

Pilsen Taken In Mopping-Up; Czechs Ask Aid

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U. S. THIRD ARMY, May 7 (5:45 P. M.—8:45 A. M. PWT)
The German radio announced today the unconditional surrender of all German forces, but no official confirmation has been received by the third army.
In the last offensive on the continent of this war, Gen. Patton's third army has captured Pilsen and received a demonstration from the Czechs in their great arsenal and beer producing city.
Troops of the new 18th armored division under Brig. Gen. John L. Pierce of Brownsville, Tex., entered Pilsen Sunday and still were receiving cheers from the Czechs at mid-afternoon.
The absence of famous Pilsen beer for the occasion was caused by a bomb which was aimed at the sprawling Skoda armament works ten days ago but hit the brewery instead. The Skoda works was damaged in the attack, but not affected extensively. 30,000 workers until January, 1945. The great plant employed 30,000 workers until January, 1945, when German transport was paralyzed by bombings and raw materials could no longer be moved to the plant.
Pilseners estimated Skoda damage at 40 per cent. Still there are acres of buildings which are untouched and this correspondent believes it could be producing munitions again within 30 days.
Reports reaching the third army at noon said German SS troops were trying to sack and burn Prague in the final act of Hitler hoodlumism. The Prague radio kept repeating calls for patriots for the allies to send reinforcements.

RED EVIDENCE AGAINST POLE LEADERS ASKED

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor
SAN FRANCISCO, May 7 (AP)—The United States and Britain were reported by United Nations conference officials today to have demanded of Russia that she supply her evidence against the 16 arrested leaders of the Polish underground.
The aim is to break the latest Big-3 deadlock over Poland. It is part of a strategy sidetracking the Polish row from the main line of the conference in order that the Big-Three may try for maximum unity in designing a world organization for future peace.
The goal is to shift the dispute to Washington, London and Moscow getting from the Russians a full explanation of the arrests. President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill are reported to have intervened directly with Marshal Stalin.
Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov is now slated to quit San Francisco for Moscow around mid-week. So long as he is here, speculation continues that Russia may give the conference a sensation by making known her future plans toward Japan. The collapse of German armies has stimulated this speculation. For any such momentous move, either Stalin, or Molotov in his present situation here, might serve as an announcer.
On the main line of conference developments, word spread today that Stalin may have replied favorably to Molotov's request for instructions on the review and regional arrangements amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks charter, which were left over from last Friday night's meeting of the Big-Four.

In California oil heaters are placed at regular intervals throughout fruit groves to diffuse heat when frost threatens. Many crops are saved in this way.

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Delay V-E Day Announcement



Prime Minister Churchill, President Truman and Premier Stalin were reported today to be delaying official announcement on V-E Day. England will officially celebrate tomorrow, although joyous crowds were reported already gathering.

WAR DATES Americans Capture, Rescue Notables Held by Germans

By The Associated Press
The European war ended today after 2076 days. Principal dates in the conflict included:
Sept. 1, 1939—Germans invade Poland.
Sept. 3—Britain and France declare war.
April 9, 1940—Germans invade Norway, Denmark.
May 10—Hitler invades low countries.
May 31—British rescued from Dunkerque.
June 10—Italy declares war on France.
June 22—Petain government signs armistice with Germany.
Aug. 8—Luftwaffe begins air "blitz" on England.
June 22, 1941—Germans invade Russia.
Dec. 7—Japanese attack Pearl Harbor.
Dec. 11—Germany, Italy, declare war on United States.
Nov. 2, 1942—British shatter German line at El Alamein in Egypt.
Nov. 8—Allied armies under Eisenhower landed in North Africa.
Feb. 2, 1943—Russians win at Stalingrad, in war turning-point.
May 13—Tunisian campaign ends.
July 10—Allies invade Sicily.
Sept. 3—Italy surrenders unconditionally. Invasion begins.
June 6, 1944—Allies land in Normandy.
Aug. 15—Allied armies invade southern France.
Aug. 25—Paris liberated.
Sept. 12—U. S. 1st army crosses German border.
Dec. 16—Germans launch great counter-offensive.
March 7, 1945—Rhine crossed at Remagen.
March 24—British-American forces drive over Rhine.
April 25—U. S.-Soviet troops link at Torgau.
May 1—Nazis announced Hitler's death.
May 7—Germany capitulates unconditionally after surrenders in northern Italy, part of Austria, Denmark, Holland and northwest Germany.
The big rail junction of Olmuetz and the Hohenstadt region, 128 and 115 miles from Prague.
The fifth army from Italy fought into southern Austria for the kill.
If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

