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The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

you can stand horrors, con-
der Berlin today.

its blackened ruins three
lon Germans are huddled,
nd them a ring of fire and
is closing in. The sky
e them is dark with smoke
e smoke of burning homes
business buildings and fac-
s; the dissolving gaseous
nant of the economic struc-
of the capital of a once-
t nation. Out of the smoke
shells and bombs to rend
tear. To rend and tear
AN FLESH as well as steel
building stone.

round them roars a great
e, one of the greatest since
world began. So far as
huddled Germans are con-
ed, it is a USELESS battle
eless because it was LOST
re it began.

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the hearts of these Germans
ere is NO HOPE of victory
r the odds against them are
great. For them there is
surrender, for their mad
ers have doomed them to
ruction.

head of them lies NO FU-
RE, for these same mad
ers have decreed that Ger-
y shall march down into the
y of the shadow of econ-
death — into the dim
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s and anarchy and ruin. If
can't have Germany. NO-
DY shall have Germany
er us the deluge."

ll that is left for the Ger-
people is to wait in numb
or for the end.

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ity has been driven from
hearts of all mankind by
savage excesses of these
ers that have been TOLER-
D by the German people—
he grisly murder factories
he past, and by the burn-
and shooting of helpless
oners that still goes on. (As
as yesterday, 220 political
oners in a concentration
p in Leipsic were sprayed
flaming acetone and
ed to death by their jail-

ot even remorse for their
deeds in the face of certain-
mpending punishment moves
e monsters.

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ERE is no sympathy for
ese Germans as human be-
—for it is doubtful if they
human beings in any mod-
sense of the term.

Leipsic, after battering it
n with heavy artillery, we
ly took the city hall, which
been converted into an in-
citadel of last resort, and
n our soldiers entered this
l-sheathed last inner citadel
ght met their eyes that can
be described as out of this
ld.

ome 130 nazis, both military
civilian, had gathered there
all hope was gone. They
set a banquet, with food
wine. Then, after eating
drinking, they killed them-
es. Officers lay across the
, the position of the guns
heir hands indicating that
had killed each other at
iven signal. There were
EN among the dead.
on (quick-acting cyanide), as
as guns, had been used in
strange pact of death.

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much for Germany. It is
ough. Our stomachs can
only so much of this sort
ning.

t us turn now to Japan.

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of what in our innocence
ave been wont to term hu-
ity.

ginning at Attu, where we
encountered the strange
nese mania for hopeless
useless death, the Pacific
has been a long and horri-
sequence of self-destruction
ur enemies. It has reached
point where about the only
le evidence of over-all
egy on the part of the Japs
say to us, in effect:

ll 70 million of us are de-
ined to die, as three mil-

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mics War sualty

The Herald and News col-
d comic section for Satur-
s became a war casualty
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Stringent paper shortage
cessitated sacrificing the
tion. The regular black
white section of the paper
been cut to the bone,
n an order came from
B to reduce still further,
comics had to go.

ut they are not gone for-
r. They will be reinstated
soon as paper allotments
permit it.

B-29s Raid Japan; Philippines Cleared; Yanks Gain On Isle

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Hundreds of Superforts raked nine airfields on southern Japan today in their third neutralizing raid this week on enemy bases used in the air-sea war which cost the mikado 2569 planes and 100 ships in a month against 15 American warcraft.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the one-sided naval score as tank-supported 10th army troops cut wedges nearly a mile deep into the enemy's southern Okinawa defenses, 325 miles south of Japan, and broke up fierce counterattack on nearby Ie island.

America's other on-to-Tokyo commander, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announced the central Philippines have been swept clean of all organized Japanese resistance, freeing 6,400,000 people and 33,000 square miles.

Capture Collaborationists

Yanks driving against the only remaining centers of resistance pushed 15 miles through the swamps of Mindanao in the south and captured three more members of the Filipino collaborator government at Baguio on northern Luzon.

