

SOVIET ARMY CAPTURES STETTIN

The Herald and News

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Weather News

April 26, 1945	
Max. (April 25)	50
Precipitation last 24 hours	.22
Stream year to date	6.29
Normal	10.03
Last year	7.25
Forecast: Warmer Friday, showers.	

REDS WITHIN 15 MILES OF YANK TROOPS

Nazi Resistance In Berlin Reported Weakening

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON, April 26 (AP)—Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's second White Russian army captured the port of Stettin today as other soviet forces battled in the center of Berlin and, by German account, drove to within 143 miles of American positions on the west bank of the Elbe.

Stettin, (383,000) on the Oder estuary 70 miles northeast of Berlin, was the main port of the encircled rich capital. Moscow said the Russians advanced 19 miles beyond the river.

Capture Bruenn

Russian troops have captured Bruenn, German armament center in the middle of Czechoslovakia, Premier Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

The capture of Bruenn, the capital of Moravia, represented a deep drive into German defenses. The Russians now menaced the Moravian valley and the Moravian gap from the rear.

Premier Marshal Stalin's order tonight announcing the fall of Stettin was the first soviet confirmation of German reports that Rokossovsky had moved his army westward onto the Oder. It also was the first Moscow disclosure that the Russians had crossed the lower Oder in the Stettin area.

Under Siege

Stettin has been under siege for several weeks. Stalin's announcement said Rokossovsky's forces had crossed both the eastern and western Oder south of Stettin and broken through powerfully fortified German defenses on the west bank.

Stettin's fall laid open the entire Baltic coast for continued attacks by Rokossovsky in the direction of Kiel.

A late Moscow dispatch reported that German resistance in flaming Berlin was weakening.

The German high command announced that a soviet wing west of Berlin had driven to Rathenow, 143 miles from American positions on the west bank of the Elbe.

Motor Fuel From Fir Waste Seen

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 26 (AP)—A high grade anti-knock motor fuel may emerge from the waste of Douglas fir sawmills, three Oregon State college researchers predicted today.

English chemists found that cracking Douglas fir tar produced a high grade fuel, three members of the Oregon forest products laboratory here reported. The yield reported by the chemists would—if applied to the northwest's annual Douglas fir waste—yield 25,000,000 gallons a year.

The three men—Paul G. Schrader, Bert E. Christensen and Leo Friedman—are studying the process to determine whether it is commercially feasible.

Petain Returns As Prisoner

VALLORBE, Switzerland, April 26 (AP)—Marshal Petain, hero of Verdun in the first World war and chief of state in the days of Vichy, returned to his own country tonight a prisoner.

Andre Mornet, procureur of the high court who will prosecute Marshal Petain on charges of treason, said today in Paris "Petain deserves death for his policies" but he would ask clemency for the aged military leader.

THIRD CLOSES TO WITHIN 11 MILES OF LINE

PARIS, April 26 (AP)—The British second army captured Bremen today, clearing all the great port except the dock area and Burger park north of the center of the city.

Far to the south, the American third army closed within 11 miles of Austria and 41 of Munich. Gen. Patton's tanks were within 100 miles of a junction with the Russians west of Vienna, a union which would encircle Czechoslovakia and create a pocket larger than the Ruhr.

Opposition Stiffens

The third army was last reported 72 miles from Hitler's roost at Berchtesgaden, but encountering harder opposition at the fringe of the Alpine redoubt.

Russian shells fell near ninth army positions on the Elbe northwest of Berlin, hinting an imminent junction.

The British lowland (52nd) and iron third divisions captured 5000 Germans since entering Bremen yesterday. Rigid opposition gave way suddenly and almost disappeared by mid-afternoon.

The worst obstacles in Bremen (Continued on Page Two)

RAF FOLLOWS UP CHALET BOMBING

By HENRY B. JAMESON
LONDON, April 26 (AP)—Italy-based RAF Liberators struck the German redoubt city of Freilassing last night in an explosive followup to the historic bombardment of Hitler's eagle nest refuge and his chalet near Berchtesgaden.

