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KURT SCHUSCHNIG RELEASED FROM GERMAN PRISON

Last Chancellor Of Prewar Austria Dramatically Rescued by American Soldiers

Paris, May 7. — (U.P.) — Kurt Schuschnig, the last chancellor of prewar Austria who repeatedly had been reported dead in a Nazi prison camp, emerged safely from seven years' imprisonment today after a dramatic rescue by American troops.

Schuschnig was liberated by doughboys of the U. S. 5th army at Dobbiaco in the Italian Alps last Friday, after the Nazis had moved him from camp to camp in a futile effort to conceal his whereabouts.

Wife Also Freed

Rescued with the Austrian leader who defied Adolf Hitler in 1938 and refused to consent to the "anschluss" with Germany, were his wife, the former Countess Vera Fugger-Czernin, whom he married by proxy while a Gestapo prisoner in Vienna.

Greeks Rescued

The doughboys also rescued former Hungarian Premier Nicholas Kallay, and a number of Greek generals, including Gen. Alexander Papagos, one-time Greek commander-in-chief.

From other American forces coming through the mountains of Bavaria and Austria came word that a host of Nazi Germany's most prized prisoners also were on their way home, men with names like Winant, Daladier, and Reynaud.

JURY SELECTION UNDER WAY FOR TRIAL OF WOLF

Trial of James A. Wolf, 63, charged with second degree murder for the alleged "sharp instrument" slaying of Percy H. James, 43, last February 4, as the climax of a street altercation in Gold Hill, began in circuit court today before Judge Herbert K. Hanna.

Questioning of the tentative jurors proceeded slowly with five women in the box. Attorney Don R. Newbury asked jurors if they had been influenced by reading accounts of the affray in newspapers. The state was represented by District Attorney George W. Neilson and Deputy District Attorney Allison Moulton. The court also advised the jury on acceptance of evidence, other than that spoken from the witness stand.

To Call Dozen

A dozen residents of Gold Hill are scheduled to be called to testify by the state and it is anticipated that the defense will call the slight-built defendant and character witnesses and will introduce depositions of persons now residents of Arkansas. It was also indicated self-defense would be one of the defenses.

Following completion of the jury, expected late today, opening statements of both sides will be made. The trial is expected to last three or four days.

The two principals in the tragedy were friends, and were fellow employees of the Pacific Beaver Cement company plant.

One Million German Troops Surrender to Marshal Montgomery!



Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery (right) reads over surrender agreement as German officers wait for him to sign document which guaranteed unconditional surrender of all enemy forces—more than one million troops—in Denmark, Holland and northwest Germany. German delegates (seated) are, left to right: Maj. Friede, intelligence officer on Admiral Von Friedeberg's staff; Rear Admiral Wagner, one of Von Friedeberg's staff officers; and Admiral Von Friedeberg, commander in chief of German navy. Signal Corps radio-telephoto.

TWENTY NIP SHIPS WRECKED BY NAVY IN DARING STRIKE

Guam, May 7. — (U.P.) — The wreckage of more than 20 enemy merchant ships remained today as evidence of a daring strike by U. S. navy land-based planes on perhaps Japan's most guarded sea lanes.

The ships, ranging from large oilers to small cargo vessels, were blasted by the navy bombers in low level sweeps over Tsushima and Korea Straits, between Korea and Kyushu, and in the Yellow Sea off western Korea.

A force of nearly 50 Superfortresses struck near the same area today in a new attack on the Japanese suicide plane bases on Kyushu. The targets were the airfields at Kanoya, Ibuski, Oita and Usa. Early reports said good results were obtained in the raids.

In the shipping attacks in the enemy home waters during the week-end, the navy bombers definitely sank four vessels, including two large oilers, and heavily damaged at least 16 other cargo craft. A number of the latter ships were left burning and sinking.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced that heavy units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, in conjunction with carrier planes and land-based aircraft, continued the bombardment of Okinawa, although his communique gave no further report of the 10th army drive on Naha, capital of the island.

