

Hitler Dies in Berlin

Say Nazis Ready To Quit Denmark

A United Press message from Copenhagen last night said the Germans in Denmark, in danger of being cut off by a British-American thrust across the neck of the Schleswig-Holstein peninsula to the south toward the Baltic port of Lubeck, were turning over control of the country to the Danish authorities. The dispatch said the Danish and German officials were negotiating an agreement regarding the reinstatement of Danish police throughout the country, which has been under German occupation since Apr. 8, 1940, when it was overrun in a one-day operation.

At the same time, Luxemburg radio said a delegation of German and Czech industrialists had left Prague, Czechoslovak capital, to meet the Allies and hand over Bohemia and Moravia, industrial areas which were to feed the Nazi redoubt now under assault by the Allies in southern Germany.

While the status of reported peace negotiations remained in the air, the Allies thrust east toward another link-up with the Russians heading west north of Berlin, while in the redoubt area itself American spearhead forces advanced to within 25 miles of the Brenner Pass and about 18 miles from the Austrian industrial center of Linz.

Yanks 25 Miles From Brenner Pass

Drives to cut the Germans' northern and southern pockets into segments continued yesterday to make progress as British and American troops in the north advanced to within 18 miles of the Baltic port of Lubeck in a thrust that would cut off the Germans in the Danish peninsula, and in the south American spearheads stabbed to within 25 miles of the Brenner Pass and brought the Austrian city of Innsbruck under artillery range.

A dispatch from a correspondent with the 3rd Army's 11th Armored Division in Austria said two-way radio communication had been established between the Americans and the 3rd Ukrainian Army heading westward up the Danube Valley from captured Vienna, indicating that the two forces were now probably less than 40 miles apart.

From their Elbe River bridgehead, 30 miles wide by 16 deep, British and American troops under British command were racing toward Lubeck, target of Russian forces advancing westward and forcing a tidal wave of Germans in retreat into the path of the Allied forces. The Americans were identified as airborne units under command of Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway and included the 82nd Airborne Division, which had served with the British in the Rhine operations.

The German retreat in this area was still in progress, dispatches said. The enemy columns were taking hard punishment from tactical planes, which knocked out more than 540 vehicles in a few hours Monday.

Bombers Pound Salzburg

In the southern redoubt, Salzburg, one of the key points in the enemy's last-stand defense zone, was bombed by Italy-based planes, concentrating on the rail station and yards.

Third Army tanks in a 25-mile advance reached the Inn River on the Austrian-German frontier near Braunau, Hitler's birthplace, a dispatch said.

Farther to the southwest, 7th Army forces had 25 miles to go to reach the Brenner Pass, off-bombed supply artery to the Germans in Italy. A simultaneous advance on the Brenner was reported in progress by the U.S. 5th Army pushing through the mountains of northern Italy.

Once the Americans gain control of the Brenner route they will have carved the southern redoubt into three parts—the Vorarlberg mountain district in the western tip of Austria, eastern Austria and Bohemia and the dwindling area left to the Germans in northern Italy.

Seventh Army troops were reported to be inside Austria on a 20-mile-wide, five-mile-deep front. Progress was slowed by the mountain terrain, demolitions and road blocks.

Another crossing into Austria by the 3rd Army was reported near Oberkappel, 14 miles east of Passau and about 15 miles southwest of the point where the troops first passed over the frontier.

Enemy defenses along the Isar River, running northeast from Munich, were said to be collapsing under the weight of the 3rd Army's drive into the southeastern corner of the redoubt. Munich, captured by the 7th Army, was said to have been shelled by the Germans.

Japs Have Deserted Rangoon, PWs Report

14TH ARMY HQ, Burma, May 1 (UP)—Rangoon, main objective of the Allied drive in Burma, has been practically deserted by the Japanese, according to British and U.S. prisoners who have escaped through the enemy lines. Approximately 100 American pilots, some of whom had been prisoners for 18 months, were flown to hospitals in India.

Red Flag Hoisted Over Reichstag

With the Soviet flag flying over the German Reichstag and 95 per cent of Berlin in Russian hands, Red Army assault troops last night were reported storming through government buildings in the heart of the capital, mopping up what remained of the Nazi garrison.

The German High Command yesterday admitted the battered garrison had been compressed into a "very narrow space" as the Russians converged on the city's center from the north, south and east.

White—and red—flags were going up all over the city as Volksturm troops surrendered by the thousands. The Germans still fighting apparently were fanatical SS men, and these were trapped in the area of the Tiergarten, where the German leaders, possibly including Hitler himself, were reported hiding in an underground fortress.

Tons of Russian explosives were being showered on the Tiergarten while mortars, bazookas and light artillery drove the Germans from one building after another in the Wilhelmstrasse and along the Unter den Linden.

"The heavy thud of shells on the center of Berlin is the signal for the imminent end of the battle," Moscow Radio said last night.

Admit Attacks Were Failures

Relief attacks from outside of Berlin were admitted to have failed and the Germans yesterday made no mention of supplies being flown to the capital.

The Russian Army newspaper Red Star yesterday said the center of the city was almost completely ruined but the outskirts hardly damaged and that municipal services were being restored.

North of Berlin, Marshal Rokossovsky's troops continued to advance across the Mecklenburg plain along a 90-mile front and Marshal Stalin last night announced they had captured Stralsund, on the coast 40 miles east of Rostock, largest Baltic port still in German hands.

Other towns captured included Malchin, 36 miles southeast of Rostock.

