

Reds Capture Prague In Roundup of Diehard Germans

Weather
 FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain tonight and Thursday. Cooler daytime temperatures.
 Temp. _____
 Highest Yesterday _____
 Lowest this Morning _____

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 PULITZER AWARD 1934

LAST NAZI NEST WIPED OUT AFTER SURRENDER INKED
 Trial as Murderers, Arsonists Faced by Men Refusing to Keep Agreement.

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UNCIO Delegates Celebrate With Work

Peace Brings Curfew Lifting; Home Front Changes Detailed

MANUFACTURE OF HOUSEHOLD AIDS TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Director Vinson Is Confident Americans Will "Keep Feet on Ground."

Washington, May 9.—(U.P.)—War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson today lifted the midnight curfew on amusement places but said restrictions on transportation must continue. He also revoked, effective at once, the government ban on racing.

Vinson discussed almost every phase of home front activity at a press conference in which he said that he was confident the American people would "keep their feet on the ground and not go haywire" during the coming months.

Refrigerators Soon
 Vinson said production of electric refrigerators and washing machines will be started immediately in "moderate" quantities.

With Family
 Reconversion, he continued, must proceed "vigorously." He warned, however, that complete change-over to a civilian economy must await the defeat of Japan.

Also announced that:
 1. War plants will continue on the 48-hour week.
 2. The little steel wage formula and other stabilization policies will be retained.

3. The administration still favors legislation to put manpower ceilings on employment.
 4. Strict manpower controls will continue to be necessary.

More Gas Soon
 5. There will be an increase soon of 8 to 16 per cent in gasoline supplies available for civilian use. The increase will be distributed primarily to "A" and commercial card holders, with "B" card drivers possibly getting some of it.

Vinson said that generally speaking, the objective will be to bring consumer goods back at the same prices charged before they went out.

Concerning civilian food supplies, Vinson said he saw no prospect for early improvement. Vinson not only said that present restrictions on travel would have to be continued but also that "further curtailment" may be necessary.

"Transportation," he said, "is one of the tightest, one of the most serious problems we have. There is no hope of increasing transportation facilities for some time."

Widow No More



(Above Telephone)
 A real dilemma faces Mrs. Robert A. MacDowell (above), 22, Long Beach, Calif., who remarried after her first husband was reported killed in Burma. Now Lt. Harold Goad, whose "death" she mourned for six months before marrying Ensign Robert A. MacDowell of Saugerties, N. Y., has been found alive in a Rangoon hospital.

Army Beats Navy In "Enoch Arden" Wartime Dilemma

Long Beach, Calif., May 9.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Helen Goad-MacDowell, 22-year-old victim of wartime "Enoch Arden" dilemma, left last night for her home in Portsmouth, O., to "wait for the man I've always loved," a man she believed dead.

He is Army Lt. Harold Goad, 27, her childhood sweetheart, who was found alive in a Rangoon hospital almost two years after the army informed his wife he was killed in a plane crash.

Mrs. Goad-MacDowell said she will seek an annulment of her December, 1944, marriage to Navy Ensign Robert A. MacDowell, now overseas.

"My marriage to Mac was wonderful," she said, "but I know now I love Harold with all my heart. I'm sure Robert will understand."

Quisling Reported Arrested At Oslo

Copenhagen, May 9.—(U.P.)—Maj. Vidkun Quisling, puppet premier of Norway during the German occupation, was arrested at an Oslo police station today, according to the Norwegian capital reported.

Quisling reported in person to the police station, the Oslo reports said. He was accompanied by an unspecified number of his cabinet members.

RED OFFICIALS GIVE NO INFORMATION ON POLES

London, May 9.—(U.P.)—Minister of State Richard K. Law told Commons today that the Russian government has given no further information about 16 missing Polish politicians since their arrest was announced last week.

MOLOTOV WINGS HOMEWARD FROM PEACE CONCLAVE

Other Members of Russian Delegation Remain; U. S. Draft Western Formula.

San Francisco, May 9.—(U.P.)—Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov left here at 10:30 a. m. PWT today by plane for Moscow.

Molotov left from Hamilton field, about 25 miles north of this city. A few news photographers were the only persons outside of the field's regular personnel who watched him take off.

Accompanied by members of the Russian delegation to the United Nations world organization conference, Molotov arrived at the field and boarded his plane immediately. It took off within a few minutes.

