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Fair weather and mild temperatures today and tonight. Friday cloudy and warmer, scattered frost interior of north portion tonight.

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RED OFFENSIVE REPORTED BY SEVERAL SOURCES LEIPZIG AND ALL OF GREAT RUHR POCKET TAKEN

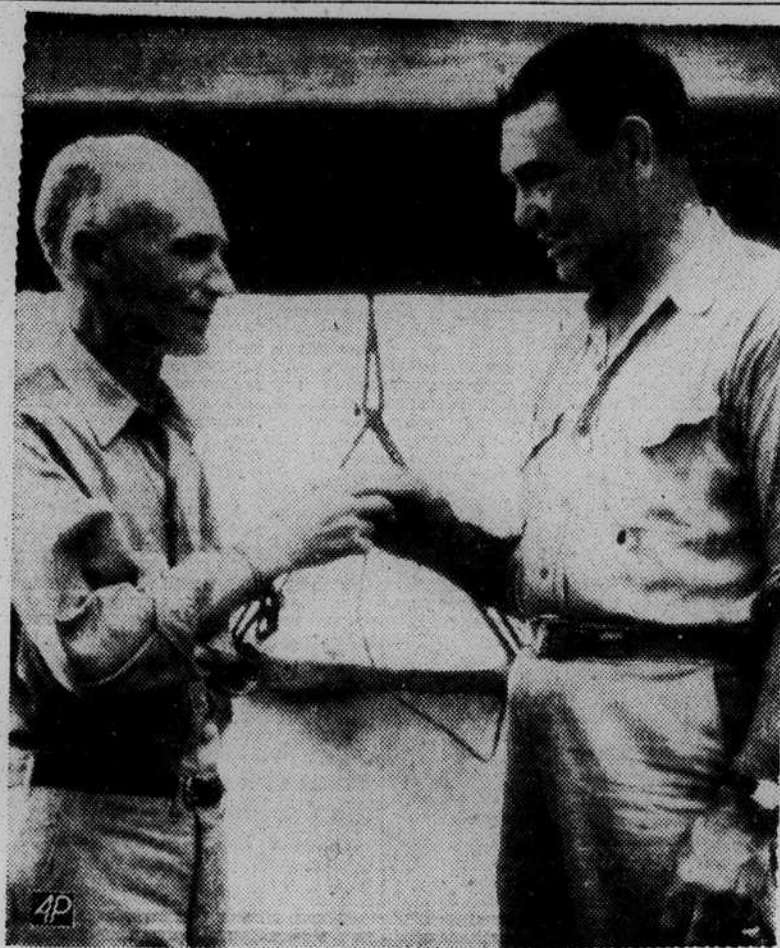
Britons Close Within Sight Of Hamburg And Reach Lower Elbe River

By James M. Long PARIS, April 19.—(P)—The First Army has captured Leipzig, fifth city of Germany, and with the Ninth Army seized all of the great Ruhr pocket in perhaps the greatest victory of the war. Britons on the north flank closed within six miles and sight of the greatest continental port of Hamburg. They reached the lower Elbe river on a 20-mile front. Just to the south, a thousand Germans with twenty tanks struck out from the British sector and drove three to 15 miles into the rear area of the Ninth Army west of captured Stendal. They were engaged by cavalry forces. The foray was isolated and the Germans appeared to be trying to slip through the Ninth Army's Ruhr area into the besieged Harz mountain pocket, southwest of the Ninth Army's five-mile deep bridgehead pointed within 52 miles of Berlin. Seventh Army divisions were fighting hard for Nuernberg, Bavarian citadel of Nazi festivals. Dessau and Halle were falling. There were no reports later than those a day old which placed the Third Army two miles inside Czechoslovakia within eight of Aesh. In the great array of captured cities were Dusseldorf, largest in the Ruhr, Solingen, Remscheid, Puerth, Zwickau, Luebeck, Ansbach and Uelzen. The British captured Uelzen only yafter six days of savage battle. Bremen was besieged and Britons fought in its suburbs against Nazis reported rallied two days ago by Heinrich Himmler. The British surge toward Hamburg and to the Elbe carried within 35 miles of

