

# RUSSIANS 7 MILES FROM BERLIN

## The Herald and News

**Weather News**  
 April 20  
 Max. (April 19) 79 Min. 41  
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 Normal 9.84 Last year 6.91  
 Forecast: Clear Saturday.

### WRIEZEN WON; PEACE MOVES MADE IN CITY

#### Soviet Communique Lists Capture Of Towns

LONDON, April 20 (AP)—Moscow announced tonight the capture of Wriezen, 24 miles north-east of Berlin, and German radio commentators said the Soviet, had rushed on to Hangelberg, only seven miles from the city's eastern limits.

The Luxembourg radio said "gigantic peace demonstrations" had taken place in Berlin and Munich, and that red flags were waving in the German capital as the roar of Marshal Stalin's cannon grew ever closer to the city.

Others Captured

The Soviet communique, confirming German announcements today of the fall of Wriezen, also announced the capture of these towns:

Spremberg, 15 miles west of the river Neisse, and 64 miles southeast of Berlin.

Seelow, 24 miles east of Berlin.

Bad Freienwald, 19 miles northeast of Berlin.

**Relentless Reds**

German broadcasts said the Russians were driving relentlessly with increasing masses of men, tanks and guns in the climactic stage of the battle for Berlin and were at the gates of the capital.

"The double battle for Berlin now has reached the decisive stage," said the German Commentator Max Krull. "The Americans on the Elbe are re-grouping their formations and have received reinforcements. The Russians, on the other hand, have now fully developed their great drives on the Oder and Neisse and are now within the deeply staggered German barrier position at the periphery of the capital, where they are engaged by German commandos and special formations."

It was Krull who said the Russians had reached the town of Hangelberg.

The sprawling German capital was in a corridor but 82 miles wide between the Russians in Hangelberg and the U. S. ninth army on the Elbe.

In the south the Russians and Americans were even closer—55 miles or less, but third army headquarters said there had not as yet been a junction in that area near Dresden.

In another area a little more than 40 miles south of Berlin the Russians and Americans were 59 miles apart, and the Russians were within four miles of cutting the last north-south railway line of Berlin's last trunkline railroad leading to Dresden and the mountains of southern Germany, Bohemia and Austria.

**Group to Discuss Routing of Road**

Routing the inter-regional highway by way of Klamath Falls, a proposal now before the state highway commission, will be the major topic of discussion at a meeting of the Pacific Highway association to be held in Medford April 25, it was learned today.

A Dixon county chamber of commerce directors are understood to have discussed the same subject at length at a noon luncheon Friday.

Commissioner Arthur Schaupp of the highway board this week pointed out that the Klamath route is shorter, cheaper to construct and to travel, and has many other advantages over the route along the mountainous Pacific highway between Eugene and Ashland.

The commission has not acted as yet. A comprehensive summary of factual data in connection with the question will probably be released by the roads and highways committee of the Klamath county chamber of commerce soon.

**CONNALLY REPORTS DELEGATES UNITED**

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, April 20—Senator Connally (D-Tex.) told the senate today there is "harmony and unity" among the American delegates to the San Francisco United Nations conference.

An hour after conferring with President Truman, the foreign relations committee chairman, who is one of the United States delegates, declared he had every confidence that the new chief executive would give the group his fullest support in their decisions.

**Basis for Work**

The Dumbarton Oaks formula for a peace-preserving organization will form the basis for the labors of San Francisco, he said.

"This does not mean, however, there will be any slavish devotion to every line and every clause of that instrument."

**Cooperation Evident**

Connally stressed the bipartisan cooperation which has marked every step in creating the peace-keeping plan. He pointed out that the congressional members of the American delegation to San Francisco are equally divided between (Continued on Page Two)

**Max Schmeling Dead, Report**

BALTIMORE, April 20 (AP)—Lt. Col. Howard C. Greer of suburban Middle River declared today that despite denials the Germans make, he is pretty well convinced that former world's heavyweight champion, Max Schmeling is dead—killed by Greer's own thirtieth division infantrymen.

"The Germans say Schmeling has deserted their army and isn't dead, but I saw a German, killed by the men of my company, who was wearing dog-tags with Max Schmeling's name on them," Colonel Greer said in an interview.

