

FIRST ARMY LINKS WITH REDS

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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
OUTH of Berlin, between Leipzig and Dresden, American and Russian armies join north of Berlin, somewhere east of the Elbe, another junction is being made.
In the Danube valley, which separates the Nazi Bavarian Reich from the great armament factories of Bohemia and Moravia, the Germans have been driven from their last defenses and are in full and apparently orderly retreat. We have taken Verona, cutting the great main line railroad that leads by the Brenner pass into the Alpine fastnesses of the hideout, leaving the fleeing enemy a narrow, congested highway and branch rail lines as escape routes back into the gangster rendezvous.
Those surviving our bombing and strafing planes will be battered and shaken when they reach the inner den.
The blood stained structure of the Nazi new order in Europe is rapidly crumbling in ruin. Two-thirds of Berlin is already in Russian hands. Soviet snipers describe the city as a wilderness of crumbling stone swept by hot winds from the flames of burning buildings. Fanatical defenders appear to be fighting to the last, with a quarter asked or given.
It was written long ago: "The sword that lives by the sword shall perish by the sword."
The first actual contacts between American and Russian troops were effected by advance units sent out in jeeps by our side to clear the roads of tens of thousands of Germans fleeing toward surrender to the Russians before the Russians arrived.
They brought the Germans with them to our lines. In celebration that followed, a Russian major said in an impromptu speech: "We extend our warmest congratulations on the Russian victory over the forces of the world to come."
That doesn't sound like the utterance of a barbarian does it? In honor of the junction, Stander's salute of 24 salutes and 324 guns in Moscow and an order of the day in which he says: "Long live the (Continued on Page Two)

REDS CAPTURE SPANDAU, WIN OTHER TOWNS

Potsdam, Rathenow Seized As Berlin Defenses Crack

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON, April 27 (AP)—First White Russian army troops have captured Spandau on the western outskirts of flaming Berlin, Potsdam five miles outside the capital area, and Rathenow 33 miles to the west, Premier Marshal Stalin announced tonight.
Potsdam has been the headquarters of the German army since the days of Frederick the Great. Before the First World War it was the home of the German royal family.
In his order of the day Stalin described the three cities as "important road junctions and powerful German defense bases in central Germany."
Berlin Defenses Crack
Inside Berlin the Nazis' inner defense core appeared to be cracking under a massive Soviet squeeze operation which already had gained the Russians two-thirds of the capital.
Potsdam (138,165) is on the broad Havel river. Often described as the "Prussian Versailles," the city also was a manufacturing center before the present war, its factories supply chemicals, surgical instruments, furniture, soap, tobacco and other products.
Berlin Wrecked
Russian dispatches described the center of Berlin as a desert of wrecked buildings.
Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's forces in the northwest sector surged forward three miles during the night, breaking into the workers' district of Moabit and the fringes of the famed Tiergarten in the center of the flaming capital.
The first White Russian army's advance from industrial Siemensstadt, captured yesterday, was disclosed in front dispatches broadcast by the Moscow radio.
It was complemented by gains in the south by Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukrainian army, which was believed to have completed the occupation of Berlin's main airport at Tempelhof.

Shell-Shocked 'Vet' of 13 Discovered in Medford

MEDFORD, April 27 (AP)—A 13-year-old boy was charged with impersonating a soldier today after strolling through Medford in a much-decorated uniform and being rushed to a hospital for supposed shell shock.
The boy was identified by the Camp White public relations office as a Rosenberg youth, wanted by juvenile authorities there for parole violation.
When army officers noticed him in a hotel, he was wearing an enlisted man's uniform with six campaign ribbons and had four cents in his pocket. He told questioners, the Camp White officials said, that he had lost his identification tags and been shell shocked at Corsica.
He was rushed to a hospital. Eventually, said the public relations office, he told the provost marshal that he had been visiting his uncle, an overseas veteran, and couldn't resist the temptation to take his uncle's uniform.
He hitch-hiked here Tuesday, after a visit with his uncle and grandparents at Canyonville.

