

WEATHER

North Carolina — Cloudy and moderately cool with rain and scattered thunder showers today and in east portion tonight; warmer north portion tonight.

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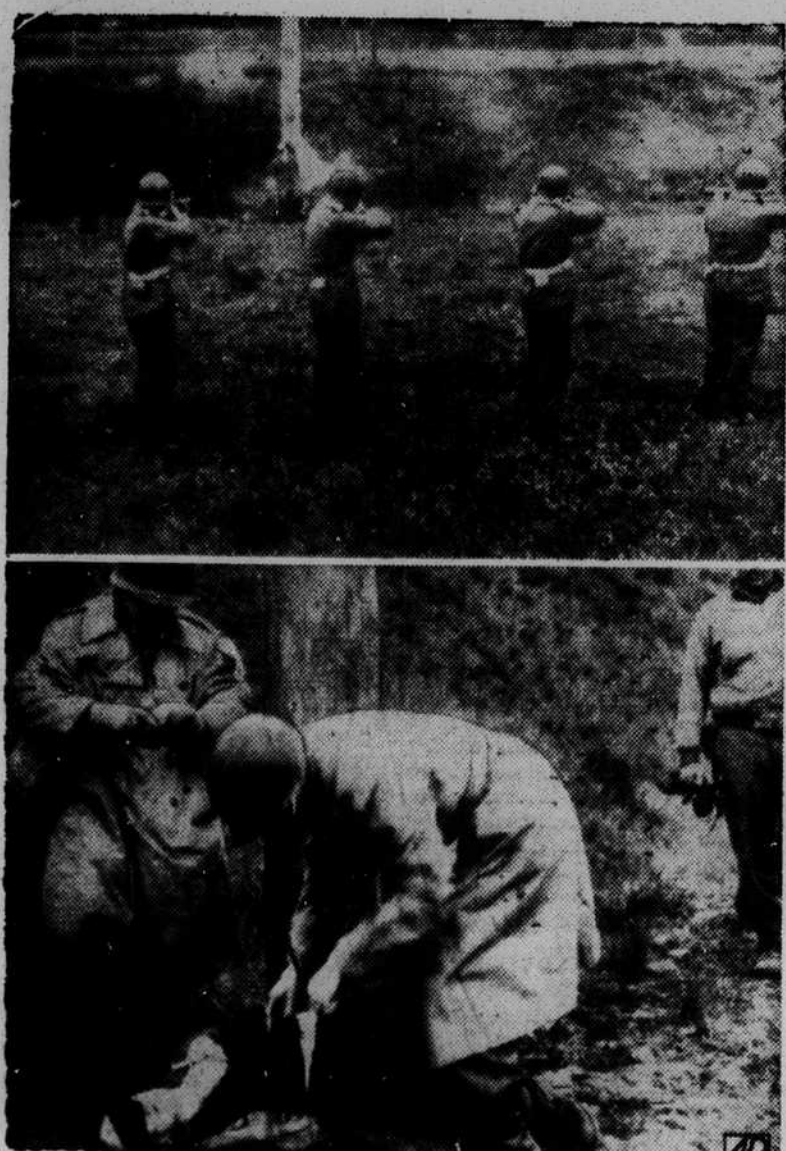
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"PAN-AMERICANA"

Phillip Terry — Audrey Long
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NAZI RESISTANCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONTINUES



THE DEATH OF A GERMAN SPY—Caught spying behind U. S. 7th Army lines in Germany, Richard Jarzyk of the 36th Volk Grenadier Division slumps down before the fire of an execution squad (top) and is pronounced dead (bottom) by two Army doctors.—(AP Wirephoto)

AT CONFERENCE:

Deadlock In U. S. Delegation Broken

Group Arrives At Tentative Solution Of Fitting Regional Security Systems In World Plan

By John M. Hightower
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor
SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—(P)—The United States delegation was reported today to have broken its week-old deadlock over how to fit regional security systems into a world peace organization. The solution, although tentative, is seen here as another long step in speeding the United Nations security conference toward a successful conclusion.

Nelson Resigns As White House Representative

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(P)—Donald M. Nelson has resigned as White House representative to "other governments" and President Truman has named Edwin A. Locke, Jr., to carry on his work in China.

Locke was Nelson's executive assistant on his missions to China, Russia, England and Australia. The resignation of Nelson, former Sears Roebuck executive who left the chairmanship of the War Production board to take over various special diplomatic assignments for the late President Roosevelt, is effective May 15.

Nelson organized a War Production board for China and left it in the hands of assistants some weeks ago.

Nelson submitted his resignation April 16, but it was not accepted then. He later repeated it verbally, White House officials said, and Mr. Truman accepted it.

