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Yanks and Reds in New Hook-Ups

JUNCTURES GIVE SOLID CORRIDOR THROUGH REICH

Bulk of Survivors South of Wedge Primed for Kill by Allied Victory in Italy.

Paris, April 30—(U.P.)—American Seventh army forces today captured Munich, birthplace of Nazism, Germany's third city, and the most formidable outpost of the Nazis "national redoubt" in the Alps.

London, April 30—(U.P.)—Russian tanks were reported pouring into the Tiergarten at the center of an eight-square-mile pocket of resistance in Berlin today and to the north other Soviet forces drove within 51 miles of Hestock.

German and Russian sources both agreed that the climax in the battle of Berlin was at hand. Moscow dispatches said one more concerted lunge by the Russian siege forces would stamp out the last Nazi resistance in the dying capital.

Paris, April 30—(U.P.)—American first and ninth army troops linked up with the red army at two new points on the Elbe river below Berlin today, widening to 50 miles the allied corridor separating Germany's northern and southern fronts.

Another and more important fusion of the allied western and eastern battle lines appeared imminent in the south, where the Nazis boasted Bavarian redoubt was breaking up under converging blows from five and possibly six allied armies.

Close Wide Gap There the American third and Russian third Ukrainian armies were closing up a gap of perhaps 30 miles or less between their vanguards in the Danube valley northeast of Berchtesgaden.

Doughboys of the American ninth army drove 22 miles eastward along the northeastern bank of the Elbe to join up with the Russians for the first time in the Wittenberg area, 40 miles southwest of the enemy capital.

At the same time, U. S. first army patrolled to meet the Soviets in the same general area. The first army already was linked up with the Soviets farther south of Torgau and Reisa.

The junctures gave the Americans and Russians a solid corridor through the heart of the Reich along a 50-mile stretch of the Elbe between Wittenberg in the north and Riesa in the south.

Primed For Kill South of that wedge, the bulk of Germany's surviving armies were primed for the kill after a tremendous allied victory in northern Italy that Gen. Mark Clark announced had "torn to pieces" 25 Nazi divisions and ended all effective German resistance there.

The victory laid the southern flank of the Bavarian redoubt open to invasion by the American fifth and British eighth armies, both of which were driving up within 80-odd miles of the Brenner Pass.

Simultaneously, the American seventh army drove through the Alpine passes from the north to take the Olympic resort town of Patenkirchen, only 20 miles northwest of Innsbruck, northern exit of the Brenner Pass.

Other seventh army troops battled savage resistance from a small but fanatical German rear guard in the streets of Munich, birthplace of the Nazi party, and the fall of that city appeared imminent.

4 Nazi Generals Taken By Yankees Rome, April 30—(U.P.)—The American first armored division has captured four more German generals in northern Italy, including Major-Gen. Von Behr, commander of the 90th panzer grenadier division, and his entire staff, it was announced today.

Executive Committee Favors Inviting Argentina, Ukraine, White Russia to Conference

San Francisco, April 30—(U.P.)—The steering committee of the United Nations conference today rejected bitter Russian objections and voted, 29 to 5, to invite Argentina to sit as a member of the conference.

The group also voted to invite the Ukraine and White Russian Soviet Republics to attend the United Nations conference.

San Francisco, April 30—(U.P.)—Bids to Argentina, White Russia and the Ukraine to attend the United Nations Security Conference were approved today by the Executive Committee, it was understood, but dispute over the matter was so bitter that the entire question was referred back to the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee was expected to take final action on the matter at a meeting which still was under way at noon PWT.

However, the Steering Committee immediately was confronted by another dispute, brought on by a Russian proposal that the World Labor Congress now in session at Oakland be accredited as the official labor affiliate of the new Security Organization and be invited to send advisory delegates to the meeting.

The labor proposal was viewed gingerly by the American delegates since the American Federation of Labor is boycotting the meeting due to participation of Soviet trade unionists.

Action of the Executive Committee on Argentina, White Russia and the Ukraine was not unanimous, it was understood. However, issuance of invitations to each of the countries was approved by a two-thirds vote. Some of the delegates restrained from voting.

The Russians, it was said, continue to oppose bringing Argentina in again raising the Polish question.

Molotov Argues Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov was said to have advanced the argument that if Poland was being kept out because her government was not representative why should Argentina be invited with a government which he regarded as equally unrepresentative.

