

Surrender Is Ratified In Berlin

Truman Statement Eases Way For Jap Surrender

AMERICA'S BIG TOWN SQUARE CHEERS WAR NEWS



COUNT 'EM IF YOU LIKE, but anyway here are teeming thousands who filled New York City's "crossroads of the world" and overflowed throughout the big town as the first unofficial news came in that Germany's last armies had surrendered and war was ended in Europe. Nobody bothered about the war still to be won against Japan, for whistles were blowing and confetti filled the air and the celebration was on—no only in New York but also in all the world's towns—although official announcement was postponed.

Tokyo Says No Change Will Occur

Congressmen Place Interpretation On President's Words
Washington, May 9.—(AP)—President Truman's statement on unconditional surrender for Japan was widely viewed in Congress today as easing the way for the Japanese to end their futile struggle.

Signs Terms



CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE GERMAN ARMY, Col-Gen. Gustav Jodl, according to unofficial reports from Europe, signed unconditional surrender terms for Germany. The signing, it was stated, was done in the headquarters of Gen. Eisenhower.

By Act, Nazis Admit Their Full Defeat At Hands Of Allies

"Invincible Army" Claim Is Blasted For Enemy Forever

Berlin, May 9.—(AP)—The final act of military surrender of all Germany's armed forces to the Allied and Red armies high commands took place in the Berlin suburb of Karlshorst this morning at 12:16 a. m., central European time (7:16 p. m. EDT Tuesday).

Signed For U. S.



THIS IS the most recent picture taken of Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff for General Eisenhower. He is reported to have signed for the United States the paper by which Germany surrendered unconditionally to western Allies and Russia.

U. S. Seeks Control Of Land It Seized In Two World Wars

Issue Looms Large At Conference, With Pan-American Bloc

San Francisco, May 9.—(AP)—The United States is seeking an agreement on control of land seized in both world wars which will allow the army and navy to set up bases at any point in the world considered vital to United States security.

To Be Tried Here



CAPTURED in Italy, Eera Pound, 60, is to be brought back to this country for trial as a traitor to the United States. Native of Idaho and friend of Mussolini, Pound became notorious as "the Yank Lord Haw-Haw" for his work in behalf of the now-defunct Axis.

Quisling Of Norway Held For Hearing

German Commanders In Control There Reported Suicides

Oslo, Norway, May 9.—(AP)—German reports today said Josef Terboven, German commissioner in Norway, and SS General Reibuss committed suicide by shooting themselves.

Oslo, May 9.—(AP)—Vidkun Quisling, whose name became a synonym for treachery in this war, was taken to the Oslo jail today from his estate outside Oslo, and will be arraigned publicly in court sometime this afternoon under Norwegian law.

The Norwegian Nazi chief, broken by the swift events which toppled his five-year grip on Norway, drove up to the Oslo police station in a bullet-riddled car with six of his cabinet members.

While immediate arraignment is scheduled by law, some police officials said he might not be arraigned until tomorrow morning.

Dispatches from Oslo yesterday said Quisling had been in his lavish suburban home, "Gårds" guarded by homey staff.

The Norwegian home forces rounded up 400 other quislings throughout the capital.

Meanwhile, plans to move Nazi troops from the country went forward in conferences between Brigadier General R. Hillen, chief of the Allied control commission, and Major General Holte, chief of staff to the German commander in Norway.

The first outbreak of violence occurred in Oslo during the night when two Norwegian and a German sailor were killed in a skirmish outside the office of the newspaper Aftenposten.

Beside Quisling, Povelsgaard Minister Fogelsgaard and the minister for sports and forced labor, Axel Stand, were held at Oslo prison, the official Swedish Telegraph Agency said.

NOT SLIGHTEST CHANGE TO BE MADE, TOKYO SAYS

San Francisco, May 9.—(AP)—The Japanese government announced today the collapse of Germany "will not bring the slightest change" in Japan's determination to fight to the finish.

This was reported by Tokyo radio, which simultaneously announced new preparations to meet an invasion of the home islands.

Broadcasts recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

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Truman Signs Extension Of Draft Set-Up

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—President Truman today signed legislation extending the selective service act as a "compelling necessity" in the continuance of military operations against Japan.

The President said he signed the bill extending the military draft a year from May 15 (or until the war has ended on all fronts) with reluctance because he does not wish his action to be interpreted as expressing concurrence with a section of the legislation placing "red" restrictions on the War and Navy Departments in their management of the fighting forces.

The measure as passed by Congress prohibits the use of 18-year-olds in combat unless they have had at least six months of training.

Cotton Rises Toward Close

New York, May 9.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 cents a bale higher to five cents lower. Noon prices were 20 to 25 cents a bale higher.

Table with columns: Month, P. Close, Open. Rows: May, July, October, December, March.

Begin Some Reconversion Immediately

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—Wartime controls over production, rationing and pricing will be continued until Japan is defeated, the administration said today but reconversion will start immediately.

High lights for the program, as outlined at a White House news conference by War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson:

- 1. Immediate suspension of the ban on horse and dog racing, and lifting of the midnight entertainment curfew, effective tonight.
2. Release of enough materials and manpower, no longer needed for the Pacific war, to produce a few more new automobiles within six to nine months.
3. Some prospects of an early increase in gasoline allowances for civilian motorists.
4. Vinson said he saw no indications of an early general improvement.

