

NAZIS IN ITALY, AUSTRIA YIELD

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
to Hitler, this seems to be the question: "Is he as good as any other?"

Russians are frankly skeptical. The Moscow radio says flatly that the "new fascist trick," adding that the Nazis "evidently hope to spare for Hitler the possibility of disappearing from the scene going to an underground."

GENERAL EISENHOWER, from his supreme headquarters in Paris, issues an AUTHORITY statement to the effect that the German radio announcement of April 24 (a week before yesterday's German radio announcement that Hitler so ill "he may die") is "a dead end" adding that he "was not expected to live for more than a couple of days."

Whatever its purpose, the effect of the Eisenhower statement is to encourage the idea that Hitler was dead BEFORE YESTERDAY when the German radio announced his death and transfer of his authority to Doenitz was made. The British foreign office, announced today that Hitler was dead, but not necessarily in the manner, is expected as true.

Eisenhower statement also makes it clear that Swedish statesman Bertil Ohlin and Himmler were dickered for some time before it was finally revealed before. We really suspect that it is now for a purpose—the case being to lead us to believe that Hitler is dead and DOENITZ TUESDAY.

NT entirely dismiss the idea that Doenitz is an opportunist who has SEIZED power at a moment of chaos, commander of Germany's marine warfare, he knows he marked man and will be executed as a war criminal if taken. He may hope to get away to Norway and make a last ditch fight.

the Nazi gang may have split into two parties—one, headed by Himmler, trying to up and throw themselves in the mercy of the court, and the other, headed by Doenitz, certain death if captured and tried to fight it out to the end.

point is that Nazi Germany FINISHED. The German army in Italy surrenders unconditionally. The positions of the German army in Italy on the basis of today's news, extend clear back up to TEN MILES of Berchtesgaden. His surrender, there appears to admit us into the Bavarian "redoubt," the far north, along the British cross the lower and capture Luebeck. The German, boom in g westward the Baltic, are within a miles of a junction with the north.

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What, No Finger Bowls? Klamath basin is slightly flabbergasted. The reason something new has been added in the form of butter and anyone that is well versed on the subject of what the in-laws at a lumber camp is probably as nonplussed as the men.

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Invasion Menaces Japs, Says General

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Japan itself will be invaded soon, a ranking American general indicated today, as British paratroopers and seaborne assault waves trapped the Japanese garrison at Rangoon in the second allied invasion in two days.

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson Jr., commanding general of army forces in Pacific ocean areas, said the Pacific war is entering a new phase in which a major assault will soon be launched on the Japanese empire. His unamplified remark had special significance since it was made at his Honolulu headquarters immediately on return from a conference in Manila with Gen. Douglas MacArthur under whose command army divisions will invade Japan.

Simultaneously other American commanders disclosed half the original Japanese garrison on Okinawa, estimated at 60,000 men, has been killed or wounded, and land-based naval planes are daily patrolling waters up to the gates of Tokyo.

Yanks closed in for the battle of Davao in the Philippines as allied forces took the headlines with double invasions and sustained naval bombardments along the southern fringes of Nippon's crumbling war-won empire.

Arguments Face Security Delegates Over Oaks Plan

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
SAN FRANCISCO, May 2 (AP)—The United Nations conference today appeared safely past its worst obstacles to success in creating a world security organization. But several major arguments still lie ahead.

The Dumbarton Oaks proposal that veto controls be placed in the hands of the great powers on the inner security council already is a subject of both attack and defense.

Amendments Due
Announcement of 16 United States amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan, which this country, Britain, Russia and China worked out last fall at Washington as a basis for this conference, is due in the next day or so.

Officials describe these as

mainly technical but it is expected that they might cover such points as guarantees of justice in enforcement of peace, provision for revising the proposed security organization charter as future needs may indicate, and provision for allowing the security council to recommend treaty changes when deemed necessary to help preserve peace.

Fitting Question
One of the big questions yet without an answer is how much regional organizations as the Inter-American system worked out recently at Mexico City are to be fitted into the proposed United Nations system.

Both United States and Latin American groups have been seeking a formula which would allow them freedom of action in putting down regional breaches of the peace without weakening the authority of the world security council to act to prevent war.

