

# Hamburg Captured; Nazis Flee to Denmark and Norway; Organized Resistance Melting Rapidly Throughout Reich

## Word of Hitler's Death Breaks German Morale; Thousands Surrendering

Paris, May 3.—(U.P.)—The British 2nd army captured Hamburg and a half-million thoroughly beaten Nazi troops today. The remnants of Germany's northern armies fled for Denmark and Norway by land and sea under a terrible rain of bombs and aerial gunfire. Organized German resistance in the north and, in fact, all across the European continent, was melting away at an incredible speed in the wake of the unconditional surrender of northern Italy and western Austria with their garrisons of almost 1,000,000 men.

7th JOINS 3rd FOR FINAL ASSAULT  
American 7th army troops in the south swept up another 50,000 prisoners along the western flank of the Bavarian redoubt and plunged across the Inn river in force to join with Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. 3rd army in the final assault on the Nazi stronghold at Berchtesgaden.

Unconfirmed Moscow reports said Patton's men were only 10 miles north of Berchtesgaden—about 30 miles closer than the 7th army—after capturing Hitler's native city of Braunau on the Inn. Patton's men also were closing fast on the Austrian city of Linz, farther to the east, where they were expected to join forces with the Red army.

The British 2nd army in the north already had linked up with the Russians on the Baltic and at several other points northwest of Berlin, severing Denmark and Norway from the Reich and trapping countless thousands of enemy troops.

MORALE BROKEN BY HITLER'S DEATH  
Everywhere German morale appeared to have broken on the Nazi announcement of Hitler's death.

Fighting in the northern Reich apparently was all but ended. The British worked feverishly to disarm the hordes of German soldiers streaming through their lines.

Hamburg, the second city and greatest port of the Reich, was occupied by the British without firing a shot after its Nazi defenders had declared it an "open city."

## First Photo of Nazi Surrender



The documents of unconditional surrender of German forces in Italy and Western Austria are signed by the German representative of Supreme Commander Karl Wolff, Plenipotentiary of the Wehrmacht in Italy. The signing took place in the office of Lt. Gen. W. C. Morgan, Chief of Staff, AFHQ. (British official photo via Signal Corps Radio Telephoto from Acme.)

## TRUMAN VETOES DEFERMENT FOR FARM WORKERS

Legislation Would Be Injustice to Those Already Inducted, States President.

Washington, May 3.—(U.P.)—President Truman today vetoed legislation to defer large numbers of agricultural workers. He said it would be an injustice to those already inducted or about to be inducted.

The joint resolution, introduced by Rep. John A. Flannagan, D. Va., chairman of the house agriculture committee, was designed to halt induction of farm workers who are deemed necessary to agriculture.

President Truman said this would be a marked departure from the sound principles thus far adhered to under the original selective service provision barring deferments for occupational groups.

Only One Test  
"The sole test under the law is whether the individual can better serve his country in the armed forces or in an essential activity in support of the war effort," the president said in his veto message.

"This provision is the foundation stone of our selective service system under which over 10,000,000 men have been selected for the colors to make the greatest military force in the history of this nation."

The bill, he said, "would single out one special class of our citizens, the agricultural group, and put it on a plane above both industrial occupation and military services."

Veto of the Flannagan resolution does not affect the Tydings amendment governing farm deferments. This part of the existing law, which remains in effect, states that any essential farm worker shall be deferred so long as he remains on his farm job or until a replacement has been found for him.



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## MARION MARTIN, G.O.P. LEADER, TO BE HERE MONDAY

Miss Marion Martin, national committeewoman for the Republican party for Maine and assistant chairman of the Republican National committee, will be in Medford next Monday to meet with party leaders.

## WAR BULLETINS

London, May 3.—(U.P.)—A BBC front reported, broadcasting over the army radio, said today that "a general surrender of the German forces facing Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's (British Second) army may come at any moment."

London, May 3.—(U.P.)—A Kalundborg, Denmark, radio said today in a broadcast purported to be in the name of the German government that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, the new Nazi Fuehrer, will not (not) lay down arms.

