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RUSSIANS BORING INTO BERLIN

THIRD ARMY ADVANCES 28 MILES TOWARD REDOUBT

Berlin Broadcast Says Hitler, Goebbels Both Remaining In Capital

LONDON, April 23.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler is in Berlin and has decided to remain there, the Hamburg radio said today in a broadcast directed at Berlin residents in an attempt to convince them the invaded capital would not fall. Both the tone and wording of the announcement made it clear that rumors were sweeping the Reich that the Fuehrer was in flight. The broadcast said the announcement was made to stem what was described as "fantastic rumors by which the enemy is attempting to undermine the morale of the German people."

OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH FORCES DANUBE RIVER

Only 14 Main German Cities Now Left Under Nazi Domination

DESSAU CAPTURED

By James M. Long PARIS, April 23.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George Patton's Third Army slammed down 28 miles against the roof of Hitler's Bavarian redoubt today, joining the general offensive in the south which burst through the enemy's Danube river line within 50 miles of Munich. In the north, the British opened the final onslaught against Bremen and the American First and Ninth armies anxiously awaited a junction with the Russians — expected momentarily. The First army captured Dessau (120,000), 52 miles southwest of beleaguered Berlin, along with 21,373 prisoners. The fall of Dessau left only 14 German cities under the Nazi flag. Patton imposed a security blackout soon after his Third army captured two bridges intact across the Naab river, a tributary of the Danube, northwest of Regensburg. Blackouts in the past have cloaked breakthroughs of transcendent importance. Resistance stiffened late in the day, however, as Third army troops started encountering knots of fanatical SS troops, possibly garrison forces of the redoubt. Patton's new offensive carried within 128 miles of Berchtesgaden

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

U. S. Patrols Reached Berlin April 13, Reds Demanded Withdrawal

By DREW PEARSON WASHINGTON—Here is the inside story behind General Omar Bradley's surprise announcement last week that American armies "would pause temporarily" and that "we had advanced to a definite line (on the Elbe river) on which it is necessary to pause before starting the next operation." Though it may get official denial the real fact is that American advance patrols on Friday, April 13, one day after President Roosevelt's death, were in Potsdam, which is to Berlin what the Bronx is to New York City. The dancing in the streets of Brussels and the reports in London that something big was going to happen were not premature. They were true. But American troops next day withdrew from the Berlin suburbs to the river Elba about 50 miles south. This withdrawal was ordered largely because of a previous agreement with the Russians that they were to occupy Berlin and because of their insistence that the agreement be kept. The disagreement with the Russians started about four days before President Roosevelt died, when Stalin sent him a very sharp note. But the final decision to withdraw from the suburbs of Berlin was made after his death, largely by General Eisenhower. The facts in the situation are

FIFTH ARMY FORCES DRIVE ABOVE BOLOGNA

Reach Nearly To Po River In Swift Push Across Famed Valley CITY IS CAPTURED

By Noland Norgaard ROME, April 23.—(AP)—U. S. Fifth Army troops spearing 35 miles beyond Bologna reached nearly to the Po river in Italy today, and battled within 220 to 240 miles of French-American forces hitting southward in Germany. The swift lunge across the Po plain—littered with wreckage of 1,700 Nazi vehicles—destroyed or damaged by Allied planes yesterday alone—carried 35 miles north and northwest of fallen Bologna. Allied headquarters said, but it did not specify points reached. But the thrust bypassed Modena, 22 miles northwest of Bologna, and may actually have charged to the Po river, doubtful line of a new German stand. The Po curves with in 30 miles of Bologna due north, and 35 to 45 miles of that city to the northwest. (A British broadcast heard by CBS said the Fifth army was only five miles from the Po.) Besieged Ferrara, 3-1/2 miles from the Po and 30 northeast of Bologna, from positions as close as 1-1/2 miles away. The Fifth army now was 220 miles inland—across the forbidding Alps and the eastern end of Switzerland—from French troops at the west shore of Lake Constance, and 230 miles from the U. S. Seventh army already across the Danube armies.

