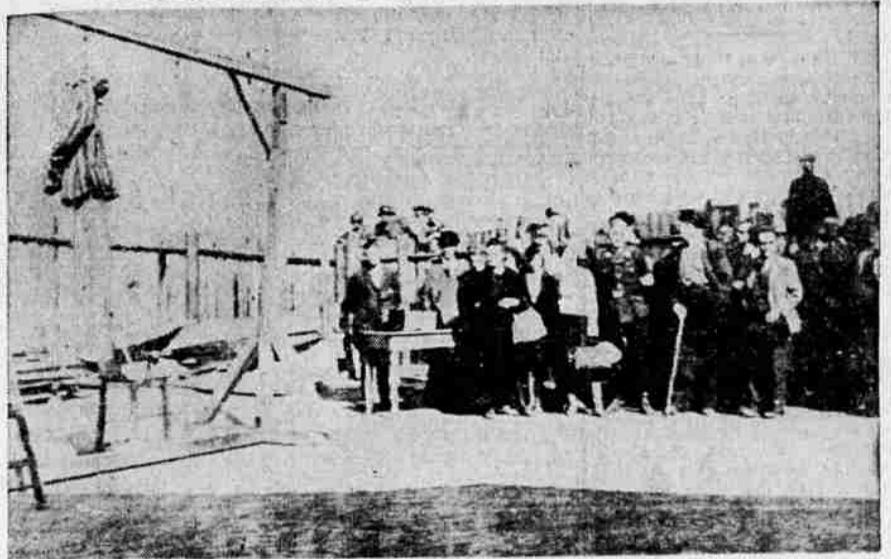
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## Germans Forced to View Their Own Atrocities



At Camp Buchenwald, Nazi horror prison camp near Weimar, Germany, civilians from the town were brought forcefully to the camp and made to view with their own eyes, the gruesome evidence of Nazi atrocities. Here a corpse dangles from the scaffold where his fiendish Nazi captors hung him as the civilians stolidly watch his body swing in the wind. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

London, Sunday, April 22—(U.P.)—The fate of thousands of American and British airmen listed as "missing" will be known soon, Documents recording all allied fliers down in German territory during the war were captured today.

Nuremberg, April 21—(U.P.)—A master file, containing the histories of more than 45,000 British and American airmen, was found in the nearby town of Buchenbuhl. Officers consider it one of the most important finds in Germany to date.

The last entry, dated April 7, was of an American pilot who, it said, was found dead. The records revealed that more than \$1,000,000 in various kinds of currency, had been taken from captive airmen. Of this amount, only \$4,000 was recovered.

Bushels of rings, watches, jewelry, flying orders, love letters, photographs and other items taken from fallen airmen—whether alive or dead—were on file. Some 400 displaced persons, including Russians, Dutchmen, Yugoslavs, Poles, Frenchmen and Italians, worked in the center. When German authorities fled they took many valuables. Slave clerks—350 men and 50 women—lived in the same camp. Most of the women either had borne children or were pregnant.

When Lt. Col. D. T. Fuller of North Tarrytown, N. Y., heard that women slave workers were wearing American fraternity pins, he assigned Capt. Carl Luetke of San Antonio, Tex., to investigate.

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Premature rejoicing must not be followed by the sorrow of further European battles," he said. "We have no intention of encouraging any festivities of thanksgiving until we are assured from our military commanders that the task is so far completed that everyone may cheer."

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## NAZI CIVILIANS FORCED TO BURY HORROR VICTIMS

Gen. Eisenhower Orders Decent Burial by Germans Nearest Death Camps

(By United Press)  
 Gen. Dwight Eisenhower has ordered that each victim of torture and starvation in German horror camps must be given a decent burial—by German civilians. Burial parties will be recruited from towns closest to the camps.

Gardelegen, Germany, April 21—(U.P.)—American soldiers who have learned to hate stood guard today while fat, prosperous Nazi civilians disinterred with shovels and their bare hands 500 corpses hastily buried after a wanton massacre Friday.