The conference was working under pressure in an effort to speed up its work in fear that the military collapse of Germany will cause delegates to start a rush back to their home countries in Europe.

It was reported that the 14-nation Executive Committee vote on the Argentine question was nine to three. China abstained from voting. There was said to be one absentee.

The vote needed on committee recommendations to override a veto of a major power in the Executive Committee was said to be two-thirds vote of the full committee which would be 10, but with an absentee a two-thirds vote would be nine.

San Francisco, April 30—(U.P.)—Two men were killed and three wounded in a gun battle Sunday in a Weiser school basement as tempted to capture two Portland men allegedly caught stealing gasoline Saturday in Nampa, Idaho.

Dead were Sgt. Ted Chambers, Oregon state policeman of Ontario, Ore., formerly of Prairie City in Grant county, and William Ronald Duffey, 22, one of the fugitives.

The wounded were Richard O'Brien, Ontario state police officer, formerly of Bend, Ore., Chief of Police Clarence Saunders of Weiser and the second fugitive, Kenneth Bailey, 28.

Traced to School Deputy Sheriff Al Wenter of Washington county said he, O'Brien, Saunders and Chambers traced the men to the school and were fired upon as they entered the basement, where the two hid.

Sergeant Chambers was killed instantly, Officer O'Brien was shot in the shoulder, and Chief Saunders in the arm. Saunders was then captured by the bandits and used as protection when the fugitives broke from the cellar.

Fierce gunplay continued as the two ran through a nearby field, using Saunders as guard. Rifle fire from officers finally dropped Duffey, later pronounced dead, and wounded Bailey, who was taken to a hospital.

German Doctor Admits Murdering 21,000 In Annihilation Institute

By Jack Fleischer United Press Correspondent U. S. 12th Army Group Headquarters, April 24—(Delayed)—Dr. Gustav Wilhelm Schuebbe said today the Nazi annihilation institute at Kiev killed from 110,000 to 140,000 persons "unworthy to live" during the nine months he worked here.

Schuebbe, a crippled drug addict captured by first army troops recently, admitted he had murdered about 21,000 persons. He told his story voluntarily and showed no feeling of guilt but occasionally became evasive when he appeared to sense that his actions might be viewed as crimes.

The annihilation institute was established after the Germans captured Kiev in 1941. Schuebbe was there about five months before he became head of it.

He remained at the institute until March, 1942.

The persons "unworthy to live" included epileptics, schizophrenics, Jews, members of foreign races and gypsies, he said.

Victims were killed by injections of EMM preparations, Schuebbe said.

"EMM stands for morphium tartrate."

He said the victim showed "breathing difficulties, a shrinking of the pupils of the eye; the face rapidly assumes a blue color, there is sporadic breathing, then a breathing stoppage and heart stoppage. Exitus lethalis."

The doctors were aided by Nazi secret service men who were dressed in the uniform of medical aidmen and whose job it was to hold the patient.

PEACE SITUATION RE-EXAMINED BY BRITISH CABINET

Envoy Bringing Himmler's Reaction to Allied Unconditional Policy, Is Word.

London, April 30—(U.P.)—The British cabinet late today re-examined the "peace" situation amid reports that an envoy was on the way to Stockholm with Heinrich Himmler's reaction to an allied reiteration of the unconditional surrender policy.

Prime Minister Churchill and his colleagues were closeted in a regular meeting of the cabinet, and the authoritative British Press Association said the "peace position was fully discussed." Military leaders attended the meeting as usual.

No Compromise Many responsible sources believed that if a new Nazi capitulation offer were being forwarded, it would be Himmler's agreement to unconditional surrender since week-end developments evidently made it manifest that the allies were interested in nothing less.

A Paris dispatch said that with the "capitulation of Germany apparently imminent," the French government was taking steps to establish a claim that France be one of a "Big Four" to which the nazis must give up.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault was understood to have been instructed to take up the matter at San Francisco with Edward R. Stettinius, Anthony Eden and V. M. Molotov, the Big Three foreign ministers.

Information reached French government sources that Adolf Hitler recently asked the Japanese government for permission to fly to Japan, there to continue the war against the allies. Japan was said to have refused on grounds that such action would embroil Tokyo with Russia—an eventuality the Japanese wanted to avoid as long as possible.

Teeth Kicked In There, for a night and day they spat upon their fallen leader, shot his body in the back and kicked his face into a toothless pulp.

