

HITLER'S HIDEOUT DESTROYED

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 Max. (April 24) 48 Min. 33
 Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
 Stream year to date 8.18
 Normal 10.00 Last year 7.25
 Forecast: Clearing Thursday.

Red Circle On Berlin Completed

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
 Associated Press War Editor
 Hitler's chalet at Berchtesgaden was blown to pieces today by a direct hit with a 12,000-pound earthquake bomb as Russian armies encircled Berlin and western armies stormed the outer ramparts of the Germans' Alpine redoubt area.

The assault on Hitler's mountain nest atop Kehlstein mountains and his storm trooper barracks nearby was carried out by British Lancasters as strong forces of American heavy bombers blasted the fuhrer's private rail lines leading to the area. A flight sergeant reported seeing two heavy bombs fall directly on the hideout.

As this possible attempt on the German fuhrer's life was being carried out, soviet troops were storming to the Elbe river on a 22-mile front, according to the Nazi high command, and two giant Russian armies besieging the burning capital completed its encirclement.

The German radio at Hamburg reported the Russians had reached the center of Berlin and been checked there. Meanwhile, American troops stormed ahead toward Austria. The third army's tanks stabbed to within 18 miles of the border, reaching a point 78 miles north and slightly east of Berchtesgaden.

The western allies hurled the power of three armies against the outer ramparts of the Bavarian redoubt. The American seventh army launched a drive apparently aimed at encircling Munich, reaching a point 87 miles southwest of the greatest south German cities, as other seventh army troops drove within 46 miles of the Nazis' southern capital on the north.

The Elbe was reached by the Russians northwest of Dresden in an area near where mighty American forces were awaiting the historic link that would sever the Reich.

Inside the inferno that is Berlin, a fantastic battle of the subways raged. Last-ditch Nazi defenses were pounded mercilessly by soviet guns.

Swinging down from the north in the vast encircling movement, the Russians by German account took Ketzin and cut the last railway escape route. Southwest of the capital soviet forces virtually sheared Potsdam from Berlin, the Nazi high command indicated.

American armies captured at least 12 German generals yesterday. A supreme headquarters statement said that the German army has ceased to exist as an integrated fighting force.

As the Germans continued to insist that Hitler was inside Berlin, directing the last-ditch battle, and as Propaganda Minister Goebbels promised that reinforcements were on the way, the first White Russian and first Ukrainian armies all but isolated the sprawling capital. Russian artillery was reducing the proud city to ashes and rubble.

Allies Cross Po To Pursue Nazis

ROME, April 25 (AP)—Both the British eighth and U. S. fifth armies sent troops across the Po river today in pursuit of disorganized German forces reeling back toward Italy's northern border.

The crack 10th American mountain division won the first allied foothold beyond the barrier stream Monday morning in the face of what a communique called a "remarkably fierce" concentration of enemy fire.

Larry Burgess Killed in Action

Cpl. Lawrence "Larry" Burgess, 22, has been reported killed while on duty April 7, with Gen. Patton's 3rd Army in Germany. His mother, Mrs. Molly Burgess, 204 South 5th, was notified April 19.

Cpl. Burgess finished his last year of high school here, graduating from KUHS in 1940. He moved here from Kansas with his mother six years ago and was employed by the U. S. forest service before entering the service in July, 1943.

Larry has been overseas for one year and two months, and had been transferred to radio communications just two months ago.

Surviving are his mother, one brother, Sgt. Bill Burgess with Patton's 3rd Army overseas, his father, L. G. Burgess of Kansas, and numerous aunts and uncles.

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Cpl. Larry Burgess

Where Berlin Battle Rages



Russian troops were reported to have reached Unter den Linden, geographical center of the Reich capital, and to have half the city under their control. German forces reportedly barricaded the Brandenburg gates, shown in foreground, to prevent a triumphal soviet march through them.

Klamath's Unprecedented Lack of Meat Blamed By Packers on Government Policy

The Klamath basin this week faced an alarming shortage of meat.

