

WEATHER

Cloudy and mild in west and central, cloudy and warmer in east today, light rain over north this morning. Tonight and Wednesday, partly cloudy and warmer.

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BACK TO FRANCE?

Petain Crosses Swiss Border From Germany; Wants To Stand Trial

By Thomas Hawkins

BERN, April 24.—(P)—Aged Marshal Petain entered Switzerland from Germany today after declaring himself willing to stand trial in France. And King Leopold of Belgium, who surrendered to the Germans in 1940, was expected to reach the Swiss frontier some time during the day.

Pierre Laval, arch collaborator of the Vichy regime, appeared at the frontier of nearby Liechtenstein, but was refused entry. Laval is under a death sentence imposed by a Marseille court which convicted him in Absentia last fall on a charge of having had "intelligence with the enemy."

Petain, who observed his 89th birthday today, was allowed to enter Switzerland after asking and receiving official permission to cross the neutral country into France to surrender himself to French authorities.

The arrival of Petain and the expectation that King Leopold would reach Switzerland during the day indicated that the collapsing Nazi regime had permitted its potential hostages to leave—possibly through some understanding with the Allied governments concerned.

It was known that the Allied governments had been informed in advance of Petain's coming and presumably gave their consent.

Petain arrived at the Swiss frontier town of Saint Margrethen by automobile in a nine-car convoy. He was in the first car with his wife.

The aged marshal did not leave his automobile during the frontier deliberations, which required about an hour.

Dressed in civilian clothes with a grey topcoat, he seemed tired. However, he waved to the crowd as he drove away to Saint Gallen, where he and his party presently are housed.

One car of German SS troopers, presumably escorting the marshal, turned back at the frontier. A daughter and son-in-law of the

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TWO FRONTS COMMUNICATE

Field Radio Conversations Hint At Juncture Today

WITH THE U. S. FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY, April 24.—(P)—The Russians may effect a juncture today with eagerly waiting American troops, a Soviet tankman hinted in field radio conversations with doughboys on this front yesterday.

(Supreme headquarters in Paris has said that first announcement of a juncture will be made by the chiefs of state in Washington, London and Moscow.)

Staff Sgt. Alexander J. Balter, Russian-born American tankman from Pittsburgh, Pa., who speaks both Russian and German, heard the Soviet soldier say:

"Cheerful greetings to our American comrades. God be with you. Greetings and health to our Allied friends. Wait where you are. Hold your patience. We will contact you at your present location."

Then he hinted that the juncture might take place in the next 24 hours. He gave no indication of his position, which would have been valuable information for the listening and obviously chagrined Germans, who tried to jam the reception.

35-MILE RANGE
Field radios used for the conversations have a maximum range of only 30 to 35 miles.

"We are getting closer to you continually," the Russian voice said during contacts between noon and 6 p.m. "More than that cannot be said now. We Russians are not sleeping and we are doing everything in our power to reach you."

At one point the Germans broke into the conversations with a feminine recording of "Ach du

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MARSHAL PETAIN

ADJUSTMENTS ON TAXES SEEN

Doughton Hopes For Some Reductions Soon After V-E Day

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(P)—Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the house ways and means committee expressed hope today of some "tax adjustments right after V-E day."

Doughton talked taxes with reporters after a White House call on President Truman, but said his discussion with the President did not relate to that subject or to other legislation.

"It was just a personal, courtesy call," the 81-year-old North Carolinian told newsmen.

Doughton said a joint congressional committee on postwar taxation was getting together all the information possible upon which to base tax adjustments for individuals and business "when the time comes that we can do something."

"I don't know how soon or how much of an adjustment can be made," he added. "The treasury staff and the congress are working together and in harmony. There is a possibility of some adjustments right after V-E day."

Doughton, one of the few men in Washington official life who arises earlier than the President, entered the White House at 9:15 a.m. for what was scheduled as a 9:30 appointment.

Pearson To Cover Frisco Conference

Drew Pearson's article for release tomorrow will be on the United Nations Conference which Mr. Pearson is covering in San Francisco.