Today's Superfortress strike was directed against nine major airfields of Kyushu island, ranging from Kahoya, largest naval air station in southern Japan, to the quaintly named town of USA. The Japanese Domei news agency said the nine B-29 formations poured demolition bombs on the airstrips from 6 a. m. to 10.

A few hours previously these same fields sent suicide planes in another strike against the U. S. invasion fleet off Okinawa. Tokyo radio, which normally employs astronomical figures for purported American naval losses said one destroyer was sunk in the Herama islands.

15 Craft Destroyed

Nimitz said that actually only 15 U. S. craft were sunk from March 18 to April 18. They included five destroyers (Halligan, Bush, Colhoon, Prinze, M. L. Abele); two minecraft (Emmons, Skylark); one destroyer-transport (Dickerson); two ammunition ships (Hobbs Victory, Logan Victory), a gunboard and four landing craft.

The 100 Nipponese ships included the superbattleship Yamato, two cruisers, ten smaller warships, 33 freighters and 54 lesser craft.

Supported by incessant naval and land artillery fire in southern Okinawa the 7th division pushed to within 200 yards of the Yonaburo air strip on the east coast after a 1400 yard advance in the first 24 hours.

Berliners Fear Starvation As Red Shells Fall in City

LONDON, April 21 (AP)—The fear of starvation is gripping Berliners who already are ducking Russian shells falling into the heart of the reich capital, nazi propagandists said today as they exhorted every man, woman and child to fight to the death.

Field kitchens are being set up, and Transocean's Correspondent Walter Felchner said "Berlin is already preparing for public mass feeding when the city is encircled and all communications with the outside world cut."

Shells Falling

Felchner told of the first Russian shells to land in Potsdamer Platz—the Times Square of Berlin.

"They landed at 2 o'clock this afternoon," he said. "The horror-stricken people stopped and then, having learned from experiences during air raids, they dashed to the nearest shelters.

"The next hits were off and life became normal again. At the present the opinion prevails that shells are better than bombs."

Population Underground

Virtually the entire population is spending most of the time underground, he revealed, explaining that "everybody hopes to be pretty safe in the cellars."

All nazi newspapers carried the same cry: "Berliners, the eyes of the world are trained on you. The decisive hour has struck, the battle is raging at our gates. Men and women keep your nerves."

Convicted Youths Attempt Escape

SEATTLE, April 21 (AP)—In an attempted jail break, two of the youths convicted Thursday of second degree murder in the jail death of John Emberg, 16, slugged a guard on the head with a heavy wrench as the three sat playing cards early today.

The youths, Chester Mabe and Donald Beal, both 15, reiterated that they would "never be taken to prison alive."

The three-handed game was in progress about 3 a. m. when Mabe got up for a moment, walked behind Clifford McNeal, juvenile detention officer, and struck him on the head. Officials said Mabe had concealed the wrench in his clothing sometime yesterday as workmen remodelled juvenile quarters on the sixth floor of the county-city building.

