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WAR CABINET BROKEN UP; ELECTION SET

Parliament Slated To Dissolve On June 15

By ALEX H. SINGLETON
LONDON, May 23 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill resigned today and King George VI accepted the resignation and asked him to form a new administration.

The resignation formally broke up the wartime coalition cabinet formed in Britain's darkest days of 1940. A general election, the first in Britain in 10 years, is expected to be called for July 5.

Parliament to Dissolve
The king announced tonight that on Churchill's request parliament would be dissolved by royal proclamation on June 15.

DELEGATES RESIGN
SAN FRANCISCO, May 23 (AP)—Five British delegates to the United Nations conference turned in their resignations today as members of the Churchill government. British spokesmen promptly emphasized that this conformance with parliamentary practice will not fundamentally affect efforts to write a world organization charter.

Churchill was expected to form a new government within a few hours to serve until after the election. Labor party ministers, who share in the cabinet the responsibility for prosecuting the war, have signified their determination to have no part in the administration until elections are held.

The king's acceptance of Churchill's resignation was announced formally at 10 Downing street through the ministry of information. The announcement said Churchill "accepted his majesty's offer of the post of prime minister and kissed hands upon his appointment."

Labor ministers, who have served in the coalition cabinet. (Continued on Page Two)

B-29S DROP FIRE BOMBS ON TOKYO

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUAM, Thursday, May 24 (AP)—More than 550 American Superfortresses dropped three-quarters of a million pounds of fire bombs on industrial targets in Tokyo during the hours of darkness early this morning.

In the greatest raid yet staged by the B-29s from their Marianas bases, the giant bombers struck the highly congested industrially vital Shinagawa sector of the Japanese capital, exactly six months after 111 Superfortresses made the first raid on Japan, last November 24.

One key target of this morning's "fire bomb blitz" was the Shinagawa railroad marshalling yards on the Tokyo bay waterfront through which passes an estimated one-third of Japan's rail traffic.

The 450-ton bomb load dropped on Nippon's capital by the (Continued on Page Two)

Lt. Alvin Gould Said Liberated

Lt. Alvin A. Gould, prisoner of war in Germany since January 11, 1944, is among the American airmen liberated from Stalag Luft 1, according to word received by his sister and brother, Mrs. V. J. Barron and Bill Gould, both of Merrill.

Lt. Gould, son of Mrs. Andrew Hedlund of Oregon City, was shot down while taking part in a raid over Germany. He advised relatives that he was "fine and ready to leave for the United States." This is the first word received from the airman since November 2, 1944.

Doenitz Arrested; Command Disbanded

FLensburg, Germany, May 23 (AP)—British tankmen and Tommies, acting on instructions from allied supreme headquarters, arrested all the members of the Germans' Flensburg government, including Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, and disbanded the German high command today.

About 300 officers and many other ranks and civilians were taken into captivity.

The action was taken in concert with the Russian command.

All German general staff officers probably will be sentenced to from 10 to 15 years imprisonment, a high ranking SHAEF officer said.

Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl and Admiral Von Friedberg, both signers of the capitulation at Reims, also were placed under arrest and taken away by allied military guards.

They followed Doenitz up the gangplank of the ship in Flensburg harbor which has served as the allied supreme headquarters post here since the German capitulation.

As Doenitz was marching up the gangplank of the ship Patra to captivity, British tanks from the 11th armored division clanked into the Nazi compound here and took over the remnants of German army headquarters scattered throughout Flensburg.

In Flensburg harbor British ships commanded by a captain who was pier-

master at Dunkerque rode at anchor with their guns trained on the German shore and on surrendered German U-boats and E-boats.

British Tommies lined the German government-attached men and women alike up against the walls and ordered the Germans to put their hands behind their heads.

Doenitz had been head of the German state just 23 days when he trudged tiredly up the gangplank of the supreme headquarters ship.

Doenitz, Jodl, Friedberg and Jodl's aide, Maj. Wilhelm Oxenius, were summoned to the SHAEF command ship by Maj. Gen. Lowell Rooks, deputy chief of staff to Gen. Eisenhower, who informed them the supreme allied commander had ordered them arrested and the German government disbanded.

Since the surrender at Reims Flensburg has been neither fish nor fowl. Even though the Germans all technically were prisoners of the 21st army group, Flensburg was left as the control point for Doenitz to turn over the Wehrmacht and what was left of the Reich government. The official rode to work every morning and one out of every 10 German soldiers kept his arms to guard military installations.

