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FORECAST

Berlin Falls Trans Reds; Hitler And Goebbels Reported T/Have Committed Suicide; Nazis Quit In Italy; Allies Near Baltic Nazis Along Laval Held Enemy Swept Frank Walker Quits; Nazis Report Nazi High 70.000 Nazis

Entire West For Allies By Spanish Front Falter

British Toops Completely Seal Off Germans In Denmark

PARIS. May 2-(U.P.)-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.

Remnants of German armies on the entire western front were rapidly disintegrating and unconfirmed reports said that the surrender of isolation Nazi forces in Holland was expected at any time, with Denmark and Norway to follow

The last major German resistance appeared to be within the natural fortress of Czechoslovakia. Even there, according to a recent dispatch, the puppet Czechoslovakian government is attempting to surrender to the British lies. and Americans to avoid Russian

occupation British troops completely sealed off Denmark in the drive to the Baltic while the Russians captured Berlin and the German commander in Italy surrendered that country as well as the en-tire battleground of the French Austrian panhandle.

on Gen George S. Patton's bat-



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

Supreme headquarters in Paris although the surrender or de Dispatches also reported a announced immediately that yielded up the chief objectives of breakdown of German resistance France would demand custody of his U. S. Seventh Army and part YANKS SHOW Laval, Bonard and five persons of those of the U. S. Third, which tleground along the Danube river who accompanied them on the was closing on Salzburg.)

WASHINGTON, May 2-(P)-In the first shift in the old Roose-Washingt Bresident Truman today announced the resignation of Bresident Truman today announced the Robert E. velt cabinet, President Truman today announced the resignation of Postmaster General Frank C. Walker and the selection of Robert E. Hannegan to succeed him.

Walker, 59-year old New York lawyer and theater chain operator, will leave the cabinet voluntarily June 30 after completing a reorgani- Dr. Hans Fritsche, Goebzation of his department

Out Of North Hannegan Selected Adolf Hitler

Hannegan, 41 year old Missourian who ran Franklin D. Roosevelt's fourth term campaign, will take over his new job July 1, if *confirmed by the Senate. He will

retain the democratic national chairmanship. James J. Farley

ted in the dual capacity for a Delegates Say Argentina year. In a second major appointment

Should Prove More Than announced at his news conference,

United Nations conference ran to- essee senators. The Hannegan and Lilienthal

nominations were made public in western Austria up to and includ- United States delegates, it was an unusual manner. The Senate ing Salzburg province and its cap- learned, have taken the stand that was not in session at the time, ital of the same name, which was the South American neighbor, a making it necessary for the Presi-the eastern bastion of the Alpine late entry into the war, ought to dent to send them to Senate Sec-

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sion Reaches Outskirts

Of Davao City

MANILA, Thursday, May 3 .-

LANDING

BORNEO

etreat. Thus the Allied armies of the bor" before she gets anything sion to the Senate when it meets south were free to march unoppos- more than bare admission to the at noon tomorrow. Senator McKellar (DTenn), long ed to within 10 miles of Berchtes- conference. gaden, where Hitler had his moun-tain hideout and which being in Bayaria is not included in the sur Bavaria is not included in the sur- support toward a voting formula President's announcement. Prior propaganda minister Goebbels and Krosigk might have met Count May 1. which would prevent a bloc of 21 to it, he had indicated to report-

(Gen, Eisenhower in Parls told American republics (including Ar- ers he was uncertain whether he (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

his armies to keep on pressing south, mopping up all resistance,

The surrender documents, end- UN bue ow bloody year Italian campaign, were signed Sunday at the Royal Palace at

Italian Area

Southern Flanks Of Frag-

ments Of 'National Re-

doubt' Exposed

ROME, May 2 .- (P)-Nearly 1,

ditional surrender of the war in

Europe today, yielded without a

shot the mountainous heart of the

Nazis' 'national redoubt'' in the

Alps and exposed the south flank

Gen. Heinrich Vonvietinghoff

Scheel planned to come out of the

of the fragments that remain.