City Blanketed By Shellfire, Near Surrounded

By Richard Kasishke LONDON, April 23.—(AP)—Red army troops held a tight grip on one fifth to one fourth of greater Berlin today and bored in from three sides toward the heart of the blazing capital now blanketed by shellfire and all but surrounded. Moscow dispatches said red banners fluttered from battered and smoking buildings in the capital and that Soviet storm units appeared to be only a few miles from the Wilhelmstrasse and from Unter Den Linden and Tiergarten in the heart of the city. There was only one way out of Berlin—westward by way of Spandau—and unconfirmed reports said this escape corridor now was narrowed to little more than five miles. To the south other Russian forces were within 15 miles or less of a junction with their American allies. The German high command, declaring that "the battle for the Reich capital has blazed up in full fury," claimed that the railroad station in Coepenick, one of Berlin's main southeastern suburbs and 10 miles from the center of the city, had been recaptured. The communique said fighting was raging through Beelitz, Trebbin, Teltow and Dahwitz, a strong point southern suburbs within 10 to 24 miles of the heart of the capital. The high command claimed that a Russian breach along the Prenzlauer Allee running most due north three miles from the Potsdam Platz had been sealed off and disclosed that a Soviet encircling swing north of the city had reached the Havel river which runs north and south just west of the capital through Spandau and Charlottenburg, western suburbs. The Hamburg radio said the Russians were approaching Oranienburg, big suburb about 7 miles north of greater Berlin. This statement was made by the high command. See CITY Page 2

Yanks Take Pikit In Mindanao Push

32nd Division Still Battling Holed-Up Japs In Northern Luzon

By Spencer Davis MANILA, April 23.—(AP)—Skirting unexplored swamps and boating up crocodile-infested rivers, 24th division yanks have captured Pikit, 32 air miles inland from the Mindanao island beachhead. This put them 42 miles from the city limits of Davao, a major port of the Philippines. The 32nd division, fighting approximately 750 miles to the north, began its fourth year of overseas duty by battling in holed up caves in the rugged Balete Pass area in the Caraballo mountains of northern Luzon. The 112th regiment of this division counted its 1,000th dead Japanese soldier in the current cave fighting in the Santa Maria valley, northeast of Manila. Headquarters reported that many live Japanese remain to be dug out. The bag of accused Filipino collaborationists held two more important members, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today. These are Claro N. Recto, minister of foreign affairs, and Rafael Alunan, minister of agriculture and commerce in the puppet cabinet. They were captured at Baguio. With others, they will be confined for the duration and then stand trial by the Philippine commonwealth. The softening up of Borneo for possible invasion continued with 130 tons of bombs dropped by heavy, medium and fighter bombers over

BREMEN FIXED FOR THE KILL

RAF Bombers Attack Great Port City In Day And Night Raids By HENRY B. JAMESON LONDON, April 23.—(AP)—Bremen, Germany's second largest city, apparently was being readied for the kill today by the RAF, which hit the great port yesterday and again last night in a prelude to a final all-out assault by Field Marshal Montgomery's land forces. A fleet of approximately 250 Lancasters blasted the dock areas with 12,000-pound earthquake bombs just a few hours before dusk and Mosquitos, switching from their nightly attacks on Berlin, followed up a few hours later with a salvo of 2,000-pound blockbusters. The big naval base of Kiel also was bombed twice by Mosquitos over the week end. Both ports are becoming a graveyard for remnants of the German navy. PLANES LOST Two bombers and one fighter were lost in the four raids, the air minister said. Friday night British planes

Name Of Gilliam Given To Truman For Judgeship

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(AP)—The name of Donnell Gilliam, Tarboro, N. C., solicitor, has been placed before President Truman for appointment as United States District judge for the Eastern district of North Carolina. The recommendation was made by Senators Bailey (D-NC) and Hoey (D-NC), who proposed the Tarboro lawyer as successor to Judge I. M. Meekins who retired in February. Filling the Meekins post has been delayed several times. The first due to the rejection of the judgeship by Comptroller General Lindsay Warren and then by the death of President Roosevelt.

American Bombers Raid Formosa

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—(AP)—Three hundred American bombers raided Formosa yesterday, Tokyo radio said today in a broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission. Taichu, on the central west coast, bore the brunt of the attack. It would appear to be an unusually heavy attack on the island guarding the central China coast which has been hit daily for months by Philippines-based bombers.

FOREIGN POLICY TALKS GO ON

Stettinius, Eden, Molotov Enter Second Round Of Discussion

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(AP)—Their ranks complete, Big Three foreign ministers today headed into the second round of momentous discussions leading up to the San Francisco conference—just two days away. Their first session—begun less than four hours after Russian Foreign Minister Molotov arrived by air from Moscow—broke up at 11:20 p. m. last night. Secretary of State Stettinius said only that they would meet again this morning. Molotov and British Foreign Secretary Eden were silent. Wearing a broad smile and a grey topcoat and carrying direct word from Marshal Stalin on Russia's final attitude on such issues as the delicate Polish question, Molotov stepped from the U. S. Army transport plane that brought him from Moscow at 5:46 p. m. yesterday. Stettinius greeted him with a hearty "welcome, welcome."

DEAD INFANT DISCOVERED

Discovery of a dead infant at the junction of two sewer lines below the East Graham street bridge last night brought a large crowd to the scene. The infant was mature in every respect but apparently had been only a few hours old when it met death. Police who investigated the case were unable to tell whether it was a negro or a white child. Coroner Roscoe Lutz ordered the body buried but said that no inquest would be necessary. It was believed to have washed out of the sewer when it became clogged recently. A manhole is located near the place where the body was found.

