

WEATHER

Cloudy in north and west, fair in southeast and warmer today and tonight. Saturday, cloudy and mild. Light showers over north Saturday and in the northwest portion today.

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SOVIETS 7 MILES FROM BERLIN SEVENTH ARMY FIGHTS IN HEART OF NUERNBERG



ALLIES SQUEEZING GERMANY—In the three-front Allied squeeze on the remaining German-held territory (shaded), the Americans captured Leipzig, and smashed into Czechoslovakia. On the Eastern Front, the Russians were reported by the Germans to be pushing forward toward Berlin. On the Italian front, the British Eighth Army advanced toward Ferrara. In the extreme north of Germany, the British were within six miles of Hamburg, and Canadian forces continued pressure against Germans sealed off in Holland.—(AP Wirephoto Map.)

Offensive Launched On Okinawa Line

13-Day Deadlock Broken With All-Out Push Begun Early Yesterday; Yanks Gain

GUAM, April 20.—(AP)—A powerful American offensive, supported by terrific naval and artillery shelling, was under way in full fury today against elaborate Japanese defenses across southern Okinawa.

WORLD CITIZENS IS SCHOOL AIM

Dr. Blakely, Queens College President, Talks To Kiwanians

"The world is not finished," declared Dr. Hunter Blakely, president of Queens College speaking last night before the Kiwanis club in discussing "Trends in Education." World building has just begun and there will be more great books written, more great discoveries, more great inventions, more great developments in business and agriculture, said he in urging that the American people not become pessimistic, but remain optimistic as to the future.

Dr. Blakely pointed out three great discoveries have been made to guide us in education. First, we have discovered the world. Fast travel and rapid communication have made us a part of the whole world and made foreign problems our problems. In the second place we have discovered that intangible things such as freedom, the right to human happiness and the right to live are more than monetary values. In the third place we have discovered as a result of this world upheaval, that it is more important to build character and personality and to live usefully than to accumulate dollars. "These intangible things which we have discovered are valuable to successful citizenship," said Dr. Blakely.

EXTENDED FORECAST Extended forecast for period ending 7:30 p.m. April 25: Carolinas—Temperatures will average a few degrees above normal and precipitation light with little or none in southern sections of Georgia and South Carolina. Showers in North Carolina and in northern sections of Georgia and South Carolina latter part of period and in northern section of North Carolina Saturday.

BRITISH TANKS ONLY ONE MILE FROM HAMBURG

French Near Western Edges Of Nazis' Southern Redoubt

'DECISION IS NEAR'

By James M. Long PARIS, April 20.—(AP)—Americans of the Seventh Army fought for the kill in the heart of Nuernberg today after crashing through the old walls surrounding the trapped Nazis, and British tanks struck to within a mile of the suburbs of Hamburg, within point blank artillery range. The French First Army stabbed 50 miles southeast of Strasbourg to Rottweil, 14 miles from the Danube and 33 from Lake Constance, western limit of the Nazi national redoubt in southern Germany. The poilus were 25 miles north of Switzerland.

The whole Allied right flank including the French and the American Seventh and Third armies was clamping down on the mountainous Nazi lair, where Hitler was believed observing a gloomy 56th birthday anniversary. Stuttgart—like Nuernberg a Nazi pilgrimage city—was enclosed on three sides. The French advances ranged up to 23 miles and carried to within 65 of Austria and 120 of Italy's northern Alpine frontier.

The Seventh army penetrated the wall during the night and closed into the center of the city for the kill. American and French troops moving in a wide circle around Stuttgart, another Nazi rallying point.

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SCHOOL ANNUAL HONORS STACY

Dedicated to Professor Paul J. Stacy, the Anehor, 1945 annual published by the sophomore class of Gardner-Webb Junior college, makes its appearance in a handsomely done volume which came from the printers this week. Edited by Miss Mary Grace Queen with Robert Beason as business manager, the 86-page book is a pictorial as well as a factually produced record of the school at Bolling Springs and reflects to a marked degree the growing spirit of that institution which has made remarkable progress under President Phil Elliott and which is set to embark upon a greater expansion program as soon as war-time restrictions are lifted. Pictures of the faculty, the freshman and sophomore classes, school and class activities in the various fields of athletics, social clubs, scholastic attainment, publications and student government brighten pages of the volume. The superlatives designated by the class are presented in cryptic style, and a page is given to Gardner-Webb day observed at last commencement when pageantry added to one of the red-letter days in history of the institution.

