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NAZI SURRENDER REPORT FALSE

RUMOR IS FALSE SAYS PRESIDENT AND EISENHOWER

White House Issues Denial; Report Based on Statement by Sen. Connally.

Washington, April 28—(U.P.)—President Truman tonight personally spiked false German surrender rumors from San Francisco and Europe. He announced to newsmen summoned to the White House that a telephone check with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower disclosed that the rumors were without foundation.

The president's announcement, gravely made, dashed hopes that had been built up all over the nation by false reports carried in radio broadcasts and blazoned in mammoth type on the front pages of extra editions of some newspapers.

The White House permitted the president's verbal announcement to be quoted directly. Here it is: "Well, I was over here as you can see doing a little work and this rumor got started."

"I had a call from San Francisco and the State Department called me. 'I just got in touch with Adm. Leahy (Adm. William D. Leahy, his personal chief of staff), and had him call our headquarters Commander-in-Chief (Gen. Eisenhower) in Europe—and there is no foundation for the rumor. 'That is all I have to say.'"

"A P" Statement

Quoting an unnamed American official in San Francisco to the effect that the Nazis had given up, the Associated Press report touched off a series of reactions that brought President Truman to the White House at 7:35 p. m. EWT prepared to issue a proclamation.

Later the AP issued this statement: "The report of the German surrender transmitted by the AP tonight from San Francisco and attributed to a 'high government official' was an accurate and factual account of a statement to AP staff men by Senator Connally, vice chairman of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations conference and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee."

"Another member of the U. S. delegation supported Senator Connally's statement. 'Senator Connally, at the time, stipulated that his name not be used. After President Truman in Washington said the report was unfounded, the vice chairman of the U. S. delegation in San Francisco again said the announcement of German surrender was expected momentarily, and removed the stipulation that he not be quoted directly.'"

Solon in Denial

San Francisco, April 28—(U.P.)—Sen. Tom Connally, D., Tex., denied tonight that he had any official information on the reported end of the European war or that he made any statement upon which the false war-end report was based.

Connally, grave-faced and obviously shaken, protested to newspaper men that all the information he had was from "various sources," and that he did expect the war end announcement momentarily.

CURB ROVING BY ALLIED WRITERS

With U. S. First Army, Germany, April 28—(U.P.)—All war correspondents have been ordered to remain west—on the Allied side—of the Elbe river and discontinue visits to the Russian lines.

The order came from army authorities, but was made at the request of the Russians, who do not permit correspondents to rove about as freely as do the American armies.

London, April 28—(U.P.)—Babies born after today will not be issued gas masks, the ministry of home security announced.

Hanged for Surrender Wish



This German lieutenant was hanged because he wanted to surrender to units of the American Seventh Army attacking Aschaffenburg. His commanding officer sentenced him to be hanged in public. American soldiers, who cut body down, look up at sign from which his body was strung. The sign reads: "Cowards and traitors are hanged. Yesterday an officer candidate from Alsace Lorraine died a hero's death while destroying an enemy tank. He lives on! Today a coward in officer's garb is hanged because he betrayed the Fuehrer and the people. He is dead forever!" Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

Manila, Sunday, April 29—(U.P.)—American infantrymen have captured the Philippines' summer capital of Baguio, in northern Luzon, and have completed the eastward crossing of Mindanao to Davao gulf, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communiqué announced today.

Baguio, in the rugged mountain country 125 miles north of Manila, fell to converging columns of the 33d (Illinois) and 37th (Ohio) divisions. They quickly consolidated their positions and took Camp John Hay, just east of the city.

The rampaging doughboys who had eliminated some of the toughest Japanese opposition of the Luzon campaign in the hills around Baguio then dashed northward toward Trinidad, four miles distant on highway number 11.

Guam, Sunday, April 29—(U.P.)—American troops moved slowly forward on southern Okinawa Friday, destroying pillboxes, caves and strongpoints with heavy artillery used to break up Japanese troop concentrations in rear areas.

Navy and marine aircraft gave constant support to the ground forces. Large groups of Japanese planes attacked U. S. shipping off Okinawa and caused some damage, sinking one auxiliary vessel, it was announced.

ITALY PATRIOTS HOLD MUSSOLINI

London, April 28—(U.P.)—Benito Mussolini has been captured and turned over to a people's tribunal at Milan for summary justice, while six of his top-drawer fascist henchmen also have fallen into the hands of Italian patriots apparently authentic reports from northern Italy said tonight.

Robert Farinacci, former secretary general of the fascist party and one of the "tough guys" who surrounded Mussolini during his heyday, was said to have been tried and executed shortly after his capture.