Following an extraordinary night session last night, chief delegates of the 48 United Nations delegates sought to wind up organization of the week-old conference quickly. The idea is to let the four big commissions and 12 committees buckle down by the weekend to their real work of revising and completing the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

RUNSTEDT SAYS FIGHT OVER

By HOWARD COWAN
WITH THE U. S. 7TH ARMY, May 2 (AP)—Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt, former German commander on the western front who is now a prisoner of the allies, declared today that it was senseless for Germany to fight any longer.

The man who could not keep the allies off the beaches of Normandy, was captured in a hospital at Bad Toelz, 25 miles south of Munich today. He made his statement at an American command post.

Taken By 38th
The 69-year-old exponent of blitzkrieg strategy was seized by 38th infantry division troops.

His whereabouts had been a matter of conjecture ever since he was succeeded by Field Marshal Albert Kesselring as the western front commander.

The official announcement of the capture said:

"Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt was captured by the 141st regiment of the 38th division of the seventh army, commanded by Col. Charles Owens. (Continued on Page Six)

Quisling Cabinet Resign Posts

STOCKHOLM, May 2 (AP)—Free Norwegian circles reported today that the Vidkun Quisling government in Norway had resigned, but that Quisling had asked the cabinet members to remain on "until another Norwegian government is in a position to take over power."

A proclamation to this effect was sent to the Norwegian telegraph bureau, Quisling's news agency, with instructions to broadcast it from the Oslo station. The order was stopped, however, by the German reichs-commissioner for Norway, a Norwegian source here said.

Buffalo Boost Population Here

There are more buffalo in the country now.

Two buffalo calves were born on the same day this week to two cows on the Chet Barton place in Poe valley. They are in a pasture near the Poe valley road.

Barton now has two buffalo cows, one bull, two yearlings, the two calves, and one cattalo—a cross between a buffalo cow and an Angus bull.

Lt. A. O. Roenicke Arrives Home

Lt. Albert O. Roenicke, former Klamath Falls dentist, arrived in San Francisco Monday and continued to his home here Tuesday after an absence of 20 months when he served in the United States navy, South Pacific area.

Dr. Roenicke will report for duty within 30 days to the Klamath naval air station where he will serve as senior dental officer, replacing Dr. Robert Bennett, who is being detached for further orders. Dr. Roenicke flew from the Philippines by way of Hawaii. He reports Manila nothing but a shambles and the harbor filled with sunken ships. Dr. Roenicke is now at his home, 2035 Portland.

Grew Verifies Surrender Offer

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew today verified reports that Heinrich Himmler had offered a German surrender.

Grew made it clear that Himmler's surrender offer did not extend to Russia, and hence was not accepted by the United States and Britain.

In fact Himmler said, Grew declared, that he hoped to be able to continue to fight on the eastern front. He, Himmler, stipulated that his offer was for the western allies only.

He said Hitler was so ill he might already be dead and could not live more than two days, and that he, Himmler, was therefore in full authority. Himmler wanted to meet General Eisenhower to surrender the whole western front.

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The Father of Fascism Comes to Inglorious End

There lies the once mighty Mussolini, his bullet-riddled head resting on the body of his young mistress, Clara Petacci, who was slain with him by partisans in Milan. As this grim and historic picture was taken, armed partisans were fighting to restrain crowds that sought to trample the body of the fallen dictator.



Doenitz Shakes Up Military, Diplomatic Fronts Following Succession As Fuehrer

By The Associated Press
LONDON, May 2—Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz moved swiftly today in his role of successor to Adolf Hitler to shake up the Nazi military and diplomatic fronts in efforts apparently directed toward a last-ditch fight in Norway.

However, 15 hours after the Hamburg radio had announced the death of Hitler, not a single top-ranking Nazi party man and only one commander had come forth to pledge allegiance to Doenitz as Fuehrer.

Von Ribbentrop Out
One of the first acts of Doenitz was to dismiss Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and replace him with Count Lutz Scherinkrosigk, finance minister in the Franz von Papen and von Schleicher cabinets, which immediately proceeded Hitler's rise to power.

Gen. Franz Boehme, army commander in chief in Norway, broadcast an order of the day

over the Oslo radio pledging allegiance to Doenitz and calling on German forces in the north to fight on as a "fanatic community."

Fires Admiral
Simultaneously, Norwegian officials in London reported Doenitz had fired Admiral Otto Ciliax, German naval chief in Norway since March, 1943, because Ciliax allegedly favored capitulation, and had replaced him with Admiral Kranke, formerly chief of the naval staff in Gen. Boehme.