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Goering Taken By U.S. Troops Following Arrest By Hitler

Sixth Army Group Headquarters, May 9.—(AP)—Hermann Goering, once the second ranking Nazi, was captured last night by the American seventh army, and declared to the Germans an order of Hitler because he wanted to conclude a surrender.

The fat reichsmarshal said he was seized by the Germans on April 27, held at Berchtesgaden and ordered executed. He last saw Hitler on April 22 in Berlin, he asserted. He said he believed Hitler died on April 27 or 28.

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, German commander of the western front until March, also was captured.

General Ritter von Epp, erstwhile defender of Munich, and governor of Bavaria, also was captured by the 30th division. He was one of the original Nazis.

The 101st airborne division captured Lt. Gen. Berger in a mass surrender of Waffen SS troops near Kesselring.

Goering surrendered personally to Brig. Gen. Robert Stack, assistant commander of the Texas division. The surrender occurred on a road east of Kesselring last night.

Mrs. Goering and their child also were taken.

All three appeared to be in good health. The woman, the former actress, Emmy Sonneman, cried frequently.

All Russia Celebrates End Of War

Soviets Allowed No Hint Of Surrender Until Early In Day

Moscow, May 9.—(AP)—Thousands of Russians swarmed through Red Square shouting, "Long live Stalin," and "Hurrah for Victory" as the Soviet capital turned out to the last man, woman and child today to celebrate the end of the European war.

In the center of the cheering, singing throng a group of American GIs attached to the U. S. military mission in Moscow danced across the cobblestones with girls from the factories, which had shut down for the celebration.

Uli Lezhnev, a small dark man with a big white goatee to 100,000,000 Russians today the important news that the war against Germany has ended in a crushing victory for the Soviet Union and her allies.

The immediate reaction to the stirring events was typically Slavic. It was 1:10 p. m. when Levitan, star announcer for the Moscow radio, and the man who has broadcast all of Premier Marshal Stalin's orders of the day, came on the air with the glad tidings.

Most of Moscow's residents were asleep, but the announcement acted like an alarm clock. Thousands poured into the streets, some still clad in pajamas and night gowns.

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BRUSSELS REACHES CONTACT WITH KING

Brussels, May 9.—(AP)—A Belgian cabinet communique today announced that official contact had been established with King Leopold III, recently rescued by the American seventh army in Austria, but said nothing about his return.

26 U. S. Fleet Units Sunk At Okinawa

Guam, May 9.—(AP)—Twenty-six minor U. S. fleet units, ranking from ammunition ships to landing craft, have been sunk by Japanese aerial attacks during the Okinawa operations, "but these losses have not slowed up" the Pacific campaign, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said today.

"I don't think the results they (Japanese) are achieving compensate for the losses they are taking," the admiral told correspondents in a press conference. Some 3,000 enemy aircraft have been destroyed since the start of the Ryukyuu campaign March 8.

He described Okinawa as the last, best and closest "ring" in the island ladder approach to Japan.

It is the most important objective American forces have attempted to take in the Pacific.

Japan's expenditure of its remaining air forces in persistent suicide attacks on American shipping off Okinawa is proof it regards Okinawa as highly important, and is "making sacrifices to defeat us there," he said.

Adverse weather held American ground forces to no substantial gains.

Report Goering Taken Along With Gen'l Kesselring

New York, May 9.—(AP)—An NBC broadcast from Paris today said Hermann Goering had been captured by the U. S. Seventh army.

Captured with Goering was Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, said NBC's correspondent, Stanley Richardson.

Richardson said Goering told his captors he had been sentenced to death by Hitler, but that he had escaped and had been in the area of his capture since last March.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Fair and moderately cool today and tonight, with slightly lower temperatures east central portion today, Thursday, increasing cloudiness, with little change in temperature.

Nazis Bomb Prague When Reds Enter

Three French Ports Are Surrendered By German Siege Units

London, May 9.—(AP)—Premier Marshal Stalin tonight announced the liberation of Prague. The Czechoslovak capital was freed at 4 a. m. today by Marshal Ivan Konev's troops after a swift night maneuver by tanks and infantry, striking from the north, Stalin said in a broadcast order of the day.

London, May 9.—(AP)—A station calling itself the Prague radio said today Russian troops had entered the Czechoslovak capital, and that German planes bombed the city and three other points in the republic shortly afterward.

Hostilities in Europe officially ended at 12:01 a. m. battlefield time. At about the same time the Germans surrendered the three French Atlantic ports and Alsace bases of Lorient, St. Nazaire and La Rochelle. The French communique said they had been exempted. The only Germans remaining unaccounted for in France were some 12,000 at Dunkierque, the channel port through which the British expeditionary force escaped in 1940.

About 70,000 Germans were believed to have stilled in the three surrendered ports, all important submarine bases when German undersea raiders threatened Allied victory. Action such as the reported last gasp at Prague are outlawed under surrender edicts, and German participants may be treated as francs-tireurs—subject to summary execution.

The unaccounted Czechoslovak broadcast said Prague and three other points in Czechoslovakia were attacked by air. Melnik Kralupy and a Jewish concentration camp at Terezin, 40 miles north of Prague, were said to have been bombed. The station did not say where the German planes came from.

The possibility was not overlooked that the entire situation might be a German trick in an attempt to get the western Allies to attack the Russians.