

TROOPS IN HAMBURG SURRENDER

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Weather News

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Max. (May 2)	87	Min.	47
Precipitation last 24 hours	Trace		
Stream year to date	8.28		
Normal	10.24	Last year	7.31

Forecast: Cooler Friday.

DEFENSE SAGS IN NORTHERN GERMAN AREA

Nazis In Denmark, Norway May Give Up

By TOM OCHILTREE
Associated Press War Editor
Hamburg, Germany's second city, surrendered today to the British second army a few hours after the great port of 1,682,220 had been declared an open city by its radio.

The entire enemy position in northern Germany appeared to be dissolving. In that area the nazis were split into untenable pockets by a linkup of British airborne troops and Russian tanks near Wismar.

In Stockholm a responsible diplomat said developments clearing up the situation regarding the German garrisons holding out in Denmark and Norway "might occur today." He offered no details, but emphasized that the situation was fluid a break might come at any moment.

Prague "Hospital"

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Germany's new fuhrer, has declared Prague a "hospital city," the Germans said. That announcement indicated that the Czechoslovak capital and the largest nazi-held city in the south would not be defended.

All fighting in northern Italy and western Austria has ceased under the unconditional surrender agreement accepted by German Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff-Scheel.

Split Menaces

The surrender yesterday, which yielded nearly 1,000,000 German and Italian fascist troops, opened the mountainous heart of the nazis shrinking Alpine redoubt, now about to be split by a junction of U. S. third army troops with the Russians around the Austrian city of Linz.

With the loss of Berlin, Hamburg, Luebeck and Rostock, the only large German cities remaining under the swastika were Breslau, Dresden, Chemnitz, and Kiel. At Luebeck, the British were 38 miles from the Danish and 85 miles from the Danish frontier.

100,000 Prisoners

In Berlin the toll of sullen German prisoners taken by the Russians reached approximately 100,000.

Berlin, the fourth largest city in the world with a peacetime population of 4,335,000, surrendered yesterday to troops of the first White Russian and first Ukrainian armies after 12 days of fighting.

Stick-Up Girl Made Previous Try In Eureka

Betty June Cook, the 21-year-old stick-up girl who is in the Klamath county jail awaiting her removal to the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem where she will serve a five-year sentence on assault with intent to rob, was involved in a similar act in Eureka, Calif., just two weeks before coming to Klamath Falls.

This information was received by the district attorney's office today after Eureka officials were queried as to the girl's activities in the coast town.

Miss Cook admitted a number of acts which resulted in serving sentences up to one year, but did not inform the court about the Eureka job. She was arrested April 9, waived preliminary hearing and grand jury, received one year probation from the court and left for Klamath Falls.

The girl admittedly attempted to rob Augustus Clauson, Klamath avenue second-hand store dealer, but was foiled when Clauson struck at her with a wooden handle. She was arrested that morning, April 23, by city police, and sentenced the following Monday, April 28, by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg, to a five-year term.



Arrow indicates Australian landings at Tarakan, where beachheads were easily established Tuesday. Troops are now sweeping toward Tarakan's airbase and Lingkas town. In the Philippines, American troops appeared about to capture the port of Davao.

British Enter Rangoon In Climactic Battle Of Burma

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
British soldiers smashed into Rangoon, supposedly defended by 30,000 trapped Japanese, in the climactic fight of the Burma campaign and the outstanding development today in the Pacific war.

In other actions, British and French warships bombarded islands lying between Rangoon and Singapore for the third successive day; Superforts blasted airfields in southern Japan for the 13th time in five weeks; tank-led American infantrymen

drove a mile deep wedge into Okinawa defenses 325 miles south of Japan; picked Australian opening the Borneo campaign pushed from oil-soaked beaches into dominating jungle-covered ridges; and the most-decorated Yanks in the Pacific reached the gates of Japanese-held Davao in the southern Philippines without a long anticipated battle.

Follows Double Blow

The breakthrough into Rangoon came in a quick follow-up of a double landing by parachute and amphibious troops south of the Burmese capital while an armored column pushed down from the north.

Fall of Rangoon, which in Burmese means "end of the war," would signify the virtual finish of the Burma campaign. Nipponese to the north have either been encircled or are in flight across jungle trails to Thailand.

Capture of Pegu, Pyawbwe and entrance of troops into Prome—all north of Rangoon—were reported today.