2,500 U. S. Troops Get Discharges

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(P)—The army handed discharge papers today to approximately 2,500 veteran troops—the first batch of men released to go home under the new point rating plan.

They were all mustered out at rest camps in this country, being among the veterans of fighting on all fronts who had been brought back for recuperation. An estimated 218,000 such men are eligible for release.

The War department said all 2,500 had high point scores for length of service, overseas duty, combat and parenthood. A minimum of 85 points is necessary for discharge and the army expects to release 1,300,000 soldiers on this basis within a year.

CLOSE-QUARTER COMBAT RAGES ON OKINAWA

Between 50,000 And 100,000 Troops Engaged In Fighting

4-MILE BATTLELINE

By Al Dopking
GUAM, May 12.—(P)—Four attacking American divisions and bitterly resisting Japanese were locked in close quarter combat today along the entire Okinawa island front where both sides frequently charged with fixed bayonets.

Perhaps 50,000 to 100,000 Japanese and Americans were involved in fighting over ridges and ravines along the four-mile battleline.

Flame throwers, tanks and blazing gasoline seared interlocking cave defenses as the first Yank two-corps offensive hammered to within a mile of the two major objectives—Shuri, a medieval type fortress in the center, and Naha, shattered west coast port and capital of the southern Ryukyus.

"You won't see spectacular advances, because this isn't that kind of fighting," said Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., as his Tenth army opened its greatest assault yesterday while Japanese suicide planes attacked shipping offshore. "But you will see many Japs killed and you will see them gradually rolled back."

And that is the way it was, Associated Press Correspondent Vern Haugland reported from the front—bitter fighting all across the island.

Naval land and aerial artillery supported the attack by the First and Sixth Marine divisions and the army's 77th and 96th Infantry divisions.

NAVAL CAMPAIGN
Testifying to the toughness of the naval campaign, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the past week's naval casualties were 1,302. Total naval casualties for the Ryukyus campaign, March 18 through Wednesday, were 6,853—1,283 officers and men killed; 3,498 wounded and 2,072 missing.

After hurling back infiltration attacks during the night, Buckner lost the greatest offensive of the 41-day-old campaign to crack the main Japanese defense of the vital island, 325 miles from Japan's homeland. 39,462 Japanese dead have been counted in the Okinawa campaign—approaching double the figure of tough Iwo Jima.

Along the west coast, the Sixth

Japanese Shipping At Kataoka Naval Base Is Bombed

11TH AIRFORCE HEADQUARTERS, ALEUTIAN, May 10.—(Delayed)—(P)—Liberators peppered Japanese shipping Thursday at Kataoka naval base on Shumushu Jima, 30 miles south of Russian Kamchatka with 250-pound general purpose bombs, headquarters reported. Results were unobserved.

The bombing was made from high altitude by instruments through heavy overcast. Antiaircraft was meager and inaccurate.

The presence of Japanese shipping in Kataoka indicated the enemy may be reinforcing the northern Kurile bases since Russia's denunciation of the neutrality pact with Japan early last month.

More American bombs were dropped on the Japanese staging area at Kashiwabara on northern Paramushiro.

Results were unobserved due to the overcast.

Industrial Sugar Users Get Additional 20 Per Cent Cut

By HAROLD FLIEGER

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(P)—Increasingly tighter sugar rationing, cutting industrial users to 50 per cent of the pre-war supply, appeared in prospect for mid-year to day.

Sugar allotments to householders for home canning will be reduced too—and it will be a lot harder to get them from local rationing boards.

OPA officials, testifying yesterday before the house food investigating committee, said the deep retrenchments are necessary because of a growing sugar

Troops Who Served Both In Africa, Europe Will Not Have To Fight Japs

By Robert Eunson

PARIS, May 12.—(P)—The U. S. army's vast redeployment plan to shift fighting men from Europe to the Pacific began operation today, following an announcement by Gen. Eisenhower that combat troops who served both in North Africa and Europe would not have to fight in the Japanese theater.



HENRICH HIMMLER

Paris Radio Says Himmler Captured

NEW YORK, May 12.—(P)—CBS reported from Paris today that Heinrich Himmler "is now reported to be in our hands."

"Himmler is understood to have been held by Admiral Doenitz in the Flensburg area under house arrest, and Doenitz is believed to have turned him over to British forces in that area," the broadcast said.

NURSES FINALS HERE TONIGHT

Graduating exercises will be held tonight beginning at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian church for the Shelby hospital nurses school. President Phil Elliott, of Gardner-Webb college will deliver the baccalaureate address and the diplomas will be presented by Dr. Ben H. Kendall and Miss Pryte Glascoe.