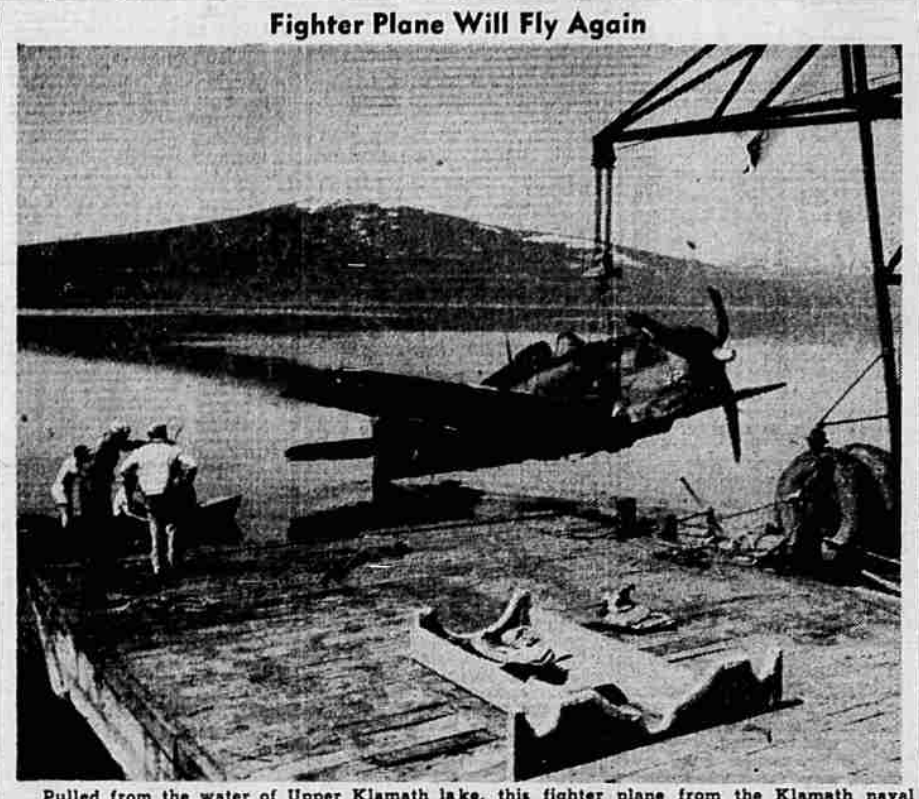
McNeal, dazed but not unconscious by the blow, summoned an assistant, and the two disarmed Mabe.

Meat Shortage Not That Bad

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21 (AP)—The North Portland livestock yard, unloading its usual cargo of cattle, hogs and sheep destined to slaughter, was horrified to find an elephant in one car.

Investigation proved the elephant was going to a nearby amusement park.

Fighter Plane Will Fly Again



Pulled from the water of Upper Klamath lake, this fighter plane from the Klamath naval air station was hoisted onto a California Oregon Power company barge and Friday moved to the base, where it will be repaired. The plane, piloted by Ensign R. G. Gehrman, made a forced landing on the lake near snow-capped Pelican butte, seen in the background. The pilot was taken aboard an amphibian plane from a life raft dropped to him by a fellow pilot. (USN Photo)

BOLOGNA SEIZED BY ALLIED ARMIES

By LYNN HEINZERLING

ROME, April 21 (AP)—Bologna, first major objective of the all-out allied offensive in northern Italy, fell today to troops of the fifth and eighth armies.

Polish troops of the British eighth army under Maj. Gen. Bohuszszysk and the U. S. 91st division commanded by Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay and the 34th division under Maj. Gen. Charles Bolte all entred the historic Italian fortress city on the southern edge of the Po valley at the foot of the Apennines.

With Bologna captured the major German defense position south of the Po river was eliminated and the nazis once again moved northward.

Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander in a message of congratulations to the victorious troops said:

"Let us keep driving forward until the last enemy soldier has been driven from Italy."

Refugee Ship Sunk by Mine

MALMOE, Sweden, April 21 (AP)—The 17,000-ton liner Pretoria of the German East Africa lines, loaded with refugees bound for Copenhagen, struck a mine south of Oresund and sank within a few minutes early today, reports from Denmark said. The North German Lloyd ship Potsdam was reported to have reached Copenhagen safely with other refugees.

Bulletin

LONDON, April 21 (AP)—The Paris radio said tonight without any confirmation that the American and Russian forces had joined in the Dresden district.

The Brussels radio said that the red army had entered Dresden.

Big Four Expected to Keep Control Over Oaks Proposal

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21 (AP)—The Big Four nations sponsoring the San Francisco security conference are expected by diplomats here to keep a firm control over amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks proposals for world organization. But many changes are due to be made with the agreement of the Big Four.

