

GERMAN SURRENDER RATIFIED

The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
OFFICIAL, organized war in Europe is about wound up. There is another signing of surrender papers in Berlin, with the German people, aristocratic and humble, humbling himself before the Russian Zhukov.

It is a historic moment—dramatizing for us the fact that an old order is ending in Europe and a new order is beginning. The dominance of the German people, that began with the crumbling of the Roman empire, has been smashed and broken by the dust of the star of re-born Russia, rising swiftly in the European sky.

What does it portend? Who can say? Russia is too much of a mystery—even to us even to guess with any degree of confidence.

We can only hope. We can at least say to ourselves philosophically that the old order in Europe has been broken. The new can't be much worse.

VEN history offers us no key to the mystery that is Russia.

Out of the vast hinterland of the modern U. S. S. R. conquerors have come often enough. In the early dawn of recorded history, it was the Scythians, who hung always like dark clouds upon the horizon of the early Mediterranean civilization.

Time and again within the annals of recorded history this dark cloud has thickened and loomed larger, first the Scythians, and later the Mongols, and of Genghis Khan and his Hun.

Always these storms passed, leaving behind them no tangible permanent mark on the face of history. So even it was with the Russian, czarist Russia, who came and went and left clearly recognizable stamp of influence.

UT, somehow, one feels that it will be different with this new breed of Russians. They are evidence of casting shadows of greatness before them. Definitely, one can't laugh them off.

OTE that Stalin, the peasant who became the dictator of 100,000,000 people, didn't go to Berlin to receive the surrender of the Germans. Instead, he sent No. 1 general, thus admitting representative of the Russian people to a share in the glories of the responsibilities of victory.

hat, in itself, is something among dictators.

E Americans are perhaps watching the Russians as they are for the United States America and the Union of Soviet Republics are indisputably the most powerful nations on earth.

his thought is in the back of every American mind: how will we get along with Russia?

is a question whose answer will be written large upon the pages of history.

KENNEDY Denies Confidence in Truman, Still Suspended

By The Associated Press
WARD Kennedy, whose dispatch to the Associated Press Monday gave the first account of the German surrender, made today his direct statement concerning the story and denied in a message that he had committed any breach of confidence.

neddy, chief of the AP's front staff, has been suspended since Monday, Gen. Eisenhower, in a telegram to Cooper, exclusive of the AP, said this was due to self-admitted deliberate breach of confidence. Kennedy distributed his statement to correspondents accredited to SHAEF and the Paris. It was the first time he had presented his case. Kennedy's statement, in direct messages to its bureau and also to Gen. Eisenhower, failed to oblige Kennedy, under the suspension, was permitted to communicate with his home office, a statement said.

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Blueprints For Landing On Japan Underway

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
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Ranking U. S. commanders talked openly today of the forthcoming invasion of Japan as returning American pilots reported the crippled enemy air force failed to send a single interceptor against their raids on Japanese airbases and transportation lines from the home islands to the Indo-China border.

Plans are in the making "for us to invade Japan," said Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, who added that navy planes would be flying continually over Japan today if he had three times his present force of carriers.

Sole Stumbling Block

Japanese ground forces, only potent stumbling block to conquest of Japan, made their first successful counterattack in the southern Philippines; held U. S. lines on rain-soaked Okinawa; retreated on Tarakan off Borneo and lost 3000 of a force of 4000 in fighting out of a trap in China.

Tokyo propagandists said Japan's fight was "absolutely unaffected" by the end of the war in Europe, and American commanders were inclined to agree. Nimitz said "we do not count on a quick end to our war with Japan." Other commanders spoke of "this tough, determined enemy," heavily armed, unwavering and

determined." A Chinese spokesman laughed at rumors of a Japanese peace feeler.

The miked air force has been wasted away trying to stem the invasion of Okinawa island, top rung on the island ladder to Japan.

More than 3000 planes have been lost in these abortive attempts, leading Adm. Teijiro Toyoda, Nippon's munitions minister, to call on the Japanese aircraft industry to use materials "lavishly and liberally" to turn out defensive planes quickly.

Yank Ships Sunk

Nipponese attacks on the U. S. third fleet, broken off Tuesday for the first time in more than a week, have sunk 26 small ships. In today's communiqués alone, American commanders announced 22 Japanese ships were sunk or damaged, mostly off the coasts of Japan and Korea.

