

# Hitler's Name Heads War Criminals' List

## United Nations Commission Declares That Heads Of States Will Not Have Immunity From Punishment For Axis Crimes

LONDON, April 1.—(AP)—The United Nations War Crimes Commission placed Adolf Hitler's name at the top of its list of German criminals today and declared that heads of states would have no immunity from prosecution for Axis atrocities.

Apparently the commission's strongly worded declaration applied to Emperor Hirohito of Japan and to regular army men who carried out the Axis war plans, although only Hitler was mentioned by name.

The commission said that five lists of Germans and others who would be brought to trial had been drafted and that the hunt for war criminals was already under way.

In drawing up the lists, the commission said, it "assumed that no immunity attached to heads of states and decided that a plea of superior orders, of itself, did not constitute justification for war crimes."

and evidence collected on war crimes committed against each nation by its own citizens.

The commission disclosed that early in its work it urged establishment of these national offices "to investigate war crimes against citizens or subjects of their own countries."

"When these offices feel a case is reasonably complete, they forward a summary of it to the United Nations War Crimes Commission or its sub-commission which examines the information," the report said.

"These bodies, if they believe a war crime has been committed and that the information shows there is, or will be at the time of trial, sufficient evidence to justify prosecution, place the name or descriptions of the individual upon their lists.

"Under this system the commission performs a limited function and proceeds in a manner somewhat similar to a committing magistrate. Actual investigation including detection of crimes, interviewing of witnesses, and preparation of cases is done by official agencies best suited to conduct investigations within the national boundaries and according to the laws of each country.

"This system makes it unnecessary for an international commission to assume official police duties of each of the nations or to attempt to operate within the jurisdiction of each country, many of which are still fields of actual military operations.

Two lists of German criminals, one of Japanese, one of Italian and a fifth composed of Albanians, Bulgarians, Hungarians, Italians and Romanians have been prepared.

The commission explained that names other than Hitler's were withheld to prevent forewarning suspects who could then attempt to escape.

"Moreover, publication at this stage of a list of the named persons might be used as a pretext for reprisals against helpless persons still under enemy control," the commission said.

The commission disclosed that a subcommittee had been set up at Chungking in June, 1944, to investigate and report to the United Nations War Crimes Committee on the situation in the Far East and Pacific areas.

"But establishment of this branch does not preclude the presentation to the commission through other channels of evidence of war crimes committed in the Far East," it added. "Indeed, recently a number of charges against the Japanese were heard at headquarters of the commission in London."

The Chungking sub-commission has held four meetings since last November and is composed of representatives of Australia, Belgium, China, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, the United Kingdoms and the United States. Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Chinese representative, is chairman.

At present the sub-commission is examining material and information against the Japanese war criminals and will prepare lists to be forwarded to all participating United Nations.

The commission disclosed that each of 16 nations had established national war crimes offices and investigations were being made

### They Strip For Charity



Actress Toni T (left) whose straight lost to a flush held by Ann Miller (right) in a strip poker game, pays off. The gambling game, however, was of a philanthropic nature to advance the cause of the United National Clothing Drive. Three other movie stars participating in the game donated all lost clothing to the drive, which seeks old garments for war refugees.

### SOVIETS FORGING VIENNA PINCERS

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lava with Cieszyn in the still-uncaptured stretch of territory in southwest Poland guarding the approaches to the Moravian gap. Slicing across this supply line, Malinovsky's troops won a victory that presaged the rolling-up of a German bulge deep into Slovakia by Gen. Ivan I. Petrov's mountain fighters of the Fourth Ukrainian Army.

Meanwhile, Moscow reports said that Szalasi's government had fled panic-stricken Vienna, and the puppet Slovak government of Bratislava also was said to be fleeing westward before the Russian tide.

Wiener Neustadt was the only remaining defense bastion south of Vienna. Tolbukhin's self-propelled guns were on a hilly crest overlooking the valley in which the city lies and the capture of Sopron allowed his spearheads to sweep up the west shore of Neustadt for a potential thrust to cut off Wiener Neustadt from Vienna.

Tolbukhin's troops already were inside Austria on a 60-mile front and were threatening not only Vienna but also the southern Austrian city of Graz and the vital railroad linking Vienna with Italy, little more than 100 miles from onrushing Soviet spearheads.