"And he looked like a heavyweight champion. He was a huge man. His face was disfigured beyond recognition by his wounds, but the dog-tags are pretty final proof."

**Pyle Buried With Military Honors**

IE ISLAND, April 20 (AP)—Machinerg beat a sharp tattoo and mortars barked at the front only a short distance ahead today as little Ernie Pyle, the doughboy's reporter, was laid to rest with military honors.

Battle-grimed Yanks stood at attention as services were said for the columnist who was struck down by Japanese machinegun fire Wednesday.

**Commander of Panzers Seized**

U. S. 9TH ARMY ON THE ELBE, Germany, April 20 (AP)—Col. Gen. Joseph Harthe, commander of the German fifth panzer army, has been captured in the Ruhr while trying to slip through American lines, the ninth army announced late today.

The commander of the last army was taken by the Eagle's Claw (17th airborne) division, commanded by Maj. Gen. William M. Wiley.

The fifth panzer and German 15th armies were utterly destroyed in the great Ruhr trap which was stamped out Wednesday. Gen. Omar Bradley said yesterday that 316,930 prisoners had been counted and that more were being processed. Previously, the fifth panzer army had been buffeted severely in the Ardennes in December when the Germans made an abortive attempt to capture Liege and Antwerp.

**Honker Invades Yard**

Mrs. J. Mingo, 1738 Arthur, heard an odd noise in her back yard yesterday and decided to investigate. Looking out the window she discovered a wild honker parading unconcernedly up and down in the yard.

Mrs. Mingo fed and watered the large goose and it is still there today. The big honker seems quite chummy with the chickens, she reports, and also has no fear of her small children.

The goose was not injured in any way, but apparently prefers the safety of a domestic life to wild freedom. After all, the winged paths of glory lead but to the hunter's roaster.

### NUERNBERG'S RESISTANCE ENDED BY GI'S

#### British Tanks Near Suburbs of Hamburg

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS, April 20 (AP)—Seventh army Americans captured Nuernberg today, squelching all organized resistance in that hotbed of nazism, while British tanks plowed to within a mile of the suburbs of Hamburg, Europe's biggest port.

The French first army straggled 50 miles southeast of Strasbourg to Rottweil, 14 miles from the Danube and 33 from Lake Constance, western limit of the Nazi national redoubt in southern Germany. The Pollux were 35 miles north of Switzerland.

**Near Nazi Lair**

The whole allied right flank including the French and the American seventh and third armies was clamping down on the mountainous Nazi lair, where Hitler was believed observing a gloomy 56th birthday anniversary.

Stuttgart—like Nuernberg a Nazi pilgrimage city—was enclosed on three sides.

**French Advance**

The French advances ranged up to 23 miles and carried to within 65 of Austria and 120 of Italy's northern Alpine frontier.

The seventh army penetrated the wall during the night and closed into the center of the city for the kill. American and French troops moving in a wide circle around Stuttgart, another Nazi rallying point, captured Reutlingen (35,000), 18 miles to the south.

**Menace Arsenal**

Third army elements inside Czechoslovakia, within three miles of Asch, were bare 35 miles from surging Russian lines and gravely threatening the last important German arsenal in the Pilsen-Prague region, 65 to 87 miles distant.

In happier years, Hitler would have spoken to the Nazi faithful in Nuernberg on this, his 56th birthday anniversary. The Americans, however, had captured his vast stadium where he used to rouse 500,000 listeners, and were beating down south of Nuernberg within 70 miles of Munich and 132 of Hitler's mountain home at Berchtesgaden.

**Lower Clothing Prices Decried**

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The government today decried lower prices for clothing but higher wages for workers who loom the cloth.

In separate actions designed to boost output of textiles and low-cost wearing apparel:

1. Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis approved a 55-cent wage floor and a general five-cent-an-hour wage increase for 50,000 textile workers in 54 northern and southern mills.

2. OPA ordered apparel and accessory manufacturers to cut back their prices to average 1943 levels and thus trim retail prices about six per cent.