The U. S. 14th air force in China got the rest. With the aid of Philippines-based bombers they also destroyed 13 locomotives in continuing bombardment of China, Formosa and Indo-China rail lines.

Most striking of all the reports of lack of opposition came from Superfortress crews who said they didn't even see anti-aircraft fire in yesterday's raids on Kyushu, southernmost island of Japan which has been sending suicide planes against Okinawa.

PRAGUE FREED AFTER GERMAN ARMS DEADLINE

By ROMNEY WHEELER

LONDON, May 9 (AP)—Russian troops and tanks, striking swiftly by night from the north, liberated Prague at 4 a. m. today—four hours after the official deadline for all Germans to lay down their arms—Premier Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

Warfare between Germans and Russians apparently continued beyond the time set for complete cessation of hostilities. Earlier today, a station calling itself the Prague radio said German planes bombed the Czechoslovakian capital and three other points in the republic shortly after Russian troops had entered Prague.

Stalin declared "troops of the first Ukrainian front, as a result of a swift night maneuver by tank formations and infantry, having smashed enemy resistance, today, May 9, at 4 a. m., liberated from the German invaders the capital of our ally, Czechoslovakia, the city of Prague."

He ordered a salute in Moscow of 24 salutes from 324 guns.

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Truman Talk Viewed As Way For Japs To End Struggle

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—President Truman's statement on unconditional surrender for Japan was widely viewed in Congress today as easing the way for the Japanese to end the futile struggle. Some legislators interpreted it too as lending credence to rumors of peace overtures from Tokyo.

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) said he regarded it as "confirmation" of peace feeler reports. "But you

Goering Captured By Yank 7th Army

By A. I. GOLDBERG

SIXTH ARMY GROUP HQS., May 9 (AP)—Hermann Goering, once the second ranking Nazi, was captured last night by the American seventh army and declared today that he had been arrested by the Germans on orders of Hitler because he wanted to conclude a surrender.

The 27 reichs marshal said he was seized by the Germans on April 27, held at Berchtesgaden and ordered executed. He last saw Hitler on April 22 in Berlin, he asserted.

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, German commander on the western front until March, also was captured.

Gen. Ritter von Epp, erstwhile defender of Munich and governor of Bavaria, also was captured by the 36th division. He was one of the original Nazis.

The 101st airborne division captured Lt. Gen. Berger in a mass surrender of Waffen SS troops near Reiffing.

Goering surrendered personally to Brig. Gen. Robert Stack, assistant commander of the Texas (36th) division, which also captured Field Marshal Von Rundstedt on May 1.

The surrender occurred on a road east of Kitzbuhel last night.

Mrs. Goering and their child also were taken.

All three appeared to be in good health.

The woman, the former actress Emmy Sonnemann, cried frequently.

Besides Goering and Rundstedt (Continued on Page Two)

AGREEMENT SOUGHT ON BASES FOR U. S.

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

Associated Press Diplomatic Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9 (AP)—The United States is seeking an agreement on control of lands seized in both world wars which will allow the army and navy to set up bases at any point in the world considered vital to United States security.

The question involved—labeled here one of trusteeship of territory seized from the enemy, mandated after the first world war or incapable of self government—is still a point of controversy between the Big-Five powers. It is one of the two most critical issues remaining before the United Nations committee on the foreign partition of Germany.

The president's statement, issued along with his V-E proclamation yesterday, reiterated this country's insistence on unconditional surrender by the Japanese military and naval forces. But Mr. Truman then asked what unconditional surrender means for the Japanese people and supplied this answer:

Answer to Japs

"It means the end of the war. It means the termination of the influence of the military leaders who have brought Japan to the present brink of disaster."

"It means provision for the return of soldiers and sailors to their families, their farms, their jobs."

"It means not prolonging the present agony and suffering of the Japanese in the vain hope for victory."

"Unconditional surrender does not mean the extermination or enslavement of the Japanese people."

Another V-E Day baby was reported among the new arrivals at Klamath Valley hospital with the birth of a son to ARM 3/c and Mrs. M. M. Magee, 1020 Jefferson, on May 8.

Both mother and young child, who has been named Michael Douglas, are doing nicely. The father is on duty aboard a carrier in the South Pacific.

Second V-E Day Baby Reported

NAZI DEFEAT SEES RELEASE OF SOME BANS

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—

War-time controls over production, rationing and pricing will be continued until Japan is defeated, the administration said today, but "some reconversion will start immediately."