According to the best information SHAEF intelligence has been able to gather, the Germans earlier had planned to split into north and south groups and prior to April 22 all that was left of the Nazi hierarchy had planned to go south into the Alps for a last stand.

Resigns



Winston Churchill, who led the British people through the war with Europe, today tendered his resignation as prime minister of England.

SMALL NATIONS ASK QUESTIONS ON VOTE

By JACK BELL
SAN FRANCISCO, May 23 (AP)—Small nations asked the Big Four sponsors of this conference today whether the Yalta agreement would permit a major power to deadlock a United Nations organization simply by declining to vote.

This new issue was raised in a list of 22 questions submitted to representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China by a subcommittee representing the smaller countries at the United Nations conference.

Cover Formula
The 22 questions covered every phase of activity under the Yalta voting formula which would permit any of the Big Five, including France, to veto important moves of a world security council in attempting to settle international disputes.

Faced with interpreting the voting agreement made by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin at Yalta, the Big Four representatives appeared divided among (Continued on Page Two)

Truman To Talk At Final Confab

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—President Truman will go on to San Francisco to address the final plenary session of the United Nations world organization conference.

Secretary of State Stettinius made this announcement today after conferring with the president on conference matters and what he described as a "wide range of subjects" dealing with world affairs.

Stettinius said no date had been set, but he expects the president will go to San Francisco early in June.

Klamath Passes Quarter Mark In 'E' Bond Quota

Klamath county passed the one-quarter mark in the assault on the "E" bond quota in the "Mighty 7th," it was announced this morning with a total of \$389,716.25 reported to date. The quota is \$1,538,000.

In other series, bonds totaled \$361,944, according to Mrs. Rose Poole, 7th War Loan chairman. As the May 14-June 30 campaign continued, local bond headquarters received the V-mail certificates captioned, "Annual bond between us—from the folks back home." Purpose of this certificate is to show men overseas that a bond has been purchased for them and a duplicate printed on V-mail paper is available now.

Plans for the war bond show were being whipped into shape

Leonard Schooler Hurt On Okinawa

Pvt. Leonard Schooler of Bonanza, in combat with the 77th division of the United States army on Okinawa, has been wounded and evacuated by plane to a hospital, according to word received Tuesday by his wife, the former Nonie McCarty.

Details as to his wounds were not known to the family here. Mrs. Schooler is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCarty of Bonanza.

Wound, But No Purple Heart

One of the servicemen who frequents the USO in his sober moments wears a scar on his forehead which caused a great deal of speculation among the staff members. Some thought it was a shrapnel wound, while others wagered that it was a memento from a Jap bayonet. Time marched on, and no information could be obtained. Then one night the possessor of the mysterious scar staggered into the USO, permeating the club with aroma d'alcohol. An alert staff member seized this opportunity to question, returning with the following amazing story:

Several months ago, while on overseas duty, the man participated in a rousing game of baseball, which was being played in the water with a beer bottle in lieu of a ball. The game was reaching a stormy climax, the score was tied, and the bottle was soaring through the air under the impetus which it had been dealt by a rugged Texan. The thought that to catch the bottle would make his team the victor ran through the head of every fielder, but the blond serviceman was the only one whose head suffered the results. For as he stood there watching the bottle make its descent, he shouted "Come to papa," and like an obedient puppy, the bottle immediately dropped upon the brow of its victim. The hapless fielder sported a gash that required six stitches and a great deal of consolation. That's a new version of being "struck out."

THREE CABINET MEMBERS QUIT; OVERHAUL SET

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—President Truman made a major overhauling of the cabinet today, naming a new attorney general and new secretaries of labor and agriculture, and abolishing the separate job of war food administrator.

Announcing the three cabinet resignations, he said war food Administrator Marvin Jones had also resigned.

Mr. Truman told his news conference that Attorney General Biddle will be succeeded June 30 by Tom Clark of Texas, now an assistant attorney general.

Agriculture Secretary Claude Wickard is resigning immediately to become administrator of the rural electrification administration and will be succeeded by Rep. Clinton Anderson (D-N.M.), now chairman of the (Continued on Page Two)

Marine Radio Bond Show Set

An all-marine radio show will be presented tonight at 8:30 over KPJI, the second in a series of service programs arranged by the special events committee of the 7th War Loan drive.

