

REDS STRIKE AT HEART OF CITY

Herald and News

In The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland
Klamath Falls, Oregon, Monday, April 23, 1945

Weather News
April 23
Max. (April 22) 84 Min. 35
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 1.14
Normal 9.93 Last year 6.91
Forecast: Clear and warmer.

Troops Reach Elbe River; Linkup Near

LONDON, April 23 (AP)—Marshal Stalin said tonight the Russians had reached the Elbe at Muehlberg, northwest of Dresden and 23 miles east of the last reported positions of the U. S. first army. The Elbe was reached, Stalin said, as the climax of a drive of 50 to 100 miles from the Neisse river.

Stalin announced the Russians had broken into Berlin from the north and south and penetrated to within four miles of the center of the capital.

Frankfurt, German buttress on the Oder, and Cottbus, stronghold on the Neisse, fell in the sweeping breakthrough of Berlin's defenses, the Russian marshal announced.

At the same time the Luxembourg radio declared that Berlin had been completely encircled before nightfall.

In a third order of the day Premier Stalin later announced the capture of Opava (Troppau), a Nazi fortress city guarding the Moravian gate to central Czechoslovakia. The capture was made by troops of Marshal Yeremeno.

HITLER DIRECTS BATTLE
LONDON, April 23 (AP)—Adolf Hitler is in Berlin and has decided to remain there, the Hamburg radio said today in a broadcast directed at Berlin residents in an attempt to convince them the invaded capital would not fall.

Both the tone and wording of the announcement made it clear that rumors were sweeping the reich that the fueshrer was in flight.

The broadcast said the announcement was made to stem what was described as "fantastic rumors by which the enemy is attempting to undermine the morale of the German people."

Propaganda Minister Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels is also in the capital, the broadcast said. It conceded that the fall of Berlin would virtually mean the end of the war.

"There are two bastions which we cannot and will not cede," Goebbels was quoted as saying, referring to Berlin and Prague, the capital of Bohemia-Moravia.

"If these two bastions fall into enemy hands the whole of Europe will perish with Germany," he said. "Should bolshevism capture these capitals of the reich and the protectorate, Europe ceases to exist."

The Elbe river is reported unofficially to be the dividing line between operational areas of the Russian and western allied forces but there has been no official word that the Americans had reached the river in the area immediately northwest of Dresden.

Meeting Unmentioned
Marshal Stalin's order did not mention a meeting between the western allies and the red army.

In an earlier order of the day Stalin announced that Frankfurt-on-the-Oder had fallen to red army troops.

The Americans were last reported at Eilenburg, 10 miles northeast of Leipzig and 15 miles west of the Elbe in the area northwest of Dresden.

The marshal's second order of the day announced the capture of Cottbus, 47 miles southeast of Berlin, and said the Russians had broken into Berlin from the south.

Stalin in an order of the day directed to 99 generals and 50 other officers said red army troops had smashed the German capital's defenses and captured Pankow, Oranienburg, Coepnick, Friedrichsfelde—suburban communities on the northwest, north, east and southeast of Berlin.

Towns Taken by Reds
In addition the order said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's first White Russian army troops captured Birkenwerder river and Henningsdorf—the latter on the west bank of the Havel river and four miles from Lake Tegel on the northwest fringe of the capital. Wandlitz and Karlishof also fell to the advancing Russians.

The order which directed that Moscow's victory guns give 20 salvos from 224 guns said units of the Polish first army under Lt. Gen. Poplawski participated in the Russian victory.

Pankow is four miles north of the center of the German capital and Friedrichsfelde four miles east of the center. Oranienburg is 7 miles north of greater Berlin and Coepnick is nine miles southeast of the city. Karlishof is near Friedrichsfelde and Birkenwerder close to Oranienburg.

Frankfurt-on-the-Oder was by-passed by the Russians at the start of the offensive against Berlin a week ago. The order said the Russians had advanced from 37 to 62 miles from their jump-off points.

Stalin's order was the first mention of Marshal Zhukov since March 20 when his army took Altdamm near Stettin and apparently dispelled reports broadcast by the Germans that he had been recalled to Moscow and displaced.

Big Three Ministers Talk On Bay City Confab Issues

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) The Big Three foreign ministers today resumed their momentous discussions prior to the San Francisco conference.

The sessions began shortly after 10:30 a. m. when Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov arrived at Secretary of State Stettinius' office.

British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden had arrived at the state department a short time before.