Highlights of the program, as outlined at a White House news conference by War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson:

Lift Race Ban

1. Immediate suspension of the ban on horse and dog racing, and lifting of the midnight entertainment curfew, effective tonight.

2. Release of enough materials and manpower, no longer needed for the Pacific war, to produce a few new automobiles within six to nine months.

3. Some prospect of an early increase in gasoline allowances for civilian motorists.

Food Still Short

4. Vinson said he saw no indication of any early general improvement in the civilian food supply situation.

5. No general reduction in taxes until final victory is won.

front, Vinson said the generally speaking "materials and manpower no longer pre-empted for war will be freed for civilian production."

Two Klamath Men On Casualty List

Names of two Klamath Falls men and one from Lakeview, were included in the latest casualty list issued by the office of war information.

Navy wounded included F. L. Forrest Melvin Todd, USNR, whose wife, Mrs. Hazel Todd, lives in this city. His mother is Mrs. Nannie Florence Todd of Milwaukie, Ore.

Listed among the army wounded in the European theater is PFC Henry Janigan, husband of Mrs. Anna E. Janigan, Klamath Falls.

Wounded in the Pacific with the army, was Pvt. John C. Smerski, son of Mrs. Eva M. Smerski, Lakeview.

Good Deed Misunderstood

Jimmying locks can be an honorable business, but one local serviceman found it more than difficult to convince the military police of that fact.

It was closing time at the USO bowling alley on 6th and Klamath, and as the door was being secured for the night, the key broke in the lock, thereby throwing the staff member in charge into a first class quandary. It was then that the serviceman in question stepped forth and gallantly offered his services—along with the boast that in civilian life, he had made his living "fixing" locks.

For 45 minutes, he slaved over his newly acquired project, while the USO staff member returned to the center to await results. Suddenly the serviceman was confronted by several MPs, who demanded a quick explanation as to the why and wherefore. As the confused serviceman told them the story in detail, his "captors" merely nodded their heads in the "Oh, come now" manner.

Deciding that his story didn't hold much water except in the tall tales division, the MPs proceeded to escort him to the brig. However, their plans were disrupted by the arrival of the city police who had been attracted to the "scene of the crime" by the confusion. They, being of a more sympathetic nature, were prone to side with the distraught serviceman, and even loaned him the use of a flashlight while he completed the job he had set out to do.

After springing the lock with the aid of a small screwdriver, a hairpin and another key, he returned to the USO center with an account of his experiences, the news of his eventual success, and a statement to the effect that helping ladies in distress has its certain drawbacks.



Comdr. Phil L. Haynes, (left), took over command of the Klamath naval air station in ceremonies at 9:30 o'clock this morning when he relieved Comdr. R. R. Darron, since April 12, 1944, commanding officer at the station. Comdr. Haynes reports here from Kahului, Maui, T. H. Comdr. Darron leaves Klamath Falls Thursday and late in May reports to Arcata auxiliary air station in northern California. —Official U. S. navy photo.

Naval Air Station Command Changes Hands In Ceremony

Comdr. Phil L. Haynes, United States navy, this morning took over command of the Klamath naval air station, relieving Comdr. R. R. Darron who leaves Thursday after more than one year as commanding officer at the station.

Comdr. Darron said Wednesday that he and Mrs. Darron would have a 15-day vacation in southern California before he reported for duty as commanding officer at the Arcata, Calif., naval auxiliary air station.

The new commanding officer of the Klamath station officially took over his new duties at 9:30

a. m., in a ceremony which followed a review of officers, enlisted men and Waves before the north hangar.

BRITONS DISAGREE ON POLE LEADERS

LONDON, May 9 (AP)—Minister of State Richard Law told commons today that the British government did not agree with the Russian version that the 16 Polish leaders under arrest by the Russians were all saboteurs.

A Soviet broadcast had accused the Polish group, led by Gen. Leopold Okulicki, of sabotage behind the lines of the red army. Questioned whether the "introduction of the name of this officer appears to constitute quite a different element," Law replied:

"I have seen the report of the Tass agency and I can only say that the information at the disposal of the government certainly does not conform with what is contained in that report."