AIRMEN AGAIN ATTACK REICH RAIL TARGETS

British And Russian Bombers In Alternate Raids On Berlin NEAR BERCHTESGADEN

By Henry B. Jameson LONDON, April 19.—(P)—German railway targets in the southern Reich and in Czechoslovakia were attacked today for the fourth successive day by 600 U. S. Eighth Air Force heavy bombers and 550 fighters, which also continued to search for remnants of German air power. British and Russian bombers hammered Berlin in relays again last night. A large transformer station at Pasing, just west of Munich, which serves electric railways leading to the Nazi hideout areas in the Bavarian mountains, was bombed this afternoon by from 100 to 200 RAF Lancasters. It was the second consecutive day that heavy bombers from England have slammed bombs on the doorsteps of Adolf Hitler's fortress headquarters near the Austrian border. Flying Fortresses yesterday bombed railways within 15 miles of Berchtesgaden. Lightnings from Italy also dove-bombed railways at Weilheim, 30 miles southwest of Munich on the line to Garmisch Partenkirchen. Liberators and Fortresses from Italy attacked the Aviation viaduct on the Brenner line, the rail bridge at Rattenburg on the Innsbruck-



ERNE PYLE KILLED BY JAPS—Ernie Pyle (left) famous war correspondent, was killed April 17 by Japanese machine gun fire on Ie Jima, a small island lying off Motobu peninsula of Okinawa. This picture of him and Commander Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, was made as they paused for a drink of water during a stop on an island in the South Pacific while en route to the Okinawa invasion.—(AP Wirephoto from U. S. Coast Guard).

Americans In Second Mindanao Invasion

Thirty-Five Miles Of East Shore Line Seized Tuesday; Resistance Light

By Fred Hampson MANILA, April 19.—(P)—A second American landing on Mindanao focused new attention today on that second most important Philippine island, where the Japanese have been established since long before the outbreak of the present war in the Pacific. Battle-tempered Yanks of Maj. Gen. R. B. Woodruff's 24th division drove ashore Tuesday at Malabang and Parang, on the east shore of Iliana Bay, against light initial opposition and grabbed 35 miles of coast line. Associated Press Correspondent Russell Brines, who went ashore in the first wave, said the Doughboys advanced 6,000 yards in a few hours, drawing only negligible defense fire, but that they probably would meet tougher going when they move toward the main highway leading to the insular capital, Davao City, 85 miles to the east. The highway is only five miles from the beach positions. The new landing poses a direct threat to the most nearly Japanese part of the Philippines, in and around Davao province, which has been a settlement for immigrants since the late 19th century. Military sources estimated the number of Japanese troops on Mindanao island at three divisions, or about 50,000 men. This, however, takes no account of the great number of Japanese civilians. WATCHES LANDING The landing was witnessed from an airplane carrier by Lt. Gen. Robert Lawrence Eichelberger, commander of the Eighth army. A guerrilla division under Col. Wendell W. Fertig of Boulder, Colo., was credited with dislocating enemy defenses and facilitating the landing. His guerrillas joined the Doughboys shortly after the landing. Richard Bergholz, Associated Press correspondent with Eichelberger, said the Yanks prepared

U. S. CASUALTY FIGURES GIVEN

Battle For Rhine And Crossing Cost 47,023 Casualties

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(P)—The battle for the Rhine and crossing of the river in March cost U. S. Army ground forces 47,023 casualties, Secretary of War Stimson reported today. While this total was larger than in February, when there were 34,468 losses, Stimson pointed out that it was smaller than for any month since October. The March casualty figures included 6,214 killed, 35,443 wounded and 5,366 missing. Since D-Day last June Stimson disclosed, American ground casualties on the western front totaled 473,215 up to the end of March. Included are 79,795 killed, 334,919 wounded and 58,501 missing. At the same time, Stimson disclosed that Army casualties in all theaters have reached 813,870 on the basis of names compiled in Washington through April 7. Added to the Navy's losses of 98,608, this put aggregate casualties since Pearl Harbor at 912,478, an increase of 13,088 since last week's report. Stimson said that while current casualties on the western front are not yet available, they are "not high." In contrast, he said, more than 900,000 Germans were captured in April and the number of enemy killed and wounded has been high. Since the landings in France last

