

Sixth Marine Engineers Bridge Asa River In New Drive To Take Capital Of Okinawa; British Forces Re-Occupy Channel Islands

Soviets Meet Renegades In Berlin Area

Second White Russian Front Meets Fanatic Resistance

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—British forces today reoccupied the Channel Islands, only part of Britain captured by Germany during the war, as German troops in Czechoslovakia fought on savagely 36 hours after the official end of hostilities rather than surrender to the Russians.

A Moscow communique reported that the Germans also had violated the unconditional surrender agreement on the Second White Russian Front north of Berlin. Resistance was ineffective, however, and the Russians made sweeping advances across remaining German held territory, capturing 146,000 prisoners for a two-day total of 212,500.

The renegade army groups in Czechoslovakia were under the command of Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner, former commander of all German forces on the Southern Front who apparently had no intention of abiding by the capitulation signed by Adm. Karl Doenitz.

While this fanatic stand continued Allied headquarters announced that a seaborne task force had gone ashore on the Channel Islands, lying off the French coast near Cherbourg, following their unconditional surrender Wednesday.

The German U-boat fleet began arriving in British waters under surrender flags and British Naval forces took over the enemy's surviving surface fleet, including the cruisers Prinz Eugen and Neuenburg.

The Russian communique announced that 68,000 Germans surrendered in the Latvian pocket, making 113,000 prisoners in that sector in two days. The important towns of Windau and Ventispils were occupied.

North of Danzig, 30,500 Germans gave up in the Hel Peninsula, marking the complete liquidation of that pocket. More than 20,000 others were captured along the Vistula Estuary to the southeast.

While part of Schoerner's forces fought on, another group of his army was fleeing westward toward the American lines was not able to outdistance the Russians, who captured 20,000 Germans as they surrendered in disorder.

Towns captured in Bohemia included Reichenberg, the capital of the Sudetenland and Budweis, 70 miles of Prague, the famous beer city and third largest in Bohemia.

Three Russian armies were closing in on the Czechoslovakia pocket, hemming most of the Germans still fighting into a 3,000 square mile pocket northeast, east and southeast of Prague.

Other Russian forces south and southwest of Prague were advancing on an 80-mile front in pursuit of disengaged German troops trying to reach the American lines. In Austria south of Graz, the Third Ukrainian Army linked up with British troops from Italy.

Included in the day's bag of prisoners were 19 German generals. The Channel Islands, famous for the cattle first bred on Jersey and Guernsey, are closer to France's Cotentin peninsula than to Britain.

The Germans invaded in 1940 and heavily fortified them, particularly the island of Alderney guarding the approaches of Cherbourg.

After the fall of Cherbourg last (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

Chinese, Aided By U. S., Smash New Jap Advance

Victory May Mean The Turning Point Of Ousting Japanese From Interior Of China

CHUNGKING, Friday, May 11.—(AP)—Chinese troops aided by powerful air support have smashed a major Japanese drive against the American air base at Chihkiang, 250 miles southeast of Chungking, in a victory that may be the turning point in ousting the Japanese from the Chinese interior.

The Chinese high command announced last night that the entire Japanese line in Western Hunan province had crumbled at 4 a. m. Wednesday in the fact of a general Chinese counter offensive launched the day before with well-

equipped Chinese ground forces augmented by new airborne units. Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, commander of the U. S. 14th Air Force, declared in Kunming that aerial warfare coupled with the action of a "determined and well-equipped Chinese army" could defeat the Japanese forces now in China's interior provinces.

The battle for Chihkiang, more than any other in almost eight years of the Sino-Japanese war apart from the Salween offensive, represented on the Allied side a (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

Veto Power Limitations Agreed To By Big Four

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—(AP)—The Big Four, it was revealed tonight, have agreed to a limitation on their veto power within the proposed World Security Council which will permit the council to recommend action against any big power threatening the security of the world.

The agreement was revealed by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden at what may be his final press conference before hastening home to London.

The limitation of the big power veto, it was noted, does not necessarily mean that the security council automatically will act in disputes involving big powers. It is accompanied by a provision that action can be recommended only if the great powers which are not involved in the dispute are unanimous.