In the south a new Russian offensive in Czechoslovakia appeared to be under way, following the capture of the key bastions of Brunn in the south and Moravska Ostrava in the north. A Reuter dispatch from Moscow said twin Russian attacks were "folding up the German salient at a speed which suggests an imminent collapse over the whole area back to Prague, the Czech capital."

At the same time, a spokesman for the Swedish Foreign Office declared that when the Count returned to Stockholm yesterday from Denmark he carried no reply from Himmler to the Anglo-American demand that Soviet Russia be included in any German offer of capitulation.

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HITLER DANCED a triumphal jig at Compiègne when France capitulated in June, 1940. But in 1945, broken under the massive weight of Allied might that crushed Berlin, devastated his Third Reich, and made his dream of world conquest a nightmare, he paid the Piper. Picture on the right was among his last.

Doenitz, Nazi Navy Boss, Led U-Boat 'Wolfpacks'

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, ruthless commander-in-chief of the German Navy and inspiration of Nazi submarine "wolfpack" attacks on Allied shipping, was selected by Hitler, German radio said last night, to take the helm of the Third Reich in the event of his death.

Doenitz is known as a hard, bitter man, who trained his underwater crews to be utterly murderous during the war, for which he had been preparing many years in advance.

At the outset of the war Doenitz was at sea. A month after war was declared he sank the British aircraft-carrier Royal Oak.

His successes, long study of U-boats, and new tactics he devised—coupled with his ardour as a Nazi—won him a promotion to chief of all submarine operations.

After France fell Doenitz developed the underground submarine lairs on the French Atlantic coast from which he personally directed the movements of his so-called "wolfpacks."

In Jan, 1943, the 53-year-old sub chief was named Grand Admiral and made Commander-in-Chief of German naval forces, succeeding Grand Adm. Raeder.

His first act after being promoted was to dismiss all Nazi senior admirals and since then he has been the personal leader of all U-boat activity. Under him, submarine construction became a high priority item in German war industry.

Doenitz's popularity in the German Navy was undoubted and German propaganda soon raised him to the position of a superman.

He joined the Nazis at the beginning of their movement and soon after Hitler's rise to power began building submarines where they would escape the eye of the Allies.

In World War I Doenitz was an ensign (Continued on back page)



ADM. DOENITZ

Mexican Airmen in Manila

LUZON, May 1 (Reuter)—A Mexican expeditionary air force arrived in Manila today to join the American 5th Air Force fighter command. It is the first unit of the Mexican Army to fight outside Mexico.

Peace Rumors Thicken, 'Moves' Stay Myths

The status of reported Allied peace negotiations with Nazi SS chief Heinrich Himmler remained uncertain last night as Count Folke Bernadotte, believed to be the intermediary, announced in Stockholm that he had not seen Himmler for ten days and had not "forwarded any message from Himmler or any other authoritative German to the Allies."

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certain, but one Stockholm source expressed belief that the Swedes had proposed, or the Germans had requested, the transportation of German forces in Norway to Sweden to be disarmed there.

In London Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday that he had "no special statement to make about the war position in Europe except that it is definitely more satisfactory than it was at this time five years ago."

Official circles in Washington remained silent. W. F. Bostrom, Swedish Minister to the U.S., called on Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew, but a Swedish Legation spokesman said the call was "purely routine business and in no way connected with the negotiations for Germany's surrender."

Count Bernadotte stepped off a Swedish air liner at Stockholm at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and smilingly parried all questions with a cheery "Good Morning." Shortly after his arrival he conferred with Erik Boheman, Under Secretary of the Swedish Legation in Washington, who had declared that he would not be returning to Germany for further discussions.

German Radio Says Doenitz Takes Over

Fuehrer Adolf Hitler died yesterday afternoon "at his command post in Berlin's Chancellery, fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism and for Germany" and has been succeeded as leader of the Third Reich by Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz, German Navy Commander-in-Chief, whose "first task is to save the German people from destruction by the Bolsheviks, and it is only to achieve this that the fight continues."

This news was announced over German Radio at 10 PM last night (London time) by Doenitz, who said Hitler on Monday had appointed him as his successor as Fuehrer and Supreme Commander of the Wehrmacht.

Hitler's death—an event desired by millions of people throughout the world which he had plunged into history's greatest and most ruinous war—came within four days of the quick execution of his erstwhile Italian partner, Benito Mussolini.

Only last week there had been widespread speculation that Hitler would go down amid the ruins of the Third Reich—speculation which had included the possibility that "Der Fuehrer" who would die would be one of Hitler's many reported doubles.

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One report said a grocer who bore a remarkable resemblance to the 56-year-old Hitler had been readied for the sacrificial role as leader of the German troops in the defense of Berlin against the Soviet armies. While the grocer was acting as the Fuehrer, Hitler—first on the world's long list of Axis war criminals—would attempt to escape from the vengeance that was certain to be exacted once the Reich was defeated.

During the furore last week over reports that Heinrich Himmler, commissioned with the defense of the Reich, had sought to surrender Germany to the Allies, he was quoted as having described Hitler as "a dying man."

There have been stories about Hitler's condition ever since the attempt on his life last July 20. The bomb that exploded in his quarters failed to kill him, but he was said to have been affected by the blast, both mentally and physically. Whatever the results he suffered, he took (Continued on back page)

8th Links Up With Tito Men

ROME, May 1—Meeting only scattered resistance, troops of the British 8th Army made contact today with Marshal Tito's Yugoslavs at the northern end of the Adriatic Sea and U.S. 5th Army units farther west pressed north toward the Brenner Pass, while Marshal Rudolfo Graziani, captured Fascist Commander-in-Chief, appealed to his men to lay down arms.