Truman Preparing To Take Place In Military Councils

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—President Truman is moving cautiously into Franklin D. Roosevelt's seat on the council of highest Allied military strategy. His weight is likely to be felt in Pacific decisions. Even before V-E day comes, Mr. Truman may be called upon to review the strategy for defeating Japan that undoubtedly was discussed at Yalta by his predecessor and Prime Minister Churchill, if not with Premier Stalin. In this connection it would not be surprising to Washington observers if the new President summons Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur home for personal conferences before the final assault on Japan. SHARE COMMAND President Roosevelt arranged for Nimitz and MacArthur to share command for the on-to-Tokyo drive. There are no indications Mr. Truman plans to disturb this set-up. Consequently he may want to have the views of the field leaders as well as those of the Allied high command members here.

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Eighth Army Advances, Captures Portomaggiore

ROME, April 20.—(AP)—Eighth Army troops, in an advance of three miles, have captured Portomaggiore, 12 miles southeast of the Po valley city of Ferrara, Allied headquarters announced today.

Portoverrara, a small town just east of Portomaggiore, was also taken as the British pushed forward after storming the Argenta gap Nazi defenses.

Fifth Army forces were reported advancing slowly along Highway 65, between Florence and Bologna, and nearing Pianora, just south of Bologna.

Rolling along with the momentum gained in the capture of Argenta, the Eighth army reached the Canal Bolognese on a wide front.

The 56th London division drove on through Portoverrara and reached the Canale Diversivo, another of the many water barriers in this region of the lower Po valley.

While Portoverrara was being cleared the British 78th division moved along and captured Portomaggiore, where a bridge over the Bolognese Canale was taken intact.

Other Eighth army forces driving directly along highway 16 reached within 10 miles of Ferrara, which lies only a few thousand yards from the Po river.

Two More Islands In Philippines Seized

Japs Counterattack With Tanks In Baguio; Invaders Advance On Mindanao

MANILA, April 20.—(AP)—American doughboys seized the 44th and 45th islands of their Philippines invasion Wednesday. Capture of one, Balabac, put them only 45 miles north of Borneo. Seizure of the other, tiny, Carabao in Manila Bay, wiped out a troublesome force of 300 to 500 Japanese troops.

Elsewhere in the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in today's communique: Japanese counterattacked fiercely with tanks in the Baguio sector of North Luzon but were repulsed.

Doughboys on Mindanao advanced 22 miles from their new beachheads, moving within 52 air miles of Davao, a major port of the Philippines.

Aerial units destroyed a troop-laden 1,300-ton transport, four freighters, seven coastal vessels and a lugger in sweeps from the Netherlands East Indies to the China coast. Formosa was heavily bombed.

The unopposed Balabac landing, by elements of Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st division, added to the threat to oil-rich Borneo. The 41st seized Tawitawi Island, 30 miles east of Borneo, April 2. Balabac, about 15 miles long, is 45 miles due north of Borneo and immediately south of Palawan Island, captured by Yanks Feb. 28. It controls Balabac Strait and thus the eastern entry of the south China sea from the Sulu sea.

With American forces thus poised on two islands near Borneo, MacArthur announced that "the enemy's oil supply from this (Ne-

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NO CONTESTS IN ELECTION

Without a single contest the Shelby municipal election to be held on May 8, will be a perfunctory affair. Yesterday was the last day for filing notices of candidacy and at the closing hour only the two incumbent members of the board of aldermen, Tom Moore and J. F. Ledford had filed. They are to be elected from Ward four and Ward one, respectively. The entire personnel of the city board of education will be re-elected as its incumbent members were the only ones who filed. They are J. W. Gardner, Dr. T. B. Gold, C. Rush Hamrick, Brady W. Dickson and D. W. Royster. Despite the fact that there are no contests and the election has already been as good as decided, election day will have to be observed as usual. The election books will be open as usual and registrars and judges will have to serve the same as if there were contests.

Dumbarton Oaks And Bretton Woods Plans Praised By Hoey

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—Senator Clyde Hoey (D-NC) has declared the Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks proposals are the two great plans before the world today. Speaking before the Sons of the American Revolution here last night the former North Carolina governor said "we are now in the last stages of a global conflict in which we are still battling for the preservation of these heritages (liberty and justice) for ourselves and striving to have them extended to the people of all nations."



PFC. HOYLE



Y 2-c FREEMAN

3 CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED

Belwood, Ellenboro Boys Killed; Dahl Freeman Missing

Pfc. Jacob E. Hoyle of Belwood and Pvt. Carl L. Barrins of Ellenboro are reported killed in action and Sylvester Dahl Freeman Y 2-c, of Shelby is reported missing in action, according to casualty reports received today from the War department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Freeman of 215 Suttle street, have received word from the War department that their son, Sylvester Dahl Freeman, Y 2-c, USNR, is missing in action while serving with the navy somewhere in the South Pacific.