Parliament Members Shaken By Atrocities

LONDON, April 23.—(AP)—Profoundly shaken by the horrors they had seen at the Germans' infamous Buchenwald prison camp, 10 members of a parliamentary group began today to prepare a report for submission to the house of commons—backed with gruesome exhibits. Returning last night from the hell-camp, they disclosed that several of them had wept and one had fainted at the scenes of brutality. One brought back for exhibition to commons as evidence a long strip of human skin bearing a tattooed prison number and which he said had been cut from the back of a living Buchenwald prisoner by his SS (Elite guard) jailer. Mrs. Mavis Tate, the only woman in the delegation, said: "Never have I seen so much suffering." The delegation's report is expected to be issued Thursday.

Molotov's Arrival Makes Headlines

MOSCOW, April 23.—(AP)—News of Foreign Commissar Molotov's arrival in Washington and his speedy meeting with President Truman made top news today in Soviet newspapers. The Russians apparently were pleased with accounts of Molotov's welcome. Soviet dispatches told in great detail of his reception at the airport, and of his conference with Secretary of State Stettinius and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

WORTH MORRIS IS BOND HEAD

Will Direct Campaign In Business Section Of Shelby

Clyde A. Short, who as president of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, heads the retail division of the seventh war loan drive which will get underway shortly, has appointed Worth Morris as commander-in-chief of this retail division to be announced today. Mr. Morris will be assisted by J. Dale Stentz. Mr. Morris is manager of the Charles stores and Mr. Stentz is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The retail committee will meet Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce to complete its organization and lay the groundwork for the intensive drive which is to be made in the uptown section of Shelby. Commander-in-Chief Morris is very hopeful that fine results in the bond drive may be obtained in the business section. He says that the campaign will be pushed to the limit. Mr. Stentz is just back from Raleigh where he participated in a discussion of methods to be used in the retail campaign by the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Conference To Study Plan For Trusteeship Of Islands

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—(AP)—The United States would retain control of strategic Pacific bases after the war under a compromise trusteeship plan reported under study today for presentation to the United Nations conference. This subject, together with a proposal for a "community of the Pacific" patterned after the Pan-American union, shared pre-conference interest with the long-troublesome Polish question, currently a Big Three topic in Washington. And as the Wednesday opening

BANJALUKA CAPTURED

NEW YORK, April 23.—(AP)—Banjaluka, an important German base in northwestern Bosnia, has been captured by Yugoslav troops, the new Yugoslav telegraph service reported today.

200,000 Deaths At Buchenwald

PARIS, April 23.—(AP)—Two French journalists released from the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp estimated today that between 150,000 and 200,000 persons died there. Last Plane From Berlin STOCKHOLM, April 23.—(AP)—A Lufthansa German commercial plane arrived as scheduled from Berlin today but Swedish authorities expressed the belief it probably was the "last plane from Berlin."

Congressmen See Horrors Of Buchenwald Prison Camp

By DON WHITEHEAD BUCHENWALD, Germany, April 24.—(AP)—Eight American congressmen agreed today after inspecting the horrors of Buchenwald prison camp that the evidence of Nazi atrocities committed there exceeded the wildest flights of imagination. "This is the most horrible thing that anyone could conceive," said Rep. Carter Manasco (D-Ala.) after he and his companions had been shown around the camp—where emaciated bodies of the Nazis' victims are still stacked like cord-

Week-Day Holiday Closing Schedule

(As furnished by Shelby Merchants Association. Published for the convenience of the public.) Wednesday: Closing at noon: Retail stores (grocery, department, furniture, etc., barber and beauty shops). Thursday: Closing at noon: Banks, Building and Loans, Financial institutions, professional offices. Saturday: Closing at noon: Courthouse; Ration board at 12:30; auto parts places and repair garages (not service stations) at 1 p. m. TODAY 7:00 p. m.—Chamber of Commerce directors meet at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p. m.—State Guard drill at armory. TUESDAY 7:00 p. m.—Lions club meets at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p. m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory

WHAT'S DOING

WOOD, where men were hung on spikes like sides of beef until they died, and where bodies of the hundreds were burned in furnaces. "This is barbarism at its worst," said Rep. Gordon Canfield (R-N. J.). He declared the evidence bore out everything that had been said or written about Nazi brutality. FIRST HAND The congressmen, who were in Britain on various missions, were invited to come here by Gen. Eisenhower so that they might ob-

Germany's Air Losses Heavy

NEW YORK, April 13.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said today the German air force had massed 1,000 aircraft for the defense of Berlin and that Soviet pilots shot down 411 in air combat in the last four days. The broadcast was recorded by Blue Network monitors.