Leading elements of the 2nd New Zealand Division of the 8th Army crossed the Isonzo river to link up with the Yugoslavs at Monte Falcone, 20 miles north of Trieste, a special Allied communique announced. Trieste itself was said to be burning fiercely, as Yugoslav troops fought to subdue the last elements of resistance.

Graziani, whose appeal was broadcast over Rome Radio, said the whereabouts of the German command in Italy was unknown to him and declared that "by now any further resistance would not only be useless but also dangerous to myself, your commander." Dispatches reaching Zurich from the Italo-Swiss border said German and Fascist troops already had begun to surrender in response to Graziani's broadcast.

Meanwhile 5th Army troops advanced toward the southern approaches to Germany's Bavarian redoubt, with forward units reported less than 50 miles from the Brenner Pass in the north. A communique said the Allies were still meeting stiff opposition at one point about 50 miles north of Verona.

While the city of Venice, be intact and awaiting city of Venice, stragglers were being rounded up.

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San Francisco Confab

To the B-Bag: Been watching the progress of the San Francisco Conference, but there doesn't seem to be much progress despite the ballyhoo.

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Hash Marks

Ralph Newman tells this one. A hip-shaking dancer who used to entertain guerrillas in occupied Europe called her specialty dance the "Underground Movement."

A Pfc we know sez he knows a very ungrammatical babe—she can't decline.

Afterthought. A woman may be as old as she looks—but a man is old when he stops looking.

Observation. A stout matron is often a lovely girl gone to waist.

Conversation piece. "I love you—ouch!" "I love you—ouch."



And there you have the story of two porcupines necking.

WAC Dept.: "I hear that WAC married a very rich man." "Oh! Really?" "No. O'Riley."

Sez Lt. W. A. Backus: A wife is a great comfort during all those troubles a bachelor never has.

Apologies to Winchell. Marriage is a ghastly public confession of a strictly private intention.

And then there was the wolf who knew all the ankles.

Unhappy thought. If there's a depression after this war, ex-U.K. Joes will be on street corners saying, "Brother, can you spare a jit for a cuppa tea?"

Cpl. Syd Kermisch tells us that members of a certain bomb group over here sweat out missions by playing a new game called "Quiz-tionnaires."

Once upon a time we ran a gab about a guy on the home front who had a 4-F body and a 1-A mind.

Heard at Rainbow Corner's boxing matches. Prizefighter: "Have I hurt my opponent yet?" GI manager: "No, but keep swinging—the draft might give him a cold."



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PRIVATE BREGER



"We had it made special—he talks too much about military things!"

U.S. Troops Capture Horthy, Two Nazi Field Marshals

Dispatches from American forces sweeping into Bavaria disclosed yesterday the capture of Adm. Nicholas Horthy, Nazi-deposed Regent of Hungary, and German Field Marshals Sigmund List and Wilhelm Ritter von Leeb, and the removal from camps in the path of the U.S. advance of both 1/Lt. John G. Winant Jr., son of the American Ambassador at London, and Pastor Martin Niemöller, noted anti-Nazi cleric.

Horthy, 77, was placed in protective custody after his capture by the 7th Army in Schloss Waldbichl castle at Weilheim, southwest of Munich. Early in 1944 he signed the order permitting German troops to enter Hungary, but when the Red Army broke into the country last September he asked for an armistice with the Soviets.

The Moosburg camp, known as the "United Nations Camp," was freed by 14th Armored Division tanks of the 3rd Army. The camp held nearly 30,000 prisoners, including 14,891 Americans and

Another Monument to Hitler

Dachau Cheers Its Liberation From Horror of Living Death

By Peter Furst, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

DACHAU, Germany, Apr. 29 (Delayed)—American soldiers and reporters were mobbed, kissed, thrown into the air and carried on shoulders through a sea of weeping, cheering, laughing prisoners at the notorious Dachau concentration camp late today in one of the maddest and most heart-rending liberation scenes of the war.

Thousands of political prisoners of all nationalities—some of them Germans in camps for 13 years—screamed with joy as doughboys of the 42nd Div. herded the surviving SS guards outside the iron camp gates.

A Polish Catholic priest, deputy to Cardinal Blond, Archbishop of Posen, grabbed, hugged and kissed the first American to enter the crowded square inside the gate, and then realized that it was a woman—and a pretty, young woman at that.

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Hitler's Life As Warped As His Work

Adolf Hitler, the house-painter who strutted his hour on the stage of history, leaves no heir to carry on his infamous name—he never married.

But he leaves a heritage of hate and a vicious Nazi philosophy that may take long to eradicate despite the downfall of the man who spawned it.

The career of the man was as warped as his works. Hitler was born in an Austrian peasant home at Braunau, near the German border, in 1889.

His military discharge marked the beginning of Hitler's political career. He was admitted to a small Munich group of ex-militarists, malcontents and anti-communists—forerunner of the Nazi Party.

With the outbreak of war in 1914, Hitler volunteered for the Bavarian army. He earned the grade of lance corporal, equivalent to Pfc in the American Army, and was awarded the Iron Cross, first class.

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Anti-Nazi Gets Job as Mayor

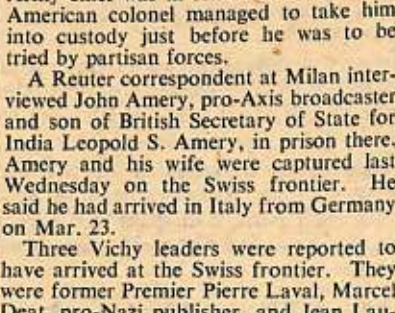
WEIMAR, Germany, May 1 (Reuter)—A gaunt, 64-year-old German Social Democrat, released yesterday from the infamous Buchenwald concentration camp, was installed today as Lord Mayor of Weimar in an effort to root out Nazism, which was strong in this city, the original home of the Weimar Republic.

