

WEATHER

Showers and thundershowers, not quite so warm today, followed by cloudy and cooler tonight, showers on coast this evening, Wednesday partly cloudy and mild.

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STATE THEATRE TODAY "PRACTICALLY YOURS" - ADDED ATTRACTION - Highlight in the Career of the Late President Franklin D. Roosevelt

HEAVY GERMAN ATTACK ON BRIDGEHEAD REPULSED NAZIS REPORT REDS TEARING OPEN EASTERN FRONT

OFFENSIVE SAID LAUNCHED ACROSS NEISSE

One Rumor Says Red Paratroopers Landed 23 Miles From Berlin

SOVIETS KEEP SILENT

LONDON, April 17.—(P)—The Russians have torn open sectors of the German front east of Berlin and Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian army has launched another powerful offensive across the Neisse in a drive to link up with the U. S. Third Army, the German radio announced today.

Earlier the Germans said Soviet airborne troops had landed less than 23 miles from the Reich capital.

Transocean said a clean breakthrough by the Russians toward Berlin had been prevented.

"At some points the front was torn open, but later these points were sealed off and some of them narrowed," the propaganda agency added.

The German high command imposed a security silence on naming places of details on the Berlin front, the agency said, indicating the situation was considered critical.

The German communique said Konev was attacking along a 33-mile front from Forst to Rothenburg, near the Saxony border. Saying sections of the Berlin front had been ripped open, the German command declared they were "closed again in fierce counterattacks."

ACROSS NEISSE

The Germans said Konev sent his forces across the Neisse at two points. At the southern end of his attack front, the enemy declared, Konev plunged to Neisky, 48 miles northeast of Dresden and 75 miles from the U. S. Third army vanguard attacking toward that great city.

On the northern end, Konev struck forward 2 1/2 miles from Muskau at the Neisse toward Spremberg, 15 miles farther west on the Spree river. Spremberg is 46 miles northeast of Dresden, and 76 miles from the U. S. First army at Wurzen.

Niesky is eight miles from the See OFFENSIVE Page 2

British Bigwigs Join U. S. Service Men In Memorial

LONDON, April 17.—(P)—A somber king and queen of Britain and a prime minister who wept for an old friend joined American service men and women today in a 40-minute tribute to President Roosevelt in battle-scarred St. Paul's Cathedral.

Princess Elizabeth, heir presumptive to the throne, accompanied King George and Queen Elizabeth, with Prime Minister Churchill, who proudly called himself "President Roosevelt's Lieutenant," was his daughter, Sarah.

The high and the humble were in the gathering of 2,200 which filled the cathedral. Other thousands stood in the streets in the warm spring sunshine. They waited outside during the ceremony, and watched the dignitaries file from the church as St. Paul's bells tolled the requiem.

TWO-FOLD The dean of the cathedral said in his introduction that the ceremony was twofold in its nature: A tribute to the services which President Roosevelt "gave to the welfare and peace not only of his own people, but of all the peoples of the world" and a prayer that "the great causes for which Franklin Delano Roosevelt labored may be brought to fruition for the lasting benefit of all the nations of the world."

With the exception of the introduction it was a regular anglican service. U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant read a lesson from the Book of Revelations of those who

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Doughboys Push For Conquest Of Ie Island

By Leif Erickson GUAM, April 17.—(P)—American doughboys pressed today for quick conquest of Ie island, only three miles west of Okinawa, so its three-runway airfield could be put into operation for stepped-up bombing of the Japanese homeland.

Ie is 980 air miles from Tokyo, nicely within range of B-24 Liberator bombers.

Until a few days ago, the Japanese had used Ie's strategic airfield for persistent but unsuccessful aerial assaults upon the Okinawa invasion forces. Then they crossed it with trenches, to make the strips unusable if captured.

Latest of the enemy's desperate aerial attacks—mounted from the northern Ryukyus and Kyushu—cost them 358 warplanes and increased losses for the March 18-April 16 period to 1,674 in the Ryukyus-Kyushu area. These assaults were directed at Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's fast carrier task force as well as the Okinawa invasion forces.