Eden's press conference explanation of the decision led to some confusion as to the actual nature of the restriction upon the veto power.

The British press office then issued an explanatory statement saying: "The effect of this new draft is that the security council now un-

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ALLIES ANNOUNCE BANS ON GERMANS

All Foreign Publications, Films And Businesses Barred

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—All publications, films and business enterprises from the United States and other countries will be barred from Germany indefinitely during military occupation, OWI Director Elmer Davis said today.

Allied armies of occupation will control all newspapers, other publications, films and radio enterprises which are permitted, he told a news conference.

Information sections of each occupying military government—U. S., British, Russian and French—will publish a few newspapers, magazines and books, and will operate what remains of the German radio system.

In reply to a question, Davis (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

Resolution Introduced To Scrap Wage Control

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft, (R.-O.) today introduced a resolution to scrap all wage controls and most price controls after next January 1.

Last Orgy Of Nazism

By HAL BOYLE PRAGUE, May 9.—(Delayed)—(AP)—A spokesman for the Czech national committee told today of the last ordeal of Prague, of patriots who bare-handed fought the Nazis in the capital and hastened the hour of liberation.

It was a story of one last orgy of SS brutality, of civilians dragged from their homes and shot in the streets, of women and children made to run before German tanks to force patriots to hold their fire.

But, added the spokesman, Vaclav Capek, "we ourselves were able to seize a number of prominent Gestapo leaders and they will be tried."

This is the story as Capek told it through Interpreter Zdenek Eller, a former civil service worker in the Czech foreign office.

"Rioting began spontaneously in Prague about mid-day Saturday. Our men tore down German inscriptions in all offices and streets. The rioting was premature, but it grew rapidly and some prominent Czech leaders assumed leadership.

"The biggest question was arms. We didn't have any weapons and we had to get them by disarming Germans. Czech police joined us, and with our pistols and rifles we attacked and captured some German tanks, but were unable to use them."

From noon to 5 p. m. the patriots battled for the Prague radio station. (Continued on Page Nine; Col. 4)

WILMINGTON MEN AID LIBERATION

Red Cross Believes Six Local Fliers Aid Prison Break

The Wilmington chapter of the American Red Cross yesterday announced that it believes six Wilmington fliers are among 9,000 Allied Air Force officers who recently seized Stalag Luft One prison camp from the Germans.

According to information received here, the imprisoned aviators took advantage of the German evacuation of the camp before the Russian drive.

Acting on carefully laid plans, the airmen captured the prison camp, three towns, an important airbase and flak school and large quantities of fuel and equipment to say nothing of making a junction with the advancing Russians. All this took place within 12 hours, the Red Cross reported. A total of 2,000 Nazis also were taken prisoner by their former captives.

The Wilmington men believed to have been in the prison break and following action are Lt. W. T. Weeks, Jr., Lt. Ed Johnson, Lt. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

Guns Jammed — Jap Rammed Quick Action Scores One

OKINAWA, May 10.—(AP)—U. S. Marine Lt. Robert R. Klingman, of Binger, Okla., deliberately rammed his Corsair fighter plane into the rear of a Japanese fighter three times today to send it spinning to destruction.

The daring action, at 45,000 feet altitude, was acclaimed by Brig. Gen. William Wallace, commander of the Okinawa-based fighter command, as "one of the most remarkable achievements of the war."

Klingman then glided back most of the way to Okinawa. He had dumped his reserve gasoline in order to reach the Japanese plane at the great altitude. His guns had jammed.

Another Corsair pilot, Capt. Kenneth L. Reusser, 25, of Portland, Ore., flew alongside the Japanese plane, his ammunition exhausted, and watched the kill.

From a distance of only 25 feet, he saw the despairing expressions of the Japanese pilot and rear gunner as Klingman rammed their plane apart.

Army Pattern For Discharge Is Announced

U. S. Bases Plan On Length And Toughness of Service

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—Soldiers who have rolled up a point score of 85—based on length and toughness of service and fatherhood—are eligible for release, the War Department disclosed today.

Approximately 1,300,000 men, including 650,000 in Europe and 433,000 in the Pacific area, will be released during the next 12 months under the plan.