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LT. WINANT



ADM. HORTHY

Army chief was in Allied hands after an American colonel managed to take him into custody just before he was to be tried by partisan forces.

A Reuter correspondent at Milan interviewed John Amery, pro-Axis broadcaster and son of British Secretary of State for India Leopold S. Amery, in prison there.

Three Vichy leaders were reported to have arrived at the Swiss frontier. They were former Premier Pierre Laval, Marcel Deat, pro-Nazi publisher, and Jean Luchaire, former Information Minister.

Then a guard opened the gate to the camp, where some of the greatest brains of Germany and Europe had suffered for years at the hands of SS officers whose favorite sport was the "genickschuss" (neck shot) on a small enclosure behind the crematorium where 1,500 emaciated corpses were still piled up because the SS did not have time to burn them.

Within 18 hours after their liberation 135 former Dachau captives had died because of illness and starvation.

Gustave Eberle, the famous "Gustel," a member of the International Brigade during the Spanish civil war and a captain in the Spanish Republican Army, said that "only the iron discipline of the political prisoners had prevented a horrible mass slaughter here."

The Dachau commandant, Martin Weiss, and his assistant had escaped. Before they fled they had ordered the murder of thousands of prisoners.

The extent of the horror at this camp is beyond description. There is no way to put into words the stench of thousands of corpses lying 50 to 100 deep in three large rooms in the crematorium or the death chamber. Buchenwald had just one block where 50 to 100 men died each day. Dachau has six of these blocks.

On the day of liberation 32,315 political prisoners of 30 nationalities still were alive.

Only yesterday several thousand prisoners were killed by the SS and thrown into a water-filled ditch behind the camp. An undisclosed number of SS men had died in various ways, but none of the living dead here shed any tears for them.

Iron Mike Goes Up As Hitler Goes Down

WITH 3RD DIV., Germany, May 1—When the doughboys of the 3rd Division pounded into Nuremberg they decided to rechristen Adolf Hitler Platz, the town's main drag, after their CG, Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniels, lovingly known to his boys as "Iron Mike."

The name was carefully translated into German so that the civilians could read it and the new street sign was painted and hung up. It reads Eiserner Michael Platz.

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Ticked Off the Global Wire

U.S. Delays Recognition Of Austrian Government

WASHINGTON, May 1 (ANS)—The U.S. Government does not recognize the provisional government established in Austria under Dr. Karl Renner, the State Department said yesterday.

We Know How Tom Feels

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter)—A cartoon in The Washington Star yesterday showed a bedridden Sen. Tom Connally—the man who is said to have started Saturday's peace rumor—perspiring freely with an ice pack on his head and being attended by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. in a nurse's uniform.

Executed Mussolini Lies in Unmarked Grave

MILAN, May 1 (Reuter)—Benito Mussolini, lying today in an unmarked grave, died after five bursts from a sub-machine gun riddled the hairy chest he once bared as a symbol of his "strength," a partisan newspaper revealed yesterday.

U-Boat Menace Subsides

DETROIT, May 1 (AP)—Only one ship out of every 350 that sails the Atlantic now is being attacked by German submarines, Adm. Sir James Somerville, head of the British Admiralty delegation in Washington, said today.

AMG Reopens Six Kindergarten Schools in Aachen

SHAEF, May 1 (Reuter)—Six kindergarten schools have been opened in the Aachen area under the supervision of the Allied Military Government as the first step in establishing a German educational system purged of Nazism.

Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, 20, Cavendish Sq., London, W1, or APO 413, U.S. Army, Telephone U.K. Base HQ, Ext. 2129.

Bag Mix-up WILL the person who picked up the wrong canvas bag on the train from London to Norwich on Apr. 27 please contact Lt. A. R. Darkangelo, who has bag marked N-3757, instead of his own, which is marked D-9966.

Asks Prompt Reparations To Aid Europe

WASHINGTON, May 1 (Reuter)—Establishment of "interim reparations machinery" which would put to use immediately goods uncovered in Germany by the Allied armies, and which SHAEF does not need, to help in rehabilitation of liberated nations is urged in a report made today to Pres. Truman by Samuel I. Rosenman, personal adviser to the late Pres. Roosevelt, who returned recently from an exploratory mission in Europe for Mr. Roosevelt.

"Coal," the report says, "is one of the most important keys to economic recovery in northwest Europe. Meeting even minimum coal requirements for a year or two after V-E Day will be impossible. Any material alleviation of this situation would require maximum coal production in Germany."

"To supplement electric power in liberated areas, thus saving coal and transportation, we should seek increased exports of electricity from Germany. Highest level decisions must be made immediately regarding the use of German productive capacity and the extent, if at all, to which it should be restored and operated for the benefit of liberated countries."

Stressing the urgency of decisions on these matters, the report points out that U.S. economy will be deeply affected unless northwest Europe resumes its place in the international economic picture. It points out also that "a chaotic and hungry Europe is not fertile ground in which stable and friendly governments can be reared."

The report suggests that responsibility for providing a substantial share of most of the civilian supplies required by the liberated nations will rest on the U.S. It urges a "stream-lined" machinery for allocating such supplies, and, since such allocations would probably cut into the American consumer's supplies, suggests a campaign to inform the American public of the gravity of the needs of liberated Europe.