Mitscher's carrier pilots raided the northern Ryukyus Thursday through Saturday and struck Kyushu airfields and installations Sunday and Monday. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said in today's communique, confirming earlier Tokyo radio reports.

JAPANESE CLAIM The Japanese Domei news agency today made the unconfirmed claim that Okinawa-based fighters and bombers struck Japanese air bases on Osumi peninsula on the southern extremity of Kyushu, on Monday.

Mitscher's pilots and carrier force gunners destroyed 186 Ja-

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SHELBY TO GET NEW ICE PLANT

Blue Ridge Products Company Gets WPB Approval For Machinery

Operation of a new ice plant in Shelby will begin in June or July if the plans made by officials of the Blue Ridge Products company are carried out, it was learned this morning.

WPB approval has already been obtained for securing the necessary machinery and equipment which will be installed in the old Shelby Ice and Fuel building, now owned by the Blue Ridge Products company. This building is located on Westdale street.

TO SURFACE STREET The Shelby aldermen agreed last night to top surface Westdale street from the Southern railroad to Pere street, a distance of 300 feet which will pass the platform of the new ice plant.

The city fathers agreed to this improvement after an appearance before them of a delegation of property owners along that street. The delegation was headed by L. Taylor of Rutherfordton, president of the Blue Ridge Products company, Carr Mull, local manager for that company and Carl Thompson, also a property owner along this street.

The city bears one-third of the cost of this topsurfacing and the property owners two-thirds.

WOULD CURB RAIDS:

Superforts Blast Airfields On Kyushu Island Today

By ELMONT WAITE GUAM, April 17.—(P)—Six separate groups of Superfortresses blasted enemy airfields on Kyushu island today with the avowed purpose of neutralizing southern Japanese bases which have been hurling suicide planes against American naval and land forces around Okinawa for a week.

It was the third day of American air raids on Kyushu airbases, 325 miles north of Okinawa.

Carrier aircraft destroyed 109 Nipponese planes and damaged 60 in sorties over Kyushu Sunday and Monday, contributing a total of



PRESIDENT TRUMAN DELIVERS FIRST ADDRESS—President Harry S. Truman, standing before the microphones, outlines his plans for finishing the war and winning the peace in his first address to Congress since taking office shortly after President Roosevelt died April 12. He is speaking to a joint session of the House and Senate in the House chamber. Behind him sit Senator Kenneth McKellar (left), Democrat of Tennessee, and President Pro-Tem of the Senate, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn (right), Democrat of Texas.—(AP Wirephoto).

Yanks Meet Bitter Fight Below Bologna

Terrain Heavily Mined, Advances Measured By Yards; Resistance Expected

By Maurice Moran ROME, April 17.—(P)—Fifth Army troops fought through bitterly defended and heavily mined areas south of Bologna today, measuring their advances by yards in the second day of the general allied offensive to drive the Germans from Italy.

Toward the west coast, Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott's men gained 1,000 to 2,500 yards, but on his army's right flank advances were limited by interlocking enemy defenses and closely coordinated enemy small arms and mortar fire. But Truscott, declaring "this army is fit and ready to fight," said such resistance had been expected because the Germans still are estimated to have 25 divisions in Italy.

"By attacking, we are preventing the Germans from pulling out at the last minute to other fronts," said Truscott.

The Eighth army, which already was driving up the Po valley in its phase of the offensive before the Fifth army jumped to the attack yesterday, now has taken a total of 6,000 prisoners since beginning its advance April 9.

A Gurka brigade of the Eighth army consolidated a bridgehead toward the west coast.

Hitler Visits Berlin STOCKHOLM, April 17.—(P)—Two Swedish travelers who arrived in Malmo today from Germany said Hitler visited Berlin over the week end and was still in the imperiled capital on Monday.

The Fuehrer was reported to have landed secretly at Rangsdorf airfield outside Berlin.

