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Paris, April 24—(U.P.)—American 3rd army troops broke open the outer defenses of Hitler's Bavarian redoubt on a broad front today and rammed an armored spearhead up to the Danube river on the western outskirts of Regensburg.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army tanks and armored troop carriers reached the northwestern bend of the Danube opposite Regensburg—the old Napoleonic city of Ratisbon—this afternoon after a 10-mile advance through weak and disorganized enemy positions.

Snipers Cut Down
A few Nazi snipers battled the speeding American armored columns along the west side of the historic river, but were cut down.

Field dispatches indicated the Germans were planning a delaying fight on the eastern bank of the Danube and inside Regensburg, where the enemy was reported throwing up barricades and moving hundreds of anti-aircraft guns into position for the battle.

Strong infantry forces were crowding up close behind the American tank spearheads, reaching Duerling, eight miles west of Regensburg, this afternoon.

At Regensburg, the Americans were only 61 miles north of Munich, gateway to the Bavarian redoubt.

There was no immediate word on the progress of other 3rd army columns advancing southward along the Czechoslovak border to the east within 105 miles of Berchtesgaden.

Vast Tank Drive
More than 2,000 American and French tanks were on the move against the Nazis' last retreat in the Bavarian Alps along a 200-mile front manned by Patton's veterans and the powerful American 7th and French 1st armies.

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Yankees Preparing for Key Base on Captured Land; Bomb Tokyo Plane Plant.

By United Press
American forces have conquered three quarters of Okinawa island and are preparing it as a key base for the next phase of the march toward Japan and the China coast, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said today.

A fleet of 150 Superfortresses, meanwhile, smashed for the first time at the huge Hitachi aircraft plant in the Tokyo area and ground forces in the Philippines cut Japanese forces in two on Mindanao and continued a virtually unopposed drive toward the principal city of Davao.

Bomb Plane Plant
The attack on the Hitachi plant at Tachikawa, 14 miles west of Tokyo, was made from medium altitude and good results were expected. Radio Tokyo, acknowledging the attack, said 70 B-29's were in the raiding force and claimed six were shot down and 20 damaged.

The broadcast said the bombers also attacked air bases at Tachikawa and nearby Tokorozawa.

Nimitz' regular communique said warships and carrier planes continued to bombard Japanese positions on southern Okinawa but said there was no further report of progress by ground forces, temporarily stalled before enemy defenses three and a half miles north of Naha.

The communique said carrier planes and fighters destroyed 28 enemy aircraft through the Ryukyus Sunday and Monday.

A Tokyo broadcast said Japanese suicide planes had damaged two Allied ships northeast of Okinawa and set fire to a transport off the southwest coast. It said also that Japanese artillery fired on ships entering Nagasaki Bay yesterday and sank a destroyer.

10,896 Japs Killed
Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing the gains on Mindanao, disclosed that 10,896 Japanese had been killed and 353 captured throughout the Philippines in the last eight days.

The figures boosted total Japanese casualties in the Philippines to 334,465, compared with 34,518 for American forces. The American casualties included 7,491 killed, 26,606 wounded and 421 missing. The majority of Japanese casualties represented known dead.

American bombers attacked Japanese positions throughout Luzon where ground forces pressed closer to Baguio in the north and scored new gains in the sector 21 miles northeast of Manila.

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This German Civilian Had Enough War



Frantically waving a white flag of surrender, this German civilian is passed by American armored unit speeding into Geisselhardt, Germany, which still burns from pre-attack shelling and air bombardment. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

FOUR INJURED IN CAR SMASHUP ON SISKIYOU HIWAY

Two youths are in the Jackson county jail and their girl companions are confined to Ashland Community hospital as result of an accident in a stolen car on Siskiyou highway south of Ashland last night.

According to city police, Jackson W. Pemberton, who gave his age as 17, Jack Sparks, 19; Lucille Sparks, 18, and Rosemary Olemann, 17, hitch hiked to Medford from Toledo O., and took up residence at Front and Second streets, Medford. The youths are said to have worked a few days at Timber Products company here.

The couples, who are said to have used the names of Saunders and Mason, were reported by city police to have been drinking in a local tavern Monday night. While there the men requested the girls to go home, saying they would follow later. According to city police the men arrived shortly after driving a 1937 Nash sedan. About 11:30 p. m. Mrs. E. F. White, 26 South Orange street, reported her Nash sedan had been stolen from in front of the L. C. Taylor garage, South Riverside avenue.

Shortly before midnight last night state police reported the car had been found on the Siskiyou highway, badly wrecked.