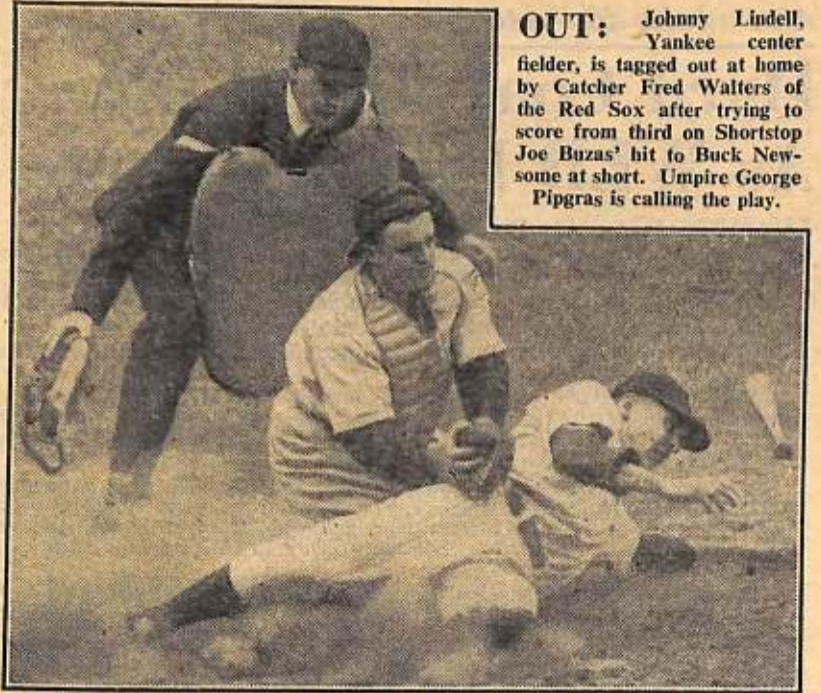
Hodges Adds A Link, Too

WITH 1ST ARMY, May 1 (Reuter)—Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, 1st Army commander, met Russian Gen. Jarlov at the Elbe yesterday at an official celebration of the link-up of the two armies.

The road to Jarlov's HQ was decked with the flags of Russia, America and Britain and pictures of the late President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill. There were flags with the inscriptions, "Welcome to the valiant troops of the U.S.A." and "Long live the inviolable Russian-American-British friendship."

At the party for Hodges and the U.S. soldiers, Jarlov paid tribute to the untiring energy of Mr. Roosevelt in the cause of freedom. He said the Red Army realized that the world had lost a great leader in Mr. Roosevelt.

Hodges presented a jeep to Jarlov and also the standard which the 1st Army had carried from America. Jarlov in return presented to Hodges a medallion commemorating the victory at Stalingrad. A Red Army officer proposed a toast to President Truman.



OUT: Johnny Lindell, Yankee center fielder, is tagged out at home by Catcher Fred Walters of the Red Sox after trying to score from third on Shortstop Joe Buzas' hit to Buck Newsome at short. Umpire George Pipgras is calling the play.

Discharged Servicemen May Decide Major League Races

NEW YORK, May 1—Most of the major league performers thrilling the fans this spring are either "too young or too old" or just plain 4-F, but servicemen fans the world over will have their eyes especially peeled for the work of honorably discharged veterans—and how these men hold up will have a lot to do with deciding both pennant races.

Most conspicuous of the performances by discharges to date have been those turned in by Al Benton, back with the Detroit Tigers after being released from

the Navy. Benton, a 32-year-old right-hander from Oklahoma, blanked the St. Louis Browns in his first start and in his second appearance was a complete puzzle to Cleveland, allowing the Tribe only two hits, one a pop fly Rudy York permitted to fall safely behind first base. In 18 innings Al has allowed one run and six hits.

The Red Sox—who started out as though they were going absolutely nowhere—checked their nose dive when Jack Tobin recovered from a finger injury and returned to third base. He is a brother of the Braves' Jim Tobin and recently was released from the Navy after two and a half years at Atlantic City. The other Red Sox surprise, of course, is Dave Ferris, Air Force dischargee who blanked the A's Sunday.

Lowrey Displaces Pafko The Cubs have two former servicemen performing in key posts. Mickey Livingston, who was discharged from the Army in November, has taken over the backstopping for Charlie Grimm and has caught all but one of Chicago's games this year, while Harry "Peanuts" Lowrey came out of the service last winter and has displaced hard-hitting Andy Pafko in center field.

The Cardinals are banking heavily on Red Schoendienst, who was tabbed by scouts as a real find while playing with Rochester in the International League last spring. Uncle Sam recently gave up on Red and he took over the left field spot for the world champs at the start of the season, but returned to his favorite position at short when Marty Marion suffered a severely sprained ankle last Saturday.

Three other ex-Gis who will be putting their talents on the line are Van Lingle Mungo, New York Giant chucker; Vic Lombardi, Army dischargee hurler with the Dodgers; and Elmer Durrett, former Marine who is expected to shift between the outfield and first base for Lippy Durocher's club.

Oregon State to Resume Intercollegiate Athletics

CORVALIS, Ore., May 1—Oregon State has joined the list of schools picking up the athletic programs dropped when war came as school officials voted to resume intercollegiate athletics including football to the extent that conference rules and war conditions permit.

With Oregon State back in the battle the list of Pacific Coast Conference Northern Division schools which now have tentative plans includes Idaho, Washington State and the University of Washington.

Ring Show Postponed

An 8th AF Station, May 1—The outdoor all-star boxing show, featuring nine champions, scheduled here last night was indefinitely postponed because of cold weather.