The conference opening next Wednesday will see the first working out of the principle of big power responsibility which is to be written into the world organization itself—the principle that on final decisions the major nations should at all times concur.

Quarrels Unlikely

Thus it appears unlikely that the United States, British, Russian or Chinese delegations will allow any critical differences to develop among themselves although in their behind-the-scenes negotiations they may have a tough time reconciling some of their views.

First indications were that a spirit of high hope for success in creating a world security system dominates those delegates who are either already here or on their way.

Jan Christian Smuts, South African prime minister and the first major delegate to arrive, said he had "very good expectations of the work we will accomplish."

"I believe this is possibly the most hopeful step we have taken," he told newsmen, "and I feel we must succeed here."

Smuts, the only delegate who played leading part in Versailles, when the old League of Nations was set up, landed at Hamilton field late yesterday after flying across the country in a Royal airforce plane.

THREE SITES EYED FOR NAVAL CENTER

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP) Two other places besides Klamath Falls are being considered as site for a new naval rehabilitation center, Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) reported today, terming the argument "hot."

Location of the center will be decided soon, Oregon congressmen predicted. The plan has been under almost continuous discussion for some time, an aide to Senator Cordon reported.

The navy contemplates obtaining 300 acres of land for the center, which would be of temporary construction. Servicemen with malaria and filariasis would receive treatment similar to those given at the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks.

The proposed new plant, if set up at Klamath Falls, would cost $3,367,000, Cmdr. C. H. Crichton told the house appropriations committee during recent hearings. An omnibus public works appropriation for the navy which passed the house this week includes funds for the structure.

RAF Sets Record In Berlin Raids

LONDON, April 21 (AP) — RAF Mosquitos set a record for bombing Berlin last night, hitting the besieged reich capital six times as the climax of a day-long blitz on German railways by more than 3000 planes.

Three times were the most Berlin ever had been raided in one night before. Last night's attacks, made without loss of a single aircraft, brought to 76 the number of raids on Berlin in the last 58 nights.

Congressmen to View Atrocities

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP) The war department announced today that 12 members of congress will be flown to Germany within the next few days to view evidence of nazi atrocities.

The announcement said the legislators are going for the purpose of getting "at first hand a picture of conditions which General Eisenhower says are almost impossible to describe in words." Eisenhower requested that representatives of congress make the trip.

Chinese Destroy Jap Spearhead

CHUNGKING, April 21 (AP)—Chinese troops, battling large Japanese forces driving across western Hunan province, have destroyed enemy spearheads within 65 miles of the U. S. 14th air force air base at Chihkiang.

A Chinese high command communique said today that heavy fighting was in progress at several points in Hunan to stem the Japanese advance on the air base 250 miles southeast of Chungking

German Elite Guards, Now Allied Prisoners, Bury Nameless Cadavers at Belsen Concentration Camp

By WILLIAM FRYE

BELSEN, Germany, April 21 (AP)—The dead were getting a burial today at this fearsome concentration camp — each nameless dead getting a ghastly burial.

No coffins or flowers at this funeral. No tears or well-bred sympathy. No music.

Those naked corpses were hauled in trucks and dumped into a pit. Their pall bearers were SS (elite guard) men and women, now allied prisoners.

Shouted Litany

Their litany was the hoarse shouts of British soldiers, sick with disgust and fury, ordering these marked members of Hitler's chosen legions about their horrible task.

I saw Belsen—its piles of lifeless dead and its aimless swarms of living dead. Their great eyes were just animal lights in skin-covered skulls of famine.

Some were dying of typhus, some of typhoid, some of tuberculosis, but most were just dying of starvation. Starvation—the flesh on their bodies had fed on itself until there was no flesh left, just skin covering bones and the end of all hope, and nothing left to feed on.

Cadavers Still Hope

Tragically, there is still hope inside these still-breathing cadavers. As long as eyes can stare from the bodies scattered everywhere on the floors and on the ground there is hope. Hope in these for whom there is no hope. They are living but they cannot live. No food, no care can save them. Ahead of them is nothing—nothing but that pit with the bulldozer waiting to cover them with earth.