Conferees
Also present for the conference were Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko, W. Averell Harriman, American ambassador to Russia; Sir Alexander Cadogan, British permanent undersecretary for foreign affairs; Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British ambassador to Moscow, and U. S. Undersecretary of State Grew.

No statements were issued prior to today's meeting as to the progress made thus far in the Washington get-together of the Russian, British and American foreign ministers.

"In Confab"
After an hour and a half of conversations, the foreign ministers recess for lunch, but Secretary of State Stettinius declared "We're still in conference."

After leaving the conference, Stettinius hurried to the White House to see President Truman. He told White House reporters he had "no comment."

Molotov was first to leave the conference room at the state department, at 12:10 p. m. He was followed a few minutes later by Stettinius and Eden and members of their party.

Truman Talks to Military Heads

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) President Truman conferred for an hour this afternoon with his highest diplomatic and military officials.

The nature of the meeting, to which the heads of the state, war and navy departments were summoned, was not immediately disclosed.

WLB Approves Coal Contract

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) The war labor board today approved the new national soft coal contract, subject to a grant of coal price increases by OPA and approval of the latter by Economic Stabilizer Director.

The contract involves 400,000 bituminous mine workers, and provides an increase of \$1.07 in the basic earnings of the average inside day worker.

PACIFIC BASE RETENTION BY U.S. STUDIED

Proposal Shares Lime-Light With Polish Issue at Confab

By J. W. DAVIS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23 (AP)—The United States would retain control of strategic Pacific bases after the war under a compromise trusteeship plan reported under study today for presentation to the United Nations conference.

This subject, together with a proposal for a "community of the Pacific" patterned after the Pan-American union, shared pre-conference interest with the long-troublesome Polish question, currently a Big Three topic in Washington.

Predict Success

And as the Wednesday opening of the 46-nation conference drew near, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) and Commander Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, predicted it would succeed in its job of establishing a world organization for peace.

Both are U. S. delegates and Vandenberg is reportedly in line for the job of representing this country on the conference commission which will write the regulations for the world security council.

To Set Up Voting

This commission will handle the delicate problem of voting procedure within the inner circle of the peace-keeping organization.

Advocates say the international trusteeship compromise, worked out at Washington, is intended to satisfy military demands for the Pacific island bases, and at the same time to provide a plan that would work as well to the benefit of Russia, Britain or any other nation with military base requirements.

The idea is to have two kinds of trusteeships. Areas of one type would be subject to investigation and report by trustee committees of the proposed world organization. Territories of the other type probably to be called security areas, would be assigned exclusively to the trustee power.

County Courts to Consider Appeal

Members of the Klamath and Lake county courts plan to meet informally within a short time to discuss the possibility of appealing the decision of the land office in the recent Shevlin-Hixon timber exchange.

County Judge U. E. Reeder said members of his court were planning to meet with the Lake county delegation at the district No. 2 session of courts which include Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties.

"We are waiting to get a copy of Senator Guy Cordon's bill on contribution in lieu of taxes, before a decision is made," Judge Reeder stated.

He said the decision of the land office would not be discussed officially at the district meeting, but that the Lake county court would be present and it would be an advantageous time for the two courts to get together and "talk among ourselves."

The district meeting will be held in Prineville at the call of County Judge C. L. Allen of Bend, and in the past these sessions have been held in April.

Local Men Buy Alturas Store

Purchase of the Golden Rule store at Alturas by J. A. and Alta Souther, L. Delos Mills and D. D. Reeder, all of Klamath Falls, was announced this week.

Souther, who has been manager of Moe's department store for the past seven years, has resigned his position here, effective May 1. Mrs. Souther is in Alturas operating the store at the present time.

The Golden Rule store was sold to the Klamath men by George Arabolad who has been in business in Alturas for 29 years.

Souther has been active in civic affairs during his residence here. He is past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post, served on numerous committees with the Klamath county chamber of commerce, Girl Scouts, and is a member of the Lions club and Baptist church.

Counties Can Clean House

Senate Bill 119, recently passed by the state legislature authorizing the destruction of papers deemed of no value, may mean cleaning house in the 36 counties of Oregon.

As far as the Klamath county vault is concerned, it's crammed full. For the first time in the history of the county, the mountain of deeds, records and papers is being indexed with one person detailed to this job since the first of the year.

Teen-Agers Open Club



Approximately 280 high school students visited the Teen-age club at its formal opening on Saturday night. The club is located in the two east rooms of the armory and features a good dance floor, coke bar and music furnished by a juke box.