The Marine Barracks orchestra, led by T/Sgt. Jack Zamzow, will be featured in the show written and narrated by PFC Richard Nason, PFC Carl Hagel and S/Sgt. Bill Schlenker will entertain with vocal numbers.

Speaking in connection with the bond campaign will be Maj. Robert Felker, twice winner of the Bronze Star, and Sgt. William B. Fields, Silver Star holder.

High-Low



Shortest and tallest members of the U. S. 6th marines fighting in the Iwo Jima area are 1st Lt. Hugh D. Semple (left), 27, Syracuse, N. Y., and PFC Clint R. Westmoreland, 21, Twitty, Tex. They demonstrate their ability to fill any job. Semple, former all-Ohio State athlete, is armed with a carbine. Westmoreland holds a light machine gun, has a rifle on his back and a couple of hand grenades around his neck. (AP wire photo.)

Defenses On Okinawa Crumble Under Blow

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
The eastern anchor of Japan's stubborn Okinawa defense line crumbled today under a surprise American infantry attack as a U. S. communiqué from China lent support to reports Japanese troops were being withdrawn from north China coastal areas to Manchuria, long-established Nipponese bulwark facing the soviet union.

Simultaneously diplomatic circles in Moscow commented Japanese apparently showed unfounded optimism when they reported the mikado's government was on "completely friendly terms with the soviet union."

China-based pilots of the U. S. 14th air force bombed troop trains and columns apparently headed toward Manchuria.

The break on the Okinawa line carried a pre-dawn attack, launched without artillery or tank support, through Yonabaru town to hills overlooking Yonabaru bay and the northern end of a curving ridge dominating Nakagusuku bay, former Nipponese fleet anchorage.

Yanks in the southern Philippines captured a provincial capital against light opposition and knocked out a key defensive

ridge in the Manila watershed with a novel fire-bomb and flame-throwing tank attack.

A small, pocketed Japanese force was annihilated in the Burma campaign, and successes reported on four China fronts.

New Strength
From Europe came reports that the flood of American troops bound for the Pacific would reach the strength of 12 divisions in June and British forces would be flying by the thousands to southeast Asia "in a few months."

Japanese broadcasts tended to ignore these developments and concentrate on worry about lack of unity on the threatened home front, the possibly growing peace sentiment and mentioned soviet Russia as a model of "inspiration and ingenuity."

7th Makes Gain
The seventh division, returning to the eastern flank of the Okinawa fighting front after a two weeks' rest, made the mile-long Okinawa advance yesterday.

Yonabaru, second largest city on Okinawa and the first sizeable town on the island to fall, was overrun in the advance—the first major breakthrough in weeks.

Nazi Jew-Baiter
Taken By Yanks
BERCHTESGADEN, May 23 (AP)—Julius Streicher, the notorious Jew-baiter, has been captured on a farm in the Bavarian hills by officers of the 101st airborne division.

With the capture of Streicher, Heinrich Himmler and Joachim von Ribbentrop are foremost among the top nazis still at large.

Streicher was taken in the same general area where Goerring and other Nazi leaders lately have been seized.

It also was announced that Gen. Franz von Epp, the defender of Munich, was in custody. He had been reported among those in the Goering party after the surrender near Schloss Fischhorn on the Zeller Zee.

Open Secret
It was the first public disclosure that the unmanned balloons—wafted perhaps from submarines or the Japanese home land—are hitting North America, aimlessly. However, the attacks have been an open secret with many newspapermen and (Continued on Page Two)

months have not caused any property damage and, in no sense, are the balloons considered a "military threat."

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Ray Casebeer Liberated

Mrs. Elsie Casebeer of Central Point, Ore., has been notified by the American Red Cross that her son, Sgt. Ray Casebeer, of the 22nd army infantry has been liberated from a German prison camp. He was reported missing in action on February 9, but was never officially listed as a prisoner of the German government.

Mrs. Casebeer received a letter from a friend of her son who was at the same camp for a few weeks, but had since been liberated and was in a hospital in France. According to the friend, Casebeer had been moved to another camp on February 15, and is still located in some country where it is impossible to get out further word. He requested that the Red Cross send the message of his liberation to his mother, and the telegram was received Monday, May 21.

Casebeer, son of the late Wallace H. Casebeer, lived here for several years. He graduated from the Medford high school in 1944, and enlisted immediately. He reported overseas duty in October of 1944 and served in the 4th division in the third army under General Patton.

Casebeer received first aid at Eagle Creek ranger station, and returned to town.

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