San Francisco, May 9.—(U.P.)—Gen. Alphonse Juin, chief of the French general staff and Rene Pleven, minister of finance and national economy, members of the French delegation to the United Nations conference, left by plane today for Washington and Paris.

They were recalled by the French government because of defense and economic problems arising from the end of the European war.

All other members of the Russian delegation remained here. The only persons who accompanied Molotov on the flight were his interpreter, V. N. Pavlov; his secretarial staff, and his bodyguard.

San Francisco, May 9.—(U.P.)—The United States has drafted a compromise formula which would allow the western hemisphere to settle its own disputes within the framework of the world organization, it was learned today.

The formula, which would preserve the Pan American security system without weakening the authority of the world organization, was disclosed as the United Nations conference devoted itself today to closed meetings of technical meetings. No plenary sessions were scheduled.

Would End L. of N.

European and Latin American countries proposed today that the old League of Nations hold a final meeting in San Francisco and hand all of its authority over to the new world organization. Such action, they said, would remove any question of the legality of transfer of authority over territories mandated to certain powers, especially Japan, by the old league.

The new formula for settlement of western hemisphere disputes was designed to remove the fears of Latin American nations that the inter-American security system set up at Mexico City recently would be lost in subordination to the new world organization.

MORE AIR BLOWS, HOME INVASION FACED BY JAPAN

Ten Million Men to Be Used Against Enemy; Weather Slows Okinawa Campaign

By United Press
 Admiral Chester W. Nimitz disclosed today that joint chiefs of staff are mapping plans for the invasion of Japan and promised an immediate increase of American air assaults on the enemy's homeland.

Nimitz made the statement to a press conference as adverse weather slowed down the drive on southern Okinawa and Australian and Dutch troops closed in on two rich oil fields on Tarakan island east of Borneo.

To Use Ten Million
 Washington sources said a total force of 10,000,000 men is expected to be used against the Japanese.

Nimitz said he was anticipating the shifting of large forces from Europe to the Pacific and said his command was endeavoring to obtain areas to support them.

He said Okinawa, at the threshold of the Japanese homeland, was the most important island yet invaded by the American forces. Despite losses to Japanese suicide planes, he said the campaign was going according to plan.

Five American divisions are hammering at Japanese defenses across the southern end of the island a mile north of the capital, Naha.

Close In On Oil

On Tarakan the allied invasion forces tightened a pincers on Pomocean oil field east of Tarakan town and closed in on Bjoeca oil field three miles north of the captured Tarakan airfield.

American troops pushed out from liberated Davao on Mindanao island in the Philippines were driving the Japanese back into the hills.

Philippine-based aerial forces continued widespread attacks through the southwest Pacific and into the central Pacific. More than 300 tons of bombs were dropped on factories and rail lines on Formosa.

Pope Pius Offers Prayer For "Just Peace" in Orient

Vatican City, May 9.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII expressed gratitude today for the conclusion of the war in Europe and offered a prayer for a "just end" to the "bloody struggle" still under way in the Far East.

In a broadcast to the world, he said the European war had left in its wake the greatest "material and moral ruin in the history of mankind."

LT. RICHARD HEWITT IS REPORTED MISSING

Lt. Richard Hewitt has been reported missing in action over Germany, information sent to his father, E. H. Hewitt, Keene Way drive, stated last week. The officer was declared missing as of April 4. Lt. Hewitt, co-pilot of a B-24 bomber plant, was stationed at an English base of the Eighth airforce.

FARMERS ASSURED OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Washington, May 9.—(U.P.)—Farmers were assured today by the surplus property board of an equal opportunity to buy surplus trucks, farm machinery and equipment.

LAST NAZI NEST WIPED OUT AFTER SURRENDER INKED

London, May 9.—(U.P.)—The red army, fighting on against outlawed German diehards after the official end of the European war, today captured the Czechoslovak capital of Prague in a pre-dawn attack.

The Prague radio reported that the Germans in defiance of the unconditional surrender agreement, bombed the capital and two other Czechoslovak cities.

Nazis garrisoning the Czechoslovak bastion were the only force of any consequence carrying on after the officially proclaimed cessation of hostilities at 12:01 today.

Other Pockets Give Up
 Reports from the continent said the garrisons of historic Dunkerque and the last enemy-held pockets at St. Nazaire, La Rochelle and Lorient had given up.

Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Prague. His broadcast order of the day said Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army seized the capital in a tank and infantry attack.