A speaker identified as Albert Speer, Nazi minister of arms and munitions, made the Kalundborg broadcast, and said he was speaking in the name of the government.

With British Forces in Germany, May 3.—(U.P.)—The British second army took an estimated 500,000 German prisoners in the last 24 hours. Many German generals approached the British to surrender their forces.

By United Press  
The Columbia Broadcasting system reported from Sweden today that British troops had crossed the frontier into Denmark in the area of Aabenraa, on the east coast of the Jutland peninsula.

## New Russian Proposal Brings Progress In Solution Of Knotty Polish Problem

San Francisco, May 3.—(U.P.)—Progress toward solution of the Polish problem was reported today at the United Nations conference as it buckled down to the job of writing a charter for enduring peace.

The United Press was informed that the deadlock in negotiations on reorganization of the Warsaw provisional Polish government had been broken by the conference's big three on the basis of a new proposal for several days.

No Final Agreement  
It was pointed out that no final agreement has yet been reached and that the negotiations could again run into a snag. But the new soviet proposal was discussed yesterday by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, it was learned, and some progress was made.

Meanwhile, the conference itself split up into four commissions which today organize for the hard grind of drafting a charter to make the world safe to live in. The routine plenary session talk-fest has ended.

Everyone here on the whole is happy and hopeful despite the preliminary battles which took place. The only shadow over this gathering is the possibility that events in Europe may force key delegates to leave before the charter is completed.

Molotov Still Here  
Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov is still around but he already has told the American delegation that he must leave in a few days.

Sen. Henri Rollin of Belgium, as president of commission I, will supervise drafting of the several provisions of the international organization charter. Those provisions include the preamble of the organization charter, a statement of its purposes, principles and membership.

Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa is president of commission II. He will supervise the creation of the organization's general assembly. Commission II will make proposals regarding the structure and procedures of the assembly, its political and security functions and methods of economic and social cooperation.

Norwegian To Aid  
Foreign Minister Trygve Lie of Norway is president of commission III which will deal with the powerful security council on which the United States, the Soviet Union, China and Great Britain will have permanent seats. The security council is the top body of the international organization.

The security council will have the authority to decide where, when and how armed force shall be used to keep the peace.

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## STIMSON IS SURE HITLER DEFUNCT

Washington, May 3.—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today that he believes Adolf Hitler is dead and that "the war against Germany has not long to run."

President Truman had expressed similar beliefs yesterday. Stimson also told his press conference that the 15th U. S. army has been designated as an occupational force in Europe.

He said the 15th was the only U. S. army so designated to date and added that future events will determine whether there will be others.

MORE FREIGHT  
Washington, May 3.—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended April 28 rose 35,158 cars to a new high since Oct. 28, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

## 26 Wed, 25 Divorce During Past Month

During April, 26 marriage licenses were issued and 25 divorce suits filed in this county, the county clerk's office reports. The count would have ended in a tie, but one couple withdrew their separation complaint. April marriage applications were chiefly from civilians with a handful of military service filings.

STETTINIUS, PUBLISHER TUFF IN HOTEL LOBBY  
San Francisco, May 3.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and Eugene Meyer, publisher of the Washington Post had a brief but heated exchange of words in a hotel lobby here over an editorial in the Post. It was learned today. The editorial was critical of the State Department.

## MERCURY HITS 91 IN LAST 2 DAYS; LIGHTNING PLAYS

The 91 degrees registered May 1 and 2 were the hottest days of the year so far, according to weather bureau records, but no records were broken. Records show that above 90 degrees is common for May, and May 22 of 1941 the thermometer registered 100 degrees.

Thunderstorms are not uncommon for the month of May either, the records show, the monthly average being two for the last 18 years.

No material damage resulted from last night's electrical storm in the valley, according to Rogue River National forest state forest patrol and California-Oregon Power company officials.

Forest officials said their lookouts have not yet been placed in the mountains and any fire reports so early in the season would have to come from those residing in the forest areas.