More than 1,100 anti-Nazi French, Belgians, Russians, Poles and Dutch were foully killed. SS troops, aided by volkstrumers packed them into a stone barn on the outskirts of Gardelegen, sprinkled gasoline on the straw flooring and set it afire with grenades.

American troops arrived last Saturday, the following. A few hours before, the Nazis had dug a trench 60 yards long and three feet deep behind the barn and dumped 500 charred corpses in it.

An investigation began in Gardelegen. More than 90 per cent of the townfolk were found to be Nazi party members, with husbands, sons or fathers in SS troops of among Hitler's murderers in the Jugend.

For six days the Americans rounded up groups of civilian men, women and children and marched them to the scene of the massacre. A German-speaking American officer told them: "You supported and encouraged the regime responsible for this hideous scene."

The civilians protested that they hadn't known about the death barn. Only 300 yards from the barn were rows of houses. Officers said it was impossible that their occupants hadn't heard the screams of 1,100 murdered.

HULL UNABLE TO ATTEND OPENING OF PEACE PARLEY

Washington, April 21—(U.P.)—Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull, told the Allies tonight that the San Francisco World Security Conference will be "an acid test of whether mankind has suffered enough and learned enough."

The 73-year-old statesman announced in a letter to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., that he would be unable to take his place as senior adviser to the United States delegation when President Truman starts the conference with a broadcast of welcome from the White House next Wednesday.

Hull told Stettinius that "all participating nations" that there are "no differences or difficulties" between them that cannot be overcome within the United Nations Security organization.

"I have profound faith that whatever the difficulties, the labors of the conference will be crowned with success," he said. "I shall follow its work from afar with absorbing interest."

Hull's confident prediction came on the eve of important discussions of those "differences and difficulties" among big five diplomats gathering here.

## MAYOR PRESENTS SIX-POINT PLAN FOR IMPROVEMENT

Executive and City Council Draft Program to Meet Growth—Need Million

Presenting a comprehensive picture of needed improvements and expansion of city facilities, Mayor Clarence A. Meeker Saturday explained plans which the council and department heads have drawn for submission to citizens in the near future. Many of Medford's facilities have been outgrown, the mayor pointed out, and added that the city must provide for an even greater population in the next few years.

The mayor itemized the six-point program as follows: Trunk line sewer. Park improvement. Jackson Street Bridge. City Library addition. Storm sewers, drainage. Sewage disposal plant enlargement.

**\$1,000,000 Needed**  
 The project will require floating of a bond issue of approximately \$1,000,000, the mayor said, but the plan will be presented at an election, probably about June 5, in such a manner that citizens may vote upon the items separately.

"The city was never in better financial condition," Mr. Meeker pointed out, "and at the present rate of interest the city could carry four times as much obligation as a few years ago, at the same cost." He quoted an official of Blyth and Co., bond dealers, as saying Medford could market up to a million dollars worth of bonds at 1 1/2 per cent interest, or less.

At present the city owes around \$600,000, the mayor said, "with only \$35,000 of this sum not self-liquidating. There is a cash reserve of \$20,000."

**Needs Long Studied**  
 "The city administration has drawn the program after long study and much consultation," the mayor said, "and the plans are intended to meet the needs of the city as generally agreed."

Discussing the proposed items, the executive gave the following brief resume: The present trunk line to the sewage disposal plant is inadequate even to serve the west side of the city. Much sewage from the east side, except in the driest months, has to be released into Bear creek at the Jackson street bridge. A \$75,000 installation is needed to remedy this situation.

Public spirited citizens have presented the city with a 15-acre (Continued on Page Ten)

## SEN. VANDENBERG ARRIVES ON BAY

San Francisco, April 21—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R. Mich., and Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, Barnard college, the first members of the United States delegation to the United Nations conference on international organization to arrive here, landed at Municipal Airport aboard a C-54 army transport tonight.

With them were John Foster Dulles, adviser to the U. S. delegation, and several aides and secretaries.