German foreign minister today 24 ler and named british-educated bel's Lieutenant, Taken Finance Minister Count Ludwig Schwerin Von Krosick to replace **By** Soviets him in apparent preparation for early peace negotiations with the

LONDON, Thursday, May 3.-(AP) -Adolf Hitler and Paul Joseph held both posts for eight years Goebbels committed suicide as U. S. HIT SNAG under Roosevelt, but quit over the Berlin fell in ruins about them, third term issue. Walker also act- the Soviet communique said today, quoting Dr. Hans Fritsche, the

propaganda minister's lieutenant. The Russians said Fritsche was The British cut off Denmark by pire tumbled around them. the President said he was naming captured as Berlin finally fell to breaking through to the Baltic. David E. Lilienthal for another the overwhelming Red army and Germany was in its last throes. nine-year term as chairman of the that he told his captors that a Tennessee' Valley Authority start- General Krebs also took his life

to prevent utter collapse. The communique, issued past midnight and following Premier Stalin's order of the day announcing the fall of Berlin, was the they would fight on. first Soviet confirmation that Hit-

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

The Soviet communique said that Dr. Hans Fritsche Goebbel's lieua General Krebs all had commit-

ted spicide. The Hamburg broadcast of Tues day night announcing Hitler's death range peace with the United Goebbels' chief deputy in the Nazi had said he died, "fighting to the States and Britain but not Russia. ministry of press and propaganda, last," in his Reichschancellery. The Moscow radio had quickly Blue network from the Swiss ra- sian interrogators that Hitler, expressed belief that this was "a dio, said that Doenitz met Berna- Goebbels and General Krebs all Fascist trick" to cover Hitler's dotte Monday.)

Allies.

hours after succeeding Adolf Hit- Russians Reported Seeking **Bodies Of Hitler And** Goebbels

Surrender

Are Reported

LONDON, Thursday, May S .- AP The whole southern front fell to Berlin, greatest city of the Europieces before Doenitz' eyes wher pean continent, fell yesterday the German army in Italy, that afternoon to the Russians, who was to be the bulwark of the redoubt, surrendered unconditionally. ing that Adolf Hitler had commit-Berlin fell to the Russians-per- ted suicide along with Propaganhaps with Hitler's dead body in da Minister Goebbels as the capithe ruins of his Reichschancellery. Ital of the blood-drenched Nazi em-

Also reported dead by his own hand was Hitler's new general staff chief. an infantry general tle of command sought desperately named Krebs, as 70,000 German troops laid down their arms in Responding to his appeal for the surrender which Hitler had support, the German commanders said never would come.

in Denmark and Norway asserted The Soviet triumph after 12 days of history's deadliest street Doenitz himself, with Krosigk, fighting, was announced last night the remnants of the German high by Premier Stalin in an order of command and other remaining the day and in the Soviet comleaders, was believed to be in munique broadcast from Moscow

northwestern Germany preparing this morning. to continue to Denmark or Nor- Stalin's ord Stalin's order made no mention way-if he had not already started. of Hitler, who the Nazis had said There were totally unconfirmed died in his shattered Reichschanreports that Doenitz and possibly cellery in the heart of Berlin on

Folke Bernadotte, Swedish inter- The Soviet communique, howmediary, during the abortive at- ever, states that among the captempt by Heinrich Himmler to ar- tives taken was Dr. Hans Fritsche, (One of the reports, heard by and that Fritsche told his Rushad committed suicide.

Krosigk in a broadcast speech Not a single additional detail was possible escape. Today, however, the communique in what he called "Germany's supplied by the communique, heaviest hours" gave no hint of which carried the startling aneported the suicides. Whether the Russians have as immediate peace feelers. Instead nouncement deep in the body of its yet had an opportunity to comb the he pictured Germany as Europe's text ruins of Berlin's government dis-Only Wednesday the Moscow trict for the Fuchrer's body was of Bolshevism-the traditional Nazi radio had ridiculed the German line intended to split the Allies- account of Hitler's "hero's death" not known. However, it was regarded as un- and said he saw no hope that the in Berlin, saying it was "a Fascist likely that the Soviet communique San Francisco conference could trick" to give him a chance to highly formal document- succeed in arranging a new world escape underground. (P)-A new chapter in the Pacific would quote a captive on news order such as Germany also want- Today, Moscow officially carried Paced by tanks and flamethrowers, war-a drive to erase the Japanese of such moment unless the Rus- ed. the suicide report, indicating that sians had reason to believe it true. Allied belief that Hitler actually it was at least given some