Yeoman Freeman entered the navy February 18, 1945, and received his training at Bainbridge, Md., and advanced training at Newport, Rhode Island. He was stationed in Washington, D. C., one year before being assigned to a ship. He had served seven months in Atlantic waters and was

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Vast Occupation Army Will Be Required To Police Reich

By WES GALLAGHER MAGDESBURG, Germany, April 20.—(AP)—A far greater army of occupation may be necessary in view of the problems experienced to date. Even with the vast number of Allied troops now in Germany, the job of administering the territory already overrun is proving much more difficult than anticipated. Germany now is a festering sore in the heart of Europe, housing a mass of misery unheard of in modern history. Twelve years of Nazism and brutality are bearing a can-

Germans Report Enemy At Gates Of Capital City

LONDON, April 20.—(AP)—DNB, German news agency, reported tonight that Russian forces had reached the town of Hangelsberg, seven miles east of Berlin in the Hangelsberg forest.

German broadcasts said the Russians were driving relentlessly with increasing masses of men, tanks and guns in the climactic stage of the battle for Berlin and were at the gates of the capital.

"The double battle for Berlin now has reached the decisive stage," said the German commentator Max Krull. "The Americans on the Elbe are regrouping their formations and have received reinforcements. The Russians, on the other hand, have now fully developed their great drives on the Oder and Neisse and are now within the deeply staggered German barrier position at the periphery of the capital, where they are engaged by German commandos and special formations."

It was Krull who said the Russians had reached the town of Hangelsberg.

SECRET WEAPON IS REPORTED

Navy Reveals Existence Of New "Chemical Torpedo"

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—Existence of a new, top-secret "chemical torpedo" in the navy's arsenal came to light today.

Although officially disclosed, requests for further details on the weapon brought no information from the navy except that the subject is "secret."

Such information as was released in publicly printed congressional hearings, gave no indication of the significance of the name "chemical," but it evidently applies to a modification of the old style steam-turbine propulsion.

Such evidence is found in the fact that existing naval establishments equipped to reassemble those underwater missiles after they have been "ranged in firing tests will do the same work on the new type.

Torpedoes probably are the most complex, delicately assembled and hence most costly wholly-expended

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Hoey, Bailey Call For Appointment Meekins' Successor

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—North Carolina's two senators called on President Truman today to recommend a new federal judge for the eastern district of the state, but declined to say whom they endorsed for the place.

Senator Bailey said he and Senator Hoey made a definite recommendation, but that he did not believe it would be "appropriate" to disclose the name of their choice. Hoey nodded agreement.

The vacancy was created by the recent retirement of Judge Isaac M. Meekins.

Once before the two senators recommended Comptroller General Lindsay Warren for the judgeship, but he declined to accept.

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About half the bombers concentrated on rail junctions, transformer stations and bridges on trunk lines linking Prague and Munich.

EMERGENCY MEASURES SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—(AP)—The Japanese cabinet adopted "emergency measures" today to speed the evacuation of Japanese cities. Tokyo radio reported in a broadcast adopted by the Federal Communications Commission.

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Earlier the German high command announced that the Russians had smashed six miles into Berlin's outer defenses to within 13 1-2 miles of the city's limits on the northeast and 15 miles on the east. In a six-mile gain from captured Buchholz, the German war bulletin said, the Russians reached the area of Proetz and Strenbeck on the northeast.

In a similar lunge southwest of Muencheberg the Russian tanks and infantry were reported to have fought to the area of Templeberg and Buchholz, 15 miles east of the capital.

Two towns named Buchholz on the outskirts of Berlin caused temporary confusion in reports of the Russian successes. One is seven miles north-northeast of the capital, but the context of the German communique indicated the other Buchholz was meant.

Southeast of the capital, Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian army scored a similar success, pushing forward 16 miles from Cottbus on the spree, and breaking into Calau, 43 miles from Berlin and 59 miles from American First army siege lines at Wurtzen.

DEEPER PENETRATION Further south, German broadcasts said, Konev's forces rolled even deeper toward the American lines, reaching Hoyerswerda, 55 miles or less from a union with Gen. Eisen-

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U. S. WARPLANES FLAIL GERMANY

2,000 Roam Above Length And Breadth Of Unoccupied Reich

LONDON, April 20.—(AP)—More than 2,000 American warplanes spread out over almost the entire length of unoccupied Germany today, bombing mainline railways ahead of Allied armies from the outskirts of Berlin southward to Prague and Munich.

The Eighth Air force dispatched 800 heavy bombers and 800 fighters on a morning sweep and medium bombers and divebombers of the U. S. Ninth Air force had completed more than 400 sorties before noon.

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