**Army Fliers Found Alive After Jump**  
 McChord Field, Wash., April 21—(U.P.)—Eight army airmen, who were missing after they bailed out from a B-24 Liberator bomber in the Etonville-Enumclaw area this afternoon, were found alive and safe tonight. The men jumped after the bomber developed engine trouble, McChord Field officials said. The pilot remained with the plane and returned it safely to McChord Field.

**MOSQUITOES HIT KIEL**  
 London, Sunday, April 22—(U.P.)—RAF mosquitos last night attacked the big German U-boat base and port of Kiel.

## WAR BULLETINS

London, Sunday, April 22—(U.P.)—German broadcasts said tonight that Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Josef Goebbels had called upon Berliners to fight for their city as if they were guarding all Germany, but radio listeners in Britain reported that the voice of Goebbels himself was not heard.

Manila, Sunday, April 22—(U.P.)—American troops on Mindanao have captured the Paldu-Pulanga road terminus, 32 miles inland from the southwest coast, in a swift amphibious advance up the Mindanao river, and are driving a Japanese force opposing them into marshy country around Lomogog, it was announced today.

**BITTER STRUGGLE FOR HILL 178 ON OKINAWA RAGING**

Fleet Barrage Softens Foe—Doughboys Register Small Gains.

Guam, Sunday, April 22—(U.P.)—American infantrymen on southern Okinawa were locked in a bitter struggle for Hill 178 guarding approaches to Yonabaru airfield Saturday and made small gains along the entire line, it was announced today, as the United States flag was raised on Iegusagu peak on Ie Island.

Several times the infantrymen were thrown off the high ground around the strategic hill. But each time they came back and pressed their assault throughout Saturday.

For the third day the thundering barrage thrown into the southern Okinawa sector by guns of Pacific Fleet battleships, cruisers and destroyers and massed army and marine artillery continued to support the advancing Seventh, 27th and 96th Divisions.

Carrier aircraft made constant pin-point attacks against the numerous strong pillboxes, blockhouses and cave positions through which the tank-led infantrymen slowly pushed their way.

On the approaches to Hill 178, overlooking Shuri, a city of 60,000 population in the center of the line, American and Japanese forces were locked in the bitterest type of warfare, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said.

The rugged terrain around the hill changed hands several times during Saturday's action, he reported.

Nimitz gave no indication of the distance gained through Saturday on the western coast. American troops had last pushed to within a mile and a half of Machinato airfield, two miles above Naha.

On the east, they were last reported only 2 1/2 miles from Yonabaru town. The Yonabaru airfield is less than a mile from the most advanced infantry forces in that sector.

Small gains were cut out over the ravine-cross terrain, however, and the heavy bombardment plastering Japanese troop concentrations and emplacements was expected to greatly soften up the enemy defense line.

**Corvallis Widow Is Oregon Mother, 1945**  
 Portland, Ore., April 21—(U.P.)—Mrs. G. R. Hyslop, Corvallis widow and the mother of six children, is Oregon mother for 1945 and candidate for the title of American mother, Mrs. George R. K. Moorhead, selection committee chairman, announced today.

## ALLIES CAPTURE BOLOGNA TO END LONG STALEMATE

Nazis Flee in Disorder—Poles and 91st Infantry First to Enter.

Rome, April 21—(U.P.)—Allied troops captured the fortress city of Bologna today and spread out over the Po valley in swift pursuit of the disorganized German army. Their victory was described by Gen. Mark Clark as "the beginning of the end in Italy."

Field Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, Mediterranean commander-in-chief, hailed the fall of Bologna with a special announcement as the American 5th and British 8th armies, after months of stalemate fighting in bitter weather, swept nine miles north of the city.

Polish troops of the Eighth army and elements of the U. S. 34th and 81st infantry divisions were the first inside Bologna. Opposition was negligible. All of the city came into Allied hands speedily.

Fifth army armor, raced through the ancient university city and capital of Emilia province, without pause and fanned out over the Po plain beyond in hot pursuit of the disorganized and fleeing German army.