Next Move In Scrap Over Poland Is Up To Stalin

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—(P)—The next move in the Big Three row over Poland appears squarely up to Marshal Stalin.

Anxious delegates looked toward Moscow today for whatever chance there is of Big-Three unity on this fateful issue prior to the United Nations conference opening late tomorrow.

Evidence to this effect came from Washington as negotiations among Secretary of State Stettinius, British Foreign Minister Eden and Foreign Commissar Molotov end-

DANUBE FORCED AT 3 PLACES, ULM OVERRUN

Third Army 105 Miles From Berchtesgaden; 7th Near Munich

NO JUNCTION NEWS

By James M. Long

PARIS, April 24.—(P)—The three-army assault on the other ramparts of the German Alpine redoubt burst across the Danube at a third place today, overran the traffic center of Ulm and carried to within 105 miles of Hitler's hideout at Berchtesgaden.

An American-Russian junction was expected momentarily in the center, splitting Germany.

(The French press agency, quoting "Moscow reports reaching London," said American and Russian troops had joined at Ellensburg, nine miles northeast of Leipzig.

(Although there were indications early today that the formal announcement of the linkup—to be made from Washington, London and Moscow—was imminent, noon, eastern war time, passed without indication as to when it would come.)

Troops of the American Third army pressed to within 93 miles of the Austrian strongholds of Linz and Salzburg, eastern gateways to the southern redoubt. The Seventh army closed down the last 50 miles toward Munich and the French First army advanced close to the Austrian frontier and reduced three large pockets behind the lines.

Ulm, second Stuttgart city of 60,000, is on the Danube. It was the scene of one of Napoleon's most complete victories. It fell after a ten-mile overnight advance.

Lt. Gen. George Patton's powerful Third army made additional gains of 18 miles in the Regensburg area.

Captured German documents said

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Kiel Harbor Shipping Hit By Mosquitos

LONDON, April 24.—(P)—Shipping in Kiel harbor was attacked twice last night by RAF Mosquitos, using the same quick-hitting tactics that baffled Berlin's defenses for a year. It was the fourth attack on Kiel in three nights.

Other Mosquito squadrons bombed railway yards at Rendsburg, west of Kiel on the main line from southern Denmark, and shipping in the harbor of Travemuende on Luebeck Bay in the Baltic.

No planes were lost in any of these attacks. Two German aircraft were shot down by night fighters on patrol north of Berlin.

German shipping around the Frisian Islands and Estuaries leading to North German ports also was attacked last night by RAF pilots, who have sunk more than 150 ships and barges in the last seven days.

Southwest of Wangerooze, the most easterly of the Frisian Islands, a group of Typhoons set two 3,000-ton steamers afire and damaged 9 smaller vessels and three tugs. Australian and New Zealand Beaufighter pilots dived between 3,000-foot cliffs in Sogne Fjord in Norway and sank a German freighter yesterday.

Next Move In Scrap Over Poland Is Up To Stalin

ed. Members of the United States delegation as well as other delegates, whose number jumps with almost every train and plane, eagerly awaited the principals for information as to how serious the Big-Three split over Poland has become. Many here are inclined to regard it the real key to success of plans for a world organization designed to keep the peace.

The situation at the moment is that the Big Three have arranged

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OLD GLORY FLIES ON NAZI SHRINE—Carrying two battle-worn American flags, soldiers of the U. S. 45th Division mount the tiers of the Luitpold Arena in Nuernberg, Germany, where Adolf Hitler formerly rallied his Nazi party followers by the thousands for his reviews of his army and the Hitler Youth members.—(AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto).

Yanks Make Little Progress On Okinawa

Jap Line Holds Intact In Center Of Southern Front; Slight Gains Along Coast

GUAM, April 24.—(P)—Flame-throwing 24th corps infantrymen edged down the southern coasts of Okinawa yesterday, press dispatches from the battlefield reported today, but Japanese artillery held the center of the line in check.

The 27th division made small gains on the west coast. The 7th took two more east coast crags on the painful approach to Hill 178 where enemy replacement crews put Nipponese machine-guns into action again almost as fast as they were knocked out.