Rangoon, famed for its bejeweled buddhist temples, is a (Continued on Page Two)

Britons Expected To Enter Denmark

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—The Swedish home radio said today at 1 p. m., eastern war time, that British forces were expected to enter Danish territory "this evening" and reported that a heavy battle between German army and SS troops had broken out near the Danish city of Aarhus.

Supporters of the legislation had won a preliminary test. They turned back, by a record vote of 194 to 168, a motion to send the legislation back to the military committee, which would have had the effect of pigeonholing it at least temporarily.

HOUSE SUSTAINS DEFERMENT VETO

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—President Truman won his first tussle with congress today when the house emphatically sustained his veto, legislation liberalizing draft deferments for farm workers.

The roll call vote was 185 for overriding and 177 against. Two-thirds, or 241 votes were necessary to override.

\$20 Per Week Bonus For Veterans Sought By Rankin In Amendment To GI Rights Bill

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—A veterans bonus drive, with an estimated \$11,000,000,000 price tag attached, is in full swing on Capitol Hill.

It got off to a flying start under the guidance of Representative Rankin (D-Miss.), chairman of the house veterans' committee and one of the framers of the GI bill of rights.

\$20 Per Week

It calls for payment of \$20 a week for a year to any member of the armed services who served 90 days or more since September 16, 1940, and was not dishonorably discharged.

rather than a bonus bill, Rankin predicted the measure he introduced yesterday as an amendment to the GI bill of rights would win early and overwhelming approval.

While describing it in an interview as his own idea, Rankin said it expresses the "ideas of a good many of us."

Easy To Figure

The Mississippian declined to estimate its cost but said it would be easy for anyone to calculate.

On the basis of \$1040 each for the more than 10,000,000 men and women eligible, the total would be in the neighborhood of \$11,000,000,000.

Rankin said the existing provision in the GI bill for \$20-a-week payments to unemployed veterans only "puts a premium on idleness."

End Discrimination

The new proposal, he added, "would wipe out this discriminatory and treat them all alike."

HITLER TOOK OWN LIFE, SAY REDS IN CITY

Demand For Proof Of Death Expected Of Soviet

By ROMNEY WHEELER
LONDON, May 3 (AP)—Adolf Hitler, who vowed to rule the world, committed suicide in the ruins of Berlin with Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels and the chief of the German general staff, Gen. Hans Krebs, a soviet communique said today.

The Russians declared their informant was Dr. Hans Fritzsche, Goebbels' chief lieutenant, who was captured as Berlin fell. It was presumed Russian commanders on the scene would make vigorous inquiry to obtain indisputable proof.

Really Dead

Whether Hitler was a suicide or whether he was the victim of a brain hemorrhage, a possibility reported by supreme allied Headquarters, there was little doubt among allied leaders that the fuhrer indeed was dead and that he had met death in a manner which would thwart any die-hard nazis attempt to build a Wagnerian legend about him.

A statement authorized by the supreme allied command today of a secret meeting eight days ago at Luebeck, Germany, between Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler and Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte, reputed peace go-between, at which Himmler was reported to have said "Hitler is so ill he might already be dead."

Brain Hemorrhage

Himmler was quoted as saying Hitler at that time could not live more than two days longer. A German general named Schillenburg, who was present at the meeting, said Hitler had been stricken with a brain hemorrhage.

These reports gave the lie to a nazis propaganda campaign to convince the world that Hitler died at the head of his troops in a Berlin command post in the reichs chancellery, fighting to the last against bolshevism.

The remaining German radio stations at Hamburg, Goerlitz, Linz and Prague hammered at this theme yesterday. The Goerlitz station late last night read at dictation speed a propaganda story for publication in all Sudetenland papers today.

Wanted Printed

Gauleiters were told in the broadcast to see that the article was published, and also "to see to it that a certain report, on the other hand, would not go into the press."

The radio did not explain the nature of the banned report, but said: "It is expected by us that foreign broadcasting stations would take the opportunity of the heroic death of our fuhrer to intensify the hate campaign. These stations do not realize what a world-wide statesman Adolf Hitler has been."

Adm. Doenitz Reported At Kiel

LONDON, May 3 (AP)—A Stockholm dispatch reported today that Adm. Karl Doenitz, new leader of the crumbling German reich, and his foreign minister, Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krosigk, were at Kiel, with British troops only 35 miles away.