Nothing—well, there is one thing, the knowledge that after months of bestiality there is suddenly, unbelievably, friendliness and good-will among men. At least they will die aware of that.

Countless thousands — some say 30,000, some say more—died without even that comfort, died horrible deaths before the British second army reached this camp on the Aller river southeast of Bremen Sunday.

I saw these dead — hundreds and thousands—lying in ditches and against walls of drab huts and piled in heaps, each one in a grotesque attitude in a grotesque mound. Some were clothed, but most were naked. Their nakedness was of no account because there had long ceased to be anything recognizably human about them, even before the last flicker of life disappeared.

This is what I heard:

Josef Kramer, SS commander of Belsen now under close arrest, previously commanded Auschwitz, where children were taken from their mothers and burned alive, where a gas chamber killed thousands, where Kramer kept his own orchestra to entertain him with Strauss waltzes while abominations were practiced under his command outside his window.

Kind Predecessor

At Belsen Kramer's predecessor, also of the SS, was kind and considerate—prisoners had enough to eat and proper medical care, and were treated as human beings. The vileness began with Kramer's arrival five months ago.

He instituted starvation as punishment, kept it up as a habit. He enjoyed the shuddering filthiness, with a lascivious lust for degration and death, that Belsen became.

I heard that occasionally men starving in Belsen watched the dying with hunger, and as soon as they were dead, cut out their hearts, liver and kidneys and devoured them to sustain their own vanishing lives.

I saw SS men and women, once the torturing, brutal guards of this purgatory beyond imagination, put to labor loading the bodies of the people they had killed into trucks. I saw them at the pits unloading these human carcasses, dragging them through the sand and dumping them into a great hole half-filled with dead. I saw these dead—dead long beyond rigor mortis—tumble limply into the vast common grave that hid there namelessness forever.

Linkup Looms Between Russ, Yank Troops

LONDON, April 21 (AP)—The German radio said tonight the Russians had broken into greater Berlin.

Russian tanks entered greater Berlin from the northeast, the German broadcast said, penetrating into the Weissensee-Pankow district.

Three hours earlier German broadcasts declared 1,500,000 Russian troops had battered into five Berlin suburbs and flanked the capital on the southwest in a sweep within 32 miles of American lines.

"The enemy has reached Berlin proper," said tonight's broadcast. "Massed enemy forces have reached the outer defense ring of Berlin and the capital proper is now in the fighting zone.

"Russian tank spearheads have reached the region of the Weissensee-Pankow district (in northeast Berlin three miles inside the city limits). "They were immediately engaged."

To the south unconfirmed reports said American and Russian patrols already were linked. There was no word from official sources concerning the linkup. A Moscow report placed the American and Russian patrols 25 miles apart, and the Germans indicated the gap was about 32 miles.

Ferocious Ba[illegible]

The battle for Ber[illegible] "never has been surpassed in ferocity," a German broadcast said.

The linkup south of the capital appeared imminent, while in the direct assault on Berlin the soviets by German account smashed into its suburbs at five points.

By German account mammoth Russian forces were enveloping Berlin from points in the suburbs on the east, north and southwest. Big soviet guns pounded the Potsdamer platz in the center of the doomed city where the nazis said 3,000,000 Germans remained to wait the final battle.

Siege Arc Formed

The siege arc was forming from Bernau, virtually at the northeast boundary and just outside the ring autobahn, to Koenigs-Wuesterhausen, three miles from the southern boundary, the Germans said, describing the situation in the southeast sector as critical.

A London dispatch from the U. S. ninth army front said the rumble of masses of Russian big guns was audible in the Elbe bridgehead, where Americans were building up strength for the kill, and a Moscow dispatch said a massive wall of tanks perhaps unequalled in modern warfare were crunching toward the nazi capital, blazing from six RAF night attacks.

