

U. S., SOVIET UNITS MEET

RUSSIANS HOLD NEARLY HALF OF BERLIN

BURNED TO DEATH BY SS TROOPS



IN A LARGE BARN just on the edge of Gardelegen, Germany, a prisoner burned to death by SS troops, is still in the position as if trying to rise and escape from his horrible death.

Capital Is Now Almost Surrounded

City Being Reduced To Rubble As Battle Grows In Fierceness
London, April 24.—(AP)—Two victory bound Russian armies cut deeply toward Berlin's flaming heart today, while other Soviet forces drew near awaiting American doughboys for an epochal junction of the eastern and western fronts.

MASS BURIAL FOR NAZI ATROCITY VICTIMS



Victims of Nazi atrocities, rows of bodies of political prisoners found in the Nordhausen concentration camp are carried to trenches for mass burial.

Americans Draw Nearer Nazi Hideout

Impressive Gains Are Reported Along Whole Battle Line
(The French press agency, quoting "Moscow reports" reaching London, said American and Russian troops had joined at Eilenburg, nine miles northeast of Leipzig.)

Stalin's Next Move In Row Over Poland

San Francisco Conference Is Looking To Moscow For Its Next Information
San Francisco, Cal., April 24.—(AP)—The next move in the big three row over Poland appears squarely up to Marshal Stalin.

Junction On Davao Road Is Captured

Manila, April 24.—(AP)—Major General R. B. Woodruff's 24th Infantry division on southern Mindanao has seized the key road junction of Kabanua, almost half way to Davao, cutting Japanese forces in half.

Pétain Reaches Switzerland; Laval Is Refused Admittance

Bern, Switzerland, April 24.—(AP)—Aged Marshal Pétain entered Switzerland from Germany today after declaring himself willing to stand trial in France.

American Center Stalled By Jap Okinawa Defenses

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

Doughton Is Hopeful For Cut In Taxes

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, of the House Ways and Means Committee, expressed hope today of some tax adjustments "right after V-E day."

Meat Shortages "Planned" To Get Profit, Is Claim

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—Senator Ellender, Louisiana Democrat, contended today the meat shortage was "planned" by a group within the industry to force higher ceiling prices.

BISHOP PEELE HAS ATTACK ON SUNDAY

Durham, April 24.—Bishop W. W. Peele of the North Carolina and Virginia Methodist conference was stricken with a heart attack in Richmond Sunday, according to a telegram received here yesterday.

Advancements In Army Air Forces Made Effective

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—A number of Lt. Gen. Benney M. Giles as commanding general of the army air forces in the Pacific ocean area was announced today by the War Department.

Neutral Nations Again Warned Not To Harbor Nazis

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—A warning to neutral countries against offering sanctuary to perpetrators of Nazi war atrocities came from the House Foreign Affairs Committee today.

Planes Blast At Germans Fleeing Over to Denmark

London, April 24.—(AP)—British bombers in large force hit land today at railway yards at Bad Godesloe, 20 miles north-east of Hamburg, in a blow to cut off Germans reported withdrawing into Denmark.

Stocks Reach 8-Year High

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy and mild west and central portions, partly cloudy and warmer extreme east portion today.

King Leopold From Belgium Expected; Pétain Faces Trial

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Ickes Budget Cut Fourth By House Group

Washington, April 24.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee passed a handful of brackets and a 25 percent budget cut at the Interior Department today.

Superforts Hit Tokyo With Force After Slowdown

Guam, April 24.—(AP)—A fleet of 199 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.

German disintegration proceeded swiftly. During April alone, more than 1,015,000 prisoners have been captured by General Eisenhower's western armies, which since 10-Day have captured upwards of 2,450,000 Germans.

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The committee turned down a request for \$1,072,000 to finance an Alaskan development study, concluding that it would be "little or no practical value."