Vet Fired By Doenitz

dm. Karl Doenitz fired Nazi vet-

eran Joachim Von Ribbentrop as

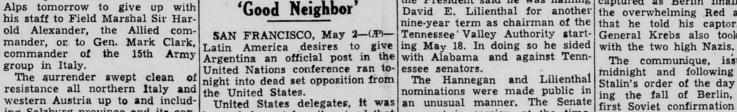
Doenitz, donning Hitler's man-

LONDON, May 2.-(U.P.)-Fuehrer

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

1st and U. S. 7th Armies in the landing from Germany in a JU-88.

in Austria, where his 3rd Army flight. Representations to the Spangained up to 20 miles on an 80- ish government already are under



000,000 German and Italian Fas-cist troops made the first uncon-

mile front and reached within way, it was reported. 16 miles of Linz.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's The Spanish foreign office anplunge to the Baltic hammered nounced that the Frenchmen were into Luebeck and captured Wismar, where the British 6th Airards that he would surrender only borne Division was within 28 miles of joining the 2nd White Russian to an Allied commission. Army of Marshal Konstantin Accompanying Laval a

huşband.

Accompanying Laval and Bon-Rokossovsky which captured Rosnard on the flight were Mrs. Lavtock during the day. Dispatches

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WLB Votes To Refer Coal Strike To Stabilization Director

WASHINGTON, May 2 .--- (U.P.)-The War Labor Board voted tonght to refer the anthracite coal trike to Stabilization Director William H. Davis who is expected to order seizure of the mines.

The WLB acted after receiving no reply from President John L. Lewis of the United mine workers its order that he agreed to exend the old contract until the present wage dispute is settled. The operaors early today accepted the order without reservation.

Lewis and the operators failed af- they identified themselves. ter four weeks of negotiations in New York City to reach agreement. Lewis had agreed to a compromise proposal of Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins which was rejected by the operators.

WLB issued an interim order three hours before expiration of the contract which was ignored by Lewis, who also failed to attend a hearing here yesterday. Lewis sent three members of his soft coal wage policy committee to the hear-



1:30 pm, 63; Maximum 65; Minimum 49; Mean 57; Normal 57;	held next year, because appropri- ations for the support of some state institutions were not made	Wilmington taking among leading souther
1:30 am, 50; 7:30 am, 61; 1:30 pm, 66; 9:30 pm, 84.	at the recent session, and that if it comes the hope is to set up	the postwar period i terminal facilities are
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm,	the financial machinery for in- nancing port developments provid-	which will then exist.
Total since the first of the month,	ed for in the enabling act he spon- sored shortly before the legislative	cessful port operation,
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)	adjournment Mr. LeGrand shared the Kiwan-	out, are cargoes, ship minals. Cargoes, he ex
Wilmington 1:55a 9:23a	tive secretary of the Wilmington	creased a million and o here between 1935 and
36	Dent Commission contining his to	

being held for disposition by the effective at 12-noon (8 a.m., East-Allies and Laval told the Spani- ern War Time) today. Two German plenipotentiaries signed for Germany in the pres-

ence of American, British and Russian officers. Approximately 20,000 squar

al, Bonnard's son, Eugene; two miles of German-held territory in-Frenchmen named Neraud and cluding all of northern Italy to the Gabolde; and two German pilots. Mrs. Laval was offered her freedom but elected to stay with her The decision to intern the group

retreat.

render order.

dered to the Allies. was taken after a two hour de-bate between Laval and the Span-The action not only uncovers the

ish authorities at Barcelona. Fran-Frenchmen be allowed to refuel of the so-called German "national sion under Maj. Gen. Pedro A. by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who co's original order was that the their plane and be escorted by Spanish fighter planes to the nearest French frontier.

Laval, convicted and sentenced o death in Absentia by the French is bjected to being forced to go to bieted to being forced to go to at Marseille on October 20, 1944, Eighth Army and forces of Mar-objected to being forced to go to shal Tito's Yugoslav army al-France, asserting he would not "get a fair trial." west of Trieste which has been occupied by the Yugoslavs.