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1,013 German Planes Bagged In Raid Monday

By HENRY B. JAMESON LONDON, April 17.—(P)—American bombers and fighters ripped into Southern Germany again today as a final tabulation showed a total of 1,013 German planes were destroyed yesterday by Allied pilots during a record assault on Nazi air fields.

The new figures boosted the tally of enemy aircraft knocked out on the ground and in the air by Allied pilots in the last 10 days to 2,480—which represents about half of the estimated reserve strength of the Luftwaffe at the time of the Rhine crossing.

In the first 16 days of April at least 3,121 German planes have been destroyed.

Air Force officials worked all night checking and rechecking the record smashing claims turned in by fighter pilots—727 by pilots of the U. S. Eighth Air Force.

All claims were verified by combat films. (Cameras on fighter planes are synchronized to the guns).

RAIN IS GREAT HELP FOR FARMS

Rain which fell last night and this morning was just what the farmers had ordered. It will be worth thousands of dollars to agriculture in Cleveland county.

Few farmers had planted their cotton and many were waiting on just such a season as dropped into their laps. This rain will also be a great help to the filling out of the grain crops, the farmers say. They only hope it will be followed by a fairly dry May which is always a boon to wheat, oats and other grain crops.

TRUMAN WORKS ON PROBLEMS OF CONFERENCE

Sets Sails For Enlightened Leadership For Durable Peace

NEWS CONFERENCE

By Jack Bell WASHINGTON, April 17.—(P)—Harry S. Truman set out today to try to provide the enlightened leadership he said is needed to fashion a durable peace.

Off to a roundly-applauded start on the gigantic tasks of the presidency, Mr. Truman tackled at once the manifold problems inherent in the forthcoming United Nations conference at San Francisco.

He arranged, too, to meet reporters (at 10:30 a.m. EWT) for his first news conference.

Up at an hour made habitual by his Missouri farm boy training, Mr. Truman scheduled a busy day which will end when he speaks to members of the armed forces at 10 p.m. (EWT). His brief broadcast will be beamed all over the world and will be carried by all networks at home.

The chief executive delayed a conference with legislative leaders until later in the week. But he

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(P)—President Truman told a news conference today he will be very happy to meet the heads of the other Big Five Allied powers as soon as possible.

summoned the American delegates to the San Francisco conference for a talk with him at 9 a.m. (EWT) tomorrow. This is an almost unheard-of hour for official Washington gatherings, but it is in line with the President's arrival at his office before 8 yesterday.

Mr. Truman was expected to sandwich into today's schedule brief conferences with Anthony Eden, British foreign minister, Secretary of State Stettinius and others.

As soon as he finds time, he probably will motor to the nearby Bethesda, Md., naval hospital for

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Cleveland Scouters club meets with Shelby Mill club house.

7:15 p.m.—Executive board of Piedmont Boy Scout council meets at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p.m.—Presbyterian forum meets at home of Mrs. C. B. Alexander.

8:00 p.m.—General meeting of W.O.W. at Woman's club house.

WEDNESDAY 6:30 p.m.—Cleveland and Rutherford county schoolmasters clubs hold joint meeting at Hotel Charles.

7:00 p.m.—Sunday school of officers and teachers of First Baptist church meet at the church.

7:30 p.m.—Presbyterian prayer meeting.

7:45 p.m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.

8:00 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church.

MONUMENT TO ROOSEVELT:

Lend-Lease Extension Bill Is Signed By New President

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(P)—President Truman signed the lend-lease extension bill today.

In a statement the President declared the measure a "mighty instrument for victory" and one of the "growing monuments to the boldness, imagination and effective statesmanship of Franklin Roosevelt."

"Lend-Lease," he said, "will be carried on until the unconditional surrender or completed defeat of Germany and Japan."

The signing was witnessed by Secretary of State Stettinius, Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the



LT. GEN. PATTON

RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION

Lt. Gen. Patton, Lt. Gen. Hodges Nominated For Full Generals

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(P)—President Truman today nominated George Smith Patton, Jr., and Courtney Hicks Hodges to be full generals.