The Hamburg radio, slightly amplifying last night's announcement of Hitler's death, said the Russians had attacked Berlin's government quarter Tuesday, and "in fighting which cost both sides heavy losses and during which the Fuehrer was killed, the Russians succeeded in deepening their breaches into the Wilhelmstrasse."

Whether top men of the inner Nazi gang—Goering, Goebbels,

Himmler and Bormann—had fled, were dead or were supporting Doenitz remained a mystery.

A Moscow broadcast said German sailors had rioted at the Baltic port of Rostock, menaced by a Soviet push.

Skeptical
British officials accepted as fact that Hitler was dead, but decried the idea he had died a hero's death. British newspapers, meanwhile, suggested that any German surrender and V-E day had receded as a result of Doenitz's emergence as the new Nazi strong man.

Similar skepticism was voiced at supreme headquarters in Paris where a statement authorized by Gen. Eisenhower declared Heinrich Himmler told Count Folk Bernadotte, at a meeting on April 24 that "Hitler was so ill he might already be dead" and at any rate could not be expected to live more than two days.

Bombard Isles

To the south on the seaway to Singapore the East Indies fleet, including the French battleship Richelieu, bombarded Car Nicobar island and Port Blair in the Andaman group yesterday for the second consecutive day. The southeast Asia command indicated the attacks were continuing.

C Of C Members Get Assignments

At the meeting Wednesday noon of the chamber of commerce board of directors, assignments were made to members by the new president, L. Orth Slesmore, and members were appointed for the executive committee.

Agriculture was assigned to Henry Semon; aviation to P. S. Hitchcock; civic affairs, Merle West; finance and Indian affairs, A. M. Collier; housing and membership, J. Vern Owens; industrial affairs, including post-war planning, C. A. Dunn; land use, Dick Henzel; lumber, Fred Heilbroner; military and national affairs, Malcolm Epley; rates, E. A. Geary; retail trade and tourist, John H. Houston; roads, E. H. Balsiger; taxation, J. W. Kerns.

Appointed to the executive committee were L. Orth Slesmore, president of the chamber of commerce, John H. Houston, vice president, Malcolm Epley, J. Vern Owens, A. M. Collier, E. H. Balsiger and C. A. Dunn.

Laval Refuses To Leave Spain

MADRID, May 2 (AP)—Pierre Laval, Marcel Deat, and the Vichy Education Minister Abel Bonnard arrived at Barcelona by plane today and refused to comply with a personal order from Generalissimo Francisco Franco to leave Spain immediately.

They will be interned at nearby Montjuich fortress pending the Spanish government's decision.

Story Of Capture, Escape Told By Klamath Officer

The pastures are always greener on the other side, but right now the United States of America has the greenest pastures of all.

This is the opinion of Lt. John A. Raffetto Jr., who arrived home this past weekend on a 60-day leave after having been taken prisoner in Italy with the U. S. army infantry, escaped from a prisoner of war camp in Poland, and returned home by way of Russia and Egypt.

Raffetto, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Raffetto of 1948 Portland, observed philosophically that prison life was what you made it but a whole lot depended on the Nazi commanding officer. He played in fairly good luck.

Taken At Anzio
Johnny was captured February 17, 1944, on the Anzio beachhead. He was commanding a machine gun platoon attached to a rifle company. The Germans threw in a strong counterattack preceded by an intense artillery barrage against

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our lines one morning but the Americans held for two days. The night of February 16, the Germans broke through our left flank and in the meantime reduced anti-tank defenses to the point where Johnny's outfit were cut off. The men ran out of ammunition, food and water.

"The Germans started using their tanks and direct fire of their 88's. We were in a hopeless position," Johnny pointed out.

"When we first went in, we were in a position about 200 yards from a factory area just lousy with Germans," Johnny said. "We went in and waited. At night we moved back to our secondary position about 300 yards back. There we were cut off and our supporting tanks knocked out. We started digging in."

No Argument
"About 8 o'clock in the morning we heard the Germans coming down the ditch on our left. We didn't have any ammunition, so I tried to crawl up into our helmets. They kept firing machine pistols over our heads to keep us down. We kept hoping they wouldn't find us, but pretty soon we heard them say, 'Haus,' which means in English to get out. In the meantime one Kraut had pushed a machine pistol in my face so I didn't argue."