American and British airmen were jubilant over the coordinated strike at Hitler's hideouts yesterday. The sumptuous chalet was destroyed by a direct hit from a six-ton bomb. Heavy, deep-penetrating explosives were hurled upon his Kehlstein mountain fortress with unannounced results.

Junction Town

Freilassing is a road and railway junction 13 miles due north of Berchtesgaden, which itself is now only 72 miles ahead of American ground troops and a few miles more from Russian vanguards.

It was disclosed today that 350 RAF Lancasters were used in the strike at Hitler's properties, rather than 200 as originally reported. They were escorted by both American and British fighters. Heavy bombers of the U. S. eighth and 15th air forces threw Nazi defenses off guard with attacks upon communications all around Berchtesgaden.

Planes Lost

Two RAF planes were lost. Sixteen eighth air force bombers, including several in an attack upon the Skoda armament (Continued on Page Two)

Less Meat for More Points Due for Civilians in May

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP) Civilians will get even less meat next month—and they'll have to give up red points for all kinds except mutton.

In addition, margarine and most cheeses will cost more points, as will some meats.

Announcing new point values today, OPA estimated that 99 1/2 percent of the available meat supply will require ration points. This compares with 94 1/2 percent now.

Mutton Point-Free

The action leaves only about 5,000,000 pounds of mutton on a point-free basis.

On a weekly basis, the total supply of all meats available for civilians during the May rationing period beginning Sunday and ending June 2 will be about 23 percent less than at present.

Less Beef on Market

OPA predicted supplies of veal, lamb, mutton and pork will

Fifth Army Wins Verona; British Capture Bremen

PATRIOTS WIN CONTROL OF MAJOR CITIES

By The Associated Press
ROME, April 26—Fifth army troops captured Verona this morning and breached the formidable Adige river barrier at the base of the Alps as Italian radio broadcasts announced that patriots were seizing control of all major cities in northern Italy.

Capture of Verona severed the last major railway line leading out of northwestern Italy to Germany and placed the allies on the approaches to the Brenner Pass. The city is 100 miles from the German frontier and 190 miles from French and American forces fighting in southern Germany toward the Tyrol.

Mussolini Flees

Mussolini was reported in flight as the northern Italian offensive swept onward against confused and disorganized resistance.

Two-thirds of the German army which faced the allies in Italy at the beginning of the current offensive was estimated to have been destroyed.

From Milan, a station identifying itself as being operated by patriots, reported that Benito Mussolini had offered to surrender the city to the committee (Continued on Page Two)

MEASURES SLATED IN JUNE ELECTION

Four measures will be placed on the ballot for the city in the special election to be held June 22.

The first deals with the annexation of territory to the city and reads: "Shall the boundaries of the city be changed and the charter thereof amended, by adding thereto that certain territory situated in the vicinity of S. 6th?"

This measure involves an annexation proposal placed on the ballot last fall which failed to carry because of a misunderstanding by the people living in the territory in question regarding proper registration.

Charter Change

The second measure pertains to a repeal of a section of the charter and states: "Shall section 64 of the charter of the city of Klamath Falls which pertains to the filling of vacancies in the office of councilman and other elective offices be repealed, thereby allowing such vacancies to be filled as provided by the statutes of the state of Oregon?"

The third measure to be placed on the ballot deals with the proposed new county-city jail. It reads: "Shall a millage assessment be placed upon the ballot to raise the city's portion of the construction of a new county-city jail?"

11 Mills Assessment

The assessment proposed is 11 mills for a period of three years which approximates \$36,000.

The fourth and final measure pertains to the proposed sewage project. It reads: "Shall one mill be levied for two years approximating \$19,200 to raise the city's participation in a sewage project to relieve our present system, which is overloaded, and which will be financed 90 percent by the federal government?"

No Meat, Little Fish Here

That's just fine and dandy—if you like fish! Bare meat counters have sent many a housewife scurrying to the fish market these past few days but even there a disappointing situation exists. It's between seasons and little frozen stuff is available and the fresh fish isn't due until around May 1.