Patton commands the Third Army and Hodges the First Army in the fighting in Nazi Germany. They are under the direction of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander in chief.

The president also sent to the senate the nominations of nine major generals to be lieutenant generals.

They are: Joseph L. Collins, Oscar W. Griswold, Lucius D. Clay, Geoffrey Keyes, Edmund B. Gregory, Walton Harris Walker, Levin H. Campbell, Wade H. Haislip, and Eugene Reybold.

The president's elevation of Patton and Hodges to four star rank was in line with suggestions made by members of the senate military committee that the active field

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FOUR OBJECT TO RE-ROUTING

In response to complaints lodged by property owners in the Mooresboro vicinity about the proposed re-routing of state highway 74 around Mooresboro, a hearing has been set for the commissioners room at the courthouse Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Sitting with the county commissioners for this hearing will be T. Max Watson, of Forest City, state highway commissioner for this district and Hugh Noell, district highway engineer.

Four property owners have objected to the proposed re-routing of the highway as shown by a map which has been posted in the courthouse on the ground that it seriously damages their property. It is not planned to reconstruct this highway until after the war.

Those who have so far registered their complaints are Mrs. Mary Lucas, Joe Humphries, L. U. Rollins and a Mr. Whitaker.

NINTH ARMY HOLDS GROUND BEYOND ELBE

Third Army Captures Plauen; 6 Miles From Czech Border

JOB HALF FINISHED

By James M. Long

PARIS, April 17.—(P)—The Germans launched a heavy attack today on the Ninth Army's Elbe bridgehead pointing towards Berlin, but the Americans beat off the attack without losing ground.

To the south, the Third Army captured the big Saxony rail center of Plauen, in effect bisecting Germany, and beat down the last six miles to the Czechoslovak border.

More than half of Germany was conquered, 101,000 square miles under Allied and Russian banners and 84,000 square miles remaining to the Germans.

The Germans attacked Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's five-mile deep Elbe bridgehead in the Barby sector 52 miles southwest of Berlin with 2,000 infantrymen and 30 tanks. The Second armored and Third Infantry divisions beat back the Germans—drawn from Berlin and the eastern front—inflicting serious losses and destroying 15 to 20 of the tanks.

In the center of the western front, First Army troops, crasped through a crumpled belt of 1,000 levelled anti-aircraft guns to within sight of the ruined towers of Leipzig, Germany's fifth city. German military mental cases and uniformed Nazi women auxiliaries were among the captured gunners. The First army knocked out 32 flak guns, bringing the total to four days to 732.

The Indian Head (2nd) division cleared Ranstadt, a suburb less than five miles west of Leipzig proper. The Ninth armored division wheeled into a giant circle around the

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Formal V-E Day May Be Weeks, Months Away

LONDON, April 17.—(P)—A statement by Gen. Eisenhower that there will be no announcement of V-E day "until all important enemy pockets on the western front have been wiped out" indicated today that the formal end of the war in Europe may be weeks, if not months, away.

The Allied supreme commander told a group of American radio correspondents who visited an advanced command post yesterday that the war in Europe probably will not end until Allied troops have occupied the Reich completely.

Reiterating his belief that the world will not be a formal German surrender, Eisenhower added: "Nazi units, including division corps, armies and finally army groups will give up separately, they exhaust their ammunition and gasoline, or find themselves hopelessly trapped by Allied encirclement."

DEATH STAND Eisenhower's statement might mean that no V-E day proclamation will be issued until after Adolf Hitler and his fanatical Nazi cohorts are rooted from their mountain redoubts in Bavaria into which they are reportedly streaming for a death stand.

Military men have estimated

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Bulletin

U. S. NINTH ARMY ON THE ELBE, Germany, April 17.—(P)—Reports from the Ruhr pocket said tonight that Field Marshal Walther von Model, commander of the annihilated German Fifth Panzer and 15th armies, had committed suicide. His body has not been found. The Ninth and first armies already have captured 263,000 Germans from the pocket.