This number may be stepped higher by maintaining draft calls above actual replacement needs. Another 700,000 men also are scheduled to be released from service because of physical disability, age, or other factors.

"Critical" scores for the various forces—air, ground, service and WACs—have not yet been set but to avoid any delay in demobilization, the Army has fixed the interim score of 85 (44 for WACs) as the minimum for discharge. These may be lowered later.

Those who have built up the required score are eligible for release now and some of them will move to separation centers within a week. However, some men with the required score may be retained because the army needs their special skills and no replacement is immediately available. Officials said every possible step would be taken to obtain replacements for such men.

In the case of enlisted men who are retained because they are deemed necessary it was emphasized that "military necessity" does not mean "military convenience." The decision of a company or unit commander to retain a man will be subject to higher review. However, in the case of officers, the rating score will be secondary to needs of the Army and even those officers declared surplus overseas may still be kept on duty by commanders of the Army ground, air or service forces.

Secretary of War Stimson, in announcing the plan, said that it probably would not please everyone, but that the Army considered it to be the fairest and best system that could be devised to meet the views of soldiers themselves.

"The plan was adopted only after a poll showed that 90 per cent of the men interviewed favored such a plan, the Army reported. Ninety-eight per cent of those (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

JAPS BLOCKADED BY YANK FORCES

Enemy Shipping Off Asia Nearly Destroyed, MacArthur Says

MANILA, Friday, May 11.—(AP)—Allied blockade planes prowling the South Seas sank or severely damaged 1,592,002 tons of Japanese shipping during the first four months of 1945 and have practically destroyed enemy commerce off the east coast of Asia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

"Enemy organized commerce in these lanes has practically disappeared and only scattered and sporadic traffic is now attempted," MacArthur's communique stated.

The Allied air blockade covers more than 2,500 miles of Asiatic coastline between Shanghai and Sumatra. Heavy and light bombers strike daily in favorable weather against shipping in the China Sea and adjacent waters of the Southwest Pacific area.

The communique also announced the following ground developments: Mindanao—Infantrymen of the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

PROPERTY TRANSFER

ROME, May 10.—(AP)—The Allies today turned back a new slice of territory to the Italian government—a transfer which brings three-fifths of the nation and 24,000,000 people under Italian jurisdiction.

These three reportedly have barricaded themselves at Skallum (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

Allied Troops In Trieste



A New Zealand infantryman offers a light to a Yugoslav soldier in Trieste, Italy, shortly after forces of both armies had arrived in the city. It is believed that Yugoslavia will try to gain possession of Trieste in coming territorial parleys. Official OWI Radiophoto. (International)

Jap Fuel Oil Centers Hit In Superfort Raid

GUAM, May 11.—(AP)—Japan's major fuel storage and synthetic oil production centers were a mass of flames today after the greatest Superfortress raid of the Pacific war, 21st Bomber Command headquarters announced.

A 20th Airforce communique said more than 400 Superfortresses took part in the raid and that none was lost. Only a few enemy fighters were encountered.

The 400 B-29's, flying through intense flak from an enemy naval force in the inland sea, hit the vital fuel supply factories on Honshu, Kyushu and Shikoku yesterday as the great bombers opened their campaign to halt the flow of gas and oil to Japanese ships, planes and armored columns.

Because the three highly important fuel centers grouped around the inland sea and the plant off the coast of Kyushu were their (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

QUISLING TRIAL TO BEGIN TODAY

Predictions Say Trials Will Be Short, Ending In Death

OSLO, May 10.—(AP)—The trials of Vidkun Quisling, premier of Norway under the Nazis, his ministers and other high-ranking figures of the Norwegian Nazi regime will begin tomorrow, it was learned today. Norwegians predicted the trials will be short and will end in death sentences.

Nearly all of the prominent Quislingites have been rounded up. Three are still uncaptured. They are three of the nation's leading war criminals: Police Minister Jonas Lie, Justice Minister Riisnaes and Police Chief Rogstad, all Nazis.

These three reportedly have barricaded themselves at Skallum (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

European War Criminals Sought By Four Nations

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—One of the most relentless searches in history was swiftly turning all Europe inside out today as the best man-hunters of four nations tracked down thousands of still uncaptured Nazi war criminals responsible for six years of horror on the continent.