CITY BURNED BY JAPANESE; YANKS ADVANCE

Negros Islands Again Invaded by U. S. Troops

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Another Philippine city blazed today from fires set by Japanese incendiaries in the face of a new American invasion launched yesterday three miles from Pacific island battlefronts forged to within sight of their goals.
British tank columns matched American gains by advancing through Burma at a pace that may put them in Rangoon within three weeks.
Negros Invaded
Latest American invasion was on the southern tip of Negros island, in the central Philippines. Amphibious forces landed yesterday three miles from Dumaguette. The Japanese garrison immediately kindled fires and set off demolition charges in the red-roofed city they knew they could not hold. It was the second invasion of Negros. Fortieth division units landed on the northwest coast a month ago.
Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed Japanese are using pilot-borne flying bombs, a logical development of their kamikaze suicide air corps in efforts to halt the Okinawa invasion. His announcement coincided with a raid by nearly 150 B-29s this morning on six Kyushu island air fields, Kamikaze bases on southern Japan 325 miles north of Okinawa.
Gain On Okinawa
For the second successive day the U. S. 24th corps made a general advance through the hills and ridges of southern Okinawa, pushing the Yanks within sight of Naha, capital of the southern Ryukyu islands.
Two infantry columns closing in on Baguio edged to within half a mile and a mile and a half respectively, of that battered enemy base on northern Luzon in the Philippines, nearing the climax of a three and a half months drive.
In the southern Philippines, a 24th division column spearheaded (Continued on Page Two)

Commissar Molotov Accepts Compromise On Leadership Plan

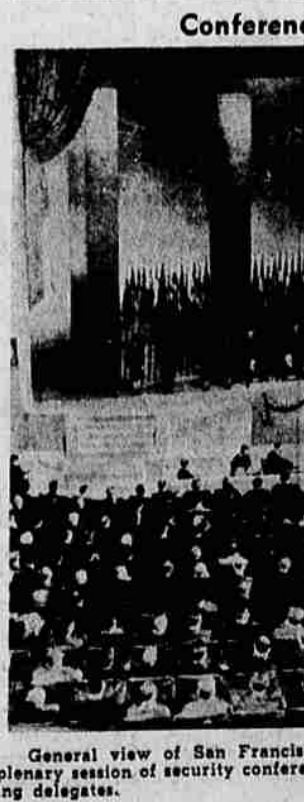
By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
SAN FRANCISCO, April 27 (AP)—Foreign Commissar Molotov today accepted a British compromise on Big-Four leadership of the United Nations conference after blocking it for 24 hours.
Under the compromise, chairmanship of full sessions of the conference will rotate among the Big Four, but Secretary of State Stettinius gets the coveted leadership of the powerful steering and executive committees.
In a dramatic address to the chiefs of the 46 delegations assembled here, Russia's Molotov said he withdrew his earlier objections in the interest of international harmony.
There were reports that both Premier Stalin and President Truman approved the arrangements.
Agreement was accomplished in a relatively swift session of the steering committee which also set up a 14-member executive committee to run the conference machinery. Originally this had been designed as an 11-member group—the same number of nations as would be on the proposed world security council. But several countries, including Australia, protested violently at being left off the original 11-member executive committee.
Behind the scenes difficulties over the executive committee, it was learned, foreshadow trouble in setting up a security council. There was speculation that it also might be expanded to more than 11 members, although the conference is far from a decision on that point now.
Closed Meeting
What went on in the steering committee, meeting behind closed doors, was outlined by delegates as follows:
Eden offered a four-point plan:
1. Chairmanship of the full dress plenary sessions would be rotated among the sponsoring powers.
2. These delegation chairmen would preside in alphabetical order, thus giving China's T. V. Soong chairmanship of the first organized session.
3. These four presidents would meet periodically under the chairmanship of Stettinius to map out the assembly's programs.
4. Stettinius to preside over the all-important conference executive and steering committees.
To this Molotov asked two amendments: One suggesting that the four presidents be called together only when necessary rather than periodically; the second providing that Stettinius as chairman of the executive and steering committees would exercise only nominal and honorary control.
Molotov said Stettinius should be allowed to decide only minor questions of procedure and should be prevented from exercising complete control of these committees' deliberations.
Representatives of four nations, particularly New Zealand's Fraser and China's Soong, sided by spokesmen for the Philippines and Cuba, rose to answer Molotov and support Eden.
Both Fraser and Soong vigorously asserted the Eden plan already offered enough concessions to the Russians and that Molotov should be satisfied.
Smartering under these four statements, Molotov arose and in a highly dramatic address, declared that Russia had always been devoted to the cause of collective security and world peace, and that in the interests of harmony, and for the common good, he would withdraw his amendments.

