

HEINRICH HIMMLER KILLS SELF

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Gestapo Chief Takes Poison After Capture

LONDON, May 24 (AP)—Heinrich Himmler bit into a vial of poison and killed himself last night three days after his capture by the British second army.

The 44-year-old chief of the gestapo and fuhrer of SS troops had succeeded in hiding a container of potassium cyanide in his mouth. He took the poison in the parlor of the Luebeberg house where he was held, and died last night at 11:04.

Himmler had been picked up by British Tommies in a check of pedestrians crossing a bridge at Bremervoerde, 35 miles west of Hamburg. His mustache was shaved off. A black patch hid one eye.

He remained unrecognized until he dramatically removed the eye patch in an interview he had requested with a British camp commandant.

Thus Himmler, who vied with Hitler in blackening the pages of German history, robbed the allies of their No. 1 war criminal.

Hermann Goering is a captive. Joachim von Ribbentrop still is unaccounted for.

Himmler died 25 minutes after swallowing the contents of the blue vial.

General Admiral George von Friedberg, commander in chief of the German navy, killed himself a few hours previously at Flensburg. Von Friedberg had signed the German surrender pact.

Top Terrorist

For years Himmler ruled the reich as Hitler's right-hand terrorist. He kept millions of Germans and the residents of occupied countries under the thumb of nazism. It was Himmler who ordered the Lidice massacre in Czechoslovakia.

Wholly without compassion, he could order the slaughter of an entire group of citizens for the killing of one of his gestapo agents.

In 1944, after the plot on Hitler's life had failed, the fuhrer ordered Himmler to stamp out every trace of revolt. It was a task Himmler could perform with no compunction.

Yet outwardly he had the appearance of a provincial schoolmaster. His wife, captured recently by American troops, said he was known at home as "Bube." They had a daughter.

Takes Life

The senior intelligence officer of Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's staff told a dramatic story of Himmler's arrest, along with two thuglike SS (elite guard) bodyguards, and of the final act in which he committed suicide while undergoing a medical examination.

Two British soldiers guarding a bridge at Bremervoerde stopped three men Monday in a routine check of passing civilians.

One man had a black patch over his right eye and was clean shaven. He gave the name of Hinzinger. Papers he produced aroused the suspicion of the guards.

"Hinzinger" and his two companions (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Inches Toward Bond Goal

Klamath folks bought \$6262.50 worth of "E" bonds Wednesday at bond headquarters and inched forward toward the total of \$1,538,000 in the 7th War Loan.

Payday, just around the corner, promised to up the figure considerably and basin residents were urged to buy "that extra bond" with the next pay check.

"The Chicagoans" from the Marine Barracks, former residents of Chicago who have organized a band, played throughout Wednesday and attracted much favorable comment along Main street. Members include Cpl. George M. Dunn Jr., accordion; Sgt. Max O. Shockey, tenor saxophone; Cpl. Harry D. Kraus, piano; Cpl. Herman A. Lipps, violin; Sgt. R. G. Pommeroy, bass; Cpl. Spider Weil, drums; and Cpl. George E. Wilder, vocalist. The men are dedicating their time and will play frequently during the drive.

Several Injured In Car Accident

Several persons were injured, none seriously, in a car-station wagon collision on a hairpin turn three miles west of Ellingston's mill on the Ashland highway at 3 p. m. Wednesday. State police investigated and said the two machines met head-on in the midst of a hail storm.

The station wagon, driven by Mrs. Thelma Sever, 3908 Gabilana, Long Beach, Calif., and a Chevrolet coach, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bortoli, route 3 box 44A, San Jose, Calif., and their 6-month-old child, were involved. Mrs. Sever's passengers included Mrs. Foster, Mrs. McCandless, Mrs. Clara Foster, Mrs. A. C. Morrow, Mrs. May Flaherty and Mrs. Phyllis Mays, all of the Los Angeles area.