Lights went out briefly in Ashland about 9 o'clock when lightning in the air formed an arc on Copco's transmission line but no serious damage resulted. Copco employees said. Most of the storm was back in the hills away from Copco lines. Flickering of lights is to be expected during an electrical storm in the vicinity according to Copco.

## FOOD STORES IN AGREEMENT UPON V-E DAY CLOSING

Food stores of this city will adhere to a plan for observance of V-E Day, taking into consideration the urgent need for conservation of perishable foods, it was announced today. The action will include all members of the food store division of the Medford Retailers association.

According to this plan all food stores will close immediately if V-E Day is officially proclaimed and whistles sounded during the day. They will open for business as usual the following day so that perishable foods will not be lost. Should victory be announced on Saturday the stores will remain open for the remainder of the day and close Sunday. In case official word is received during the night the food stores will open for business as usual the following morning.

Food retailers call attention to the urgent request of the government that industries not be interrupted on V-E Day, and consider their plan consistent with the spirit of this day. When stores recently closed in observance of the death of President Roosevelt perishable foods that could not be easily spared were lost through spoilage.

## TRADE CLASSES SET OPEN HOUSE

Members of the Future Craftsmen club and the day trade classes of Medford senior high school are holding the first annual open house Friday at 7:30 p. m. in the shop building. The program has been arranged with the help of Alan Kircher, superintendent of the Future Craftsmen club, L. A. Mentzer, coordinator and carpentry instructor, and Scott E. Brill, sheet metal instructor.

Visitors will have an opportunity to see the students at work in the carpentry and sheet metal departments, demonstrating machine wood-working, wood turning, welding, sheet metal forming and riveting. Mechanical and architectural drawing classes will have exhibits and souvenirs will be given to visitors.

The craftsmen will conduct a meeting in the auditorium at 8:30 and will show a motion picture of interest to all, it is stated. Refreshments will be served from a snack bar.

## Johnston Retains C of C Presidency

Washington, May 3.—(U.P.)—The U. S. chamber of commerce board of directors today elected Eric A. Johnston, Spokane, Wash., to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the chamber.

Three of Johnston's predecessors served three terms, but none was named to a fourth.

## Italians Conquest Costly For U.S.

Washington, May 3.—(U.P.)—The conquest of Italy cost the United States more than 10,000 combat casualties, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed today.

Stimson told his press conference that the U. S. Fifth Army had suffered 109,163 casualties from the start of the Italian campaign to April 28.

By April 28, the Germans in Italy had been sent into the headlong rout which culminated in their unconditional surrender yesterday.

Of the Fifth's losses 21,577 were listed as killed, 77,248 wounded, and 10,338 missing. Meanwhile, total U. S. combat casualties in all theaters officially reported here approached within less than 50,000 of an even 1,000,000. The overall figure was 950,472, including 848,089 army and 102,383 navy, marine corps, and coast guard casualties.

This represented a jump of 21,099 from the total of a week ago.

## Aussies Fan Out Off Borneo Coast On Tarakan Isle

Australian invasion forces fanned out over Tarakan Island today in a direct bid to recover Borneo oil and rubber sources stolen by the Japanese.

Far to the northwest, other allied troops entered Rangoon, Japanese-occupied capital of Burma, bringing nearer the end of a three-year campaign to drive the enemy from the country.

Meanwhile, 50 to 100 American Superfortresses truck their 13th neutralizing blow since March 27 at Japanese suicide-plane bases on Kyushu, southern most of Japan's home islands.

Resistance Slight  
The Australians meeting only light resistance on Tarakan off the east coast of Borneo, threatened to overrun the island's airfield and the burning town of Tarakan.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing the invasion, said it virtually severed the enemy's holdings in the south.

The B-29 raid on Kyushu was in support of American forces on southern Okinawa where two more U. S. divisions have been hurled against the five-mile Japanese defense line across the island.

The new units were the 77th infantry division and the first marine division, bringing the attack force to five divisions.

## Churchill Absent As Commons Meets

London, May 3.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill failed to appear in Commons today, promptly entirely unconfirmed speculation that he might be away on some business connected with peace negotiations.