Lucky the family whose bread winner is also proficient with the rod and reel, providing, of course, that he comes home with a full creel of trout. At second best he can nigger fish for mullet in Upper Klamath lake.

Tomorrow, Friday, is fish day. Here's what's on hand. Some skinned sole, some frozen salmon, ling and black cod, lots of oysters, and a few crabs. Several merchants today received generous allowances of crab meat. There isn't any halibut.

But armed with a can opener there's always California sardines, tuna, salmon, and even codfish balls. Just invite your friends over to tear a herring. You probably haven't enough red points for a roast, anyway.

Reds May Seek Quick Approval Of 3-Vote Bid

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
SAN FRANCISCO, April 26 (AP)—The United Nations held their first business conference today with the prospect that Russia would seek a quick acceptance of her bid for three votes in a proposed world assembly.

The chief delegates of the 46 nations—which would become 48 if the soviet proposal wins approval as expected—gathered in a conference room on the second floor of the War Veterans Memorial building.

Tactlun Foreign Commissar Molotov of the soviet union was first of the Big Four to arrive, getting to the building 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled meeting time (10:30 a. m., PWT).

Secretary of State Stettinius strode into the heavily guarded building about five minutes later, and Britain's Anthony Eden and Foreign Minister T. V. Soong of China followed in a matter of minutes.

Soong's arrival occasioned comment among spectators for it was reported throughout conference circles today that the Chinese had decided to stand with the United States delegation on all important issues.

Soong to Speak

Soong is one of those addressing the full-dress session of the conference later today, starting the program of speech-making which will lead through Molotov and Eden to all the chief executives.

Handling of the three-vote controversy was viewed with deep interest by conference delegates looking for a clue on how long the historic meeting will last.

There was evidence that, under big-power pressure to minimize controversy, the issues which threatened to keep the delegates here for more than a month were fast fading away.

Molotov Key Man

Molotov is a central figure of the conference in more ways than one. Many decisions depended on what he will do and he was the most sought after by crowds of the curious.

Molotov notified delegation chiefs yesterday that the three-vote proposal would be presented to today's meeting.

The specific proposal is that the Ukrainian and White Russian soviet republics should get conference seats and become thereby charter members of the assembly of the proposed world organization.

FACTS FAVOR KF ROAD DESIGNATION

The irrefutable facts favor the Klamath Falls route, from Eugene to Weed, as the main through highway to be designated by the highway commission before July 1. That was the comment today by Tom B. Watters, chairman of the highway committee of the chamber of commerce, in reference to reports from Medford of an attempt by communities along No. 99 (the Pacific highway) in southern Oregon to obtain the interstate designation for that route.

Watters indicated that the local chamber and his committee have already gathered a large amount of factual material in support of the Klamath designation, and that no grass will grow under the committee's feet in seeing that the gathered information is properly presented and recognized.

Proposed Plan

Highway Commissioner Arthur Schupp proposed at the last highway commission meeting that the Klamath designation be made. The federal highway act calling for 40,000 miles (Continued on Page Two)

Sgt. John Adams Killed in Action

Word has been received from the war department that Sgt. John Wayne Adams was killed in action in Germany on March 28.

Sgt. Adams was a radio technician with the 7th armored division.

He was inducted into service on May 10, 1942, while living in Sprague River, where he was employed by the Crater Lake Lumber and Box company. He received his training at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Benning, Ga., and has been overseas for one year.

The soldier was born in Redlands, Calif., on January 13, 1913. He is survived by his wife, Violet, and 20-month-old son, Richard Wayne.

He was the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. William Tompkins, former residents of Klamath Falls and Sprague River, now living in Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Adams and her young son live with her parents in the northern city.

Missing

PFC Raymond L. Enouf of the United States marine corps, has been reported missing in action at Iwo Jima, according to word received from the war department by his mother, Mrs. Pearl Foster of 734 Plum in Klamath Falls. Enouf is 19 years old. This is the second time he has been active overseas duty.