Private cars took the injured to Ashland before police arrived and the extent of injuries was not learned. Mrs. McCandless, it is understood, returned to Klamath Falls and proceeded on her journey. Mrs. Fells and Mrs. Flaherty were treated in Ashland. The women said Mrs. Morrow accepted a ride to Ashland and they had not heard from her since. It is presumed by her companions that she continued on her trip by bus.

State police said the women were on route from Los Angeles to Seattle.

Tokyo Left In Flames By Superforts

JAPS PREPARE FOR LONG WAR; MARINES GAIN

Carrier Planes Renew Attacks On Suicide Plane Bases

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Fires lighted by the greatest air raid of the Pacific war, fanned by strong winds, flamed through Tokyo today as American carrier planes were reported renewing their attacks on suicide air bases of southern Japan.

Tokyo radio said 180 carrier aircraft swarmed over oft-bombed Kyushu island airdromes 12 hours after more than 550 Superfortresses, silhouetted in the bright moonlight of early morning, poured 4500 tons of fire bombs on the Japanese capital. The tonnage was equivalent to the explosive load of 2000 Flying Fortresses and Liberators.

20-30 Year War

The mikado's government is preparing Nippon to "withstand the test of war for the coming 20 to 30 years," radio Tokyo said in reporting contemplated plans for self-sufficient food production and placing war workers on a quasi-military basis.

In the battle of Okinawa on Japan's southern doorstep, U. S. Marines and infantrymen struggling through knee deep mud, bent back both flanks of the enemy defense line and fought off piercing counterattacks in the center.

Gain on Ground

Strong air support in other theaters helped infantrymen drive forward 10 miles in the southern Philippines, inch ahead (Continued on Page Two)

WORKER SAVED FROM SAND SLIDE BURIAL

Quick work on the part of his two fellow workmen saved the life of Marion Karnes, 30, 604 Gage road, who was buried by a sand slide while working at the Williams River sand pit 27 miles north of Klamath Falls late Wednesday afternoon.

According to O. D. Ripper, foreman for W. D. Miller company, the men were loading a truck preparing to move the sand to the Miller plant in Klamath Falls. Karnes, truck driver, was working at the base of the pit when a slide completely covered his body.

Vernon Karnes, brother, and Riley Shook, brother-in-law, ran to the point where they had last seen Karnes and with their hands scraped frantically at the sliding sand. They ran into luck when they found Karnes' head only a few moments after he was covered and were able to keep (Continued on Page Two)

Broader Concept Of Social Security Reaches Congress

By TOM REEDY
WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—

A new, broad concept of social security, including health insurance, was introduced in congress today with a plea that the nation needs it as a post-war bulwark.

The far-reaching measure, increasing costs to both employees and employers, was proposed by Senator Wagner (D-N.Y.) and Rep Dingell (D-Mich.).

Main Points

Wagner, explaining the legislation in detail in a speech prepared for the senate, listed these principal proposals:

1. Contributions of employers and employees are to be increased from one to four per cent each.

2. Every citizen would be eligible to health insurance similar to the present voluntary hospital insurance plans now in effect.

None of the current plans would be affected, they could continue in business.

Hospital Aid

3. The government would embark on a 10-year plan, with an appropriation of \$950,000,000, to help states build and improve hospitals and health centers, especially in rural areas. An additional \$5,000,000 would be provided to help the states make the necessary surveys.

4. The U. S. employment service would be established permanently. After the war it would take over the war manpower commission and other related services within the social security board set-up.