For hours after the body of the executed dictator was brought to Milan with that of his mistress and 16 other slain Fascist leaders, Mussolini lay in a filthy pile of dirt in the center of the square. Then the mob tied wire about the ankles of Il Duce and Clara Petacci and suspended them upside down from the roof of the gasoline station.

Hysterical men and women closed in screaming about the dangling corpses and beat and kicked the dictator's face into an unrecognizable pulp. His teeth were knocked out and the famed jutting jaw fell over his upper lip.

His mistress' skirt was torn off and people spat upon both bodies.

When the mob tired of its ghastly sport the bodies were taken down and pumped into an open truck. They were carted to the city morgue and the pair were placed on a metal slab in the morgue courtyard.

16 Henchmen Shot Sharing the morgue with Il Duce and Clara were the bodies of 16 of his henchmen, executed like them by Italian patriots after a "people's trial." They shared his final disgrace as they had the infamy of his life.

The execution took place at 4:20 p.m. Saturday near the town of Dongo, on Lake Como. Mussolini was killed at the villa where he had been living since their arrest last Friday night with Clara Petacci, the Rome doctor's daughter who wanted to be a movie star.

Mussolini, the "jackal" to the last, was caught as he attempted to flee to Switzerland in a 30-car convoy, his bulky frame cloaked in a German military overcoat to escape detection.

Bodies Filled Together The others, whose bodies were piled here with Mussolini's, included: Alessandro Pavolini, former propaganda minister and secretary of state in Mussolini's fascist

puppet government. Francesco Maria Barracu, undersecretary to the premier. Dr. Paolo Zerbino, minister of the interior.

Fernando Messazoma, minister of popular culture. Ruggero Romano, minister of public works. Augusto Liverani, undersecretary of state for communications.

Goffredo Coppola, rector of the University of Bologna. Paolo Porta, a fascist party inspector. Luigi Gatti, a prefect. Ernesto Daquanno, editor of Stefano News Agency.

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(Rome dispatches said the following also were killed: Roberto Farinacci, former fascist party secretary. Achille Starace, another former party secretary. Osvaldo Valenti and Louisa Feriza, movie stars. Guido Bufarini-Guidi, former minister of interior.

(Vito Casalnuova, a colonel in the national republican guard and Pietro Salustri, Mussolini's personal pilot.)

Italians Vent Wrath On Dead Duce



Mussolini's Body Kicked, Spat Upon In Milan Square

Milan, April 30—(U.P.)—The broken body of Benito Mussolini lay unclaimed beside his slain mistress in the Milan morgue today, dishonored in death by the people he led to empire and ruin.

The fallen Duce died badly in the sight of the partisan executioners who killed him and his paramour, Clara Petacci, in their hideout on Lake Como last Saturday.

And the people he ruled for two decades paid him their last tribute by hanging his remains head down from the rafters of a gasoline station in Milan's Loreto square.

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25 NAZI DIVISIONS CLAWED TO PIECES AVERS GEN. CLARK

German Military Power Practically Ceased; Allied Armies Race Through North.

Rome, April 30—(U.P.)—Allied victory in Italy was announced today by Gen. W. Clark in a triumphant proclamation that 25 German divisions had been "torn to pieces" and no longer could resist effectively the U. S. 5th and British 8th armies.

"The military power of Germany in Italy has practically ceased," Clark said. His statement put the official seal on clearcut evidence that Nazi resistance in north Italy was collapsing.

Venice Captured The allied commander in Italy issued his victory announcement as his 5th and 8th armies were stampeding through north Italy. The British captured Venice, Yugoslavian forces were reported fighting in the streets of Trieste toward which the British 8th army was driving only 58 miles away. The Americans took Alexandria in northwest Italy and the British took Chiagina in the northeast on the Adriatic sea.

As New Zealanders of the Polyglot 8th reached the Piave river, 17 miles northeast of Venice, radio Belgrade reported Marshal Tito's forces had entered Trieste.

In northern Italy, American 5th army forces raced northward 40 miles from Genoa to capture Alexandria, halfway along the highway from Genoa to Turin. That put them within 78 miles of the French frontier, where French forces had crossed into Italy.

Battle For Pass The only sign of German resistance was at the northern end of Lake Garda, where the nazis were battling to keep open the Brenner Pass, 80 miles to the north. A communique described the resistance as "fairly heavy."