The patriot Milan radio was chief source of information that Marshal Dolfino Granziani, commander in chief of fascist armed forces; Achille Starace, another former party secretary; Guido Buffarini-Guidi, former secretary; and Francesco Mario Baraco, a minor official, also have been captured.

POSTMASTER NOMINATED

Harold M. Laws has been nominated as postmaster at Rogue River, Oregon, according to a Washington news dispatch.

Bulletin

Hollywood 6 13 1 Seattle 3 5 1 Marshall and Hill: Spence McLaughlin (8) Johnson (8) and Finley.

NAZIS IN MUNICH AND KIEL REVOLT, MANY SURRENDER

Patch and Armies Join—Drive Into Austria, Near Italy Border.

Paris, April 28—(U.P.)—War-weary German soldiers revolted against Nazi masters in Munich today as the American 7th army approached that birthplace of Nazism from a distance of only 25 miles and also pushed into spearheads across the Austrian border to within 49 miles of Italy.

Unconfirmed reports said German sailors had attacked the Nazis in the Kiel naval base, scene of the first internal uprising which brought an end to the last war, and there were circumstantial reports that Heinrich Himmler was about to accept unconditional surrender.

Beaten German soldiers were surrendering in droves. More than 90,000 laid down their arms to the western allies in the past 24 hours. Resistance everywhere in the narrowing areas of battle was on the wane.

Augsburg Falls

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th army drive on Munich toppled the great aircraft center of Augsburg and joined with Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd army to send five columns hammering down on Munich from the west, north and northeast.

The Americans heard the Munich radio broadcast that German troops led by Gen. Franz Ritter Von Epp, governor of Bavaria and Reich minister, one of the original organizers of the Nazi party, was leading the revolt. It announced that Germans remaining loyal to the Nazis would be treated as war criminals.

The broadcast appealed for allied planes to bomb the headquarters of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, Nazi commander on the shattered western front, at Pullach, six miles south of the city.

Later broadcasts on the Munich wavelength claimed the revolt had been quelled, indicating that Nazis had recaptured the station or the revolutionists were using a different transmitter.

In the north, a station identifying itself as the "German people's sender" said sailors had revolted in Kiel, killing those Nazi party members in their ranks and then wiping out a Nazi detachment sent to quell the uprising.

French Delay Drive

Patch's sensational drive into Austria was paced by the 10th armored division, which lunged 36 miles in 24 hours to capture the frontier city of Fussen and roll on across the border to a point within 49 miles of Italy and 38 miles of Innsbruck, northern gateway to the Brenner Pass.

Meanwhile, allied supreme headquarters issued an official statement virtually charging Gen. Jean De Latrue De Tassigny's French 1st army with delaying the 7th army's drive into Austria by refusal to give up the major German communications city of Stuttgart for a 7th army operational center.

Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. 1st army carried out only light patrols as the junction between it and the Russians was widened to 50 miles from the Chemnitz area northward to the Dessau sector as the result of the complete collapse of resistance.

SURRENDER OR DIE

Guam, April 28—(U.P.)—Japan "must surrender or die," Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz declared today as he presented more than 500 purple hearts to wounded veterans of Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

BOMB KILLS

Washington, April 28—(U.P.)—Japanese bombs killed 12 persons aboard the Liberty ship William Sharon in an attack off Mindanao, the war shipping administration announced tonight. But the ship survived, WSA said, and is now being repaired in this country.

RUSSIANS RAM TO HEART OF BERLIN; CAPITAL DOOMED

Nazi Paratroopers Dropped Into City—Many Captured, Killed.

London, April 28—(U.P.)—The Red army, breaking through Berlin's last defense line to the Alexander Platz, captured parts of the three central districts of the doomed capital today and the German radio reported Nazi paratroopers were dropping into the city in a last, desperate reinforcement gamble.

The First White Russian and First Ukrainian armies joined forces at the western edge of the Berlin downtown area, a Moscow communiqué announced. More than 45,000 Germans had been killed in two days in the hopeless defense of the city and 14,000 prisoners were taken from a huge trap southeast of the city where survivors are being "annihilated."

Forces of three Soviet armies were storming on beyond the falling capital and had gained up to 25 miles in an overwhelming offensive that was ripping what remains of Germany to shreds.

A German high command communiqué admitted that Zhukov's tireless tank teams had broken through to the Alexander Platz, eastern anchor of the Unter Den Linden line. They also penetrated to Berlin's Waterloo circle to the southwest, only 1,000 yards from the Reich Chancellery, the communiqué said.