Churchill's absence was exceptional. Party leaders knew before the House convened that he would not attend.

## More Food Dropped To Starving Dutch

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## 103 SHIPS IN APRIL

Washington, May 3.—(U.P.)—U. S. Merchant Shipyards turned out 103 ships with a total of 1,004,073 deadweight tons during April.

## PEACE SETTLES ON ITALY FRONT

Rome, May 3.—(U.P.)—New Zealand troops raced along the Adriatic coast to occupy the port of Trieste today while peace settled over the rest of the Italian front.

First official reports did not clarify the position at Trieste, which the Yugoslav army of Marshal Tito claimed to have occupied yesterday.

In the rest of Italy, the noise of battle had died away for the first time since the Salerno invasion in September, 1943. Hundreds of thousands of allied troops and nearly a million enemy troops stood by while the physical details of completing the German surrender were worked out.

The allied armies which won the great victory got strong hints from their commanders they would be transferred to the east for the final fight against Japan.

## Prague Hospital

Even as they marched into the wrecked port, radio Hamburg was broadcasting a proclamation from Fuehrer Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz' new government declaring Prague a hospital city. That indicated strongly that the German armies in Czechoslovakia might also be preparing to capitulate.

Persistent but still unconfirmed reports said the three other great pockets of enemy resistance—Denmark, Holland and Norway—also were preparing to quit the hopeless fight. Negotiations for their surrender were said to be in progress.

Tens of thousands of Germans were still struggling to escape from north Germany into Denmark and Norway, however, in a frenzied race to delay their inevitable capture.

Allied fliers pounced on the fleeing enemy convoys in what front dispatches described as one of the biggest aerial massacres in history.

Hundreds of Nazi trucks and cars were blasted into blazing wreckage and rocket-firing British warplanes set dozens of troop-packed ships aflame in the Baltic north of Kiel.

## INVITE A.F.L. TO LABOR COUNCIL

Oakland, Cal., May 3.—(U.P.)—Delegates to the World Trade Union conference today put out the welcome mat for the American Federation of Labor and awaited a reply to their demand that labor be officially represented at the United Nations conference across the bay in San Francisco.

President Philip Murray of the CIO last night joined Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the British Trade Union congress, in an appeal to the AFL to join representatives of workers throughout the world in forming an international labor congress. A constitution for the congress is being drafted here at sessions which have been boycotted thus far by the AFL of Russian participation.

The older U. S. labor organization contends Russian unions are not free because they are government-controlled.

## EQUALIZATION BOARD TO CONVENE MAY 14

The Board of Equalization for Jackson county is scheduled to convene Monday, May 14, to consider any tax protests which may be filed. The board is composed of the county judge, county clerk and county assessor. All protests must be filed by June 30, final day of the tax year.

## VETS ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION SIGNED

Washington, May 3.—(U.P.)—President Truman today signed legislation appropriating \$3,121,900,230 to operate miscellaneous independent offices of the government during the year beginning July 1.

The measure includes \$2,607,119,250 for the Veterans' Administration for hospitals, pensions, life insurance and veterans' benefits authorized in the GI Bill of Rights.

## SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
City policemen wondering what rascal had off with their "Closed on V-E Day" sign.

Carl Janouch helpfully trying to find Engineer Hart of the reclamation bureau a place to live.

## EIGHTH AIR FORCE DUE FOR SHIF TO FAR EAST

London, May 3.—(U.P.)—With the strategic bombing of Germany completed it was expected today that the U. S. eighth air force eventually would be shifted to the Far East.

Details of how or when the Flying Fortress and Liberator groups will be transferred was a secret but it was believed these bombers would be coordinated with B-29 Superfortresses in the campaign against Japan.

## RECLAMATION OFFICES IN FEDERAL BUILDING

F. C. Hart, engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation, has established offices in the federal building in Medford, moving here early in the week from Grants Pass. Hart and three assistants are engaged in project investigations for the bureau and came here from Grants Pass, where the office had been maintained since 1939. For the present, the staff is quartered in rooms loaned by the Crater Lake National Park service.

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