Law said the British ambassador in Moscow had been ordered to ask the Soviet government "for confirmation of the report that Mr. (Wincenty) Witos, former Polish prime minister, is now at liberty" and for confirmation of reports of the arrests of other Polish leaders.

Witos disappeared a few days after the Polish government in London reported that the first group of Poles dropped from sight after answering the call of the Russian secret police, ostensibly to arrange their transportation to London.

Non-Patriots To Be Punished

COPENHAGEN, May 9 (AP)—Danish collaborationists will be punished and war income confiscated, Premier Wilhelm Buhl told the new parliament today.

He said Denmark's adherence to the anti-comintern pact was invalid because the country was forced into it during German occupation.

King Christian made his first public appearance in two years, and was cheered wildly along the route from the palace to parliament, which he opened in traditional fashion.

REDS REQUEST ADDITIONS TO REIMS TERMS

Document Signed At Headquarters Of Zhukov

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG JR.
For The Combined Allied Press

BERLIN, May 9 (AP)—The final seal was set on the Wehrmacht's defeat and humiliation before the world early this morning by Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, titular head of the once proud German high command.

Brought to Marshal Gregory Zhukov's headquarters in the devastated German capital, he signed the formal ratification of Germany's unconditional surrender.

Additions Made

The document was more or less identical, terms to that signed at Reims on Monday morning, with certain additions defining more closely the details of the surrender of German troops and equipment.

On the allied side it was signed by Marshal Zhukov for the Russians and by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder on behalf of Gen. Eisenhower and was witnessed by Gen. Carl Spaatz and Gen. De Lattre de Tassigny. On the German side, Keitel, as Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, signed together with Admiral Von Friedeburg, commander in chief of the German navy, and Col. Gen. Paul Stumpf, commander in chief of the Luftwaffe.

Not "Unbeaten"

With signatures of the heads of all the German armed forces appended, this historic document forestalls forever any future German claim that the German army ended the war unbeaten. Keitel, a tall, haughty and grey-haired figure, wearing a full dress uniform and red striped pants of a German field marshal, maintained his Prussian arrogance to the end.

After his signature already had been appended to the document and while the allied chiefs were signing, Keitel made a last-minute attempt to play for time. He beckoned the Russian interpreter to him and began haranguing him, bitterly protesting there was insufficient time to notify the forces under his command of minor modifications in the capitulation text and asking for another 24 hours' grace before it became effective.

KLAMATH HIGHWAY WORK RANKS HIGH

Klamath county ranks high in Oregon in the amount of highway money to be spent in the first post-war year.

This was brought out after a road conference held here yesterday, when highway engineering officials conferred with city, county, and chamber of commerce representatives.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock and Construction Engineer H. D. Smith were the visiting state officials.

It was indicated that the first section of the new system of highways through the city may be put into the first post-war program, local men reported after the meeting. This is the section from the overhead crossing on the highway just north of town, along Alameda street to the intersection with Esplanade street. That will give a new north entrance into the city.

South Sixth street has high priority in the post-war program, and work there will precede any done on Alameda, it is believed.

Big Job

Biggest Klamath job ahead in the post-war period is the relocation of a part of highway No. 97 from a point near Che-

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European Capitals Scenes Of V-E Day Celebrations

By EDWARD J. DENNEHY

LONDON, May 9 (AP)—Buoyant merry-makers in this British capital embarked today on their second V-E Day celebration, while parading Soviet citizens in the streets of Moscow held their first rejoicings over the tidings of peace.

There was frolicking in the streets of Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Copenhagen and other cities to which peace had come after long tribulation.

German Armed

In Oslo, capital of Norway, armed German soldiers strolled about the streets watching the jubilant Norwegian celebrants. That curious V-E Day situation, duplicated in other Norwegian towns, was due to the fact that allied authorities had not yet been able to collect enemy arms.

Street fighting between Danish troops and former Nazi col-

laborators as well as Germans marked the celebration in Copenhagen.

Set Pace

The unrestrained marathon celebration that started in Paris Monday continued in unflagging fashion. Paris and London's non-stop observances set the pace for other European cities.

Despite three earlier talks Prime Minister Churchill appeared on the balcony of the ministry of health at Whitehall last night and exchanged repartees with thousands jam-packed into that section.

He reminded the British that "one deadly foe has been cast on the ground and awaits our judgment and our mercy. But there is another foe who occupies large portions of the British empire—a foe stained with cruelty and greed—the Japanese."