**Last Battleship Out of Action**

LONDON, April 20 (AP)—Germany's last pocket battleship, the 10,000-ton Luetzow, formerly of the Deutschland, is now lying in shallow water out of action at Swinemunde on the Baltic coast, the air ministry announced tonight.

The Luetzow, the fourth of Germany's seven capital ships knocked out of action by the RAF, was attacked by Lancasters April 16.

An authoritative report said the 28,000-ton battleship Gneisenau and the 10,000-ton heavy cruiser Seydlitz were believed to have been seized by the Russians.

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The telegram from the war department was received by the young soldier's parents on March 29, and stated that he had been lost in fighting in the Alsace-Lorraine sector. The word that he had returned safely to his division was told in a letter from Shipman received Thursday.

The twenty-one-year-old youth was born in Sullivan, Indiana, but lived in Klamath Falls for many years, graduating from Klamath Union high school with the class of 1942. Prior to enlisting in the army in July of 1943, Shipman was employed by the Klamath county shops.

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In Klamath Valley hospital are Herbert Vernon Lane, 54, 306 Blanchard, Seattle, Wash., driver of the car, and Victor Bulatovich, 49, 920 T street, Sacramento. Both received multiple fractures. Lane's condition was reported poor today.

State police were called to the scene as was the Klamath Ambulance service which moved the two to the hospital. Officers said Lane told them he became drowsy at the wheel and his car followed the soft shoulder for about 95 yards. Lane said he pulled the car back on the highway and his passenger, Bulatovich, grabbed the wheel, thinking the car was going off the highway to the left. The car shot off the road, officers said, and into the brush where it rolled end-over-end several times.

Lane was en route to Klamath Falls seeking employment and Bulatovich was coming to this city to take the train to his home in Sacramento.

The Lane car, a 1939 Nash sedan, was a total wreck, police said.

**Netherlander Asks Hard Peace**

SALT LAKE CITY, April 20 (AP)—A Netherlander delegate to the San Francisco security conference proposed today that the Germans be dealt "a hard peace."

Nazi forces, said Maj. A. Peit, by blasting the dikes have permitted most of Holland to be flooded by seawater.

"First of all we must repair the dikes, then get rid of the salt water and then attempt to restore the land," he said in an interview with the Telegram.

"It may take many years for the soil to become usable once more."

He suggested that Germans in the postwar era be given "a chance to make a proper living but under control." Military occupation for many years is probable, he said.

**Yanks Gain Slowly on Okinawa; Second Threat to Borneo Brought by Invasion**

terday morning, attacking the front wall of the intricate Naha defense system, manned by perhaps 80,000 Japanese.

**Gain on Flanks**

By noon they had advanced up to half a mile on the flanks.

Tokyo radio claimed 40 or 50 of the scores of Yank tanks leading the attack were knocked out, the assault stopped and an attempt to land in the Nipponese rear was thwarted.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said a terrific bombardment and "great flights of carrier aircraft" supported the offensive.

**Wreck 84 Planes**

Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima knocked out 84 enemy planes in their first attack on the Tokyo area yesterday as they swept over the Atsugi naval air station at rooftop level. They also wrecked two cargo ships, contributing to a total of 18 destroyed or damaged, mostly by Philippines-based bombers.

Three amphibious operations in the Philippines brought the seizure of the 44th and 45 islands of the wide extension of the American hold on Mindanao.

The 41st division captured Balabac island, 45 miles north of Borneo which is already threatened by the U. S. hold on the Sulu archipelago reaching to within 30 miles east of Borneo. Bombers blasted Borneo's Tarakan oil developments and Gen. Douglas MacArthur said "The enemy's oil supply from this area has ceased."

Carabao island at the mouth of Manila bay was seized by

**Portomaggiore Won by 8th Army**

ROME, April 20 (AP)—Eighth army troops, in an advance of three miles, have captured Portomaggiore, 12 miles southeast of the Po valley city of Ferrara, allied headquarters announced today.

Portoverrara, a small town just east of Portomaggiore, was also taken as the British pushed forward after storming the Argentine gap Nazi defenses.

Fifth army forces were reported advancing slowly along highway 85, between Florence and Bologna, and nearing Pianora, just south of Bologna.

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