Extend Security

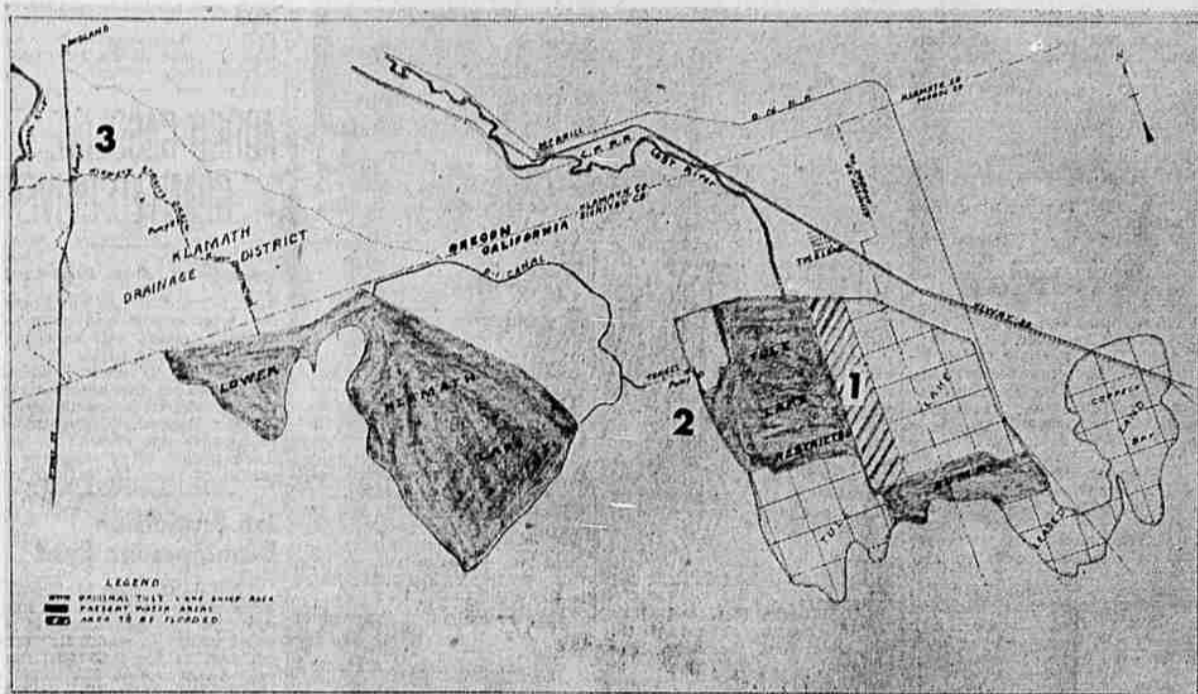
5. Social security coverage would be extended to an additional 15,000,000 persons, including farm workers, domestics, those in non-profit institutions and the independent farm-businessman.

6. Increases are provided for unemployment compensation and old age benefits; the jobless insurance would be nationalized, rather than operate on a state by state basis.

Wagner said labor organizations endorsed the bill.

He emphasized that the health insurance would allow the individual to choose his own physician and hospital; would permit the physician and hospital to pick their own patients, too.

How Wet Weather Has Created Excess Water Problem



This map of the Tulane and Lower Klamath lake areas illustrates the excess water problem created by this year's wet weather, and shows the location of installations that will alleviate that problem in the future. Water is collected in the Tulane lake basin through the Lost River channel, pouring into the evaporation sump shown in the shaded area. The Tulane farms lease, just east of the sump, identified by No. 1, will be flooded to relieve the pressure on the dikes around the sump. No. 2 shows the location of the tunnel and pumps which have been operating to full capacity, removing water from Tulane to Lower Klamath lake. On Lower Klamath, the Klamath straits drain is under construction, and will carry water to the Ady pumps (No. 3) where it will be pumped into Klamath river.

WESTERN PRESTIGE GAINED IN CHANGE

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)

President Truman stood pat today on a four-year cabinet reshuffle that gave the west additional prestige and subtracted age.

Mr. Truman named new secretaries of agriculture and labor and a new attorney general late yesterday as a follow-up to his earlier designation of Robert E. Hannegan, 41, to replace 59-year-old Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

No More Changes

There were indications that no further shifts in the 10-member presidential family are imminent.