The report, unconfirmed elsewhere, said Doenitz had met with Josef Terboven, nazis commissioner for Norway, and Werner Best, German minister to Denmark, to confer on a possible last stand in those Scandinavian countries.

The New Fuehrer



Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz, who will reign over Germany in the blood-red twilight of her world power.

TRUMAN DEMANDS ACTION BY USSR

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.) told the house today that President Truman "has definitely served notice upon Russia, Mr. Stalin, Mr. Molotov and the entire world" that he wants the Yalta Polish agreement fulfilled.

The president, Dingell declared, "stands uncompromisingly for the fulfillment of the understanding entered into under the Yalta agreement" providing for a Polish government representative of all democratic elements in that country.

Fails to Comply

He asserted that Russia, which has recognized the present provisional government formed at Lublin and which has sought a seat for that government in the United Nations conference at San Francisco, had failed to fulfill the Yalta agreement.

Dingell who was a White House caller earlier in the day, said:

"Heartening"

"It is as heartening as it is commendable, Mr. Speaker, that President Harry S. Truman, having a full grasp and understanding of the situation, has definitely served notice upon Russia, Mr. Stalin, Mr. Molotov, and upon the entire world, that he stands uncompromisingly for the fulfillment of the understanding entered into under the Yalta agreement."

Demands for "Justice for Poland," first nation to oppose Hitler with arms, were heard in the house as that body observed Polish Constitution day.

British Carriers Now In Pacific

GUAM, May 3 (AP)—U. S. Pacific fleet headquarters today disclosed that the British aircraft carriers Indomitable, Indefatigable and Victorious, as well as the Illustrious, are operating in the Pacific.

The announcement said that the first three, all 23,000 tons displacement, participated in British Pacific fleet attacks on the Ryukyu islands in connection with the American invasion of Okinawa.

It had previously been announced that the Illustrious and the battleship King George V were in the Pacific.

The four carriers are of the British fleet's largest announced type.

Rejection Of Flood Claims Advised By U. S. Solicitor

Blaming muskrats "over which the federal government has no direct control," an interior department solicitor has recommended rejection of \$14,607.74 in claims made by Klamath property holders as a result of the main canal break and flood of May 15, 1944.

Fowler Harper, the solicitor, ruled that the records fail to show any negligence on the part of any officer or employee of the United States in connection with the break.

Water from the canal poured over a large section of the south suburbs as well as an area inside the city limits. A committee consisting of three engineers on the staff of the bureau of reclamation investigated the flood. The committee concluded that there was no negligence by a government employee, and also indicated the possibility muskrats may have caused the damage.

Examining the canal break, it found a hole extending under the concrete lining to the site of the break.

"Muskrats are especially troublesome on this project, and there is a strong possibility that the cavity was originally a muskrat hole," the report stated.

Muskrats Blamed

The assistant regional director for the bureau of reclamation filed a report stating that facts present "a logical assumption as to the cause of the break; that is, that a muskrat or rats started beneath the water of the pool at the outlet end of the culvert and burrowed up and through the bank until they encountered the concrete lining on the inside of the canal at a point immediately over the culvert and then followed the lining upstream and down, coming out at the toe of the lining near the end of the bottom of the lining. The water escaping through this hole saturated and undermined the embankment . . . causing the break."

The report stated, however, that it appears that "definite information as to the cause of the break is lacking."

U. S. Not Liable

In his comment, Solicitor Fowler pointed out that muskrats are ferne native over which the United States has no direct control and that it has been held that the government is not liable for damages resulting from water breaking through an irrigation dike as a result of burrowing by muskrats.

It was stated here that Fowler's opinion concludes the question of the claims, unless the (Continued on Page Two)

Infantry Drives Spearhead Into Okinawa Defense

GUAM, May 3 (AP)—U. S. seventh division infantrymen drove a tank-led spearhead 1400 yards into the tough Japanese defenses on southern Okinawa yesterday to score the first sizeable breakthrough of the 32-day campaign.

An intensified coordinated push, with fresh American troops in action, was under way all along the four-mile line, the navy reported today.

