

WEATHER

North Carolina—Fair and slightly warmer today followed by fair and cool again tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

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State Theatre Today - "THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW" EDWARD G. ROBINSON JOAN BENNETT

REDS HOPE TO DEAL DEATH BLOW TO BERLIN TODAY

Allied Invasion Of Borneo, Told By Japs, Practically Confirmed

THIRD ARMY WITHIN 58 MILES OF BERCHTESGADEN

ALL SOUTHERN GERMANY HAS BEEN OVERRUN

In North British And American Troops Join Beyond Elbe

CORRIDOR WIDENED

By Austin Bealmear

PARIS, May 1.—(P)—The Third Army crashed southward to within 58 miles of Berchtesgaden today as Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch sent his Seventh Army from captured Munich against Innsbruck and the Brenner Pass. The Third Army entered Griesbach in its closest approach to Hitler's roost in the Alpine redoubt. The town near the Austrian border is 16 miles from Hitler's birthplace at Braunau and 47 from Salzburg, eastern rampart of the final Nazi hideaway.

Allied armies had overrun all southern Germany except the southeast corner of Bavaria and now were sending their tanks and infantry into Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Far to the north, American airborne troops and the British Second Army linked up beyond the Elbe in a solid bridgehead 20 miles wide and 12 miles deep which threatened imminently to cut off Schleswig-Holstein and Denmark. This could carve the northern redoubt in two.

In the center, the corridor between Germans in the south and north was widened steadily by additional contacts between the Russians and American armies.

Seventh army infantry crossed the Austrian frontier and captured Scharnitz, ten miles from Innsbruck and 15 from the Brenner Pass.

No sooner had the Third Army cleared Munich than the Germans

Allied Troops In Italy Drive Toward Trieste

ROME, May 1.—(P)—New Zealand troops, driving toward a junction with Marshal Tito's partisans in Trieste, were reported more than 15 miles beyond the Piave river today as Allied troops continued their lightning cleanup in Northern Italy.

The only fighting reported officially in Northern Italy yesterday was in the area north of Lake Garda, where the Nazis were attempting to hold back an American drive toward the Brenner Pass, gateway to Austria.

A headquarters spokesman said the enemy apparently was attempting to "reassemble his disjointed force at a point on this route in order to attempt the long and tortuous march up into the Alps."

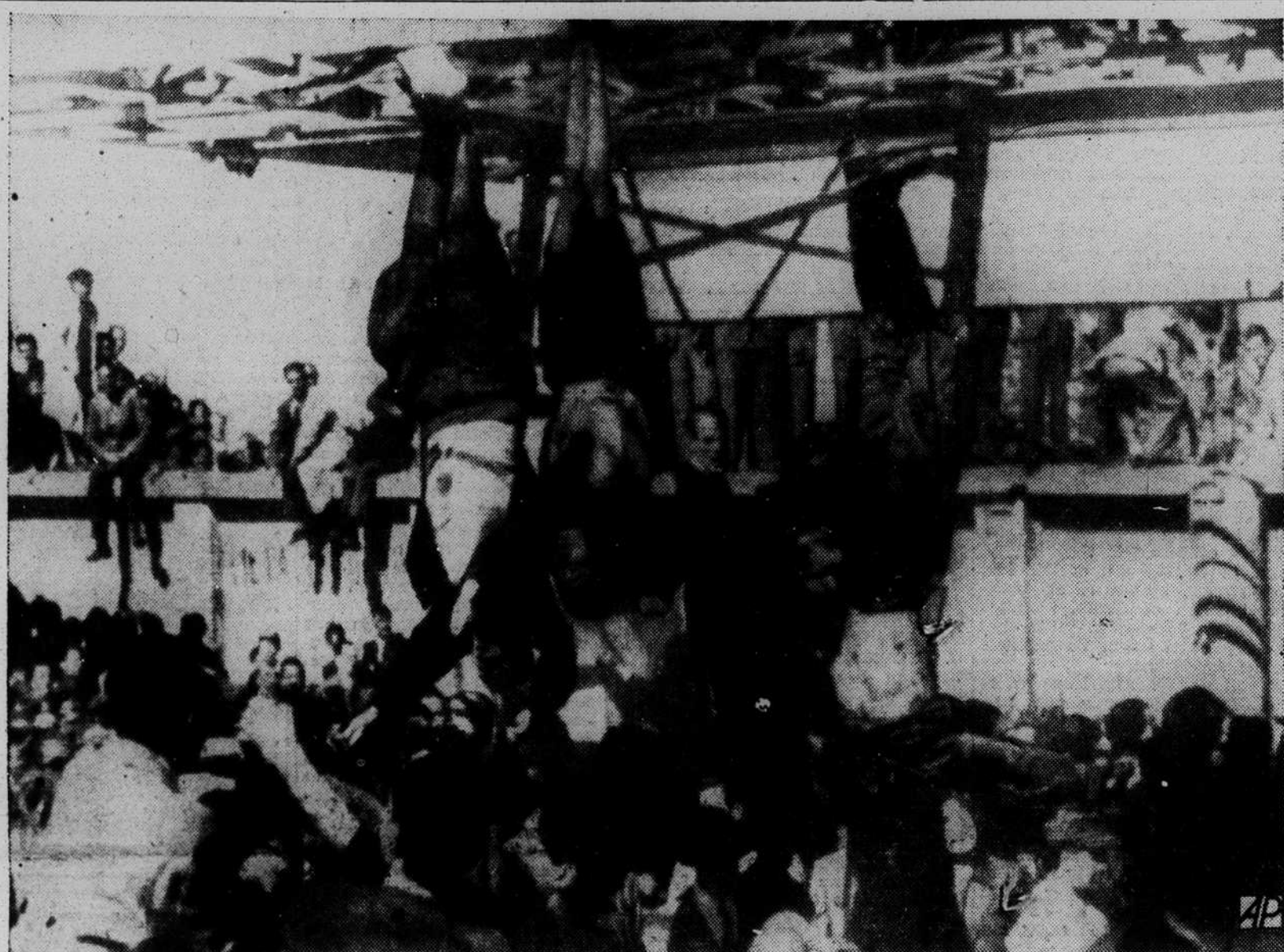
These reports underscored last night's statement by Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the 15th Army group, that the German armies in Italy have been "virtually eliminated as a military force" by the shattering Allied drives.