Possibility of more meat for local tables was far from encouraging as feeders, slaughterers, and dealers alike found themselves facing a situation which, they claimed, is the result of the OPA ceiling slapped on the three operators, making any profit impossible.

It boils down to the simple law of economics in the opinion of the slaughterer.

Unprecedented Lack

Although the pinch has been felt throughout the nation as a whole, it is just now penetrating the Klamath basin which is in the heart of a meat producing area. For the housewife to walk into her favorite butcher shop and find fish and a small amount of hamburger and perhaps some cut veal, is a condition never before felt in Klamath county.

Without a doubt Klamath dealers are now facing their most critical operation which, they maintain, has long been difficult under wartime restrictions placed on the small operator as well as the large.

Quota Depleted

A heavy demand the first of April was greater than the allowable kill based on a comparable period one year ago, Bratton explained. When questioned as to the war food administration's consideration of an increase in consumption here, Bratton said that to his knowledge, WFA had not considered this problem at all.

Feeders of hogs and cattle, main meat items on the American table, have been put out of business not only locally but all over the United States, packers here state. They point out that the reason for this is that the government pays more for the grain, which in reality is the meat maker—the hay is the roughage—than the grain producer can realize by feeding to either cattle or hogs.

Can't Afford Grain

No professional feeder, the man who makes a business of feeding stock, can afford to purchase grain or concentrates at the present price and still produce meat. This is the belief of all Klamath operators, expressed to The Herald and News this morning.

In their opinion it is a circle that goes back to the feeder and follows through to the finished product and then starts all over again.

Army to Release Men With 4 to 5 Years in Service

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—The army plans to start this summer releasing some men who will have been in uniform four to five years.

The release policy, which may preclude any marked out in draft calls after June 30, was disclosed in official but publicity-shy quarters today. The army yesterday formally announced plans to honor discharge requests of enlisted men 42 and over.

By next month a considerable number of Uncle Sam's "emergency soldiers" will have spent five years in service. Vigorous recruiting began in May, 1940, and selective service began drafting in November of that year.

The policy of discharging veterans of four and five years' service is expected to get underway around mid-year, even should German resistance persist.

Nazis Use Express Trains, Bob Up Behind Russians Fighting to Berlin's Heart

By EDDY GILMORE
 MOSCOW, April 25 (AP)—A fantastic battle surged through the subways beneath Berlin's rubble-strewn streets today as Russian forces fought to crush fanatical Nazi troops using the underground network to stage surprise attacks on soviet communication.

Eye-witness accounts sent by Russian correspondents from the German capital said Nazi soldiers, rushing from station to station in express trains, were constantly popping up at unexpected spots behind red army troops fighting their way toward the center of the city.

These and other reports of the struggle raging inside Berlin suggested the Germans might succeed in making a long defense of their capital.

"Peculiar" Battle
 A Red Star correspondent, describing the strategic use to which the Germans were putting the Berlin subways, declared the

Polish Issue Deadlocked As Confab Opens

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
 SAN FRANCISCO, April 25 (AP)—The Big Four foreign ministers broke up a last-minute pre-conference meeting today with the Polish issue as badly deadlocked as ever.

A few hours before the formal opening of the United Nations conference (4:30 p. m. Pacific war time), Foreign Commissar Molotov of Russia left the hotel office of Secretary Stettinius. He was followed shortly by Foreign Minister Eden of Britain and China's foreign chief, Soong.

None would tell newsmen what they had discussed and subsequently Stettinius would say only that it was a meeting of the foreign ministers of the sponsoring powers completing arrangements for the conference.

However, it was learned definitely that no progress had been made toward a break in the deadlock on Poland and the Big Three remained split over the status of the Warsaw government.

The four foreign chiefs conferred at the Fairmont hotel. To them largely falls the job of seeing the conference through its crucial first days and then on into the work of blue-printing machinery for preventing another world war.