Cheerful Conferees
Good humor glows upon the faces of Rep. Sol Bloom, of New York, and HRH Amir Faisal Ibn Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia minister of foreign affairs (left). The two UNICO delegates met in a San Francisco hotel.

Jap Defenses on Okinawa Smashed; B-29s Hit Isle

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Notable infantry gains on three Pacific battlefronts, including the smashing of the first Japanese defense line on southern Okinawa were reported today as Superforts bombed the Japanese home island of Shikoku for the first time.

The U. S. 24th corps breakthrough on Okinawa, 325 miles south of Japan, was no sweeping advance. But it was general along the entire line and gave Yanks control of the skyline stretching across the island and overlooking the secondary defenses before the capital city of Naha.

40,000 Japs Left

A third of the Japanese garrison has been killed, leaving perhaps 40,000 to be eliminated before the battle is won.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced 21,269 enemy soldiers have been killed in the Okinawa operation, including more than a dozen neighboring islands. Comparable American casualties, in three fever days of fighting, were 7424, including 146 dead, 296 missing and 5982 wounded.

The comparison showed 4700 American naval casualties, including 989 dead, and unestimated but probably far higher Nipponese naval losses.

Vigan Captured

Filipino guerrillas topped reports from the southwest Pacific with the capture of Vigan, its airfield, and nearby Bantay on northwestern Luzon.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported the guerrillas, supported by American air forces, have virtually mopped up Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte provinces. Vigan, an original Japanese invasion point, is 80 miles north of the low bitter Baguio front. The U. S. 33rd division pushed to within 2000 yards of this battered, but still strongly defended enemy headquarters.

Committee Okays Training Clause

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP) The house military committee agreed today to a senate ban on sending 18-year-old draftees into combat without at least six months' training.

The action was taken in executive session, but some members said the vote to concur with the amendment to legislation extending the selective service act was unanimous.

The war department opposed the restriction. It was attached to a measure extending the draft law to May 15, 1946, or to the end of the war, whichever comes first.

Goering Sick, Resigns Post

LONDON, April 26 (AP)—The Hamburg radio said tonight that Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering was ill of heart trouble and that his resignation as commander of the German air force had been accepted by Adolf Hitler.

The broadcast, which described Goering's condition as "acute," said Hitler had appointed Gen. Ritter von Grein to command of the Luftwaffe and commanded him to the rank of field marshal general.

The radio account said Goering had been suffering from heart trouble for some time.

Hitler's Dummy To Die in Berlin

STOCKHOLM, April 26 (AP)—The Free German Press service said today a carefully coached former grocer resembling Adolf Hitler had been sent to Berlin in the fuhrer's place "to die on the barricades."

"He will act as Hitler's trump card, creating a hero legend around the fuhrer's death while Hitler himself goes underground," the agency said.

It said the stand-in was August Wilhelm Bartholdy, a one-time grocer in Plauen, and that he had been specially trained to speak like Hitler in a long association with the fuhrer at Berchtesgaden.

Herriot Freed From Nazi Camp

LONDON, April 26 (AP)—Edouard Herriot, three times premier of France and a persistent opponent of Vichy collaboration policies, has been freed from a German concentration camp by the Russians.

A Moscow communique announced last night that he had been found at a camp west of Berlin. It gave no details.

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The shadows are closing around Nazi Germany. The darkness of the LONG night is out to fall.

The Russians have Berlin surrounded and are driving in on all sides. The fighting this morning is in the heart of the business district.

There is a cynical delight in news. Nazi loud speaker prowl the streets goading common run of Germans fall guys on to die, while city airports are reported with planes EVACUATED HIGH NAZI OFFICIALS.

The Russians have been ordered to take Hitler alive—he is in Berlin. They doubt if he is there. The new radio says this morning "German reports of Hitler's presence in Berlin are lies intended to stimulate a fierce desire of the capital."

HERE are believed to be a half million German troops in the city. How many civilians there are, or what is happening to them, isn't known.

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