Japanese batteries hurled 650 rounds of artillery fire into the 96th division in the heavily fortified center of the island.

The intensive Yank artillery barrage of the last two days lessened. But the offensive still relied strongly on flamethrowers and heavy artillery firing at close range.

Third amphibious corps Marines indicated they had virtually completed control of the northern end of the island, 325 miles from Japan. They released ships which had been furnishing artillery support.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reporting on the six-day old southern Okinawa drive toward the capital of Naha said tersely in his communique today:

"No further information is available on the progress of the fighting in Southern Okinawa."

His only elaboration was to state

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GILES TO HEAD ARMY AIR FORCE IN PACIFIC AREA

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(P)—Appointment of Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles as commanding general of the Army Air Force in the Pacific ocean area was announced today by the War Department.

General Giles will be replaced as deputy commander of the army air forces and chief of the air staff by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Baker, who has been commander of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force since December, 1943.

General Giles replaces Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, reported missing on a flight in the Pacific several weeks ago.

Maj. Gen. W. H. Hale, deputy commander in the Pacific air forces, has been acting as commanding general in that area.

Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon, who has been commanding general of the 12th airforce in the Mediterranean, will replace General Baker as leader of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force.

NEUTRALS MUST NOT GIVE NAZIS SANCTUARY

U. S. Proposes To Go Into Neutral Nations After War Criminals

NAZIS MAKE OFFER

WASHINGTON, April 24.

(P)—A warning to neutral countries against offering sanctuary to perpetrators of Nazi war atrocities came from the house foreign affairs committee today.

The committee approved for floor consideration a resolution making it United States policy to go into neutral countries, regardless of treaties, to pursue and capture enemy war criminals.

The resolution, introduced by Rep. King (D-Calif.) must be approved by both branches of Congress. It does not have the force of law but serves merely as a congressional expression to the government.

The committee killed a resolution by Rep. Celler (D-NY) which would have requested the President to appoint a commission to work in conjunction with the United Nations war crimes commission.

The King legislation, however, expresses as "the sense of the Congress" that the United States shall cooperate with other Allies in the arrest, prosecution and punishment of war criminals.

As demands were voiced on Capitol Hill for a harsh Nazi peace, the Germans themselves read a solemn warning that ruthless pursuit and punishment await those who mistreat Allied prisoners.

At the same time the United States announced it had accepted a German offer to leave American prisoners of war in camps where they may be liberated by advancing Allied armies.

The warning against further atrocities and those already committed was showered upon the rapidly shrinking Reich in the form of leaflets bearing the facsimile signatures of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

Any person, they said, "of whatsoever service or rank in whose charge Allied prisoners of war, internees or deported citizens have been placed" will be held individually responsible.

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Marvin Matheson's Death Sentence Is Commuted To 'Life'

RALEIGH, April 24.—(P)—Marvin L. Matheson, 16, was snatched from the shadow of the state's gas chamber where he was scheduled to die Friday by executive order of Governor Cherry after a review of the case yesterday.

Matheson was convicted in August, 1944, in Alexander county superior court of first degree murder. Evidence showed that he killed Police Chief D. A. Millaps of Taylorsville.

The governor said he did not feel the state should execute "the child," stating that he cannot be held in the same degree of responsibility as an adult. The governor said he still felt the state should be protected from him however, and commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY
7:00 p.m.—Lions club meets at Hotel Charles.
7:00 p.m.—Rotary club directors meet at Hotel Charles.
7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

WEDNESDAY
8:00 p.m.—W.O.W. meeting at Woman's club house.
7:15 p.m.—Sunday school officers and teachers of First Baptist church meet at the church.

7:45 p.m.—Presbyterian prayer meeting at the church.
8:00 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church.
8:00 p.m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.

Reds Tighten Circle Of Steel About Berlin, Third Of City Taken

By Richard Kasishke

LONDON, April 24.—(P)—Russian troops have tightened their encirclement of Berlin—already more than one-third in Soviet hands—and in a swift dash halfway across central Austria have swept to within 89 miles of Berchtesgaden, Hitler's mountain retreat, the German high command declared today.