The former Vichy chief of gov-But even as the sirens screamed ernment was reported offered the and jubilant celebrations were alternative of leaving Spain imstarted a grim warning of the bitmediately or being held for the Allies. He was said to have pleadter fighting that still was ahead on the other side of the world was ed for the right of assignment but sounded by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of American fpragreed to interment. The group was placed in the ces in the Mediterranean, who said

nearby Montjuich military prison. that not "until the last foe-Ja-None of the eight had a passport pan-is crushed" will "freedom The strike began Monday night None of the eight had a passport when the old agreement expired. or any other documentation and loving men and women be able to enjoy lasting peace."

United States Ambassador Nor-It was rumored in Rome tonight man Armour acted quickly when that Gen. Von Victinghoff would news of their arrival reached Ma- surrender himself and his staff to

Is Predicted By LeGrand

eld next year, because appropri- the war, and the prospects for of Europe.

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Extra Assembly Session

Seventh Division Moves U. S. 24th Infantry Divi-Caserta, near Naples, and became Forward 1.400 Yards

Against Japs

BY LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM, Thursday, May 2-18-Doughboys of Maj. Gen. Archibald from the Dutch East Indies-op-V. Arnold's Seventh Division spearened Tuesday when an Australian the Austrian provinces of Vorari- ed ahead 1,400 yards on southwestforce, boblstered by a few Dutch berg, Tyrol, Salzburg and parts of ern Okinawa yesterday in general berg, Tyrol, Salzburg and parts of Carinthia and Styria were surren-davance all along the bitterly-heid off northeastern Borneo, against line. negligible opposition.

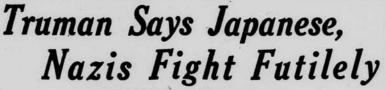
The 77th Infantry Division under

This operation, previously re southern approaches to Germany Maj. Gen. Andrew D Bruce, bol- ported by the Japanese and the but lops off the southwestern end stered by the First Marine Divi- Australians, was confirmed today Heinrich Dorsch. redoubt" and turns the right flank Del Valle, pushed ahead in the said it "virtually severed the waemy's holdings in the south." meanof Col. Gen. Von Lehr, command- center and on the right flank.

ernecks have cleared the entire last major cities of the achipelago northern end of Okinawa.

The Seventh Division, making minent - and without the fierce the deepest penetration, reached fight that had been expected. Gaja hill, one mile north of the

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By MERRIMAN SMITH "Let Japan as well as Germany United Press Staff Correspondent understand the meaning of these WASHINGTON, May 2.- (U.P) events," he said. "Unless they are April. President Truman today warned lost in fanaticism or determined both Germany and Japan that upon suicide, they must recognize they are committing national sui- the meaning of the increasing. cide by continuing a war which for them is irretrievably lost. swifter-moving power now ready for the capitulation or the destruc-In a statement announcing the tion of the so-recently arrogant en unconditional surrender of all Ger- emies of mankind."

man forces in Italy, he voiced con-fidence that the Axis will be com-Naples revealed that the German Rep. J. Q. LeGrand told the K- while Mr. Hiers gave an illumi- pletely crushed and said that the armies of both northern Italy and wanis club on Wednesday that nating talk on the rise of com- surrender in Italy is a forerunner western Austria surrendered for-

there is a possibility that a special merce here between 1935 and the of what can be expected soon for mally effective at 8 a.m.. E.W.T. session of the Legislature will be cessation of shipping because of the battered enemy forces in all today. Mr. Truman's statement did not mention enemy forces in Aus-

ations for the support of some Wilmington taking its place "The collapse of military tyran- tria.) state institutions were not made among leading southern ports in ny in Italy is no victory in Italy 'The President noted that the at the recent session, and that if the postwar period if adequate alone," he said, "but a part of first German unconditional surrenit comes the hope is to set up terminal facilities are constructed the general triumph we are ex-the financial machinery for fi- in time for the sharp competition pectantly awaiting on the whole soil to which, from the west, we

the three essentials for suc-adjournment Mr. LeGrand shared the Kiwan-is program with J. T. Hiers, execu-is program with J. T. Hiers, execu-

The Soviet communique said was dead, as the Nazis had an-that several high officers of the nounced Tuesday, hardened into garrison of Berlin, were captured, near certainty.