The Prague radio reported that German bombs crashed on the Czechoslovak capital and two other cities hours after the official end of the war in Europe. It added that Russian forces had entered Prague and with Czechoslovak patriots cleared the streets of German troops.

All Germans who refused to lay down their arms after 12:01 a. m. today (6:01 p. m. Tuesday EWT), the hour fixed by the German high command for capitulation, faced possible trial as murderers, arsonists and saboteurs outside the laws of war.

A dispatch from the American third army front revealed that other Soviet units some 140 miles south of Prague had linked up with the American 65th division southeast of the Austrian city of Linz on the Danube yesterday.

Germans Split

The junction split the remaining German forces in southern Europe into two pockets—Bohemia and southeast Austria.

Throughout Europe, hundreds of thousands of German troops were filling into allied prison camps in compliance with their high command's order to lay down their arms.

The formalities of Germany's unconditional surrender were completed at 12:45 a. m. today in Berlin with the ratification of the capitulation act by representatives of the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany.

Radio Moscow said the ceremony was held in the big hall of the German military engineering academy at the corner of Friedrichstrasse and Rheinmeisterstrasse.

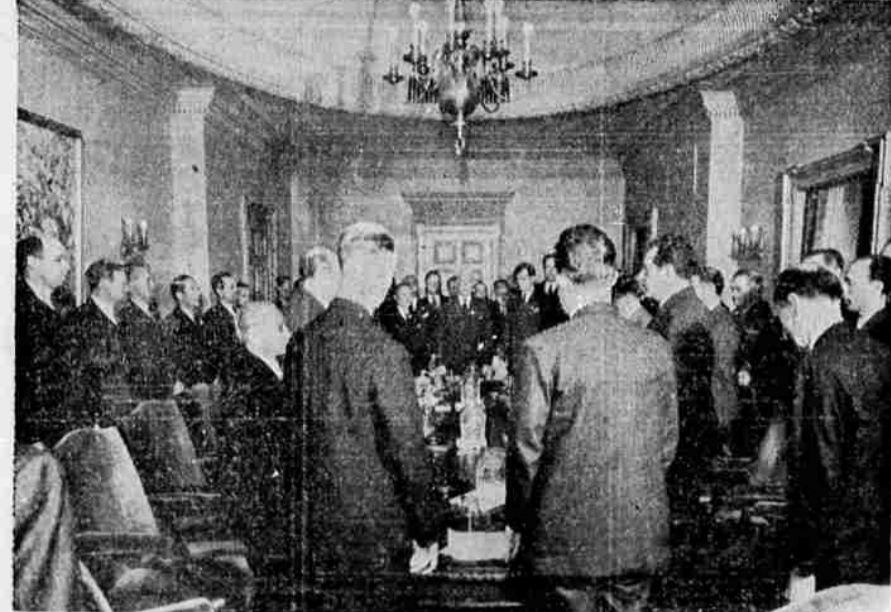
Signing for Germany were Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, supreme commander of the German armed forces; Gen. Admiral Hans George Friedburg, commander of the German navy, and Col. Hans Jurgen Stumpf, chief of the Luftwaffe.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov signed for Russia and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur William Tedder, deputy supreme commander, for the western allies. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of American strategic air forces in Europe, and Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, commander in chief of the French army, were present as witnesses.

JAY VERL GIFFORD TO BE BURIED TOMORROW

Graveside services for Jay Verl Gifford, 13, who was one of six killed in a mysterious blast near Lakeview Saturday, will be held at Siskiyou Memorial Park tomorrow at 2:00 p. m. He was born in Ashland March 29, 1932, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Gifford of Lakeview, former Medford residents, and was a nephew of A. Orin Schenck, 29 Summit avenue.

Funeral rites are being held in Lakeview today.



Members of UNCIO executive committee meeting at San Francisco War Memorial Opera House stand for a moment of silent meditation before starting "business as usual" on V-E Day. Presiding over session at far end of conference table is Secretary of State Stettinius. On Stettinius' right is Chinese delegate Wellington Koo and on his left is UNCIO secretary general, Alger Hiss.

Hermann Goering Surrenders to Yanks, Claims Hitler Sentenced Him to Death

With U. S. Seventh Army, May 9.—(U.P.)—Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering has surrendered to the Americans, telling them that he had been in hiding since April 24 when Adolf Hitler condemned him to death for expressing a desire to take over control of the German government.