Political observers viewed the (Continued on Page Two)

Truman To Fly To Conference

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—

President Truman will fly to San Francisco to address the concluding session of the United Nations conference.

The White House said today the chief executive also had under consideration a side trip to the Pacific northwest for a few days of rest and recreation after the conference engagement and would also return to the White House by plane.

His absence from Washington, however, probably will be for less than a week.

Not All Eligible

In announcing these ration hikes last night, the OPA and (Continued on Page Two)

Churchill Begins Choosing Cabinet

LONDON, May 24 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill began today the task of choosing the members of his new "caretaker government," as sections of the London press saluted the new dissolved coalition which under his leadership piloted Britain through five perilous years.

Political correspondents of London newspapers agreed generally that the prime minister would have most of the cabinet offices filled by the weekend, and that the new interim government would be ready to meet when commons sits again next Tuesday.

With labor and liberal ministers leaving the cabinet, the Independent Daily Mail predicted that "several junior ministers who have done good work during the war will be promoted to cabinet rank and posts will be found for those on war service."

Rain Results In Sacrifice Flooding Of 3400 Acres Of Grain Land In Basin Area

Wet spring weather today cost the Klamath basin 3400 acres of 1945 grain production.

E. L. Stephens, superintendent of the reclamation bureau, announced the bureau has found it necessary to flood the Tulana farm lease adjoining the main sump on Tulelake, in order to

relieve pressure on the main sump dikes.

Loss Incurred

Some 700 acres of this 3400-acre tract of government-owned leased land had been plowed, but none of the land seeded. The "sacrifice flooding" will

WETTEST ON RECORD

You may have guessed it—this is the wettest: 5 p. m. Wednesday totaled 2.77 inches. That is well over the previous high for the whole month of May.

The wettest May on record, prior to this year, was in 1932. That May, precipitation totaled 2.47 inches for the entire month.

mean a considerable loss to Tulana farms, inasmuch as the firm had built protective dikes, pumped all water off the land, and prepared for seeding a big grain crop on this land this year. Tulana farms owners are Henzel Brothers and Liskey Brothers.

Stephens said that originally some 6000 acres of leased land in the southwest corner of the Tulelake basin had been scheduled for sacrifice flooding if necessary. This land, however, is now seeded and the grain is up. Because the Tulana land (Continued on Page Two)

Francis Brown Hurt On Okinawa

Word has been received that Pvt. Francis E. (Bill) Brown, United States army, was hurt on Okinawa on April 30. A letter from the young soldier was received by his wife, Lewanna, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brown of 2323 White in Klamath Falls.

Brown reported that his back had been injured but it is not known how severely he was wounded. He wrote that he had been hit by a fragment of a mortar shell, but not seriously enough to impair his ability to write. His first letters were written from a navy hospital ship, but he is now in a base hospital in the South Pacific.

A member of the 32nd infantry division, Brown was formerly employed by the Big Lakes Box company before enlisting in the service on August 10, 1944. He reported for overseas duty in February of this year.

This is the Brown's second son to be wounded in action. The first, Sgt. Harold Eugene Brown, was reported hurt on Luzon on January 16. He has now reported back to his unit, and is believed to be in combat on Luzon.

SIGNIFICANCE OF HOPKINS TRIP SEEN

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24 (AP)

The United States sought by firm and friendly negotiation today to prove that a foundation exists in the ruins of postwar Europe for an effective United Nations organization around the world.

That is the real significance seen by delegates at the United Nations conference in President Truman's dispatch of Harry Hopkins to Premier Stalin's Kremlin office.

These international experts from every quarter of the globe are emphasizing anew that if the great victorious nations of the war against Germany move hesitantly now to settle the first issues of peace, the world charter (Continued on Page Two)

Investigation Of Tax Evasion Set

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—

Secretary Morgenthau is asking the budget bureau and congress for funds to recruit an additional 5000 treasury field agents "at once" in a fast-moving investigation of tax evasion.