Menaces Redoubt

Gen. Eisenhower, who proclaimed after a conference with Field Marshal Montgomery that the Germans in the west "are now tottering on the threshold

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STETTINIUS, EDEN TALK ON POLISH ISSUE

By FLORA LEWIS

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP) British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden today declared "we are in complete agreement on all points" after a conference with Secretary of State Stettinius.

The two presumably discussed the attitude they will take on the ticklish Polish problem at their meeting with Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov, who was expected to arrive here tonight or tomorrow.

"Useful Talks"

"We had very useful discussions on a number of subjects," Eden told reporters as he emerged from an hour and a quarter session with Stettinius. He would not elaborate.

Molotov's delay in reaching Washington has left very little time for the Big Three to settle the broad range of problems facing them and both Eden and Stettinius appeared to be growing impatient.

Another part of the hurried international discussions taking place here was carried on at the White House where U. S. ambassador to Russia W. Averell Harriman spent three quarters of an hour talking with President Truman.

Firm Refusal

There was some hope that the Russians would back down on their twice-presented demand that the present provisional government in Warsaw be invited to San Francisco.

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Petain Escapes Into Switzerland

PARIS, April 21 (AP) — The newspaper Lordre, crediting private sources, said today that Marshal Henri Petain has escaped from Germany into Switzerland.

The article added that Pierre Laval, Marcel Deat and other collaborationists remained behind.

Simultaneously, a demand was made by the newspaper La Depeche that the case against Petain be prepared and legal machinery be set up for a swift trial of the former head of the Vichy government.

Chelsea House Razed by Fire

The Roy Vaughn residence in the Chelsea addition was entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Flames were visible from Klamath Falls and the sky, at 1:30 a. m., was lighted in that area.

Neighbors called the county fire department which arrived too late to save the Vaughn home. No adjoining buildings were lost. Cause of the fire was not learned. Vaughn is an employe of Pelican Bay Lumber company.

German General Shot by Tankmen

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY, April 21 (AP)—American tankmen shot a high ranking German general to death yesterday in the Ruhr pocket when he and his men ran from a house and killed a U. S. soldier with a machine pistol.

The Americans were making a routine patrol south of Schmallenberg when eight Germans burst out of the house and fired on them. A tankman opened fire with a machinegun. Besides the American and the German general, two of the general's fleeing men were killed and two others wounded. Three escaped.

Myrtle Creek Mill Burns Down

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 21 (AP)—Fire of undiscovered origin last night completely destroyed the Myrtle Creek Lumber company mill at Myrtle Creek with a loss estimated by H. A. Dent, manager, at approximately $250,000. The fire started at 10:30 p. m., and spread rapidly through the plant, destroying the sawmill, green chain and power plant.

The planer mill and lumber on docks escaped serious damage.

The Roseburg fire department was called to protect adjacent property, arriving too late to save the mill.

Papa-to-Be Keeps USO Open

Staff members were dimming the lights at the USO preparatory to closing one evening, when it was noticed that a lone marine was in the telephone booth. He opened the door, and in a soft but worried southern drawl, asked if they would mind waiting while he put through a long-distance call. His wife was having a baby in Washington, D. C., and the prospective father had been waiting since 7 o'clock to hear the news. The staff delayed closing the center.

Poor connections prevented the call from coming through, but workers tried to alleviate his worry, assuring him that "everything would be all right." With no other alternative, he went back to the Marine Barracks to spend the night, pacing the floor and tearing his hair.

Early the next morning the news came through and that afternoon the leatherneck was at the center to announce with glowing pride that it was a boy! He went on to say that since he was a tough marine baby, he should have a fitting name, so the staff, having been in the business from the very beginning, wished to name the baby. Every name on the books was suggested, but daddy said that no matter what the preference of the staff might be, he had a feeling that mother will be the lady to decide!