The surge through Austria carried to Eisenerz, 57 miles from Linz and 85 miles from Salzburg, the broadcast bulletin said. Americans of the Third Army are 93 miles from those two cities, and 110 from Berchtesgaden in their southward slice toward the Nazis' Alpine redoubt.

By German account, Russians in Austria were but 155 airline miles from a linkup with the U. S. Third Army.

Two powerful Soviet armies were cutting into the heart of Berlin in savage street battles.

The German high command said the Russian encircling drive around the capital on the southwest had reached "areas southeast of Brandenburg, and east of Potsdam." Berlin's great western suburb, Brandenburg is 25 miles west of Berlin.

South of the crumbling citadel of Nazidom, other Soviet forces drew near American troops waiting for an epochal merging of the eastern and western fronts.

The German communique, broadcast by the Hamburg radio, declared Germans still were resisting on the northern and eastern edges of Berlin. More than a third of Berlin was in Russian hands. German reports indicated that fighting was swirling through nearly one-half of the wrecked city last night.

Southwest of Berlin, now almost encircled, Red army tanks drew up to the Elbe river at a point within 20 miles of American positions.

REDUCED TO RUBBLE
Berlin was being reduced to rubble, building by building, in savage street fighting.

A Moscow communique announced that Red army tanks had burst across the belt railroad into the inner city and captured the Metropolitan gas works, only eight blocks from Alexander Platz, a major commercial center.

The Germans, who said Hitler was on hand directing the battle personally announced in a broadcast that the Russian forces were fighting in Friedrich's park and near Koenig's gate, a mile and one-half from the intersection of Unter Den Linden and Friedrichstrasse.

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Superforts Resume Attacks On Tokyo

GUAM, April 24.—(P)—A fleet of 100 to 150 Superfortresses, hitting the Tokyo area in strength for the first time in more than a week, bombed the big Hitachi engine plant this morning (Tokyo time) in the campaign to knock out Japan's aircraft production.

The Marianas-based B-29s, bombing visually in good weather from medium altitude, hit other plants in the Tachikawa industrial section just west of Tokyo. The Hitachi plant was the prime target today for the first time.

Tokyo reported airfields and other military installations were targets of the Superfortresses, which were overhead for 30 minutes starting at 8:50 a.m. (Tokyo time)—7:50 p.m., Monday, Eastern War time.)

Panic Spreads In Berlin, Nazis Fight Among 'Selves'

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, April 24.—(P)—Panic and demoralization are spreading in the center of Berlin, with fighting taking place among the Nazi defenders, eye-witness accounts reaching Moscow said today.

"It's hell in there," a German civilian was quoted by the correspondent for Izvestia. "Shells are falling all over the place and there is fighting among the officers and men."

have pushed deep through and captured enough streets and avenues to set up a traffic control system, front advances said.

Red army girls, in their customary role of traffic directors, were standing at numerous corners in the suburbs directing the flow of trucks—some of American make—moving in and out of the city.

The correspondent for Red Star told of battling down the avenues leading to the Wilhelmstrasse, and of white flags fluttering from windows.

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Baby Edition To Appear In Two Sections

The annual Baby Edition of Star will appear in two parts instead of one, as was originally announced. There will be one big ten-page section on Saturday, April 28, and another Baby section of equal size will appear on Monday, April 30. When these two sections of the Star are placed together, subscribers will have a big 20-page Baby Edition, the largest ever published in this country.

Original plans were to have a Baby section similar to that of last year with the babies who had never seen their fathers featured on the front. Those babies will still be featured on the front page of the section, but half of the number will appear on Saturday and the remaining half on Monday.

BIG RESPONSE
These changes have been made because of the overwhelming response to The Star's call for baby pictures. With over twice as many pictures submitted as were received last year, one section will not take care of them. The Star did not want to disappoint a single parent. It planned these two big editions so that every picture submitted could appear. If the baby's picture does not appear on Saturday, parents will know it will be published in Monday's edition. All subscribers are reminded to save these sections in order to have both parts of the big Baby Edition.