There now are 1500 agents at work.

Morgenthau said "we are running into so many shocking cases. It is shocking, revolting and disgusting that anybody who has got a fine business in wartime should try to make these illegal profits by evading their taxes."

Truman Asks For Permanent Reorganizational Powers

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)

President Truman asked congress today for permanent authority to reorganize the executive branch of the government in order to make it "more business-like and efficient."

The president declared that the first war powers act of 1941, which empowered the president to make adjustments to meet the needs of the conflict, should be replaced by permanent legislation of equal scope.

Automatic Abolition

He said many agencies set up under the war powers act, which expires six months after the war, would be automatically abolished with its expiration, while other agencies would revert to an unsatisfactory pre-war status.

He pointed out that permanent adjustments need to be made and cited a current proposal before congress to

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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
MORE than 550 B-29s hit Tokyo with NINE MILLION POUNDS (4500 tons) of bombs. The Japs admit the raid raged 54 hours.

One returning pilot, reporting jet hits on yards handling a lot of Japan's rail traffic, says he is afraid they're going to have a lot of walking. (He said you prefer the vivid, earthy speech of men who fight.)

The raid caught Tokyo with a single sheltering cloud of 11, which is unusual.

4500 tons dropped by the superforts EQUAL the tonnage of 2000 Fortresses or Liberators bombing Berlin from fish bases. Raids on Japan, see, are ALREADY in the open class, and the Japs aren't seeing anything yet.

General Lemay is reported in dispatches today as thinking air power alone can destroy industries. His opinion is based on what actually happened in Germany.

Okinawa, we're getting Jap SUPPLY LINES under our

emplaced on recently captured high ground. We're 800 into Naha where we are entering fierce house-to-house fighting. The Japs are attacking frequently and

erately.

the Philippines, we're

in up yard by yard on fighting fronts. In some of the fighting around Manila using MEDIEVAL CATA-

TS to heave cans and barrels of jellied gasoline into Jap

outs. (Every weapon from

the west.)

Australians are reported

hunting down" Japs on

kan. News from Tarakan

kept under wraps for

reason (maybe few US

correspondents there) but

Japs is usually the last

China, our 14th airforce is

stroying railroad bridges

shooting up locomotives,

slung out 24 of them in one

Germany taught us what

transportation can do.

YO radio says "the mi-

kado's government is pre-

paring Nippon to withstand

the war for the next 20 to 30

Li Gen Reikichi Tada

the only way the Americans

are hailed is with "kami-

(suicide) planes and other

attacks.

that has to go on for 20

years. Life in the flowery

one will get rather rugged.)

big news from Europe is

at Butcher Himmler is

When captured (after hav-

ing himself by shaving

mustache, putting a black

over his eye, etc.) he bit

of poison he had carried

mouth for three days and

out.

might be a good idea to

these vials around among

sher-up German war crim-

inals.

ast accounts, Ribbentrop

is still on the loose, and

but a dozen to 15 of the

in submarines are account-

ed and there are scary vis-

ions of these outlaws roam-

ing as pirates. Producers of

the pulp magazines are

able to make some-

thing out of it. We're still

worried that we're convey-

ing merchant ships in the

eastern Atlantic.

seem to have around 250

German U-boats in our

possession and are said to

be using them for use against

us.

Yes Gallagher says today

that "Germany has ceased

to exist as a nation. It has

no life except as defined by

the United Nations, as such

is not in existence, as al-

though the United Nations

has no political

economic life except as

defined on Page Two)

Lybrand

and From Camp

er American soldier was

liberated from a Ger-

man camp when word

came that FFC John W.

Lybrand was released

from hospital in Eng-

land.

nd was wounded short-

ly after being captured

and recovering, rejoined his

unit and was then taken

to his wife, Barbara, re-