DRIVE NORTHWARD Unite of the U. S. Tenth Mountain division pressed their drive northward in the direction of Trento and the Brenner Pass after the 86th Mountain infantry regiment captured the towns of Riva, Torole and Nago at the northern end of Lake Garda.

At the same time the Eighth army's 27th Lancers struck north from Mestra, passed through Treviso and crossed the Piave river after seizing a bridge near Nervesa. They pushed hard in the direction of Austria.

The Eighth army took about 10,000 prisoners yesterday alone.

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MUSSOLINI'S BODY HANGS BY HEELS IN SQUARE IN MILAN—In Milan's Piazza Loreto the bodies of Benito Mussolini (left) and his mistress, Clara Petacci (center) hang by their heels as they were put on public display. At right of the Petacci body, partisans hold the body of Lt. Gen. Achille Starace, former chief of staff of the Italian fascist militia and former secretary of the fascist party in Italy. This picture was obtained by the New York Times and was sent by radio from Bern, Switzerland, to New York.—(AP Wirephoto)

Molotov May Soon Leave Conference Due To War Developments On His Home Front

GUERRILLAS TAKE TALIKUD

U. S. Infantry Driving On Davao, As Island Off Shore Seized

MANILA, May 1.—(P)—Capture by guerrillas of Talikud Island, nine miles off Davao city, was reported today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, whose infantrymen driving rapidly toward that big Mindanao port were bothered more by booby-trapped roads than by Japanese troops.

Talikud, five miles long, is strategically located amid shipping lanes deep inside the harbor. Twenty-fourth division doughboys under Maj. Gen. Roscoe Woodruff were within 17 miles of Davao city by Sunday and moving swiftly toward the city limits, only three miles ahead.

Encountering only disorganized resistance, although they expect a stiff fight at Davao, the Yanks overran an elaborate system of antiaircraft positions and intact coastal guns obviously readied to repel an assault on Davao gulf proper.

ON MINDANAO Instead, the 24th had come overland from their beachhead in Moro gulf. The 31st division is driving north in Central Mindanao.

American P-T boats again shelled coastal installations at Davao. On Luzon, meantime, the 37th division pushed through captured Baguio and occupied La Trinidad against moderate resistance, but

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WHAT'S DOING

6:30 p.m.—Sunday school workers of First Baptist church have business supper at the church.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church.

8:00 p.m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.

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

Departure, Expected Any Day, Will Not Reflect Displeasure With Meeting

By John M. Hightower

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—(P)—Word that Foreign Commissar Molotov soon may leave the United Nations conference because of war developments coincided today with new big-three efforts to draft management details of this world meeting.

50,000 American Prisoners Freed In Moosburg Area

By EDWARD D. BALL

WITH THE U. S. 14TH ARMORED DIVISION May 1.—(P)—In high spirits 50,000 Americans, half of them air force officers, almost mobbed 14th Armored division tankmen today in one of the wildest liberations ever witnessed in Germany.