Dr. Ralph E. Poston, Ashland, who was called to attend the injured, said Lucille Sparks, who is said to be a sister-in-law of Sparks, is suffering from acid burns on the face and Rosemary Olemann has a cut foot and body bruises. Sparks has a fractured nose and head contusions while Pemberton has several lacerations of the head and contusions. There was considerable evidence of drinking, Dr. Poston said.

According to state police, the girls also are under arrest and will be held by authorities after their release from the hospital.

Lady Jaycees Hear Report On Cancer, Clothing Campaign

The Lady Jaycees, at a business meeting held at Valentine's Cafe Monday night, heard a report on progress of covering the business district in connection with the National Cancer drive. The drive will be completed by the end of the month, the report said. A report on the club's part in the recent clothing drive was also heard.

Mrs. Blanche Frisbie, superintendent of Jackson county health nurses, was guest speaker and gave some interesting facts about her work.

Other business saw Mrs. Nevada Dammann named secretary of the organization and seven new members taken in. Next meeting will be a social gathering at Medford Hotel May 8.

Canada's only salt mine is located in Nova Scotia at Malaga.

Food Menus Of Nazi Captives Revised Because Of Shortage

New York, April 24—(U.P.)—The 13,000 German prisoners of war in the army's second service command went without butter, beef and jelly today under a new plan to feed enemy captives nutritious but plain meals in accordance with Geneva conference rules.

Col. Clinton J. Harrold of Pittman, N. J., director of supplies for the second service command, said in a press conference that the menu change was not ordered in retaliation for German treatment of allied prisoners but as a result of the nation's food shortage.

The prisoners' daily diet contains 3,560 calories and costs the United States 41 cents per man per day. The GI gets 3,500 calories costing 65 cents, Harrold said. He outlined this typical menu for German prisoners:

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LAGUARDIA URGES ONE CONTROL FOR U.S. FOOD SUPPLY

Merging of OPA, WFA Recommended; Few Practical Heads Also Held Needed.

Washington, April 24—(U.P.)—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York urged today that the country's food program be put under one administrator.

He recommended to the Senate Food Investigating committee that all food-control functions of the Office of Price Administration and War Food Administration be merged, with "the control and the price fixing all under one head."

Butchers Needed
LaGuardia added that it "wouldn't be a bad idea to get a butcher or two who know something about it to write the regulations," concerning meat.

"The main trouble is there are just too many bosses around and too many theorists working under these bosses," he said.

LaGuardia said creation of a centralized food agency would "end this overlapping and, what is worst of all, the delay and inaction."

LaGuardia also recommended:

1. That meat purchased by the armed forces be bought "at the actual cost of the meat itself."

2. Payment of subsidies to cattle feeders.

3. Placement of special commissioners in federal courts to hear violations of OPA regulations.

Only One Reason
LaGuardia said there was only one reason for a black market in meat:

"When conditions are such that the first processor, the slaughterer, cannot sell at lawful ceiling prices without a loss, he either goes out of business or he starts to chisel. And once he goes wrong, he goes wrong all the way."

LaGuardia said packers have lost so much money on their set-aside order for the armed forces—60 per cent of their sales—that they have had to "re-coup their losses on the 40 per cent" sold to civilian consumers. If the armed forces paid what the meat costs in the first place, he said, it would be a lot better.

Columnist Allen Suffers Arm Loss

Washington, April 24—(U.P.)—Col. Robert S. Allen of the U. S. Third army staff, former co-author of the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" column, lost his lower right arm in an amputation after being wounded April 7 south of Ohrdruf, Germany, the war department announced today.

He was ambushed, wounded and captured by the enemy, but was freed three days later when the third army occupied Ohrdruf. Seriousness of the gunshot wound required amputation of the lower part of the arm. He was released from the hospital April 20.

Detroit Walkout Hits War Supply

Detroit, April 24—(U.P.)—Production of vital war materials again was halted at the main plant of the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. today when more than 2,000 workers walked off their jobs in protest against the discharge of 13 employees.

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King Ibn's 5 Sons at Conference Without Tents or Flock of Sheep

San Francisco, April 24—(U.P.)—The five sons of King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia were on hand today for the United Nations conference—but without the sheep and tents that their father takes along on trips away from home.

Tired as tourists but just as enthusiastic, the five brothers took life easy in the relatively modest surroundings of a suite in a swanky hilltop hotel here after a sight-seeing air tour across the country.

The brothers ranged in age from 9 to 59. They let it be known through an interpreter that they were happy to be here and pleased by the reception given them at the airport.

More reporters were on hand to report their arrival than there were when more prominent conference figures put in their appearances. It was a colorful reception, with a navy band on hand to give the Arabian royalty the honor due their rank.