Behind The Sports Headlines

BROOKLYN—The Dodgers came through with one of their daffiest performances, booting grounders and making wild throws all over the place, but scored two runs in the ninth to defeat St. Albans Naval Hospital, 2-0, before 3,000 amused fans including 750 wounded sailors. The official scorer charged the Bums with eight miscues. . . . CINCINNATI—Sen. Albert Chandler, new baseball commissioner, said that he strongly favors moving baseball's headquarters from Chicago to Cincinnati but added that the move may not be feasible immediately because of the lease on the Chicago office.

PINEHURST, N.C.—Welby Van Horn, of Atlanta, retained his North-South professional tennis title by defeating Dick Skeed, of Palm Beach, Fla., 8-6, 6-0, 6-3, and then teamed with Frank Rericha of Greenwich, Conn., to defeat Skeen and Ed Copeland, Rollins College tennis coach, in the doubles, 6-4, 8-6, 6-4. . . . WORCESTER, Mass.—Jack Tivnan, 18-year-old frosh left-hander, hurled a no-hit, no-run game as Holy Cross opened its season by defeating the Chariestown (R.I.) Naval Base, 7-0. He faced only 29 batters.

WASHINGTON—Revision of the rubber regulations which would permit the manufacture of new golf balls is planned by the War Production Board. The new balls will be made of synthetic rubber interiors and covers of balata gum rubber now used for retreading old golf balls. . . . DETROIT—Outfielder Don Ross, traded by the Tigers to the Indians with Dutch Maier in exchange for Roy Cullenbine, had a conference with Jack Zeller, the Tigers' general manager, today and said he planned to return to his home at Pasadena, Cal., rather than join the Tribe. . . . RICHMOND, Va.—Directors of the Dixie Professional Football League voted to operate this fall if enough manpower is available.



Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Minor League Results

Table with columns for International League, American Association, Southern Association, and Pacific Coast League, listing teams and scores.

Dick Tracy



L'il Abner



By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



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Around the 48 Yesterday

Hard Coal Miners Idle As WLB Enters Dispute

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite last-minute efforts by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and a War Labor Board order directing output to continue under the terms of the old contract which expired at midnight Monday, most of Pennsylvania's 72,000 anthracite miners were idle as they supported the United Mine Workers' "no contract, no work" stand.

Under the WLB's interim order, any wage adjustments finally granted the miners would be made retroactive to Apr. 30.

The WLB at the same time summoned representatives of the UMW and the operators to the capital and announced it had taken over the dispute which had resulted in a month-long deadlock in negotiations. Among the miners' demands are a general 25 per cent pay increase and a ten-cent-per-ton royalty.

Meanwhile, the new soft coal contract cleared its last hurdle when Economic Stabilization Director William Davis approved pay raises which would average around 80 cents a day for the average miner and also authorized the operators to boost the prices of coal an average of 16 cents per ton to offset the wage hikes.

McKim Assistant to President

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Appointment of Edward Daniel McKim, Omaha insurance executive, as his chief administrative assistant, a new White House post, was announced by President Truman.

McKim was sworn in immediately, taking the oath along with John W. Snyder, of St. Louis, who previously had been named new Federal Loan Administrator, and Edwin A. Pauley, of California, who had been selected as an American member of the Allied Reparations Commission.

McKim, who accompanied the President on his campaign for Vice-President last Fall, has been in Washington

... serving in an unofficial capacity most of the time since Mr. Truman became President.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The Labor Department requested that union contracts hereafter provide maternity leave up to one year and 14 weeks for the nation's 16,500,000 women workers in non-agricultural employment to prevent their dismissal for pregnancy.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The War Department reiterating a policy set forth in 1943 announced that not until the war ended in all theaters would it be possible for the U.S. to return the bodies of soldiers who died overseas.

Kentucky to Honor Negroes

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Gov. Simeon Willis announced he would name two Negroes to high administrative posts for the first time in the State's history. One would be named to the State Board of Education, the other to an Assistant Attorney General.

ST. LOUIS—As local draft boards started reclassifying them I-A, 4,200 striking employees at the Curtiss Wright Corp. called off a week-old walkout which had almost completely stopped the production of Commando transport planes. . . . HOLLYWOOD—Actor Jon Hall was accepted for military service after twice being rejected for physical reasons. He reports for induction next Tuesday.

DENVER—Renaming of 14,250-foot Mt. Wilson in the southwestern part of the State—Colorado's highest peak—after the late Franklin D. Roosevelt was urged by Gov. John C. Vivian. He said he would ask the U.S. Board of Geographic Names to approve the change.

KANSAS CITY—The town got a mild thrill when an auxiliary to the White House executive offices was installed here— theoretically, at least. The ceremony involved only a sign painter painting out "The Vice-President" and painting in "The President" on the doorway to President Truman's old two-room suite in the Federal Building which he originally occupied as a Senator. Only time the office will be open is when the President visits the city.

Hitler Dies in Berlin

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quick reprisals against those involved in the abortive coup.

Throughout the battle for Berlin, now in its last stages, the German Radio had kept stressing that Hitler was conducting the defense of the capital. Yesterday's German High Command communique phrased it thus: "In the heart of Berlin the gallant garrison gathered around the Fuehrer and, herded together in a very narrow space, is defending itself heroically."

Prior to the announcement the Hamburg station which gave the news had played Wagner's "Twilight of the Gods," after warning the Germans they were to hear "a serious and important message." Hitler liked Wagnerian music; it suited his concept of the Germanic soul, according to report.

Reuter monitors said that while stations in north Germany were broadcasting the news, the southern network in the Reich went on playing light music, indicating the confused state of Germany's broadcasting system since the country has been split in two.