Bologna had a peacetime population of 246,280. It is a fertile plain at the foot of the bristling Apennines mountains where groups of Lt. Gen. Truscott's Fifth army broke through formidable defenses yesterday to clear resistance on the south and southwest and make way for its capture.

Capture of Bologna gave the Allies control of the entire southern portion of the Po valley and ends a four-month stalemate during which the 15th Army group battled not only a fanatical enemy but bitter cold and tortuous mountain terrain. The breakthrough to the Po plain will enable the Allies to use tanks and heavy armor in a large scale offensive to destroy the German army in Italy.

## GLORIA MARRIES NOTED MUSICIAN

New York, Sunday, April 22—(U.P.)—Heiress Gloria Vanderbilt and Conductor Leopold Stokowski were married Saturday in Mexico, a day after she received a divorce from Pat Di Cicco, Hollywood actor's agent, it was disclosed early today.

The marriage of the 38-year-old musician, who gained fame as conductor of the Philadelphia Philharmonic orchestra, and the youthful Miss Vanderbilt, was announced here by Otto E. Koegele, attorney for Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, Gloria's mother.

## BRITISH REPORT GAINS IN BURMA

Calcutta, April 21—(U.P.)—British 14th army infantry and tanks, continuing to exploit their spectacular breakthrough to south-central Burma, made good progress south along the Mandalay-Rangoon railway, an allied communique announced today.

Other 14th army troops extended their lateral drive across the central Burma plain and occupied the town of Seikpyu, on the west bank of the Irrawaddy opposite the communications city of Chauk. Seikpyu is 32 miles southwest of Pakokku.

**NAME PEAR BOARD**  
 Sacramento, April 21—(U.P.)—The state agriculture department today announced the producer and handler members of the fresh fall and winter pear advisory board for the 1945-46 marketing season.

## HOME AIR BASES OF JAPS BOMBED

Guam, Sunday, April 22—(U.P.)—A large force of American B-29s roared back over Kyushu this morning for the second time in 24 hours to blast five Japanese airfields as reports of yesterday's strike indicated that three airfields had been at least temporarily knocked out.

Between 100 and 150 big bombers hit Izumi, Kushira, Konoza, Tomitaka and Miyazaki airfields today in continued operations to neutralize Japan's home island airfields, from which the enemy can harass American forces at Okinawa.

It was the seventh Superfort raid on Kyushu since March 27 and included two new targets—Tomitaka and Miyazaki.

**STAR UNDER KNIFE**  
 Hollywood, April 21—(U.P.)—Hurd Hatfield, the star of "The Picture of Dorian Gray," tonight was reported in good condition following an emergency appendectomy at St. Vincent's hospital.

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Night Games

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| Hollywood                                  | R. H. E. |
| Portland                                   | 1 8 0    |
| Marshall, Rager and Hall; Cohen and Adams. | 2 5 1    |

Seattle, April 21—(U.P.)—Oakland's Carl Monzo kept the Seattle Rainiers handcuffed for five innings in a Pacific Coast league baseball game tonight, but the Rainiers unleashed their batting power in the sixth to coast to a 6-2 victory over the Acorns.

R. H. E.  
 Oakland ..... 2 7 1  
 Seattle ..... 6 9 2  
 Munzo and Fenech; Speece and Finley.

Day Games

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| San Diego                                                                                           | 3 13 4 |
| Los Angeles                                                                                         | 5 8 1  |
| Valenzuela, Bailey (5), Eaves (8) and Ballinger, Osborn and Kretnier.                               | 6 11 1 |
| Sacramento                                                                                          | 3 11 2 |
| San Francisco                                                                                       | 3 11 2 |
| Fletcher, Pillette (9) and Maruccci; Barthelson, Buzolich (8) Flowers (8) and Ogdowski, Sprinz (8). |        |

**TIRE PRODUCTION INCREASE VOTED**

Washington, April 21—(U.P.)—The War Production Board tonight announced a new goal of 11,763,000 tires for second quarter production, 2,802,000 more than previous schedules called for.

WPB said increased supplies of essential tire-producing materials made the new schedules possible.