The Americans were among 130,000 Allied prisoners—including 37 high-ranking officers—freed at Stalag 7A and in the towns around Moosburg where the Germans had the biggest concentration of prisoners in Germany.

In contrast to the starvation conditions prevailing in the other liberated camps, the prisoners in the Moosburg area for the most part were in good physical condition. This was due to the presence among the prisoners of a number of Allied officers, including many colonels.

RED CROSS PACKAGES Another factor contributing to their well-being was the nearness of Switzerland, from whence the International Red Cross was able to provide food parcels without encountering too great transportation difficulties.

At Stalag 7A in Moosburg, where 37,000 prisoners including 14,891 Americans were kept, there were 175,000 Red Cross food packages on hand when the camp was liberated.

Morale was kept at high pitch at Stalag 7A by the strict discipline enforced by the camp commander, Col. Paul R. Goode of Corvallis, Ore., and his able staff. They had the camp thoroughly organized, with each man doing daily tasks.

Saturday inspections were held. Each officer and man was required

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COUNTY AGENT BEGINS WORK

Ben Jenkins, Jr., Has First Day In Cleveland Farm Office

Ben Jenkins, Jr., came to Shelby today for his first day as Cleveland county farm agent. He succeeds John Wilkins, who turned over the keys of the office to Mr. Jenkins and introduced him to personnel in the agricultural department and to the farmers over the county.

Mr. Jenkins, who is a native of Cleveland county, having been born in the New House community, is a graduate of Polkville high school and N. C. State college where he finished with the class of 1937.

For the first six years after his graduation he was connected with the agricultural department of Randolph county and for the last year and a half has been assistant county agent in Alamance county. He made an enviable record in Alamance and Randolph and comes to Cleveland highly recommended.

He is a livestock enthusiast and believes in high grade cattle and good pastures. He was also a specialist in 4-H work and has been quite successful working with farm boys and girls.

He has not brought his family to Shelby yet. His wife is the former

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Pro-Axis Argentina Gets Seated; Poland Left Out

By JAMES MARLOW

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—(P)—Here's a thumbnail sketch of why all the argument about Poland and Argentina at the United Nations no-more-war conference.

The question was: Should those two countries be permitted to take part in the conference? The Latin American countries wanted Argentina here. Russia wanted Poland here.

Remember this: The 46 nations represented here are all members of the United Nations organization, which means:

1. All are at war with the

AUSSIES SAY FAMED DIVISION IS ON ISLAND

No Announcement From MacArthur; "Softened Up" For 2 Months

"ASSAULTS REPULSED"

MANILA, May 1.—(P)—An Allied invasion of oil rich Borneo, first reported by radio today, was practically confirmed tonight by official Australian sources.

The Japanese said Allied amphibious assault forces hit near Tarakan, great oil shipping port off the northeast coast of Dutch Borneo and that the Nipponese garrison was putting up a heavy fight.

At Canberra, Joseph B. Chifley, Australia's treasury minister, told the house that a "famous division" of Australian troops, veterans of Middle East warfare, was in action on Borneo.

American bombers have lashed Borneo, and especially Tarakan, for two months, softening up Japanese defense there. At the height of this bombing campaign forces of the Eighth army's 41st division made an amphibious hop April 4 to Tawitawi, on the southwestern extremity of the Sulu archipelago in the Philippines. The Tawitawi area is only 200 miles northeast of Tarakan.

The reported invasion point is 800 miles south of Manila, just under 1,000 miles from Singapore and about 800 miles from Saigon.

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VANCE BAISE IS RETAINED

Governor Recommends Chief Highway Engineer; Salary Increased

RALEIGH, May 1.—(P)—Governor Cherry recommended today to the newly organized state highway and public works commission that Vance Baise be retained as chief engineer and that his salary be increased from \$6,000 to \$7,500 a year.

The increase, the governor said, would be in line with newly adopted pay schedules for all highway employees.

Cherry made no mention of Charles Ross, acting chairman until today, when A. H. Graham of Hillsboro took the oath. Several members of the commission said they did not believe Ross would be reappointed as chief counsel, a post he held for for many years. He has been with the commission 20 years.

Cherry urged that the commission give special attention to farm-to-market roads, to suggestions of county commissioners and city aldermen and councils.

"I suggest that you get close to

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SUGAR STAMP MUST LAST FOUR MONTHS

No. 6 stamp good for five pounds of sugar became valid today amidst a tale of woe from the OPA office.