Allied Navy Force At Oslo Entrance

London, May 7. — (U.P.) — The Swedish home radio said today that an allied naval force of 48 ships has been sighted at the entrance to Oslo Fjord and that a landing on Norwegian soil is expected at any moment.

LOOSE CIGARET SALE BANNED AFTER MAY 12

Washington, May 7. — (U.P.) — Sales of loose cigarettes of any brand will be prohibited beginning May 12, the office of price administration announced today. Some dealers have been selling them for a penny each. After May 12 they must be sold by the package.

ALUMINUM PROCESS

Pittsburgh, May 7. — (U.P.) — Scrap aluminum can now be converted into new aluminum by a novel process, revealed today by the Aluminum Ore Co., subsidiary of Aluminum Co. of America.

Churches Observe V-E Day Tuesday; Store Plans Same

Milo Ross, president of the Medford Ministerial association, said today that as news sources indicated V-E day would be held tomorrow and therefore united church services will be held tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Presbyterian church, 45 South Holly street.

Plans for store closing in celebration of V-E day remain as published Sunday, the Medford Merchants association said. If official victory news is received between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m., retail establishments will close the balance of that day only. Under any circumstances, stores will open for business the following day.

POLES MAY SEEK DUAL TRIAL FOR 16 HELD BY REDS

London, May 7. — (U.P.) — The Lublin radio said today that the Polish provisional government may demand that 16 Polish leaders arrested by the Russians be tried both in Warsaw and Moscow for "high treason."

The Lublin radio said that "public opinion in Poland received with indignation news of the action of (Gen. Leopold) Okulicki and his accomplices who are accused of carrying out diversionary activities against the red army."

Treason Seen

"Because the criminal activities of Okulicki and his accomplices were also directed against the reborn Polish state it constitutes high treason," the radio said.

"The provisional government reserves the right to demand that Okulicki and his accomplices be turned over to the Polish authorities in order to be indicted in the courts of the republic as well."

Diplomatic sources in London said today that President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill already were taking up with Premier Stalin the mysterious Soviet arrest of the 16 Polish underground leaders.

Portal-To-Portal Pay Is Required

Washington, May 7. — (U.P.) — The supreme court ruled today that the federal wage-hour law requires soft coal miners to be paid portal-to-portal travel-time wages.

Eisenhower Receives Praise From Britain's King George

London, May 7. — (U.P.) — King George sent the following message tonight to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower:

"Eleven months ago you led the allied expeditionary force across the English channel, carrying with you the hopes and prayers of millions of men and women of many nations.

"To you was entrusted the task of annihilating the German armies in western Europe, thus liberating the peoples whom they had enslaved.

"All the world now knows that after fierce and continuous warfare this force has accomplished its mission with a finality achieved by no other such expedition in history.

Grateful to All

"On behalf of all my people, I ask that you, its supreme commander, will tell its members how deeply grateful we are to them and how unbounded is our admiration for the courage and determination which under wise leadership have brought them to the goal of complete and crushing victory.

"I would ask you also to convey a special message of congratulation to my own forces now under your command. Throughout the campaign they have acquitted themselves in all services with valor and distinction for which their fellow countrymen will forever hold them in honor."

Victory In Europe Will Lift Brownout: Most Home Front Controls Will Remain

Washington, May 7. — (U.P.) — The brownout ends with the complete victory in Europe. The horse racing ban and the midnight curfew on entertainers are expected to be lifted too.

Civilian motorists may be able to get more gasoline within several weeks.

But otherwise the victory in Europe brings no prospect of early relaxation of the home front controls that directly affect individuals.

Food Problem Acute

The food situation in particular remains acute and will be so for many months. It may even get worse before it gets better.

That, in brief, sums up the picture outlined by government officials. They reminded that the war in the Pacific and the relief needs of Europe still will make enormous demands on home front supplies of goods and manpower.

Former Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes said April 1 that V-E day should bring an end to the brownout, the midnight curfew on pleasure and the ban on horse racing. WPB Chairman J. A. Krug confirmed on May 5 that the brownout would end on V-E day.