In his epitaph of the World War I corporal who rose to command of the Third Reich through ruthless intrigue and purges of those who helped him attain that goal, Doenitz said that Hitler, "true to his great idea to save the peoples of Europe from Bolshevism, has risked his life and met with a hero's death."

"I am assuming the supreme command of all branches of all services of the German armed forces with the will to pursue the struggle against the Bolsheviks so long as the fighting army and the hundreds of thousands of German

families of the German east are safe from slavery and destruction," the Admiral declared in an Order of the Day.

"Against the British and Americans I shall have to pursue the fight so far and so long as they hamper my struggle against the Bolsheviks.

"The situation demands from you, who have already accomplished such momentous historical deeds and who are now wishing for the end of the war, further unconditional exertions."

Only by obedience to him, Doenitz said, could "chaos and annihilation be avoided."

Reuter saw Doenitz's appointment as probably only an interlude in the surrender negotiations designed to wring some last concession from the Western Powers by a threat of prolonged naval nuisance warfare.

Among some of the contradictory reports of Hitler's whereabouts before last night's announcements were these: Stockholm messages told of reports there that Hitler had died at noon Sunday in his underground HQ in the Tiergarten in Berlin. These reports said he was insane.

Himmler was reported to have told Count Folke Bernadotte, described as emissary in the negotiations for surrender, that Hitler was dying of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, captured German High Command spokesman, said when he was taken that Hitler was in Berlin and would die there.

Red Cross officials returning from Germany to Kreuzlingen in Switzerland said Hitler, Himmler and the German General Staff were at Salzburg, in the southern redoubt.

Contest a Postwar Start

Stars and Stripes Paris Bureau

PARIS, May 1—Endorsement of The Stars and Stripes War Bond Contest was given yesterday by Brig. Gen. Nicholas H. Cobbs, ETO Fiscal Director, during a broadcast interview over the American Forces Network.

Cobbs declared: "I am heartily in favor of it. We'll sell more bonds, of course. But more than that, we'll all gain a head start on our planning for after the war, and planning can help the security of all of us."

Col. Jefferson H. Fulton, ETO War Bond Savings Officer and contest committee chairman, outlined details of the competition, which will continue through July 7. All American Army personnel stationed in the ETO, except AWOLs, deserters and those serving sentences, are eligible to compete, provided they already have a Class B allotment, have taken out a new Class B allotment or have purchased a war bond since May 1. A statement to this effect must be filed with each entry.

"Entering the contest is easy," Fulton declared. "The officer or enlisted man or WAC or Army Nurse merely writes a letter on "My Savings and Post-War Plans"—letters of not less than 50 words nor more than 250 words. The 10 best letters each will win a Chevrolet automobile, to be delivered at the service man or woman's home after the war, and the 10 next best letters each will win a Frigidaire.

"Mere literary style doesn't mean a thing. The Stars and Stripes and other sponsors, including the American Forces Network, are interested in information on the soldiers' post-war plans, and in stimulating thinking along those lines."

Letters should be addressed to War Bond Contest, APO 887, U.S. Army, and must be postmarked on or before July 7. Winners of the Chevrolets will be given their choice of any model car, truck, or station wagon on the assembly line, while those who win the Frigidaires will have their choice of either seven- or nine-cubic-foot refrigerators.



GI SOUVENIR HAUL: All manner of items collected by overseas GIs pour into the Brooklyn Army Base, where they are rigidly inspected by Army officials. Included in the deluge of souvenirs have been precious stones, poison darts, opium pipes, sand from the River Jordan, stuffed seals, live canaries, even a dismantled jeep. For resale or use as gifts \$50 is the limit on valuation of a single shipment. Arms, explosives and Army clothing are turned back to the Army.

Frisco Shapes Committees To Do Conference's Work

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1—With two major obstacles—representation for Argentina and the Soviet Republics of White Russia and the Ukraine—out of the way, the United Nations Conference settled down today for the "clear sailing" predicted by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. The Conference's executive committee worked privately during the day to set up four commissions and 12 committees which will do the big job of shaping a charter for world security.

Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, South African Prime Minister, was named chairman of the Commission of the General Assembly. Norway's Prime Minister Trygve Lie was reported selected to head the vital Security Council Commission and Venezuela's Parra Perez will preside over the Commission on Judicial Organization.

Further reports assigned the 12 committee chairmanships to the Ukraine, Costa Rica, Turkey, Bolivia, India, New Zealand, Greece, Uruguay, Ecuador, Colombia, Peru and Egypt.

In plenary session yesterday the delegates overcame the objections of Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov to vote immediate admission of Argentina. Molotov made a dramatic appeal for a few days' delay to allow a further study of the matter, contrasting Poland with the Latin-American nation by noting that Poland had fought in the war while Argentina had aided the enemy.

Only Four Vote 'No'

The vote for Argentina's immediate admission was overwhelming, only Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Greece siding with the Soviet Union against the 31 yes votes. The vote followed an appeal by Stettinius to "reach a decision and act now in order that we can get on with the sacred task for which we have met."

The two Soviet republics were admitted without undue discussion. Stettinius said later at a press conference, where he suggested that the road ahead was now a clear one, that the machinery for inviting them to take seats immediately would be set in motion.

Meanwhile, rumors still whirled through hallways and press rooms here. One had Molotov returning to Moscow within a few days, not because of any disagreements or of his apparent defeat on Argentina and Poland, but because of the reported desire of Marshal Stalin to have him in Moscow on the eve of peace. But late reports today had Molotov remaining in San Francisco for at least two more weeks.