Gen. Maurice Gamelin and Gen. Maxime Weygand, former French commanders, also have been rescued.
The latest batch of 133 political prisoners was taken by American troops in Italy Friday after narrowly escaping death from Gestapo and SS troops who had been ordered to kill their hostages to prevent their liberation. Among these men—many of whom had often been reported dead—were:
Schuschnigg, who had been in German prisons since he defied Hitler's grab of Austria.
Leon Blum, former premier of France and an object of Nazi scorn because he is a Jew.
Chief of Staff Gen. Frank Halder, former chief of the German general staff.
Niemoller.
Dr. Schacht, former finance minister and president of the Reichsbank—still dapper despite nine months imprisonment.
Nicholas Kallay, former premier of Hungary.
Schacht said he had not been able to discover why he lost favor with Hitler.
All the newly rescued prisoners had been taken to a mountain fastness in the Italian Alps just below the Austrian border a week ago from the notorious Dachau prison camp near Munich.
Reynaud and Daladier were rescued by the U. S. seventh army in Austria.
A detachment of the 88th division under Lt. Melvin A. Asche of Omaha, Neb., rescued the last big batch of political prisoners at a spacious resort hotel at the mountain village of Lago di Braia in the Dolomite Alps 15 miles west of the Austria frontier. AP Correspondent Sid Feder reported from Italy. They rounded up a garrison of 130 German soldiers guarding the captives. Some like the Rev. Niemoller had been shuttled among Germany's worst prisons for eight years.

Mayor Ed Ostendorf—"We in the west are pleased to know the war in Europe is at an end but the war we are most interested in is the war with Japan. The west will now get more support and cooperation in helping bring the war with Japan to a close at an earlier date than was anticipated. We hope that the citizens of Klamath Falls will celebrate the surrender in Europe in an orderly fashion."
Hugh Haddock, business agent for Klamath Basin district council, LSW-AFL—"While V-E Day is a cause for rejoicing, it should be tempered by the fact that the war is not yet over. We cannot really have peace in our grasp until Japan has been crushed and people of every race and creed have learned to live together in harmony and understanding."
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FAMILIES GIVE THANKS TODAY ON SURRENDER

The hundreds of families of fighting men, whether they are in the European or Pacific theaters, or based in the continental United States, bowed their heads in prayerful thanks this morning when word of the surrender was flashed to a waiting world.
Parents with sons in France, Germany, England or Italy, breathed a sigh of genuine relief. None, probably, more than Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Davis, 3023 Shasta way, whose only child, PFC Alvin Davis, 19-year-old infantryman with Patton's 3rd army, is recovering from wounds in an army hospital in England.
"We just felt like crying when we heard the news this morning," Davis said. "It certainly is wonderful. It means everything in the world to us and we hope it also means that our boy comes home soon."
Young Davis was wounded while in combat near Frankfurt, Germany, as Patton's 3rd, 78th infantry division, fought near the Rhine. Davis has been overseas since November, 1944. As yet, his parents have not been advised as to the severity of his wounds.
A family also rejoicing today, and fortunately with one of their sons just back from the South Pacific where he suffered wounds with the marines on Iwo Jima is Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mundlin, 3125 Boardman.
Marine Staff Sergeant Newton Mundlin is here on a 30-day convalescent leave, arriving just last week. Today he and his mother, and a brother, Sgt. Robert Mundlin, home on furlough from the U. S. army air corps base at Del Rio, Texas, were in church when The Herald and News called.
Said Mr. Mundlin, "we're bound to be happy. We have four sons in the service. I got up rather early this morning and then went back to bed to catch a few winks when I heard the word of the surrender. We couldn't sleep any more. We're sure happy about this."
In addition to Newton and Robert, the Mundlins have two other sons in service, Pvt. Ralph, stationed with U. S. army air corps at West Palm Beach, Florida, and S/1c Jay W. Mundlin, U. S. navy, San Diego.
contribute as much to this task as we did to the task of beating Germany."

LOCAL REACTION

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Vernon N. Chase, president of the Klamath Basin district council, IWA-CIO—"Even though the battle is over in Europe, labor solemnly feels that production must be kept up at the same speed until we whip Japan, the third common enemy of the allies. We feel that this day should be dedicated to those boys who gave their lives that democracy might live.

Free Famed Flyer



Wing Commander Douglas Bader, above, famous legless fighter pilot of the Royal Air Force, was freed by American troops after three years imprisonment in German camps. Comdr. Bader, who repeatedly escaped his Nazi captors until they took his artificial legs away from him, won fame during the Battle of Britain.

JAPS UPSET OVER GERMAN COLLAPSE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7 (AP)—Japan appeared increasingly upset over Germany's collapse today but Gen. Jiro Minami, the totalitarian party leader, declared "There is nothing for us to do but about how to win this war."
The radio broadcast of the talk to the Japanese people, recorded by the federal communications commission, did not make clear whether he spoke after receipt of news of Germany's complete surrender.
Minami's declaration, as president of the political association of greater Japan, followed a statement by Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo yesterday that Japan "reserved the freedom to re-examine all her relations with Germany."
The totalitarian party leader declared the Japanese never intended the slightest intention of yielding on the power of Germany in prosecuting this sacred war.

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