Members of the graduating class are: Misses Maxine Souther, of Old Fort; Mildred Paris, of Clover, S. C.; Evelyn Gold, of Shelby; Edna Turner Childers, of Grover; Betty Yoder Dawson, of Hickory; Ruth Costner, of Gastonia; Mary Neal Helms, of Gastonia; Hester Helms, of Lincolnton; Nira Lynnhart, of Chase City, Va.; Ruth Summey, of Gaffney, S. C.; Jeanette Teague, of Hickory.

Following the graduating exercises, a reception will be held at the Nurses home on the hospital campus for friends and families of members of the graduating class.

Soviet Government In Austria Orders Death To Nazis

By The Associated Press

The Soviet-sponsored provisional government of Austria has passed a law suppressing the Nazi party and providing death sentences for its present members Tass said today. The law dispatch broadcast by the Moscow radio to the Russian domestic press and reported by the FCC said that under the law all the Nazi party's property in Austria "is to pass into the hands of the Austrian republic."

The law demands the personal registration of Nazis who belonged to the party from July 1, 1933, to April 27, 1945, the dispatch said.

Russian Newsmen Demands Hanging For Franz Von Papen

MOSCOW, May 12.—(P)—Commentator Nikolai Polyanov declared in the newspaper Komosomol Pravda today that "justice demands" the hanging of Franz von Papen, Nazi diplomat captured by American forces. He named von Papen specifically in an article saying "the time has arrived to get busy with those criminals who started the war in Europe."

Uppermost factor in the operation of the redeployment plan, said Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, deputy military governor of the U. S. group control council, was "The problem of applying overwhelming force to bring the war against Japan to a quick end."

Troops which have amassed sufficient points based on service, dependents and decorations, will be discharged. When the scores are tabulated they will be sent to the War Department, which will determine what score will be low enough to permit the release of 2,000,000 men while retaining the 6,968,000 necessary to fight Japan and occupy Germany.

Among the foremost factors involved are the immediate training of troops now in Germany and France in Japanese tactics, and the matter of leave and accommodations for troops awaiting reassignment or discharge.

Some American service troops already were moving toward French ports, for the beginning of the long journey to the Pacific area. Combat troops will begin moving in about six months.

It will be 45 days before the

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Prisoners, Abandoned By Japs, Rescued

RANGOON, May 12.—(P)—Twenty U. S. army air force officers and 19 enlisted men, abandoned by the Japanese as unfit to walk away from the Rangoon central prison, were evacuated May 4 by the 15th Indian corps which had occupied the Burma capital the night before.

With the Americans left behind were 29 British officers. Seventy five other American officers and men were among 400 prisoners of war marched away by the Japanese April 25 in a withdrawal northward toward Insein, where most if not all were believed rescued by troops of the British 14th army.

Sgt. Major John Finnerty, 30, of Elre, who had spent three years and 14 days at the prison said the Japanese used "refined torture" methods on the prisoners.

He said new arrivals were thrown into solitary confinement and kept without water until they were too weak to respond to orders, providing excuses for atrocities by being unable to move.

1,000 DIED
The Irishman said in three years 1,000 prisoners had died of beriberi and dysentery.

On April 29, the prisoners said, the Japanese guards ordered "lights out"—although there never had been any lights. The next morning the guards were gone and the prisoners found a note in which the guards said they were afraid they had not treated the prisoners very well, adding "if we meet on another front we must all fight bravely."

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Wing Cmdr. L. V. Hudson, 29, Sydney, Australia, said the prisoners often were kept in solitary confinement for months and the "only change of clothing they had was when someone died."

Lt. Gus E. Johnson, Miami, Fla., who was shot down in October, 1943, said he had not had any soap to wash with for 18 months, and that often the prisoners were three weeks without a bath. Master Sgt. Richard Montgomery, Pittsburgh, Pa., had a hand shot off. The Japanese neglected him for more than a day and gangrene set in. Finally they let a British doctor amputate and Montgomery lost more of his arm than would have been necessary if he had received treatment earlier.



A NAZI INSPECTS HIS WORK—The commandant of the Landsberg, Germany, concentration camp stands amid bodies of internees, who died while the camp was under his administration. The picture was made after U. S. 7th Army troops liberated the camp.—(AP Wirephoto).

40th Division Yanks Land On Mindanao

Japanese Continue Fierce Resistance At Davao But Doughboys Gain Against Them

By Fred Hampson

MANILA, May 12.—(P)—Japanese garrisons throughout Mindanao were isolated from each other and cut off from outside aid, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today, as a result of a new American landing on that island, second largest in the Philippines.

Battle-seasoned Yanks of the 40th division swarmed ashore unopposed Thursday at Macajalar Bay, on the island's north coast, to surprise and checkmate the enemy's garrison in Bukidnon province, in the interior. Rear Adm. A. D. Struble commanded the amphibious force.