5TH ARMY TROOPS SMASH INTO GENOA

ROME, April 27 (AP)—American fifth army troops entered Genoa today.
The historic north Italian port was reached in a swift American advance as the whole Italian front surged forward toward a seal-off of the Nazis' Alpine redoubt from the south.
Other Americans had pushed to within 35 miles or less of Milan, and on the British eighth army front, the enemy has been unable to break off contact with the pursuing Tommies sufficient to permit him to reorganize his scattered and demoralized forces.
In some sectors the Americans were meeting strong resistance, but on the whole, the resistance has been slight, headquarters said.
Genoa already had been partially cleared by Italian partisan forces who rose up against the Nazi garrison.
Parade Cancelled
The parade previously scheduled at the Marine Barracks for Saturday has been cancelled, Colonel George Van Orden, commanding officer, announced today.
Conference Opens
The parade was scheduled at the Marine Barracks for Saturday has been cancelled, Colonel George Van Orden, commanding officer, announced today.

Elimination of Sun Mount Grade Planned for Postwar
Allocation of The Dalles-California highway from Beaver Creek to Chiloquin, eliminating the mountain grade, was announced today as a part of the highway commission's construction program for the first years after the war ends.
Estimated cost of this job is \$603,000. Distance of the reduced section will be 46 miles, a distance saving of 10 miles when compared with present route and avoiding mountain.
Surveys for the project were made a number of years ago. It fits into the picture of a great through travel route out of The Dalles-California highway (No. 97) and its sections.
U. S. to Aid
The highway commission announced details of its \$36,000,000 three-year post-war program, pointing out that federal government will finance 80 per cent of the cost. The program includes a number of projects of direct importance to Klamath Falls and its county.
These include reconstruction of the Willamette highway in section between Pleasant and Lowell. The Willamette is also a part of the big travel route by way of Klamath Falls, connecting No. 97 with the Pacific highway at near Eugene.
Enthusiasts Pleased
Klamath road enthusiasts also pleased that \$717,000 allocated for the forestry agency section of the Springs highway, another with No. 97 that shortens distance between here and Bend and by way of Bend and other.
Other project on The Dalles-California highway proper is

General view of San Francisco opera house interior as the plenary session of security conference opens. Stettinius is addressing delegates.



Word Received From Prisoner
Pvt. Robert B. Coleman, reported missing January 15 in Luxembourg, has wired his wife and mother here that he is "well and safe." The telegram was received this morning and Mrs. Coleman, 1538 Ward, said that she believed he had been liberated from a German prisoner of war camp.
An official telegram from the war department had previously notified her that Coleman was held prisoner.
He is the son of Mrs. Amos Coleman, 517 Upham, and worked here for Arrow Transit company before entering the service.

Draft Extension Bill Approved
WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP)—Legislation extending the draft law went to the White House today after the house approved by unanimous voice vote a senate restriction on combat use of 18-year-old inductees.
The restriction, written into the legislation Tuesday by the senate prohibits the use of draftees under 18 in combat until they have had at least six months of training.

Bullet Ends Life of Pet
A bullet shot from a speeding car brought death to a beautiful pedigree Irish setter, "Butch," and the owner, Arthur Anderson, has offered \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who killed his pet.
Late, hasty and fight mad over the death of his dog, Anderson said today that he would do anything in his power to locate the killer.
A neighbor, William E. Marander, route 3, box 552, was witness to the cruel act which took the life of the 3-year-old setter. Marander said that he was at his home on the Keno road Wednesday night at about 9:30 when he saw a "dilapidated car" go by. He heard a shot which at first he thought was back-fire. Then he heard "Butch" howling and, running to the dog, found he was shot through the intestines. Marander rushed the pet to a dog hospital where the veterinarian administered three sulfa shots, but to no avail. "Butch" died early Friday morning.
Anderson, employed at Cal-Ore, returned home shortly after "Butch" died. He has offered \$100 reward, in the hopes of apprehending the slayer of his pet for whom, he said this morning, he "would have given his right arm."