Teen-agers may visit the club between 4 and 5:45 every afternoon this week, and it will be open on Friday and Saturday evening. The opening for parents and adult friends is to be held sometime in the near future.

ALLIED TROOPS SMASH TO RIVER

ROME, April 23 (AP)—Allied troops of the fifteenth army group have smashed to the River Po at several undisclosed locations, it was announced tonight.

Units of both the fifth and the British eighth armies roared on toward the Po, objective of many weary months of battling, in ground-devouring leaps at many places, but on the eastern end of the front the British still were meeting stubborn resistance in the Ferrara area.

Earlier, it was reported that the fifth army was nearing the Po after a 35-mile dash beyond (Continued on Page Two)

11,738 Japs Die on Isle; Nipponese Re-take Kakazu

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

American infantrymen, fighting a costly see-saw battle on southern Okinawa, have killed 11,738 Japanese.

Enemy losses were announced by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in his Monday communique which also reported the destruction of 128 Nipponese planes in suicide attacks on the Okinawa area, in U. S. carrier plane sweeps over the northern Ryukyus and in a land-based fighter plane low-level attack on the Suzuka naval base on Japan proper.

Recapture Kakazu
Nipponese infantrymen, infiltrating U. S. 27th division lines as kamikaze suicide planes made another heavy attack on U. S. land positions and shipping, recaptured Kakazu town on western Okinawa. Strategic ridge positions changed hands repeatedly along the three-division front. Officially, the lines were substantially unchanged.

In sharp retreat marines of the third amphibious corps overran two small islands off northern Okinawa, 325 miles from Japan.

Raid Airfields
Supporting the Okinawa action 150 Superforts yesterday

\$25,000. Damage Suit Filed Here
Charging that he was permanently disabled as the result of injuries received on September 4, 1944, Claude H. Jordan brought suit in circuit court today against LeRoy C. Hill, seeking damages of \$25,000.

U. S. Balentine is attorney for the plaintiff.

According to the complaint, Jordan was operating his car on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway near Dairy when his machine was struck by one operated by the defendant, Hill.

A suit to recover \$2500 damages was also filed in circuit court this morning by Lester A. Watts vs. Don Barnes. Watts charging that he was engaged in sorting potatoes as an employe of Barnes. The plaintiff was using an electric power driven machine and on November 20, 1944, the sorter was loaded on a truck. The sorter tilted and Watts attempted to lift the sorter when he caught his right thumb, losing a portion of the thumb at that time.

U. S. Balentine represents Watts.

PATTON'S MEN RUN WILD TO MENACE LAIR

35-Mile Front Active Against Minor Opposition

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, April 23 (AP)—Lt. Gen. George Patton's third army, running wild on a 35-mile front in a southward smash toward Adolf Hitler's Alpine redoubt, advanced to within 13 miles of Regensburg today.

Infantry reached the Naab river 13 miles north of Regensburg against only minor opposition, while other troops burst through the enemy's Danube river line to within 50 miles of Munich.

Attack Bremen
In the north, the British opened the final onslaught against Bremen and the American first and ninth armies anxiously awaited a junction with the Russians—expected momentarily.

The first army captured Dessau (120,000), 52 miles southwest of beleaguered Berlin, along with 21,373 prisoners. The fall of Dessau left only 14 German cities under the Nazi flag.

Blackout Imposed
Patton imposed a security blackout soon after his third army captured two bridges intact across the Naab river, a tributary of the Danube, northwest of Regensburg. Blackouts in the past have cloaked breakthroughs.

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KALPINE RE-OPENS AFTER SHUTDOWN

The wheels of industry turned again today at the Kalpine plywood company on the Weed highway after a shutdown since February 15, 1945.

This is the longest closing period since the plant started operation in 1938, and was caused by a shortage of peeler logs. They are now being obtained from the Link River Lumber company, and with other sources of supply in view, Kalpine expects to continue operation.

F. V. Russell, with the West Coast Lumber and Trading company of Seattle, is president of the company, with W. E. Marsander as superintendent, and A. J. Hanzel as resident manager.

Hanzel came to the company from Weed in September, 1944, where he helped in rebuilding the plant there.

A need for men as green chain offbearers and similar (Continued on Page Two)

\$34 Million Meat Relief Decreed

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) The government sought today to put more meat on the nation's dinner tables by decreeing a \$34,000,000 price relief program for packers and new controls to spread supplies evenly.