The presence of Soong was taken to mean that the Polish issue, sharply dramatized by the absence of any representation thus far for any Polish government, was not at the moment under discussion. This difficult problem is almost entirely one for the Big Three, with Russia on one side and Britain and America on the other.

Sun in California
 A beautiful day, with the sun shining on San Francisco's rambling hills, welcomed the delegates as they started off their historic conference.

Other than the Polish issue there is evidence of close big-power cooperation which members of the American group interpret to mean that Russia is determined to help the conference succeed and is already making concessions for that purpose.

This conference city abuzz with activity. The American delegation scheduled a pre-conference caucus with Secretary of State Stettinius. Russian members met with Foreign Commissar Molotov, who arrived Tuesday afternoon, and British delegates had a conference with Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.

Eden reached here by plane at 1:15 a. m. today after a trans-continental flight from Washington.

He declined to comment on the Russian-Polish situation, saying, "I do not think I should say anything more than Mr. Stettinius already has so wisely said."

Stettinius flatly refused to discuss the question at an earlier press conference.

Eden appeared tired after the long flight in which his plane bucked headwinds across the country.

He was accompanied by Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British ambassador to Moscow, and Sir Alexander Cadogan, of the British foreign office.

There was some expectation that the Big Three foreign ministers themselves would get together with China's T. V. Soong for a last-minute review of arrangements prior to the brief conference opening at 4:30 p. m. (Pacific war time).

Highlights of the scheduled half-hour program to be broadcast around the world is a speech by President Truman from Washington. Stettinius raps the session to order and delivers the initial address, introducing the American chief executive. After Mr. Truman the program calls for addresses by Governor Earl Warren of California and Mayor Roger D. Lapham of San Francisco.

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Girl Admits Try At Hold-up Here

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MEDFORD LAUNCHES FIGHT FOR HIGHWAY

MEDFORD, April 25 (AP)—This area launched a battle today to make Pacific highway 99—not highway 97 which runs through Klamath Falls—the chief future inter-regional highway.

Representatives of some Oregon and California chambers of commerce, county courts, and Pacific Highway association officials planned at a meeting here material to be presented to the next highway commission session May 12.

Ralph E. Koozer, Ashland, president of the Pacific Highway association, said briefs would be prepared on tonnage, weather conditions, scenic attractions, and industries along the two routes. Similar material will be presented to the California highway commission.

Koozer called today's meeting after Arthur W. Schaupp, Klamath Falls and highway commissioner, proposed that the route through Klamath Falls be adopted as the main highway. He claimed it was shorter and more easily traveled.

State highway commissions are to send recommendations for the main inter-regional highways to the federal bureau of roads by July 1, Koozer said.

Japanese Woman Commits Suicide

NEWELL—The death of Umeno Yamada, 44, wife of Yoichi Yamada, 84, residents of the war relocation authority's Tulelake center here, was being investigated today.

Mrs. Yamada, whose husband was not at home at the time, was found dying in her apartment yesterday morning. A bottle with a "poison" label was nearby and Mrs. Yamada left a note, written in Japanese, to her husband indicating she had taken her own life. An autopsy report was being awaited on the specific cause of death. Contents of the note were not made known.

Scots in Danger Of Losing Kilts

LONDON, April 25 (AP)—Scotsmen stand in peril of losing their kilts—and their leaders plan a protest.

The demand abroad for the colorful plaid cloth, particularly by women in the United States, has caused a shortage. Thus Scotsmen, who love to parade in kilts, are being compelled to wear pants. Hard hit, too, are Scotch children who wear plaid kilts as a form of national dress.

Scottish leaders planned to ask Board of Trade President Hugh Dalton if he is aware that nearly all tartan material in stock is being reserved for export.

Truman Confers With Military

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—President Truman held a one-hour and 40 minute conference with the joint chiefs of staff at the Pentagon building this afternoon.