German defenders of the erstwhile western front were reported "turning their backs" on the Americans in an effort to fight through to the relief of Berlin. Paratrooper reinforcements were dropped to the desperate garrison as well as food and supplies, the German radio said.

The Germans still held 30 square miles of Berlin, based on the Tiergarten, Unter Den Linden and the Friedrichs Potsdam and Anhalter stations. Heavy Soviet cannon, in one of the most terrible barrages of history, were obliterating everything inside that pocket.

NEWS FLOW IRKS YANK DELEGATION

San Francisco, April 28—(U.P.)—Members of the American delegation to the United Nations conference were threatening tonight to rebel against news policies imposed by the State Department.

Unrest has been developing for several days. Some delegates feel that American newspaper readers and radio listeners are NOT getting their fair share of American angle conference news.

It is a fact that much of the information regarding conference business so far has reached American newsmen through foreign sources because of the silence imposed upon the American delegation.

NAZI ATROCITIES ARE UNPRINTABLE

Washington, April 28—(U.P.)—The first member of congress to return from a visit to Germany's Buchenwald atrocity camp reported today that the actual horrors he saw were worse than anything that can ever be printed in newspapers about them.

Rep. John C. Kunkel, R., Pa., who visited the camp five days after it was liberated, told reporters: "Anything said about the place will be an understatement. If you tried to tell the actual facts you'd get into a story of obscenity and filth that would be unprintable."

WAR BULLETINS

Guam, Sunday, April 29—(U.P.)—The Japanese threw two groups of planes against American shipping off Okinawa Friday night and sank one auxiliary vessel and damaged others, it was announced today, while army forces on the island continued to move slowly forward.

London, Sunday, April 29 (U.P.)—A Finnish communiqué, heard by BBC, said today that the last German units had been driven from Finnish territory and fighting has ceased.

SUPERFORTS HIT KYUSHU AIRPORTS 4 DAYS STRAIGHT

Guam, Sunday, April 29—(U.P.)—A fleet of some 150 Superfortresses roared over southern Japan for the fourth consecutive day today to continue the punishing aerial offensive aimed at knocking out airfields on Kyushu Island.

The 21st bomber command headquarters announcement also reported "good to excellent results" in Saturday's strike against six Japanese airfields.

The B-29 offensive is the greatest series of attacks against the Japanese empire ever launched by the giant bombers. It was the 11th raid on Kyushu fields since March 27. The bombers flew at medium altitude in good weather and bombed visually.

Targets for today's raids were Miyazaki, Miyakanojo, Kokubu, Kushira and Kanyoya east airfields.

No planes were lost in Saturday's strike, it was announced. Crews reported that heavy anti-aircraft fire was met. Fighter opposition was rated as "nil to heavy." Heavy but apparently ineffectual use of phosphorous bombs against the B-29's was reported.

The raids over Japan are settling into the "milk run" category, in the opinion of fliers from Tinian bases.

HAVANA AROUSED, FRISCO IS CALM

Havana, April 28—(U.P.)—This Cuban capital staged a wild "peace" celebration tonight after a local radio station broadcast the false report that Germany had surrendered.

The station later said the report was not confirmed but a hilarious celebration already was in full swing with rockets and pistols being fired, impromptu parades filling the streets and pedestrians whistling and shouting.

San Francisco, April 28—(U.P.)—This conference-conscious city showed little excitement today when the false surrender report was publicized.

Police department officials reported "nothing to even talk about" after holding officers on duty to handle any emergencies that might have developed as the report spread.

FRENCH AMERICAN DISPUTE SETTLED

Paris, April 28—(U.P.)—The dispute between France and the United States over occupation of Stuttgart has been settled in a manner "satisfactory to all concerned," sources close to the French government said tonight.

These sources praised Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's "spirit of lofty understanding" to which it was said, the agreement was due.

Details of the agreement were not disclosed but it was understood American troops would occupy Stuttgart as long as it is necessary to provide the U. S. 7th army with a supply base but without prejudice to French claims of its postwar administration.

GOV. DEWEY SAYS WORLD COURT IS PEACE AIM NEED

U. S. Delegates Bow to Attain Objectives at San Francisco Meet.

New York, April 28—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, titular leader of the Republican party, said tonight that creation of a permanent court of International Justice "is the heart and soul" of future peace plans.

Speaking at the 48th annual American-Irish Historical Society meeting, Dewey said that thus far "practically nothing" has been heard from the San Francisco Security Conference on the world court.

"We have heard endless debates about procedure, the use of sanctions and the ultimate employment of armies, navies and air forces to keep the peace of the world," he said.