Here is the supply outlook in more detail:

Food—The food situation will remain tight—and perhaps become tighter—as the United States fulfills its commitments to provide relief to the war-torn countries of Europe. The meat shortage will continue and possibly become more acute. Strict sugar rationing will continue throughout the war with Japan. There is no immediate prospect for easing restrictions on processed foods and fats and oils.

Autos Due Soon

Automobiles—Cars should be rolling off assembly lines within three or four months after this 100 per cent war industry is given a go-ahead.

Other durable goods — War Production Board officials expect almost all types—refrigerators, radios, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, alarm clocks

UNCIO INVITATION FOR DENMARK IS NORWEGIAN PLEA

U. S. State Department Asked To Give Newly-Liberated Nation a Seat.

San Francisco, May 7. — (U.P.) — Norwegian Foreign Minister Trygve Lie has asked the state department to invite newly-liberated Denmark to attend the United Nations conference on international organization, it was revealed today.

His request was brought to light coincident with disclosure that Lie plans to leave here tonight to return to London. He told the United Press he feels he should be in the capital of his government-in-exile because of the proximity of his homeland's liberation. Asked whether he would go to Norway immediately, he said he did not know.

Reds Approve

It was learned that soviet Russia has given its approval to two amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan which the other members of the big four already had approved. The revisions would give the assembly of the proposed world organization authority to recommend removal of conditions which might lead to war, and would bring into the proposed organization so-called regional agreements.

Soviet approval now brings about a united front among the big four powers sponsoring the conference on proposed amendments to the basic Dumbarton Oaks plan on which the organization will be formed.

It also was learned that the sponsoring powers have told Latin American delegates that they intend to keep the membership of the organization's security council at 11 members, as contemplated in the Dumbarton Oaks plan. Five of the 11 would be permanent members — the United States, Britain, Russia, China and France—and the other six would be chosen on a rotating basis. Some Latin American delegations have been urging that the council's membership be increased to about 14.

CIO In New Demand

Meanwhile, the U. S. delegates here received a new demand from President Philip Murray of the CIO for official recognition of organized labor in the proposed world organization.

German Broadcast Reports Surrender On Doenitz Order

London, May 7. — (U.P.) — The British ministry of information said tonight that tomorrow "will be treated as Victory in Europe Day."

A German broadcast today reported the surrender of all remaining German forces in Europe. The Flensburg radio said it was making the announcement by authority of Admiral Karl Doenitz and, the German high command.

A British ministry of information statement this evening said that "tomorrow, Tuesday, will be treated as Victory in Europe Day, and will be regarded as a holiday." Prime Minister Churchill will broadcast at 3 P.M. (6 A.M. PWT) tomorrow and King George at 9 P.M. (12 p.m. PWT) tomorrow.

SURRENDER ANNOUNCED BY GERMANY

A speaker identified as German Foreign Minister Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krosigk announced over the Flensburg radio at 2:09 p. m. (8:09 A.M. EWT) that the high command of the German armed forces had surrendered unconditionally all "fighting German troops" today.

The order for surrender was given by Fuehrer Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, the broadcast said. It came on the 2,074th day of the European war.

By United Press

IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT TRUMAN ISSUED THIS STATEMENT:

"I HAVE AGREED WITH THE LONDON AND MOSCOW GOVERNMENTS THAT I WILL MAKE NO ANNOUNCEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO THE SURRENDER OF THE ENEMY FORCIBLES IN EUROPE OR ELSEWHERE UNTIL A SIMULTANEOUS STATEMENT CAN BE MADE BY THE THREE GOVERNMENTS.

"UNTIL THEN THERE IS NOTHING I CAN OR WILL SAY TO YOU."

JONATHAN DANIELS, MR. TRUMAN'S PRESS SECRETARY, SAID THE WHITE HOUSE HAD NO COMMENT ON THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION STATEMENT.