"They directed us back to the rear, pointing the way. There were 20 of us. Three Tiger tanks were on the road and German infantry all around. We went on back through the factory area. They respected us as soldiers, there wasn't any rough handling. I was the only officer in the 2."

Returns



1st Lt. John Raffetto

Fluid Fighting Confuses Captor Of 200 Nazi Troops

By HAL BOYLE
WITH THE U. S. NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY, May 1—(Delayed)—(P) Headquarters officers described the fighting as "fluid"—that is, neither side knew just where the other was—and that was certainly the way one Virginia sergeant felt about it, too.

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He was moving a trifle dubiously toward one dark patch of woods when a small German girl waved at him.

Wants to Give Up
"There's a German soldier in the woods over there who wants to surrender," she said.

Feeling considerably relieved, Baine followed the little girl to the edge of the woods. Then a German officer suddenly stepped out of the shadows, came stiffly to attention, lifted his hand in a Nazi salute, and barked:

"Heil Hitler."

FIRE DESTROYS TULELAKE CAFE

TULELAKE—Fire completely destroyed the Homestead cafe and pool hall at Tulelake about 2 o'clock this morning with a total loss on the building estimated in excess of \$8000.

Night Officer W. Harris discovered the conflagration which was thought to have originated from an oil range. The fire departments at Merrill and Tulelake were called and fire trucks were rushed to the scene from Merrill, Tulelake and the Tulelake WRA center.

The Warren hotel next door to the flaming building was full of guests but Harris and two soldiers from Camp Tulelake succeeded in rousing the occupants (Continued on Page Six)

Subs Sink 21 Enemy Vessels

WASHINGTON, May 2 (P)—United States submarines have sunk 21 more enemy vessels, including two combatant ships in far eastern waters, the navy announced today.

The combatant ships claimed in the latest toll of Japanese losses were a destroyer and an escort vessel.

Non-combatant ships included a destroyer transport, two medium cargo transports, two small cargo vessels, 12 medium cargo vessels, a large tanker and a medium tanker.

Berlin Falls To Soviets

LONDON, May 2 (P)—Premier Stalin announced tonight the fall of Berlin.

The announcement of the complete conquest of Berlin was made by the Moscow radio which declared that 70,000 Germans were captured in the cleanup of the city.

Stalin's order described the capital as the center of German imperialism.

He said the German garrison defending Berlin had laid down its arms today and resistance had ceased at 3 p. m.

In two earlier orders of the day Premier Stalin had announced the capture of Rostock on the Baltic and the killing or capture of 120,000 Germans southeast of Berlin bringing about the total destruction of the German ninth army between April 24 and May 2.

By TOM OCHILTREE
Associated Press War Editor

The German military forces in northern Italy and western Austria surrendered today, bringing a climactic victory to the allied troops of many nations who fought a bitter campaign up the length of the Italian peninsula.

The work of the U. S. fifth and British eighth armies was not finished, however. The surrender opened the southern gates of the Nazis' Alpine redoubt, already under attack from the north, and a junction of allied forces in Italy with three armies of Gen. Eisenhower in southern Germany and in Austria might be expected soon.

Million Troops
Some 25 enemy divisions, or the remnants thereof, of the once powerful German 10th and 14th armies were involved in the surrender, effective at 2 p. m. Rome time (5 a. m. PWT). Counting rear echelon forces as well as combat troops, nearly 1,000,000 men were estimated to have given up.

The end appeared near for the Nazis in northern Germany. British and Russian troops were swiftly contracting that pocket with massive blows from the west and east.

Cut-Off Near
Battered enemy elements in the north were forced to plunge through a shell-swept corridor near Luebeck as British second army units, supported by American airborne troops, drove swiftly in a breakthrough north of the Elbe river and came within nine miles of cutting off Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein.

The Moscow radio reported that riots had broken out among German sailors at the Baltic port of Rostock, now 23 miles away from second White Russian army spearheads.

In heavy strafing attacks RAF warplanes destroyed or damaged 1207 German vehicles yesterday and today on the jammed roads between Berlin and Luebeck. Pilots reported seeing huge concentrations of Nazi transports fleeing northeastward from the Russians.

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