Nazis To Be Warned Against Atrocities

Three Foreign Secretaries In Washington Preparing Warning, Says Churchill

By James F. King LONDON, April 19.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill announced today that a "solemn warning" to the Germans against prison camp atrocities was being prepared to be issued over the signatories of himself, Marshal Stalin and President Truman. The foreign secretaries in Washington—Vyacheslav Molotov for Russia, Secretary Stettinius for the United States and Anthony Eden for Britain—are preparing the warning to "bring home responsibility, not only to the men at the other grounds war criminals in many cases, but also to the actual people who have done this foul work with their own hands," Churchill told Commons. Sideslepping attempts to draw from him a hint as to when a proclamation on V-E day will come—he declared it would be made jointly with the Russians—the prime minister made clear that the matter of atrocities is now taking top priority in Big Three discussions. "The whole matter had become one of urgency," he said and the solemn warning will be issued by the Big Three in a few days. He disclosed that he had received only this morning a letter from Gen. Eisenhower saying "new discoveries, particularly at Weimar, far surpassed anything previously disclosed." The Buchenwald camp was at Weimar. A parliamentary delegation will leave tomorrow, on invitation of

MOPPING-UP IN LEIPZIG

Prisoner Total From Leipzig Climbs Above 20,000; Guns Taken

By DON WHITEHEAD LEIPZIG, Germany, April 19.—(P)—Doughboys of the Second and 69th Infantry division cracked the last three enemy strongholds in Leipzig today. The soldiers then began ferreting out snipers. Nearly all the city south of the railroad station already has been mopped up and the remainder is being cleared rapidly. The prisoner total from Leipzig already has climbed to above 20,000 and the First army has captured more than 1,000 88-mm. guns which were used in defense of the city. The Germans made their last desperate stand at the city hall, at the railroad station and from underground shelters near Napoleon's statue in the southeastern part of the city. MET IN CENTER The Second and 69th division met in the center of the city late yesterday after clearing out all resistance except around the railroad station and city hall, where the Nazi commander took refuge and refused to surrender. At dawn today the Doughboys attacked a group of 200 Germans holding out at the railroad station and then stormed the city hall against 250 of the enemy. The Americans began a strong drive at dawn and during the day swept through this fifth largest city of Germany with crushing power. The drive developed some of the wildest situations of the war—with the German civilians cheering the entry of the Americans and an American general demanding the city's surrender by telephone.

Eyewitness From Berlin Tells Of Nazi Decline

(Editor's Note: An eyewitness of conditions in Germany on the eve of defeat and disaster was Olie Ollen, Berlin correspondent for the last three years of the Stockholms Morgontidningen. Having watched the decline of Nazism since 1942 he left the German capital last week. By OLIE OLLEN Copyright, 1945, by the Associated Press STOCKHOLM, April 19.—(P)—The Germans have completely lost their respect for their money, among other things, as disaster

closes down. An incident aboard the ferry on which I travelled from Copenhagen to Malmo illustrates this. At the currency control desk I said that I still had a considerable sum in Reichsmarks. The German official said with a shrug of his shoulder, "If you have too much throw it overboard; I don't want it." The usual comment from German shopkeepers is, "Have not you anything other than marks—bread or meat coupons, See EYEWITNESS Page 3

PLAN ROTARY LADIES NIGHT

Special attractions which are not being revealed have been arranged for Rotary Ladies night to be observed tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock at the Charles hotel. Out-of-town talent has been secured for the event, the program committee has announced but the details are being kept as a surprise. Wives and friends of the Rotarians will be guests of the club for the occasion as well as leaders in other civic clubs.