The president drove to the army's big building across the Potomac in Virginia at 1:40 p. m., went immediately to an upper floor office and remained until 3:28 p. m.

As he came down to re-enter his automobile in the Pentagon garage, Mr. Truman said simply, "No comment" to the press association reporters who were permitted to make the trip with him.



L. Orth Sisemore, elected president of the chamber of commerce for next year.

SISEMORE NAMED TO HEAD C OF C

The new board of directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce today elected L. Orth Sisemore as president for the coming year. Sisemore will take office next week, succeeding Malcolm Epley. New officers will be introduced at the annual meeting of the chamber set for next Monday night, when Governor Earl Snell will be principal speaker.

John Houston, a newly-elected director, was named vice president, and Roy Rakestraw was elected secretary. The board re-elected Charles R. Stark as manager of the chamber of commerce.

Directors Named
 Newly-elected chamber of commerce directors are Henry Semon, A. M. Collier, P. S. Hitchcock, John Houston, E. A. Geary, Fred Heilbroner and M. S. West. Seven already in office who will continue to serve are E. H. Balsiger, C. A. Dunn, Malcolm Epley, Dick Henzel, J. W. Kerns, J. V. Owens and L. Orth Sisemore.

The chamber directors at their final meeting of the year adopted important policies with respect to timber and water resources.

They accepted a report of the post-war planning committee covering the timber situation in the following points:

That timber which can log (Continued on Page Two)

Stick-Up Girl



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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

fantastic battle of the Berchtesgaden. Final glory of the grim tale of the world's fourth largest hole—if you've ever tried to dig your way through the air above and below the earth, the experience will help you visualize this weirdest of holes since the world began.

There was a time when men fought each other with swords and spears and clubs on the surface of the earth. They fought with complicated weapons on the earth's surface, in the air above and in dug subterranean depths.

War has grown.

Although the pitch-black darkness of these tunnels under Berlin's streets, trains at express speed. They are crowded with men and guns—machine rifles, but mortars, machine guns and field artillery.

Tactical problems arise from these facilities which the Germans have placed at the disposal of their fanatical defenders. The Russians advance, mile after mile, from the city's center toward its axis, over the surface opposition as well.

Then, suddenly, consider the bodies of the enemy appearing in their rear—having been transported, along with necessary weapons, under the earth beneath the Russian's feet.

An enemy in your rear is always a menace to be feared.

Attacking Russians meet new problems by the way down subway tunnels, lowering cannon and machine guns from the sky to smash whomever or wherever they may be approaching in darkness—proving anew the axiom that what defense resourceful men design to overcome by equally resourceful attackers.

It is the dramatic, and the pitiful of it.

Germany is defending the last are not men—as Leonidas and his stood at Thermopylae—die at the cost of their fair and free and beautiful life that they and their heirs have created.

They are indoctrinated, they are finally trapped and they are selling their lives as cheaply as possible after their dream of a world to be ruled and enslaved by their race has been shattered.

Either in battle or in the hands of their outraged enemies—all that remains to them is the manner of their death. There are Russian stories in the disintegrating German soldier's mind to try to surrender after a successful resistance.

When the military is finally won, we British and the Russians are intelligent enough, they are STAMPED OVER this foul thing have come to recognize the people with savage

temptation to moralize on the strange mania of indoctrination is irresistible. But these are the time for things to get on with the story.

Nazis, facing their LAST emergency, pull in their horns on the Elbe to the Russians already in the Berlin.

There is no report as this is that we have crossed FOLLOW and smash on the rear.

Feeling grows that the must have said to us: this to us, WELL handle our grudge fight."

Is Hitler on this day doom?

Germans still insist that their troops in the Berlin, but the British bombers to drop six tons on his Berchtesgaden.

Some bombs are long and fall at about the 1100 feet per second.

When they hit, they DEEPLY before their explosion shakes ground around, like an earthquake.

Some close up tunnels and walls and ceilings of chambers crashing and falling.

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