Russia alone remained suspicious. tainty that the Russians literally and then went on: "Also taken prisoner were Hans Fritsche, first deputy of Goebbels in propaganda and the press; chief Flick and government counselor

mand post" for his body. Over 1,500,000 Nazi

ing Hitler's "chancellery com- if so, how he died. For or against Fritsche's credi-

There was no word of a search

for the bodies, but it was a cer

There was no clue to the fate of bility as a witness, there was the Himmler, Ribbentrop, "retired" fact that on the very day the Rus-Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering. sians broke into Berlin-April 21 propaganda minister Paul Joseph -he had broadcast the first re-Goebbels, Nazi party chancellery chief Martin Bormann and other were there and that Hitler per-

top flight Nazis.' Ribbentrop had flown to north-An old-time Nazi and long-time Figures announced today (May 2) show the rapidity with which the German army has crumbled in the final stages of the war. Nearly 1,000,000 Germans and Italians in northern Italy and southern Austria were surrendered is the final stages of the war. Nearly 1,000,000 Germans and Italians in northern Italy and southern Austria were surrendered heated argument and Ribbentrop the final stages of the war. Nearly 1,000,000 Germans and Italians in northern Italy and southern Austria were surrendered heated argument and Ribbentrop the for the propaganda minis-the for the propaganda minis-try's radio section, Fritsche might be considered as one of the last men on earth to say that Hitler the the for the propaganda minis-try's radio section, Fritsche might be considered as one of the last men on earth to say that Hitler than the heroic Siegfried of the

Moscow built up to the Hitler suicide report in a dramatic series

A second Stalin order announced capture of Germany's last big Baltic ports, Rostock and Warnemunde, in a 44-mile drive by the Second White Russian army. Then Stalin proclaimed the fall of Berlin. It capitulated at 3 p.m., Moscow time, and by 9 p.m., 70-000 of its staggering defenders had

been rounded up and counter the Russians. Then, this morning, came the

communique and the report of Hit-

WASHINGTON, May 2.— (P) — Concinced that Adolf Hitler really is dead, President Truman acted to European theorem theorem to the formulation called for the top is dead, President Truman acted tonight to bring to swift justice the European theater. Jackson al-Moscow victory salute of 24 salvos other leaders guilty of high crimes ready has gathered a staff togeth- from 324 cannon in tribute to the armies that took Berlin. The First The President told a news con- The President said Justice Jack- White Russian and First Ukrain-

in time for the sharp competition pectantly awaiting on the whole soil to which, from the west, we continent of Europe. Only folly carried our arms and our deter-which will then exist. The three essentials for suc-and chaos can now delay the gen-mination." Allied armies invaded for sucference he had it on the best au- son will function in those cases ian. death occurred, he said, but was one specific locality. Others, who Konev, had jumped across the Sicily on July 9, 1943. Mr. Truman immediately dis-Mussolini were out of the way. Sicily on July 9, 1943. Mr. Truman immediately dis-Mussolini were out of the way. hand in specific crimes are to be April 21 fought into Berlin. They It means, the executive contin-tried by the countries where the encircled the sprawling city, which sigh Low 1:55a 9:23a 1:55a 9:23a 1:55a 9:23a 1:55a 9:23a 1:55a 9:23a 1:41a 5:54a 1:41a 5:5

Prisoners Reported Taken During April By The Associated Press Figures announced today (May

By TOM REEDY

against civilization.

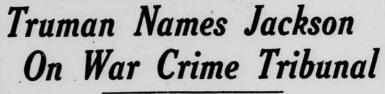
still in enemy hands, appeared im-

unconditionally today to the Al- lost out-unwanted, as he foresaw. Hamburg radio announcements

by the military men now in charge. Premier Stalin said 70,000 prison- Goering was believed in southers were taken in the final col- ern Germany or Czechoslovakia. ers were taken in the final col-lapse of Berlin and that 120,000 others had been killed or captur-Goebbels, the Nazi leader for Ber-the day announcing destruction of ed by the Russians since April 24 lin, had died in the capital. southeast of the German capital. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said the German Ninth army trapped

stated more than 1,500,000 enemy negotiate peace, told Bernadotte troops were captured by the west- that Hitler was dying of a brain

ern Allies during the month of hemorrhage and might not live 48 April.



|pheme Court Justice Robert H.

U. S. Seventh Fleet and Austral-

Supreme Allied Headquarters that Himmler, in attempting to 120 000 of its ment of the start of t