But elsewhere the rout of the beaten Nazi armies in north Italy continued. One entire German division—the 148th Infantry division—surrendered to the Brazilian troops fighting with the 5th army.

Negotiations continued for the surrender of the Italian Ligurian army of captured Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, an estimated five divisions numbering perhaps 50,000 troops.

The allied bag of prisoners had soared to the 100,000 mark and more were pouring into the cages. Dispatches from the front said it was obvious the Germans no longer were putting up an organized fight.

BUSINESS FIRMS, CHURCHES SLATE VE DAY SERVICES Churches of Medford have planned a union victory service of "thanksgiving and praise" for "VE" Day, according to the Rev. Fred M. Weatherford, president of the Medford Ministerial association.

The announcement states that if VE-Day occurs on a Sunday morning, the union services will be held in the Church of the Nazarene, Holly at First street, at 3 p. m., and if on a week day, services will be held at the same place at 7:30 p. m.

Special music for the event is being arranged and the ministers have selected Milo Ross and the Rev. Lewis Kirby to conduct the service.

The Merchants' Association of Medford today repeated instructions for closing for the information of Medford's residents. If the VE-Day announcement is received after 12 noon, stores will be closed immediately and will remain closed the following day.

If received before noon, when stores are open, they shall be closed immediately for that day only, and will be open the next business day. If announcement is received at night, the stores will remain closed the next business day.

END OF BLACKOUT Moscow, April 30—(U.P.)—Moscow's four-year blackout will be lifted tonight.

SUICIDE PLANE BASES RAZED BY 200 SUPERFORTS

More than 200 American superfortresses attacked the Japanese homeland again today, concentrating on Kyushu's bases for suicide planes, one of which crashed onto the U. S. Navy hospital ship Comfort Saturday night.

The attack on the Comfort killed 29 persons, seriously injured 33 and badly damaged the brightly-lighted ship as it steamed unescorted 60 miles south of Okinawa, a communique said. One other person was missing.

Arsenal Blasted While most of the B-29's in today's fleet blasted at the Kyushu airfields for the fifth straight day, others bombed the Takikawa army arsenal, 24 miles west of Tokyo.

Radio Tokyo said 100 Mustang fighters accompanied 100 B-29's in the Takikawa raid.

Despite recent crushing air blows against Kyushu, the Japanese sent 200 planes against U. S. forces around Okinawa Saturday night and Sunday causing some damage to light fleet units.

The American defenses shot down 104 of the planes.

A Tokyo broadcast claimed the Japanese suicide planes sank or damaged four aircraft carriers and four other ships off Okinawa last night. Another enemy broadcast said 13 American transports and warships were sunk off Okinawa Saturday.

Move On Naha American troops on southern Okinawa were reported moving steadily toward Naha, the capital, with support of heavy land, air and naval bombardment.

Units of the 27th division had captured half the Machinato airfield, two miles north of Naha, and to the east seventh division troops captured new high ground near Koshi village.

On Mindanao in the southern Philippines, American troops split the island in two and pushed south along Davao Gulf after capturing Padava airfield, 31 miles from Davao.

YOUTHS ARE HELD FOR KEEPING LATE HOURS Two 15-year-old youths were picked up by Ashland city police last night for keeping late hours and are lodged in the Jackson county jail. One is from Eugene and the other from San Francisco. Their parents have been notified and are coming for them.

110,000 FREED BY AMERICAN THIRD

With U. S. Third Army in Germany, April 30—(U.P.)—The American Third army today liberated 110,000 Allied prisoners from a German prison camp north of Munich.

In the greatest single mass liberation of the war, Gen. George Patton's troops overran the Moosberg prisoner-of-war camp and freed the cheering Allied captives.

Among them were at least 11,000 American prisoners. Moosberg was taken by the 47th tank battalion of Patton's 14th Armored Division.

Liberated Herriot Arrives in Moscow Moscow, April 30—(U.P.)—Edouard Herriot, thrice premier of France and former president of the French Chamber of Deputies, arrived in Moscow with his wife today after being liberated by the Red army from the Germans near Berlin.

The 73-year-old French statesman was freed April 22 and was brought here on a special plane placed at his disposal by Soviet military authorities at Berlin.

Outside the City Hall in San Francisco is a statue of Lincoln by Haig Patigian, noted California sculptor.