Supporting the Russian drive, the Italy-based U. S. 15th Air Force blasted railroads and bridges leading into Vienna from the west and south, concentrating their attacks on the Vienna-Italy railroad, especially where it crosses the Drava river at Maribor in Yugoslavia.

The German radio meanwhile said that Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian Army had struck anew against Stettin with 30 divisions, attacking from across the Oder river after a terrific artillery and aerial bombardment.

The attacks at the northern end of the Oder river front followed less than 24 hours after Zhukov cleaned out a Nazi pocket on the east bank of the Oder at Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin. Moscow dispatches said that the entire Oder river front was likely to flare up into large-scale action at any moment.

The German garrison in Glogau had held out since February 13 when Marshal Konev's First Ukrainian Army first encircled the city and then swept 55 miles to the west to reach the Neisse river mid-way between Berlin and Dresden.

Berlin said that the Russians also had opened a great assault against Breslau after hours-long artillery preparation. Konev evidently was seeking a quick finish to free his storm divisions for the westward campaign to link with Allied forces 200 miles to the west.

Simultaneously, the enemy said that Konev's troops were battling at the gates to the Moravian Gap leading to Vienna and Prague from Silesia after capturing the Oder stronghold of Ratibor. The Russians, Berlin said, had launched powerful breakthrough attempts at Jaegerndorf in an effort to crash through the Sudeten mountains through the Oppa river valley.

At Danzig, Nazi broadcasts admitted that German troops had lost the Westerplatte, a narrow sand spit guarding Danzig harbor, where they had withdrawn after the fall of the Baltic port two days ago. At the outset of the war a garrison of 202 Polish troops held out against Nazi land, air and naval attacks for 18 days on the Westerplatte.

### WORK LAW RUSHED TO BEAT VE-DAY

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asserted that VE-Day might "make it even harder than now to hold workers on war jobs."

"The methods which we have had at our disposal do not permit the withdrawal of sufficient workers from less essential occupations," Byrnes said. "In large part they apply only to those who have quit or been released from jobs. They do not place workers in essential jobs in which the work is hard in comparison with the pay received. They do not permit the transfer of workers from loose labor areas to tight areas."

"They do not stop workers from quitting the labor market entirely. They do not bring people into the labor market. It is difficult, without direct penalties, to stop some employers from hiring workers without approval or from exceeding established ceilings."

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.), until now regarded as perhaps the strongest supporter of the manpower control plan worked out by a joint Senate-House conference committee, said however Byrnes "has effectively destroyed all chances for Senate adoption."

This was done, Johnson said, by Byrnes' "rote" statement that "the need for manpower legislation continues not only for war production but also for the production of essential civilian goods; and later to facilitate reconversion." He added:

"It has been understood all along that this was very definitely war legislation and not, as its opponents contended, for the permanent regimentation of American manpower."

Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) of the Senate Military Affairs Committee said, however, that he thought the Byrnes statement "ought to help in bringing about support for the conference report."

The Senate is expected to vote Monday or Tuesday on the measure, already approved by the House.

Lacking a manpower law, Germany's defeat—and the 30 per cent release of factories for civilian goods in the nine months following—may bring these two serious results, Byrnes said:

First, a possible flight of workers from war plants needed in the war against Japan, into newly opening peacetime jobs.

Second, a tardier, more hesitant reconversion program because of the uncertainty whether war plants could be kept staffed if civilian production were opened up extensively.

Twenty per cent of the Nation's industrial resources will be released from war work, Byrnes disclosed, in the first three months after German collapse, another 5 per cent in the next quarter, and another 5 per cent in the third quarter.

### U. S. Seeks 'Big Five' Agreement On Mandalas

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for presentation if the meeting develops, calls for establishment of a trusteeship council under the general assembly of the proposed world organization, similar to the proposed economic and social council.

Since the word "mandates" has come into disrepute through the handling of some territories by nations to which they were assigned under the League of Nations, it is proposed to call the assignments "trusteeships."

The right and obligation of the international organization to visit "trusteeship" territories and report on them, would be laid down. Under the League, reports were made to Geneva, but League inspectors were not allowed to visit and see for themselves.