OUTER DEFENSE OF BOLOGNA PENETRATED

Monte Adone And Monte Rumici Captured In 60-Hour Battle ON DOWNHILL ROAD

By Lynn Heinzerling ROME, April 19.—(P)—American Fifth Army troops, cracking the outer defenses of Bologna, drove to within eight miles of the great Italian industrial city today after seizing the key heights of Monte Adone and Monte Rumici in a bitter 60-hour battle. The advance appeared to have loosened German defenses before the Po valley gateway city and gave the Americans a downhill road to Bologna with each mountain generally smaller than the last, a front dispatch said. Troops of the 91st division took Monte Adone, between highways 64 and 65, as other forces dug the Germans out of caves on Monte Rumici. These actions south of Bologna yielded nearly 200 enemy prisoners—a high figure for this mountainous sector. Continuing its advance another 2,300 yards, the 91st division overran Monte Dei Frati. American troops also took the village of Badolo, just east of highway 64 within eight miles of Bologna. For the first time in six months the Germans have been deprived of heights which enabled them to pour fire down on American positions. TOUGH DEFENSES To the northeast British Eighth army troops, knifing through the toughest defenses on the road to Ferrara, stormed through the Argenta Gap and captured the Po valley town of Boccaccone. Chiesa Delbandon, an outpost of the German Sabbiosa Canal line, was also captured in the heavy fighting as the British troops move northwestward. Fifth army troops, meanwhile, were meeting some of the heaviest fighting of the Italian campaign in their drive along highway 65 toward Bologna. One advance of 1,000 yards was made in the direction of Pianoro. The Fifth army was reported to have made a spectacular surge forward further west along highway 64, but details of the advance

Berlin Reported Under Soviet Artillery Fire; Oder, Niesse Crossed

By The Associated Press The Warsaw radio announced today that Polish forces, fighting beside the Red army, crossed the Oder and Niesse rivers Monday, and "are now taking part in the great offensive on Berlin." This was the first official announcement from the Allied side of the crossing of the Oder. The broadcast was recorded by the FCC.

LONDON, April 19.—(P)—The Paris radio said today that Berlin was under fire of Russian artillery.

LONDON, April 19.—(P)—The Russians have captured Seelow and Wriezen and advanced to within 18 miles of the eastern limits of Berlin, a Transocean broadcast announced today.

Reporting a series of deep penetrations in the four-day-old Russian offensive by 2,500,000 Soviet soldiers, Berlin radio announcements said Forst, a Niesse river stronghold 65 miles southeast of Berlin, also had fallen.

Transocean's correspondent, Karl Bluecher, broadcast that "the battle for Berlin in the east is approaching its climax."

WAR PRISONER ROSTER SEIZED

Complete List Of All Allied Prisoners Held By Germans

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, April 19.—(P)—Germany's complete roster of prisoners of war, including an itemization of all captives from every Allied country taken by the Germans since the outbreak of the war, has been seized by American Third army troops. The important seizure was accomplished by soldiers of Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy's 12th Corps, the corps which captured the German gold reserve. The captured records contain the latest whereabouts of Allied prisoners of war, their dates of capture and other data. They list the prisoners who have died since their capture and those wounded when taken. The capture was made by Major Eddy's headquarters personnel, who seized the complete staff of 10 German officers and 40 enlisted men engaged in keeping the prisoners' cards up to date. An announcement said 460 civilian clerks were employed in maintaining the records, but did not tell what disposition had been made of them. Capture of an economic division of the German high command along with 15 additional officers and 56 enlisted men also was announced by corps headquarters.

He said the Russians were but four kilometers northeast of Muencheberg, or about 18 miles due east of Berlin's city limits, and were east of Buckow, also 18 miles of Berlin. Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, had been captured, he said, along with Seelow, 25 miles due east. "Deep but narrow" penetrations had been made from the Russian bridgeheads along the Niesse, he said, so that the Russians were now due south of Cottbus, Spree river stronghold 55 miles southeast of Berlin. Other spearheads were due south of Spremberg, 13 miles south of Cottbus and 69 miles southeast of Berlin, and east of Bautzen, 24 miles east of Dresden and but 40 miles from American positions north of Chemnitz. RUSSIAN GAINS Russian advances to Bautzen would represent a gain of 24 miles from the Niesse above Goeltz and advances to Spremberg would be a gain of 16 miles from Forst on the Niesse. Other Berlin broadcasts reported that the Russians had established bridgeheads across the Spree, the winding, lake-linking waterway which forms the most important part of Berlin's southeastern defenses. This crossing, it was indicated, was somewhere south of Cottbus, perhaps near Spremberg, which is

