

Berlin Falls To Reds; Hitler And Goebbels Reported To Have Committed Suicide; Nazis Quit In Italy; Allies Near Baltic

Nazis Along Entire West Front Falter

British Troops Completely Seal Off Germans In Denmark

PARIS, May 2.—(AP)—The war in Europe roared toward its end today as Allied armies swept 50 miles to the Baltic, captured Berlin and imposed unconditional surrender on 1,000,000 enemy troops in northern Italy and the Nazi national redoubt of western Austria.

Laval Held For Allies By Spanish



PIERRE LAVAL

MADRID, May 2.—(AP)—Former French Premier Pierre Laval, under death sentence in France as a Nazi collaborator, fled to Spain today and was swiftly interned for disposition by the Allies.

The chief of the Vichy government during the days of Hitler supremacy and his minister of education, Abel Bonnard, were ordered placed in a fortress near Barcelona by Generalissimo Francisco Franco when they refused to leave Spain immediately after landing from Germany in a JU-88.

Enemy Swept Out Of North Italian Area

Southern Flanks Of Fragments Of 'National Redoubt' Exposed

ROME, May 2.—(AP)—Nearly 1,000,000 German and Italian Fascist troops made the first unconditional surrender of the war in Europe today, yielding without a shot the mountainous heart of the Nazis' 'national redoubt' in the Alps and exposed the south flank of the fragments that remain.

The U. S. stand became evident while Russia was throwing her support toward a voting formula which would prevent a bloc of 21 American republics (including Argentina, Chile and Ecuador).

Frank Walker Quits; Hannegan Selected

WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—In the first shift in the old Roosevelt cabinet, President Truman today announced the resignation of Postmaster General Frank C. Walker and the selection of Robert E. Hannegan to succeed him.

LATIN AMERICA, U. S. HIT SNAG

Delegates Say Argentina Should Prove More Than 'Good Neighbor'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—(AP)—Latin America desires to give Argentina an official post in the United Nations conference run tonight into dead set opposition from the United States.

YANKS SHOW GAIN ON OKINAWA ISLE

Seventh Division Moves Forward 1,400 Yards Against Japs

GUAM, Thursday, May 2.—(AP)—Paced by tanks and flamethrowers, Doughboys of Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's Seventh Division spearheaded a 1,400 yard advance on southwestern Okinawa yesterday in general advance all along the bitterly-held line.

Truman Says Japanese, Nazis Fight Futilely

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Nazis Report Adolf Hitler 'Died A Hero'

Dr. Hans Fritzsche, Goebbels' Lieutenant, Taken By Soviets

LONDON, Thursday, May 3.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler and Paul Joseph Goebbels committed suicide as Berlin fell in ruins about them, the Soviet communiqué said today, quoting Dr. Hans Fritzsche, the propaganda minister's lieutenant.

The Nazi radio at Hamburg had said that Hitler 'died a hero's death' in Berlin May 1.

U. S. CONFIRMS BORNEO LANDING

U. S. 24th Infantry Division Reaches Outskirts Of Davao City

MANILA, Thursday, May 3.—(AP)—A new chapter in the Pacific war—a drive to erase the Japanese from the Dutch East Indies—opened Tuesday when an Australian force, bolstered by a few Dutch units, invaded Tarakan island, just off northeastern Borneo, against negligible opposition.

Over 1,500,000 Nazi Prisoners Reported Taken During April

By The Associated Press
Figures announced today (May 2) show the rapidity with which the German army has crumbled in the final stages of the war.

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Nazi High Vet Fired By Doenitz

LONDON, May 2.—(AP)—Fuehrer Adm. Karl Doenitz fired Nazi veteran Joachim von Ribbentrop as German foreign minister today 24 hours after succeeding Adolf Hitler and named British-educated Finance Minister Count Ludwig Schwerin Von Krosigk to replace him in apparent preparation for early peace negotiations with the Allies.

The whole southern front fell to pieces before Doenitz' eyes when the German army in Italy, that was to be the bulwark of the redoubt, surrendered unconditionally. Berlin fell to the Russians—perhaps with Hitler's dead body in the ruins of his Reichschancellery.

Doenitz, donning Hitler's mantle of command sought desperately to prevent utter collapse. Responding to his appeal for support, the German commanders in Denmark and Norway asserted they would fight on.

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Doenitz himself, with Krosigk, the remnants of the German high command and other remaining leaders, was believed to be in northwestern Germany preparing to continue to Denmark or Norway—if he had not already started.

Extra Assembly Session Is Predicted By LeGrand

Rep. J. Q. LeGrand told the Kiwanis club on Wednesday that there is a possibility that a special session of the Legislature will be held next year, because appropriations for the support of some state institutions were not made at the recent session, and that if it comes the hope is to set up the financial machinery for financing port developments provided for in the enabling act he sponsored shortly before the legislative adjournment.

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The Soviet triumph after 12 days of history's deadliest street fighting, was announced last night by Premier Stalin in an order of the day and in the Soviet communiqué broadcast from Moscow this morning.

Stalin's order made no mention of Hitler, who the Nazis had said died in his shattered Reichschancellery in the heart of Berlin on May 1.

The Soviet communiqué, however, states that among the captives taken was Dr. Hans Fritzsche, Goebbels' chief deputy in the Nazi ministry of press and propaganda, and that Fritzsche told his Russian interrogators that Hitler, Goebbels and General Krebs all had committed suicide.

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WEATHER
Temperature
1:30 am, 54; 7:30 am, 51; 1:30 pm, 68; 7:30 pm, 63; Minimum 49; Mean 57; Normal 67.
Humidity
1:30 am, 36; 7:30 am, 61; 1:30 pm, 66; 7:30 pm, 24.
Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.00 inches.
Total since the first of the month, 0.00 inches.
Tides For Today
From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey:
Wilmington
High 1:55a 9:23a
Low 1:10p 9:57p
Morehead City
High 11:41a 5:49p
Low of river at Fayetteville 10:25a