The principles of non-discrimination in trade, aviation and tele-

### MAYOR PROCLAIMS CLOTHING DRIVE

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clothing now lying forgotten in American homes, and

WHEREAS, the President's War Relief Control Board has authorized a Nation-wide collection (April 1-30) of 150,000,000 pounds of serviceable used clothing, shoes and bedding, and

WHEREAS, the President's War Relief Control Board has directed more than 80 voluntary war relief agencies to suspend their national or local campaigns and public collections of used clothing during March, April and May, and join with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in the United National Clothing Collection, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has appointed Henry J. Kaiser as national chairman of this collection, and

WHEREAS, full campaign support has been pledged by the national leaders of every representative and responsible group in America, including industry, labor, business, government, church groups, schools, civic and service clubs, women's and fraternal organizations, farm groups, youth groups, etc., and

WHEREAS, a local committee to conduct the United National Clothing Collection in Wilmington has been formed, and W. R. Doshier has been named chairman of this committee, and clothing receiving stations have been established in schools, churches and other designated centers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Ronald Lane, Mayor of Wilmington, North Carolina, do proclaim April 1 through 30, 1945, as United National Clothing Collection month in Wilmington, and I call upon every responsible organization and every citizen of this community to give utmost help in this urgent and humanitarian undertaking.

(Signed) W. Ronald Lane, Mayor.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT—The latest humor harvest along the Western Front turns up a GI who lost a tooth to enemy action—but didn't get a Purple Heart—an MP whose pocket was picked by a Nazi prisoner, and a tanker who put all his eggs in one basket.

Mrs. Ida Mae Kelly's son, who left home at Holt, Mich., to become a private first class in the 10th Armored Division, is out in front of the 1945 Hardluck GI Derby. German shrapnel knocked out one of his teeth. The medals informed him he was ineligible for a Purple Heart because the tooth was false.

What happens to policemen in old jokes actually happened to Sgt. William Fox, Ridgewood, L. I., who was frisking a group of captured Germans. Brother MP's called him into the office and handed him his wallet, right out of the pocket of a slippery fingered Nazi in the prisoner cage.

Sgt. Haud, Ind., was getting breakfast when the call came to arms. He put a dozen eggs in a basket, put the basket on the back of his tank, rumbled 25 miles across Germany and fired 60 rounds at fleeing German tanks. Then he stopped to resume getting breakfast. Not an egg was broken.

Two treasure hunting pfc's of the Eighth Division spotted a heavy iron safe in a pile of rubble. Licking their lips in anticipation, Mario Chiriaco, Detroit, Mich., and Pfc. Kaden Elizabeth, N. J., attacked it for an hour with hammers, axes and crowbars.

Inside the safe they found 12 neatly stacked packages of K rations.

The 30th Infantry Division boys thought they had nabbed a Nazi general, he was decked out in such highly polished gold and glittering braid. But grilling by Capt. Roy Avis, Council Bluffs, Iowa, unmasked him simply as a railroad station train caller overrun in a German retreat.

It may not be funny to Paris bartenders, but Brussels soon is to become the largest red center in the European theater with the formation of the Belgian leave section commanded by Lt. Col. Frederick Krashel, Hartlan, Iowa.

One of the attractions is a mammoth dance hall where a bar, commanded by Lt. Victor Spence, De-

### WITH THE AEF: Screwy News From The Front

By ROBERT WILSON (Substituting for Kenneth L. Dixon)

troit, Mich., dispenses beer, soft drinks and ice cream—with chocolate sauce.

GETS HOME-TOWN TANK INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—(AP)—Here is another wartime coincidence. A tank presented to the Army by students of Indianapolis Broad Ripple high school was turned over to the command of an Indianapolis sergeant—Robert L. Davis—on Luzon island in the Philippines.

STABBED BY AIR HOSE MEXICO, Mo., April 1.—(AP)—Wesley Nichols wanted to brush his clothes. He picked up an air hose, used at the tire company where he is employed, and started to blow off the dirt. A nail, which had been lodged in the hose, shot out and stabbed him.

CLOCK SAVES GI'S LIFE STEUBENSVILLE, O., April 1.—(AP)—Pvt. George Shaw's eccentric love for alarm clocks was deepened when one saved his life on the Western Front. An alarm clock tinkerer, Shaw was carrying one in his field jacket pocket when he came under enemy machine-gun fire. The clock stopped the bullet—and the bullet stopped the clock.

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