Reich Sliced By Junction Near Leipzig

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
PARIS, April 27 (AP)—The American first army and the Russians have joined in the heart of Germany near Leipzig, cutting the reich in two.
Even as troops of Gen. Hodges and Marshal Ivan S. Konev solidified their junction at Torgau, Gen. Patton's American third army invaded Austria and established radio contact with the Russians west of Vienna in a swift maneuver which virtually encircled Czechoslovakia and cut the Germans' vanishing hold in Europe into three great death traps.
Americans and Russians joined hands yesterday. Their patrols had met the day before. Torgau, historic town of 14,000 where ancestors of the Russians met their western allies nearly two centuries ago in the Seven Years war, lies 58 miles southwest of dying Berlin and 28 northeast of Leipzig.
The junction hopelessly outflanked the Saxony capital of Dresden and split German armies for reduction in detail.
Maj. Gen. Emil Reinhardt's fighting 69th division was the first to join the Russians.
Both the northern and southern pockets were under violent and increasing assault. Three of Gen. Eisenhower's armies attacked the Bavarian redoubt, moving within 31 miles of Munich. Two allied armies were driving up from the south past Verona and the Russians were closing in from the east.

Junction Slices Germany



The northern pocket was under violent assault from Russians on the east and from the British, Canadian and American first and ninth armies on the south and west. The British advanced past captured Bremen in a drive to cut off Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein. Hamburg was besieged. The Canadians broke the Kusten canal line and moved on smaller North sea ports. The German command said the ninth army crossed the lower Elbe on both sides of Tangermunde, where another junction with the Russians was imminent if it had not already taken place.
Joint Announcement
The White House, the Kremlin and Whitehall jointly announced the historic junction of the first army and the Russian first Ukrainian army group, led by the tall, shaven-headed Konev who helped turn impending disaster into victory at the gates of Moscow in the snow of December, 1941—just before Pearl Harbor.
The end was not yet, but it was inevitably brought closer. The Germans still had 250 divisions, most of them under strength but many of them fighting with the desperation of the doomed. Many were SS units.
Dramatic Moment
The meeting of the first army and the Russians in the heart of Germany was a dramatic moment. The armies had come from places half a world apart. Except for the incredible fanaticism of the die-hard Nazis, last stand, the meeting might have ended the worst war that the world has ever known.
But though the fight went on and may last for weeks, it carried the western and eastern allies to the threshold of sure and imminent victory.
The two armies fought their way to the junction across the whole breadth of Europe—2200 airline miles from Stalingrad on the Volga and from the Normandy coast on the Atlantic which Eisenhower invaded last June 6.

American troops met Russian army units yesterday at Torgau, historic German city, cutting the reich into three pockets. To the north, British besieged Hamburg and Russians continued battling in Berlin. Another link-up between Americans and Russians was reported imminent at Tangermunde.

Detective Magazines Blamed For Delinquency By Fluent Stick-up Girl in Jail Here

By LOIS STEWART
The "fascinating life" painted for juveniles in so-called detective magazines was blamed today by 21-year-old Betty June Cook as the major cause of delinquency and crime among young people of the county.
The girl, held in the county jail on a charge of assault with intent to rob, is waiting to go before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg next Monday for sentence after waiving preliminary hearing and grand jury following her arrest last Tuesday morning.
Knows Ropes
Betty June isn't the kind of a kid you'd write a sob-sister story about. She knows the ropes and learned them early. Since she was nine years old, she's been classed as a delinquent, and from then on she's been in nothing but trouble, trouble, trouble.
Sure, she admitted, she held a gun on Augustus M. Clauson, secondhand store dealer. She was broke and she wanted money. She'd done it before. Down in San Bruno.
"Difference between me and other girls," Betty June said, "I needed money and that's the way I got it. I couldn't prostitute myself."
Betty June's smart. She has red hair on the mahogany shade, close cropped like a boy's. Her eyes are deep chocolate brown and she has a sprinkle of freckles over her nose and cheekbones. She uses 310 words and uses them correctly. Her everyday English is not to be sniffed at. She admits she passed an IQ test with a rating of 110. Pretty good.
Rough Life
Was she passing on a "message" through an uplifter? Not Betty June. But she said it was a rough life and confinement in a half dozen jails hasn't been too easy.
"The main trouble is this: Juveniles read detective stories." (Continued on Page Two)