The Bukidnon Japanese had been backing northward, trying to get away from the Yank 31st division, coming at them from the south. The 40th division operation constituted a landing in the rear of this enemy unit. MacArthur said it left the enemy "incapable of serious opposition."

The Japanese at Davao continued fierce resistance. Nevertheless the Yank 24th division gained against them.

Besieged Japanese on Tarakon, Borneo, also fought with tigerish fury and prevented Australian and Dutch assault units from capturing Djeouta oil field, in the central part of the island. However, the

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British Launch Air And Land Attacks From Rangoon Area

CALCUTTA, May 12.—(P)—British forces, operating from newly won Rangoon, launched air and land attacks yesterday to clear the way for an invasion of Thailand and Malaya. Other forces continued to advance south from Rangoon.

Fourth British corps headquarters announced that British troops had counted 16,730 slain Japanese in their drive through Burma.

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THE WAR TODAY: Free Flow Of News Seen As Means Of Re-Educating Nazis

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer
The reformation of Germany presents vast and unprecedented problems for Allied solution, and the greatest of these is how best to re-educate the people of the Reich so as to eliminate the curse of Nazism and Prussianism. Hitler remoulded the thought of the nation by intensive education along his evil lines. There is no cure except more education along the right lines. The first task will be to determine what are the right lines, and that won't be easy because there's no exact precedent for guidance. The job of re-education will take years, and the Allies can't afford to make serious mistakes. The wrong approach would be adding to the damage already done by the war-mongering dictator. So where do we begin? The other night I spoke on foreign affairs at a dinner, and during a question period afterward a university president raised the point of what type of education should be promoted in Germany in order to achieve peace. We quickly found we agreed that the educational program should be such as would give

SOVIETS FORCE SURRENDER OF UNITS IN NORTH

Three New Junctures With Americans Effect- ed In Holdout Area

FIGHTING IN BERLIN

LONDON, May 12.—(P)—Soviet armored forces slashed today at nazi troops offering bitter resistance in Czechoslovakia as they attempted to flee westward through a rapidly narrowing corridor toward the American lines.

Other Russian troops had forced the surrender of the major portion of disheartened enemy units in northern Austria, and had effected three new junctures with the Americans in the holdout area.

Inside Berlin the Russians were meeting the same kind of futile but savage resistance.

Scores of fires were being set nightly in the shattered capital, as Soviet soldiers extricated the bodies of hundreds of civilians from subway tunnels flooded in fast-act Nazi terrorism.

In Norway, where approximately 400,000 Nazi troops, the entire German occupation force, were reported completing their withdrawal and awaiting return to Germany, Vidkun Quisling's police chief and police minister were reported to have killed themselves rather than face capture by Patriots. Quisling remained in his Oslo cell.

"INSANE WAR"
Gen. Nicholas von Falkenhorst, who had commanded Nazi forces in Norway until last December, told his American Seventh army captors that his Fatherland had fought "the most insane war in history."

The Soviet high command announced that the Russians had seized 560,000 prisoners along the former eastern front Wednesday through Friday, including 45 German generals.

Linkup with the Americans in Czechoslovakia was accomplished by Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army near Rokycany, nine miles east of Pilsen, and by Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian army below Prague in the area northwest of Ceske Budejovice.

Malinovsky's troops occupied Gmunden and Zwettl in Austria near the Austro-Bohemian frontier 45 miles northeast of Linz, and in this same area made the third juncture with the Americans.

FORCED SURRENDER
Malinovsky forced the major part of Col. Gen. Woehler's German army group to surrender in northern Austria. This group was fighting under the overall command of

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WAY OPEN FOR POLAND TO BE CHARTER MEMBER

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—(P)—The way was left open today for Poland to join the United Nations organization as a charter member, even though there is no Polish delegation here.

The membership committee of the conference voted that all Allied nations which sign or adhere to the charter will be original members. Poland is the only United Nations member not here.

Denmark could be included under this provision too. She has not been among the United Nations because of German occupation of the homeland.

As for the neutrals, their admission to the world organization will be determined later. It was decided the organization would be open to all peace-loving nations able and willing to fulfill the obligations of the charter.

No time was set for bringing the countries that are outside the United Nations. But it was specifically separated from the clause on charter members and tagged "in the future."

More Top-Ranking Nazis Are Seized

WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY, May 11.—(P)—Dr. Walter Funk, president of the Reichsbank and German minister of economics, with 200 German ministerial personnel, including many top-ranking Nazis, has been seized by American Seventh army troops. The same troops also took into custody Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, Japanese ambassador to Germany, and 130 Japanese diplomatic personnel, the Army announcement said.

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