BODY OF PYLE IS RECOVERED

Chaplain And Heroic Stretcher Bearers Performed Mission

By GRANT MACDONALD IE SHIMA, April 18.—(Delayed)—An army chaplain and four of the heroic stretcher bearers so often paid tribute by Ernie Pyle today crawled 125 yards across open ground and under enemy fire to bring back the dead war correspondent's body. Cpl. Alexander Roberts of New York City, a former New York News cameraman who went with the group to make pictures, related the story. Three tanks went forward to get Pyle's body, Roberts said, but because of intense machinegun fire which kept tankmen inside, they were forced to stop 125 yards from where Pyle lay. AFTER DARK Chaplain N. B. Saucier of Coffeyville, Miss., had orders to get the body but not to risk any more lives, and to wait until dark if necessary. Four litter bearers volunteered to make the attempt. They were Cpl. Robert Toaz of Huntington, N. Y.; Cpl. Paul Shapiro of Passaic, N. J.; Sgt. Minter Moore of Elkins, W. Va., and Sgt. Arthur J. Austin of Tekamah, Neb. Because of enemy fire, they crawled in a small roadside ditch until they reached the body. On the way back the littermen crawled on their hands and knees, holding the litter a few inches off the ground.

Senator Weathers Nominated For Alumni Officer

Senator Lee B. Weathers has been nominated for first vice president of the General Alumni association of Wake Forest college, it was learned here this morning following a session of the executive committee of that organization. Nominated for president was Dr. Bahnon Weathers, member of class of 1915 and now a physician in Roanoke Rapids. Nominated for other officers are: Second vice president, J. Henry Leroy, '20, Elizabeth City attorney; executive committee: The Rev. Dr. Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn '35, pastor, First Baptist church of Lumberton, and C. C. Wall, '17, Lexington manufacturer. Election results will be announced at the annual meeting of the alumni association to be held during commencement May 28.

7,988 CASUALTIES:

Yanks Overrun North End Of Okinawa, Japs Hold In South

By AL DOPKING GUAM, April 19.—(P)—American naval, army and marine casualties of 7,988 in the Okinawa campaign were reported by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz today, as U. S. Marines overran the northern end of that strategic island and Doughboys virtually ended the conquest of little Ie islet offshore. The casualty toll, as of yesterday, was 1,482 dead, 4,750 wounded and 1,756 missing. This dated back to March 18 when Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier planes first began sweeping the Ryukus,

SHAKE-UP IN CABINET SEEN

Several New Department Heads Likely To Be Named Soon

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(P)—Some members of the Roosevelt cabinet are on the way out, and soon. Although the feeling has been general here that President Truman might delay any changes for a couple of months, close friends suggested today that one or more new department heads may be named within days. Most of them pointed to the labor department, which Secretary Perkins undoubtedly would like to leave soon as gracefully as possible. Most-mentioned as a possible successor is Senator Harley Kilgore (D-W.Va.). Kilgore is satisfactory to the CIO and also has worked with the AFL. Both organizations must be reasonably satisfied with the man chosen because he probably will head a revitalized department containing all labor agencies. AGRICULTURE A change also will be made in the agriculture setup, with Secretary Wickard slated to step out in favor of a new man who may take over the duties of War Food administrator as well. Marvin Jones, who fills the latter post, told friends recently he would like to go back to the court of claims, from which he was borrowed by President Roosevelt.

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club meets at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory. 8:00 p.m.—Capping exercises for nurses' aides at hospital nurses home. 8:00 p.m.—Workers conference of officers and teachers of Presbyterian church at the church. 8:15 p.m.—Meeting of horse show planners at city hall. FRIDAY 7:00 p.m.—Rotary club ladies' night at Hotel Charles.