Though the surrender order was not confirmed immediately, it presumably covered almost 1,000,000 German troops still holding out in Norway, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Yugoslavia, the French coast and the Channel Islands.

NORWEGIAN SURRENDER TOLD EARLIER

Only an hour earlier, the BBC in its Danish service broadcast a report that the Norwegian garrison had capitulated. Speedy confirmation of the surrender of the other German forces was expected.

An important announcement of an undisclosed nature was expected in London around 4 p. m. (10 a. m. EWT), reliable sources said.

The semi-official British press association said the hour of the V-E announcement was being arranged "at this moment" in telephone conversations between London, Washington, and Moscow. It was expected before dusk tonight.

Schwerin von Krosigk's announcement was carried over the German station at Flensburg on the German-Danish border, though behind the allied lines, Flensburg was declared an open city by the Germans earlier this week and apparently has not been occupied by allied forces.

SUCCUMB TO ALLIED POWER

"German men and women!" Schwerin von Krosigk began his dramatic announcement, "the high command of armed forces has today, at the order of Grand Marshal Karl Doenitz, declared the unconditional surrender of all fighting German troops.

"After a heroic fight of almost six years of incomparable hardness, Germany has succumbed to the overwhelming power of her enemies. To continue the war would only mean senseless bloodshed and futile disintegration.

"The government, which has feeling of responsibility for the future of its nation, was compelled to act on the collapse of all physical and material forces and to request of the enemy cessation of hostilities."

A transcript of Schwerin von Krosigk's remarks was recorded by BBC and rushed to 10 Downing Street, where the cabinet was in session under Prime Minister Churchill.

The greater proportion of German forces already were in allied hands following piecemeal surrenders along the western front. The German armies in northern Italy surrendered last Wednesday, those in Denmark, Holland and northwest Germany on Saturday and those in western Austria Sunday.

Indicative of the announcements to come, Radio Paris said a truce had been arranged at La Rochelle, German-occupied French port on the Bay of Biscay.

MYSTERY BLAST CLAIMS FORMER MEDFORD YOUTH

Jay Verl Gifford, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gifford of Bly, Oregon, who are former residents of Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland, was one of six killed in an explosion which occurred about 15 miles east of Bly Saturday afternoon. He is a nephew of A. Orin Schenck, 29 Summit avenue.

Also killed in the mysterious explosion, which was apparently caused by an unidentified object which one of the party picked up along the Bly-Dairy creek road, were Mrs. Elsie Mitchell, wife of Rev. Archie Mitchell, pastor of the Lakeview Christian Alliance church, Sherman Shoemaker, 12; Eddie Engen, 13; Joan Patzke, 11; and Dick Patzke, 13. All are from Lakeview.

Rev. Mitchell told officers he and Mrs. Mitchell had taken the children for a fishing outing, and that he was some distance from the others when the blast occurred.

Investigation of the tragedy is being investigated by the Lake county sheriff's office and county coroner.

A future point is not only fireproof but fire extinguishing.

Spain Breaks With Defeated Germany

Madrid, May 7. — (U.P.) — Spain has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, it was announced today.

Official announcement of the Spanish break with Germany followed by 24 hours Portugal's rupture with the beaten Nazi government.

REPUBLICANS OPEN FIGHT ON HANNEGAN

Washington, May 7. — (U.P.) — A Republican fight against confirmation of Democratic national chairman Robert E. Hannegan as postmaster-general opened in the senate today.

Sen. Forrest C. Donnell, R., Mo., formally announced that he intended to ask that the nomination be sent back to the senate postoffice committee for public hearings.

FIRM ON BOOKIES

Sacramento, May 7. — (U.P.) — The assembly today defeated by a 54 to 16 vote a bill which would have reduced the punishment for convicted bookmakers from a prison term to a fine or county jail sentence.

E-BOATS GIVE UP

Rome, May 7. — (U.P.) — Headquarters announced today that 23 German E-boats in the Adriatic surrendered to British Lt. Commander T. J. Bligh. His force consisted of three motor torpedo boats.