The hunt goes on for the dead as well as the living. Names listed in the records of the United Nations war crimes commission and in the lists of separate countries must be accounted for, dead or alive.

The arch-fiend of them all, Adolf Hitler, is occupying the exclusive attention of hundreds of Soviet Security troops who have combed the ruins of Berlin for more than a (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

Human Bombs Of Japanese Hamper Yanks

Nimitz Discloses Toll Of Jap Dead On Okinawa At 38,857

GUAM, Friday, May 11.—(AP)—Sixth Marine Division engineers have driven a bridge across the Asa river just above Naha for a new thrust toward the Okinawa capital city despite suicidal efforts of the enemy to blow up the bridge with human bombs, it was announced today.

All across the island, Marines and soldiers fought forward slowly in bloody hand to hand combat and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed that the Japanese air force had launched another desperate suicide assault against U. S. Fleet units off Okinawa and ground installations Wednesday night and Thursday.

Meanwhile, Nimitz announced that the toll of Japanese dead on Okinawa had reached 38,857 and Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, commander of the 10th Army, revealed that the original Japanese garrison had been "underestimated." He placed Japanese strength originally at 85,000 and said half of them—42,500—had been killed or wounded.

Nimitz' communique said the Sixth Marines, now in operation with the Third Amphibious Corps bridged and crossed the estuary of the Asa river Thursday. Construction was delayed temporarily because of two human bombs which caused some damage in the early morning hours, he said. There were no details on the "human bombs."

The last Marine Division operating further inland, the 7th Army Division in the center and the Seventh Army Division on the east coast, covered by a heavy naval and artillery bombardment, made limited gains and in some cases hand fighting was in progress, with troops closing slowly in on Naha, Shuri and Yonabaru.

Guns of the Pacific fleet and carrier and Marine planes, operating from captured Okinawa airfields, broke up a number of troop concentrations in the enemy's rear areas and destroyed pillboxes and gun emplacements in the heavily defended line, Nimitz said.

The enemy began air attacks Wednesday afternoon, damaging two auxiliaries and bombing Yontan airfield without success. Early the following morning another attack was made on ships and ground installations, but the enemy lost six planes without inflicting damage.

The battle for Okinawa, whose five airfields will transform the 70-mile long island into a major air base for the all-out aerial offensive against Japan, was still far from over.

Only limited gains were made along the 8,000 yard southern front. Hand-to-hand fighting was necessary in some places and Marines and Infantrymen wiped out Japanese pillboxes and strong points one by one. Flame-throwing tanks aided the slow advance.

Meanwhile, the U. S. Military Government assumed control of the area from the central sector of Okinawa near the Hagushi beaches northward to the extremity of the island May 4. About 135,000 civilians are under jurisdiction of the USMC, commanded on Okinawa by Maj. Gen. F. G. Wallace.

Navy patrol bombers still (Continued on Page Nine; Col. 3)

U. S. Eighth Air Force Drops 4,628,687 Bombs On European Continent

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—The U. S. Eighth Air Force dropped 4,628,687 bombs on the European continent and destroyed 15,439 enemy aircraft in the air and on the ground in the great air war against Germany, a final tabulation showed today.

The final blow by the Eighth Air Force was struck April 25 in a raid on the Skoda munitions works at Pilsen, Szechoslovakia, with Lt. Early Fisher, Jr., (1946 Harvard award, Seattle, Wash.), a fortress bombardier, touching off the last bomb blast at 11:16 a. m.

WEATHER (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday. TEMPERATURE: 1:30 am: 77; 7:30 am: 67; 1:30 pm: 84; 7:30 pm: 61; Normal 69. HUMIDITY: 1:30 am: 84; 7:30 am: 97; 1:30 pm: 61; 7:30 pm: 88. PRECIPITATION: Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.: 0.67 inches. Since the first of the month: 1.13 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Masonboro Inlet: 9:26 am: 4:11 am; 9:33 pm: 4:19 am; 7:10 am: 1:08 am; 7:38 pm: 1:18 pm. Sunrise 5:13; Sunset 7:03; Moonrise 8:10; Moonset 7:02 P. River stage at Fayetteville, 10.02.