To Consider Trusteeships

A meeting of the Big Five powers—the U.S., Britain, Russia, China and France—has been called for tomorrow evening to consider the question of trusteeships relating to colonial territories previously under Axis control. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen put forward the U.S. plan last night for the division of colonial territories into two categories—"strategic" territories, such as Guam and other Pacific islands vital as defensive outposts, and "economic dependencies," such as certain British colonies.

The U.S. view is that the strategic dependencies should be placed under full control of the power which requires them for its national defense.

BUENOS AIRES, May 1 (AP)—News that Argentina has been invited to attend the United Nations Conference was received here jubilantly, and plans are already being made to send a delegation of at least eight diplomats and military representatives.

Stalin Damns Dissension Try

MOSCOW, May 1—In an obvious reference to Heinrich Himmler's reported peace bid, Marshal Josef Stalin, commemorating May Day in an Order of the Day yesterday, declared that the Nazi trick of "flirting with the Allies in an effort to cause dissension in the Allied camp" was "doomed to utter failure."

He said "the Hitlerite adventurers" were "seeking a way out of their hopeless plight," and predicted that "the collapse of Hitlerite Germany is a matter of the nearest future. The ringleaders who imagined themselves rulers of the world have found themselves ruined."

Citing the link-up between Russian and Allied forces, he said, "The United Nations will destroy Fascism and German militarism, will severely punish war criminals and will compel the Germans to compensate for the damage they caused to other countries."

"Germany is completely isolated," he said, "and stands alone save for Japan." Later in the day Stalin stood atop the shiny red marble tomb of Lenin as 100,000 troops of the Moscow garrison and the Red Army's finest equipment rolled past.

Japanese Ambassador Sako watched the procession in grim silence.

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on a light cruiser but transferred to submarines. He was taken prisoner and during his captivity feigned madness so cleverly that he was one of the first repatriated after the war.

Persuaded that Germany might have won the war if the "sink without trace" campaign had been carried on until 1920, Doenitz, backed by Adm. Raeder, devoted himself to a study of the use of submarines.

He also promoted camaraderie among U-boat officers and crews as a safeguard against the naval mutinies which proved so disastrous for Germany in 1918.

Urge 'Go Easy' On V-E Day

The U.S. and Britain yesterday told their peoples what was expected from them on V-E Day.

President Truman made known through his press secretary, Jonathan Daniels, that he hoped there would be no celebrations when hostilities cease in Europe. Mr. Truman urged the American people to remember "the importance of the job which remains."

Earlier, the British Home Office in London, urging no relaxation of the national war effort until the war against Japan was won, announced that both V-E Day and the day following would be public holidays.

Allies Invade Borneo, Main Jap Oil Supply

The Allies have invaded Borneo, chief source of Japan's oil supply midway between the Philippines and enemy-occupied Singapore, a dispatch from Canberra disclosed last night. An announcement by Joseph B. Chifley, Acting Prime Minister of Australia, that an Australian division which fought in the Middle East was taking part in the Borneo action was the first Allied confirmation of earlier Japanese reports of an Allied landing.

Chifley did not amplify his statement, but Tokyo Radio said Allied troops had landed Monday night in the Tarakan area of Dutch Borneo's east coast, 190 miles from the American island base of Tawi Tawi, at the southwestern end of the Sulu archipelago.

Other enemy reports told of the bombardment by a British naval task force of the Nicobar and the Andaman islands in the bay of Bengal, west of Burma.

Dispatches from Mindanao, one of the last remaining Jap strongholds in the Philippines, said U.S. troops within 17 miles of the big east coast port of Davac were bothered more by booby-trapped roads than by Jap soldiers. The capture of Talikud Island, nine miles offshore from Davac, was announced.

Pacific Fleet HQ at Guam yesterday announced the capture of Machinato airfield on the west coast of Okinawa, less than two miles from the capital city of Naha.

Carrier planes and naval guns destroyed 29 Japanese aircraft attacking American shipping off Okinawa on Sunday, a communique said. Naval air patrols accounted for 25 more on Sunday and Monday and a carrier attack on islands north of Okinawa netted five enemy planes destroyed on the ground, making a total of 59 for the two-day period. The communique said nothing of possible damage inflicted on U.S. fleet units by the enemy's Sunday attack.

Although there was no official word of new Superfort blows against the Japanese homeland, Tokyo Radio reported B29s in the vicinity of Kyushu airfields yesterday, which would be the sixth successive day of attack. Superforts which raided Japan on Monday were prevented by bad weather from bombing their original target, the big Tachikawa arsenal near Tokyo. Instead, they started large fires in the industrial city of Hamamatsu, 60 miles southeast of Nagoya on the main Japanese island of Honshu.

Forts Drop Food To Cheering Dutch

Eighteen hundred tons of food were dropped yesterday to cheering, flag-waving Dutch civilians by approximately 400 8th Air Force B17s and by Lancasters of the RAF. The food was dropped on targets in the vicinity of The Hague, Rotterdam and Leiden.

Third Air Division Forts had been loaded with supplies for several days, but the operation was delayed pending clearance of dropping areas by the Germans.

Returning crewmen of one group which dumped food packs into The Hague race-track recalled scenes reminiscent of Kentucky Derby days. The grandstands were filled with excited civilians who surged onto the turf when the planes approached. Several enemy soldiers mingled with the crowd, but caused no disturbance.

Part of ETO Air Force Will Move to Far East

CHUNGKING, May 1 (AP)—Plans for a transfer of a part of the American Air Force in Europe to the Far East were disclosed today to Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, 14th Air Force commander, by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, deputy to Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces.

Terry and the Pirates

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