Mussolini Said Taken in Custody

BERN, April 27 (AP)—Swiss border reports said today the Milan newspaper La Libertà reported that Benito Mussolini, Alessandro Pavolini and Roberto Farinacci had been taken into custody by Italian customs officers at Nesso, on Lake Como.
Pavolini has been serving as secretary of state in Mussolini's puppet fascist regime and Farinacci is a former fascist secretary.
(The Swiss radio announced in a broadcast recorded in London that Mussolini, his wife and "eight other Italian officials" had been refused entry into Switzerland yesterday and turned back from the border.)

Stanley Ezell Freed By Allies

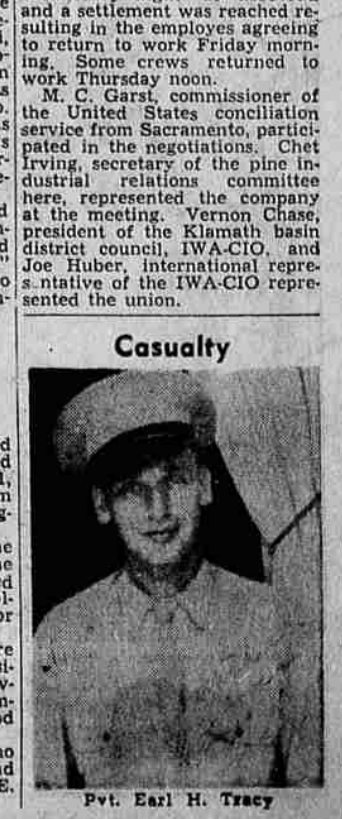
A telegram was received this morning by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ezell, 4709 Summers lane, from their son, Sgt. Stanley Ezell, army air corps, who has been a prisoner of the Germans since February 23, 1944. The telegram read: "Well and safe. See you soon. Love to all."
He has been freed by the advancing allied armies from a Nazi prison camp where he had been held since his plane was shot down over Austria. He served as a technical engineer on a B-29.

Pvt. Earl Tracy Killed in Action
Pvt. Earl H. Tracy, United States army infantry, was killed in action on Luzon on March 31, according to word received from the war department at Washington D. C., by his wife, Rose.
Tracy was inducted into the army on June 7, 1944 while he was at Weed, Calif. He received all of his training at Camp Wolters, Tex., prior to reporting for overseas duty.
Both Tracy and his wife are well known Klamath Falls residents, having lived here for several years while he was employed at the Kalmine Plywood company.
Surviving are his wife, who resides at 434 Shasta way, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tracy of Weed.

Wage Adjustment Demand Settled

A demand for wage adjustment for fallers and buckers at the Ponderosa logging camp of the McCloud River Lumber company was settled by a compromise adjustment Wednesday. The dispute involved a wage increase because of more difficult logging and timber conditions there.
The entire logging crews of the Ponderosa and Whitehorse camps did not go to work Monday morning. A negotiation meeting between the company and the IWA-CIO union was held Wednesday night at McCloud and a settlement was reached resulting in the employees agreeing to return to work Friday morning. Some crews returned to work Thursday noon.
M. C. Garst, commissioner of the United States conciliation service from Sacramento, participated in the negotiations. Chet Irving, secretary of the pine industrial relations committee here, represented the company at the meeting. Vernon Chase, president of the Klamath basin district council, IWA-CIO, and Joe Huber, international representative of the IWA-CIO represented the union.

Casualty



Pvt. Earl H. Tracy

WEATHER
April 27
Max. (April 26) 61 Min. 36
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 8.23
Normal 10.08 Last year 7.25
Forecast: Slight change, clouds, Saturday.