Instead of lasting for the customary two months as heretofore there will be no further sugar available until September 1. In addition to this, it was pointed out by J. J. Hartigan, secretary of the rationing board, that Shelby's quota of canning sugar has been cut in half and the rationing board will necessarily have to pare down requests.

Householders have right to apply for only 15 pounds of sugar for canning and they will not likely get this much. Five pounds each to persons has already been issued for some emergency canning.

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Red Victory Banner Floats Over Smoking Ruins Of Reichstag

LONDON, May 1.—(P)—Victory-flushed Soviet troops made a supreme bid to deal the death blow to flaming Berlin on this May day. In the words of Marshal Stalin it was the "final assault."

A Red victory banner floated over the smoking ruins of the Reichstag, where Hitler rose to power from the ashes of the Reichstag fire of 1933. Heinrich Himmler's ministry of the interior was in Russian hands. Red army troops laid siege to the Fuehrer's underground fortress in the Tiergarten. The Russians were at the Brandenburg gate, Berlin's triumphal arch, and across the Spree river from Berlin's cathedral.

Die-hard German remnants were compressed in the center of the blazing inferno that is Berlin, stubbornly keeping street crossings un-

LONDON, May 1.—(P)—The German high command declared today that the Berlin garrison, "rallying around our Fuehrer and compressed in a small space," fought on "against superior Soviet arms."

der a murderous cross fire and "killing in the process the civilian population of the city," a supplementary Moscow communique declared.

As a German broadcast conceded that the 11-day battle for the gutted capital was as good as lost.

Marshal Stalin in a special order on the day said the Russian people were celebrating May day "under conditions of the victorious termination of the great patriotic war."

This triumphant announcement, declaring that Soviet troops had "hoisted the banner of victory over Berlin," said the Germans had lost 1,000,000 men killed and 800,000 captured on the eastern front in the last three or four months. He said the Nazis also lost 6,000 planes, 12,000 tanks and 23,000 cannon.

FINALE ASSAULT "The last assault is on," the Russian leader said, as Soviet troops began ripping Nazi defenders of the capital into two isolated

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Churchill Hints Peace May Come By Saturday

By Lewis Hawkins

LONDON, May 1.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill hinted today that announcement of peace in Europe might come before Saturday, but told a packed house of commons that he had no statement at this time.

He answered questions in the house as Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte conferred in Stockholm with Erik Boheman, undersecretary of state in the Swedish foreign office, after a quick flight from Copenhagen.

Bernadotte refused to tell newsmen whether he had brought a new message from Heinrich Himmler. There were no signs that the Swedish Red Cross official had made a contact with Allied representatives in Stockholm, but such contact most likely would be established through the Swedish foreign office.

Replying to a member's questions, Churchill declared "I have no special statement to make on the war position in Europe except that it is definitely more satisfactory than it was at this time five years ago."

Then he added he might make a brief announcement later this week, but "only if information of exceptional importance reaches us."

He continued: "Should information of importance reach his majesty's governments during the four days of our sittings this week—as it might do—I will ask Mr. Speaker's permission to ask the indulgence of the house to interrupt business and make a brief announcement."

The implication that peace might come before the house rises for the week on Friday evening the nearest to a prediction that Churchill ever permitted himself.

ALL ALLIES "Of course," he said, "I shall make no statement here that is not in accord with the statement which will be made by our Allies," explaining such announcements would be made only after consulting military commanders in different theaters.

The prime minister said he did not consider that the information in "a major message" reaching the government should be withheld "until the exact occupation of all the particular zones was achieved. The movement of troops and the surrender of enemy troops and the

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Army Plans For 'One-Front' Plane Output

By KARL R. BAUMAN

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(P)—A "one-front" airplane production schedule which may cut monthly output by as many as 2,000 planes by the end of this year has been drafted by the Army Air Forces. About 7,000 craft now are being turned out each month.

The revised schedule, it was learned today, has been submitted to WPB's production readjustment committee for approval.

In effect, the new schedule writes off the European war so far as plane production is concerned. It involves only estimated army needs in the Pacific.

With the exception of the two giant bombers, the Boeing B-29 Superfortress and the Consolidated Vultee B-32, virtually all A.A.F. combat planes are affected. Some of the cut-backs, however, are merely paper ones. This means that originally projected production peaks are being lowered, but that the effect will not be felt for many months.

SUPPLY DEMAND Even with the new schedule, some in the A.A.F. believe further reductions will be required to balance supply with demand because thousands of planes will become available with the end of hostilities in Europe.

As a result studies now are being made to determine whether cut-backs should be made in some cargo types as well as combat craft.

Despite the lessening of army needs for planes, navy requirements are expected to continue at present or even higher levels.