An announcement today that Goering was in custody of the U. S. 7th army also revealed the capture of Marshal Albert Kesselring, former commander of Germany's western front.

Fist of Big Three

Goering was the first of the old guard Nazi triumvirate—

Hitler, Goering, Goebbels—to be accounted for officially. He surrendered to the 36th division, which was engaged in the 7th army mop-up of the surrendered area on the southern wing of what was the western front.

Reichsmarshal Goering—the rank was his alone in the heyday of nazism—gave up to Brig. Gen. Robert J. Stack, assistant divisional commander, at Radstadt, about 35 miles southeast of Salzburg.

He told Stack that Hitler—who was reported by the Nazis to be dead in the ruins of Berlin—sentenced him to death on April 24, when the handwriting was on the wall for even the most nearsighted Nazi to read.

Hitler's SS elite guards arrested him, Goering said. But members of the German Air Force, from the command of which he was ousted in the Nazi debacle, rescued him, he said.

Went To Hideout

He stroked for a hideout in the Bavarian Alps, the touted "national redoubt" in which the Nazi fanatics were going to hold out after the rest of Hitler's reich was gone.

When the 36th division approached his hideout, Goering sent his personal adjutant, Colonel Von Brauchitsch, a son of the commander in chief of the

German army in the early days of the war, to divisional headquarters with an offer to surrender to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commander of the 6th army group.

Von Brauchitsch arrived at a command post at 9 a. m. yesterday. He explained his mission to Stack and Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, division commander.

Stack went with Von Brauchitsch to the Radstadt hideout, meeting the Reichsmarshal on the road. Goering was accompanied by his wife, a child, and several military aides and personal retainers.

The entire party went to a castle near the famous ski resort of Kitzbuhl, which was occupied by friends of Goering. They arrived at 10:30 p. m. yesterday.

TROOPS MOVING FROM ITALY FOR PACIFIC COMBAT

Rome, May 9.—(U.P.)—The allies already have begun shipping combat and service troops from Italy directly to the Pacific for the war against Japan, Gen. Joseph T. McNarney revealed today.

McNarney, deputy supreme commander in the Mediterranean theater, said other troops would be sent from Italy to the States.

It generally was known that engineering and other technical troops, as well as certain air force personnel, had been embarking for the Pacific for several weeks, but McNarney's speech was the first confirmation that combat troops already were on the way.

McNarney said that his answer to persistent questions from allied troops as to when they would be permitted to go home would be disappointing.

"But it would be unfair if I were not absolutely frank in answering that question even if it is unpleasant," he said.

The return to civilian life for the majority of troops in Italy would come only after Japan has been defeated, he said.

BASEBALL

National		
St. Louis	4	10
Brooklyn	6	11
Brecheen, Byerly and Rice; Lombardi and Owen.		
American		
New York	1	7
Detroit	4	8
Gettel, Zuber and Garbark; Trout and Swift.		
Philadelphia	4	7
Chicago	6	10
Black and Hayes; Lee and Tresh.		

A. P. MAN PERILED TALKS OF PEACE, EISENHOWER SAYS

New York, May 9.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today authorized a statement that Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press imperiled peace negotiations between the Russians and the Germans by sending an unauthorized dispatch on the German surrender at Reims.

A United Press dispatch from Paris said Eisenhower authorized Brig. Gen. Frank Allen, supreme headquarters press relations officer, to make the statement, and to say that Kennedy's action put Eisenhower in the position of having broken his word to the Russians. He had promised the Russians that the news would not be released until they were satisfied that the surrender was genuine on all fronts.

The general added that he could not act against an entire American organization under War Department rules but indicated that the individual correspondents involved would be disciplined.

Meanwhile, in New York the AP released the text of a statement which Kennedy had placed on the Bulletin Board at Allied Headquarters in Paris yesterday. This said:

"I saw the representative of the existing German government sign the agreement of unconditional surrender."

"I was informed by a representative of SHAEF Public Relations that, although no issue of military security was involved, SHAEF Public Relations intended to suppress this news from the public until a later time."

"I informed a representative of SHAEF Public Relations that I could not accept this view since it had been conceded that no military security was involved and that I intended to send this story. I sent the story."

COAL SHIP MISSING

Boston, May 9.—(U.P.)—Eleven merchant seamen and one navy man are missing and believed dead in the torpedoing of a merchant coal carrier by an enemy submarine May 5 off the Rhode Island coast, the navy announced today.