But newsmen were frankly disappointed. They remembered the flock of sheep and the tents that Ibn Saud took along when he made the destroyer trip to Egypt after the Big Three conference at the Crimea.

One of the reporters took a look inside the plane before accepting the fact that the five brothers brought along nothing more spectacular than suitcases and bodyguards. And so far as anyone could see, the bodyguards weren't even armed.

BRITAIN PLEDGES SUPPORT TO REDS 3-VOTE DEMAND

Attlee Also Voices Hope Polish Problem May Be Settled on Yalta Proposal.

San Francisco, April 24—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., expressed confidence today the World Security conference would succeed and Britain re-pledged her support to Russia's demand for three votes in the Security assembly.

Britain's pledge was placed on record by Maj. Clement R. Attlee, deputy prime minister, who also expressed hope that the knotty Polish controversy might be settled along the lines of the Yalta proposal for broadening the base of the present Warsaw government.

Red Proposal Sounded
Attlee said that since the Ukraine and White Russia both have foreign ministers the Russian proposal that these states be represented in the Security assembly was sound.

Stettinius, first of the Big Three to arrive by plane from Washington, confined himself to a general statement expressing confidence in the success of the conference. He declined to answer specific questions about the Polish problem which was left still unsettled when time ran out on the foreign ministers and they were forced to transfer their deliberations to San Francisco.

Stettinius' colleagues in the Polish discussions—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Foreign Commissioner V. M. Molotov—are due here later by plane from Washington.

Stettinius expressed "firm belief that the United Nations are united in their determination to succeed in establishing a World Organization."

His sentiments were echoed by the veteran statesman, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, South African premier and the only veteran of Versailles who is playing a major role at San Francisco.

"South Africa," Smuts said, "has only one proposal to make, and that is for the success of the conference. All the rest is detail."

Smuts strongly urged that the preamble of the charter setting up the peace organization declare "a statement of our faith, our objectives, the things we stand for."

Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk of Czechoslovakia, arriving in San Francisco, said that "little people should be seen and not heard." He said that later on "I may have something to howl about."

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"The imminent fall of Berlin," a Moscow radio commentator said this evening, "will break the last vestiges of resistance, the last convulsive throes of the wounded monster."

Siege Ring Closed
Unofficial advices reported that the siege ring had been closed around Berlin in a grand scale encirclement maneuver by two Red armies, trapping any Nazi leaders who stayed to see the death of their capital.

In what Moscow called Berlin's last hours, a United Press dispatch from the Soviet capital reported that the Red army and the U. S. First army had made the long-awaited junction from east to west some 60 miles south of the German capital. The report lacked official confirmation by an expected joint statement in Moscow, London and Washington on the subject.

The BBC reported that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army had broken into Charlottenburg, the sprawling area of Berlin lying directly west of the business area. Zhukov's forces had been heading straight across the core of Berlin on a siege line between the northwest and southeast parts of the city.

In Last Stand
The report tallied with an earlier hint from Nazi sources that the hard pressed defenders were falling back into the northwestern quarter of Berlin for their last stand.

One third to one half of Berlin already had been captured. The usually reliable Luxembourg radio said Red banners were flying over the ruins of the Reichstag. Also in Soviet hands, it said, were Potsdammer Platz, geographical center of the capital, Anhalter station and the famed Tiergarten.

The United Press Bureau in Moscow cabled flatly that Marshal Ivan C. Konev's First Ukrainian army has linked up with the American First army some 60 miles south of Berlin. The First White Russian army northwest of Berlin was rolling toward an imminent junction with the American Ninth army at Stendal, Moscow said.

A poll of high Soviet officers in Moscow revealed that they believed all German resistance north of Berlin and south of Dresden would be crushed in the next fortnight, leaving only the redoubt to be conquered.

End in Sight
Within the next few days, two more Russian army groups—the Second and Third White Russian—probably will smash across the Oder in the Stettin area and clear western Pomerania and Mecklenberg for a junction with Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st army group, Moscow said.

With the completion of these drives, the battle of Europe will enter the mop-up stage.

SIDE GLANCES
By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Bob McCarty, 12, excited by the arrival of twin calves for the family bossy, Dalsey May.

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CHICKENPOX CASES ON HEALTH REPORT

Twelve new cases of chickenpox and seven of measles were reported to the county health officer, Dr. A. Erin Merkel for the week ending April 20. The chickenpox was reported from Jacksonville, Shady Cove and Medford and the measles from the Applegate, Howard, Medford and Shady Cove districts.

Also listed were three cases of whooping cough, two in Eagle Point and one in Gold Hill.