Prices housewives pay for meat are not affected.

The \$34,000,000—mostly in increased subsidies—will be paid at that a n u a l rate to slaughterers in an effort to ease a "squeeze" many claim is forcing them out of business.

Gloria Vanderbilt Wedded To Conductor Stokowski

LOS ANGELES, April 23 (AP) Leopold Stokowski and his wealthy young bride, Gloria Vanderbilt Stokowski, were in seclusion today after a week-end wedding in Mexico that almost was prevented by a plane accident.

Gloria, who gained control of a \$4,384,000 fortune on her 21st birthday February 20, and the 55-year-old orchestra conductor were married at Mexicali, Mexico, Saturday night.

Escape Injury
They narrowly escaped injury as a chartered plane in which they were flying from Reno, Nev., was forced down near Mojave, Calif. William Guermann of Reno, proprietor of a plane service, said the pilot reported on his return to Reno that the plane developed engine trouble and landed on a highway.

From there, Gloria and Stokowski hitch-hiked a ride to the border and were married by Civil Judge Apolonio Nunez in the Mexican government palace at 10 o'clock Saturday night. Jimmy Alvarez, operator of a Mexicali cafe, was best man.

Pat "Cruel" Reno after she obtained a divorce Friday from Pasquale (Pat) Di Cicco, Hollywood actor's agent. She charged cruelty and was granted the right to resume her maiden name. She and Di Cicco were married in 1941 at Santa Barbara, Calif.

This was Stokowski's third marriage, the others ending in divorce.

No plans were made public as to whether the couple plans a honeymoon trip. The conductor is scheduled for an appearance here May 16 and is expected to begin rehearsals early in May.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Kremlin finally breaks its official silence, and Stalin announces that red army units are within four miles of heart of Berlin.

Remember that Berlin is the world's fourth largest city. It's 17 miles from its outskirts to center.

Russians' flanks are apparently well ahead of center. That is, they are circling around the doomed city.

Dispatches this morning there is only ONE WAY through Spandau, a suburb of the beleaguered German capital.

Retreating by this route and run head-on into our waiting on the Elbe.

COUNTS of the area of Berlin already in Russian hands vary. Moscow says, one to a fourth. The fighting from house to house, of the kind with which we have been familiar.

As the armies fight it out, the million German resisters are said to be jammed tightly into underground shelters that all have to stand.

Dispatch says this morning Berlin is being translated into a ghastly monotonous senseless Nazi resistance.

ETHER we have effected a junction with the Russian south of Berlin is a mystery as this is written is apparently WAITING AT ELBE while the reds approach from the east.

The junction is being handled with great caution—as naturally we don't want to make a mistake in recognition that result in shooting each other.

As we stay on the Elbe while the Russians come to us, they at least know where we are. That may explain why we are so quiet.

We may have crossed the Elbe.

As far as can be judged by careful reading of the dispatch, we haven't crossed the Elbe anywhere—except at our bridgehead due west of the city, and even there we seem to be staying put.

Units of two great military forces approaching each other from opposite directions, queuing up a enemy behind them is a ticklish operation. Artillery can easily overtake.

Planes can make errors of cognition and bomb friends as well as enemies.

Obviously the simplest way is one side to stay put while the other moves up.

One can't help guessing that the Russians may have us: "Berlin is our meat."

It is to us. We'll handle it. We vaguely know that at Germany was divided up into three zones for separate occupation. One can't say that as the end nears (Continued on Page Two)

Port Reverses Reason Decision

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) Supreme court today reversed the treason conviction of a charged by Cranger, naturalized citizen, charged with aiding Nazi saboteurs.

Justice Jackson delivered the opinion, which decried the first treason conviction considered by a tripartite court.

Justice Douglas wrote a dissenting opinion in which Chief Justice Stone and Justices Black and Brandeis concurred.

Justice was accused of helping the eight Nazi saboteurs who landed from submarines on the east coast in June, 1941. He was sentenced to 45 years imprisonment and fined \$100,000 by the southern New Federal district court.

Congress Asks Security Study

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) House committee today announced a study of a war atrocity film to catalog Nazi crimes of prisoners was considered in congress today.

Representatives introduced resolutions in the house creation of such an agency.

Others expressed regret and indignation over reports of atrocities and urged General Eisenhower to send a group of congressmen to visit Europe to see the cruelties.