"In my opinion the court, of which we have heard so little, is the heart and soul of all our efforts. It represents, in truth, the ultimate ideal. The other matters are essential. They will be essential for many years. But if we do not lift our eyes and our hopes to the higher levels of settlement of disputes by legal process, we have made little progress away from international rule by force alone."

San Francisco, April 28—(U.P.)—Two American delegates promised tonight that the objectives of the United Nations conference will be accomplished "irrespective of how long it takes."

Assistant Secretary of State Archibald MacLish at the same time warned Americans not to expect the creation of "a brave new world" at San Francisco.

"We're not going to change the world by international agreement," he said. "Our task at San Francisco is simply to bring all of the United Nations together in permanent association, not to create some sort of utopia."

MacLish and Reprs. Sol Bloom, D., N. Y., and Charles Eaton, R., N. J., American delegates, spoke on the State Department's weekly radio program—MacLish from Washington and the Congressmen from the conference.

FILM TOUGH GUY HEADS FOR ALTAR

Hollywood, April 28—(U.P.)—Humphrey Bogart, hard-boiled screen hero, will marry Lauren Bacall, the "down-under" girl of the movies, on Author Louis Bromfield's Ohio farm as soon as he is free from his present picture making and his present wife, Bogart said today.

His wife, Mayo Methot, is completing her six-weeks residence in Las Vegas, Nev., preparatory to getting a divorce.

FRENCH ELECTION FIRST SINCE '36'

Paris, Saturday, April 28—(U.P.)—French voters go to the polls tomorrow to choose more than 600,000 municipal officials in the first elections in France since 1936. The total vote is expected to reach 23,000,000 with women, representing 60 per cent of the electorate, voting for the first time in French history. Several hundred candidates are women.

OKAY REA LOAN

Washington, April 28—(U.P.)—The senate agricultural committee voted today to divorce the rural electrification administration from the department of agriculture and then approved a bill to authorize a three-year, \$590,000,000 loan program for REA expansion.

EARLY SHOWDOWN ON SOVIET PACTS, ARGENTINA LOOMS

European Situation Speeds Security Parley—Finish Formal Speeches.

Municipal Opera House, San Francisco, April 28—(U.P.)—The United Nations headed tonight into two more showdowns between conflicting American and Russian viewpoints—whether Argentina will be invited to San Francisco and whether the new world security organization shall have the right to revise or cancel such wartime treaties as the soviet have signed with France, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and the Warsaw Polish regime.

Weekend battle lines on the Argentine issue were being drawn with prospects that the matter will be raised Monday at the conference executive committee.

The treaty fight will come later when the American proposal to amend Dumbarton Oaks to give the security council of the new world organization the right to review treaties and international agreements which create "injustice to the peoples involved" is raised in commission 111 of the present conference.

Public operations of the conference today were given over to formalities for the most part—speeches by the chairman of the participating delegations, delivered in alphabetical order.

Two plenary sessions were scheduled for today to get as many of the formal speeches out of the way and clear the decks for more rapid handling of the real business of the conference.

With Germany cracking up and the end of the European war an early possibility, conference delegates were displaying eagerness to dispatch their business with promptness in order to get back home to tackle the huge problems of reconstruction which most of them face.

Sen. Tom Connally (D., Tex.), said that if a quick surrender of Germany should come—as was anticipated in many conference quarters today—the conference would be likely to hasten its work. He noted that it would be important in event of conclusion of the European war for many of the delegates, such as Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and others to return to their capitals at the earliest possible moment.

MOSCOW VERIFIES HIMMLER'S OFFER

By United Press

Moscow radio said Saturday night that the official Tass agency "has been authorized to state" that reports of Heinrich Himmler's offer to surrender Germany to the United States and Great Britain are "confirmed in responsible soviet quarters."

The Moscow announcement was reported by the Columbia Broadcasting system.

San Francisco, April 28—(U.P.)—Diplomatic quarters suggested tonight that Heinrich Himmler has put Adolf Hitler to death as cynical evidence to the allies of his "good faith" in a desire to surrender Germany.

A high British source revealed the first evidence in what was seen here as a desperate plan by Himmler to attempt to save his own skin by negotiating the surrender of Germany.

BETS IN BELFRY

London, April 28—(U.P.)—The Salisbury diocesan guild of bell ringers today voted against a competition among church bell ringers because, according to Exchange Telegraph, a contest might lead to bets in the belfries.

DELEGATES CHEER

San Francisco, April 28—(U.P.)—Security conference delegates in plenary session at the Civic Opera House broke into cheers late today when one of the delegates held up a newspaper headlined "Nazis Quit."