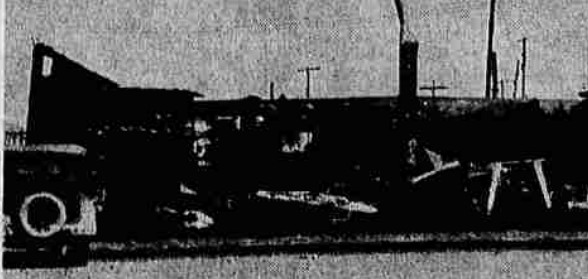
In the center was Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce's 77th infantry division, last reported clearing the Kerama group off the west coast. The 98th division under Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley had been in that sector.

On the west flank was the first marine division of Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle. This is the first time the marines, who have cleared the entire northern end of the island, have joined the southern Okinawa fight. The 27th infantry division under Maj. Gen. George W. Griner had been in action on this flank.

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"Upon Hitler's death he felt he no longer was under such obligation," said the official report to allied headquarters.

Fire Razes Homestead Cafe At Tulelake



The Homestead cafe and pool hall, one of the first buildings constructed at Tulelake, was completely destroyed early Wednesday morning by a blaze thought to have originated from an oil range. Fire trucks from Merrill, Tulelake and the WRA center answered the emergency call. Loss was estimated in excess of \$8000. All other buildings in the block, including the Warren hotel which was full of guests, were saved by prompt action.

75th German Army Corps Surrenders

ROME, May 3 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Charles S. Boyle, of Richmond, Va., commander of the 34th Infantry division, received the surrender of the 75th German army corps of the Ligurian army in northwestern Italy at 9:15 p. m., allied headquarters announced tonight.

The corps comprised 40,000 men. The corps commander, Gen. Schlemmer, had refused the orders of Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff-Scheel two days ago to yield to the allies because he said he had given a personal oath to Adolf Hitler never to give in.

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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
It were possible to pick ONE on which this would be as the war, the Russians are and singing in the streets of Moscow, giving vent to their joy.

Russia's big war is over, and real war is just getting into full stride.

HAMBURG is declared an open city and surrenders a few days later to the British. The city has been declared a "hospital city," meaning that it won't be defended.

The Bavarian "redoubt" is not so far as an IMPORANT last stand is concerned, inner gates opened up to us the German surrender in the north.

The hoped-for northern front along the Baltic has already been smashed by the Brits and the Russians.

There's an odd situation in Holland, where a hard core of nazis (now rating as DUTCH) is still on the move, to be shot against a wall here, to be holding out and even to fight a last-ditch battle.

There will be many such situations. Kesselring, already listed as a criminal, is still on the move. What Doenitz, upon his shoulders an effort is being made to place the mantle of world peace on an unknown ally.

Thousands of nazis lesser are still uncaptured or unarm. It will take a long time to them all up.

For all practical purposes the German war is over. Months after Appomattox, the bloody guerrilla war in our own border states, will be the same in Germany, but on a much larger scale.

The big fighting is done, and the big gasp.

Pattern of postwar Germany is emerging.

There will be three occupations. We will handle one, British another and the Russians the third. Their boundaries were not exactly defined for us, as yet, but the Elbe is to be the north and south.

It has been confirmed that arms were ordered to stop the Elbe and AWAIT the Russians.

The Russians will apparently all of Germany east of the along with Czechoslovakia and Austria. The British will be in northeastern Germany and their job will be the southern.

Occupation will probably be long, for the problems of Europe won't be solved overnight. We and the Russians are in the RIGHT spirit.

The nazis deliberately destroyed their own country, which century has been Europe's BUYER, hoping thus to everybody down to chaos.

Don't forget this: Germany has been Europe's biggest CUSTOMER. It has been Europe's biggest COMRADE. Other peoples will do the PRODUCING.

The Germans have done in and, as their production to supply the markets preyed upon by the Germans buying power will rise correspondingly.

And the British and the nazis WISELY the job is ours, with the rehabilitation of Europe will proceed with speed.

is the BIG lesson of it.

Mussolini Buried in Cotters Field

ROME, May 3 (AP)—Benito Mussolini has been buried in a field after an autopsy showed he was not suffering from cancer or any other ailments. He was reported to have had in recent years the former dictator was buried by Italian partisans.

The body was captured Saturday at Como.

Autopsy also showed that two-thirds of Mussolini's remained after the beating of a book from civilians who were hostile and club the remains.

These beatings occurred with the bodies of Clara, his mistress, and fascist associates.