

DIEHARD NAZIS FLEEING INTO U. S. LINES

U. S. Proposes Trial Of Organizations As War Criminals

Forced Labor Would Be Penalty Imposed After Convictions

San Francisco, May 11.—(AP)—An American proposal to try organizations as well as individuals for war crimes was interpreted today as opening a new road for use of forced labor in rebuilding war devastated Europe. The proposition was reported receiving favorable consideration from representatives of Britain, Russia and France assembled here for the United Nations conference. Presumably it was taken back to Moscow by Foreign Commissar Molotov.

Acting as the representative of President Truman, Judge Samuel Rosenman, worked with Secretary of State Stettinius in discussing the proposal with their aides.

The State Department disclosed the program, which calls for organization of an international military tribunal to try the individuals and organizations accused of atrocities and war crimes in Europe.

State Department officials explained that presumably the Nazi party or any of its adjuncts—collectively the German army—could be charged before such a court with war crimes. If the organizations were convicted, the members would become subject to penalties.

Thus, if the German SS organization were found guilty, its individual members might be sentenced to hard labor in reconstruction work in France and England.

Such an arrangement would give credit backing to use of Germans to build back what they have destroyed.

2,000-Plane Raids Seen By Doolittle

London, May 11.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the U. S. 8th air force, who led the first air raid on Tokyo, predicted today that 2,000-plane raids would be made upon Japan.

"The size of the American air force operating against Japan will continue to be increased as airfields become available and supply routes and communication bases are established," Doolittle said at a press conference.

He disclosed that the personnel of the 8th air force in England now numbered approximately 200,000 men and women, and that another 100,000 have served on a rotating basis.

Doolittle said part of the manpower and equipment would be moved directly to the Pacific and the rest would be sent back to the United States or kept here indefinitely as part of the Allied occupation air force. He indicated that large numbers of Flying Fortresses and Liberators used in battering Germany would be shifted to the Pacific.

Doolittle disclosed that the present bomber strength of the 8th air force exceeded 2,400 Liberators and Fortresses.

Smaller Nations Press Demand At Conference

San Francisco, May 11.—(AP)—The San Francisco conference appeared today to be developing a strong bloc of small nations determined to win themselves greater authority over the proposed use of force to prevent future wars.

The issue is coming sharply to the fore in conference committees considering amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan for a world peace organization as it was drawn up by Britain, China, Russia and the United States in Washington last fall. Here are current top developments:

1. Prime Minister MacKenzie King, of Canada, told a committee on sanctions of the security council, which is the exclusive power, that any nation whose troops were to be used against an aggressor should be permitted a voice in the council's decision to take forcible action. Mexico and New Zealand endorsed this idea, and Australia and several others are backing the

Pershing Hears V-E



GENERAL OF THE ARMIES John J. Pershing, 84, commander of the American Expeditionary Force in World War I, was reported "quite sick" when news reached him of our second victory over Germany. For years the distinguished old warrior has lived in the Army's Walter Reed Hospital located in Washington, D. C. (International)

Hess, Himmler, Goering Are War Criminals

London, May 11.—(AP)—Rudolf Hess, Heinrich Himmler and Hermann Goering all have been listed by the United Nations as war criminals and there is a strong possibility that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz will also have to face trial for his life.

The information about the ranking luminaries of the fallen Nazi hierarchy and Hitler's successor in the suspended Reich came today from a highly reliable source. This informant estimated that between 1,500,000 and 6,000,000 Germans might be forced to atone for their nation's atrocities if the proposed plan of post punishment is adopted by the victorious powers.

Hess and Goering both are prisoners and both were Hitler denunciations. Himmler, the hangman head of the Gestapo, is a fugitive.

NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE BY GOVERNOR

Raleigh, May 11.—(AP)—Governor Cherry today reappointed Samuel B. Ehrhardt, of Washington, as a member of the State Board of Alcoholic Control to serve until April 23, 1946.

T. P. Bynum, of Hope Mills, was appointed a member of the commission to inspect the State's penal institutions; and Dr. C. H. Peters, of Rocky Mount, was appointed a member of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners for a term expiring May 5, 1946.

2,500 To Be Discharged On Saturday

Will Be First Unit To Be Freed Under New Point Ratings

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Approximately 2,500 soldiers will be released from the army tomorrow under the point-rating system announced by the War Department yesterday.

The discharges will take place at army separation centers in various parts of the country, the department said.

The men, first to be released under the new discharge plan, will be drawn from soldiers with long overseas service who have been brought back to the United States under the rotation system prior to the end of the war in Europe for rest and recuperation.

Soldiers from all theatres are included in this group.

Heinlin, Czech Traitor, Dies As A Suicide

With the U. S. Third Army in Czechoslovakia, May 11.—(AP)—Konrad Heinlin, who before the war delivered the Sudetenland to Hitler, died yesterday as a suicide in a war prison camp.

It was reported at an American corps headquarters that Heinlin slashed his wrist with a razor blade concealed under adhesive tape in a cigarette case. By taking his own life, Heinlin escaped execution by the Czechoslovak government. He had been sentenced to death in absentia by a Czechoslovak court in 1938.

Allied military authorities said Heinlin gave Hitler an indirect service which enabled the German army to turn and break the French Maginot line speedily. The Maginot line was built on specifications used in Czechoslovak fortifications.

After annexation of the Sudetenland, German artillerymen and experts in specialized weapons practiced many months developing a casement-smashing technique.

Japan Bombed Three Times In Single Day

Guam, May 11.—(AP)—Superfortresses bombed Japan's homeland three times today, striking at three industrial centers and three airfields on Kyushu island in a swift follow-up to yesterday's 100-plane B-29 raid.

In the heaviest attack, 100 to 150 Superfortresses attacked the big Kawasaki seaplane plant on Honshu, between Kobe and Osaka, as a smaller fleet blasted the Oita and Sakki airfields on Kyushu.

The latest attack was aimed at the important cities of Miyakanojo and Mititahara and at Miyakasaki airfield. Kyushu airfields, home bases of enemy planes used in Okinawa fighting, have been pounded time after time by the big bomb-carriers.

JAP WATERS MINED

Guam, May 11.—(AP)—Superfortresses, carrying out the largest aerial mining blockade in history, have "polluted" Japan's inland sea and the Tokyo and Nagoya harbors with high explosives. Major General Curtis Lemay announced today.

The 21st bomber command chief said nearly a dozen aerial mining missions had been carried out by the Superforts, each equipped with approximately ten tons of mines. Operations have not been confined to the areas mentioned today. Mines have been dropped in all major ports of Japan, and particularly in Shimonseski strait between Kyushu and Honshu islands.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy and cool today and tonight. Saturday cloudy, occasional rain and rather cool.

V-E DAY ENDS CAPITOL DIMOUT



STANDING IN SILENT MEDITATION, a wounded veteran of World War II and his wife and child view the dome of the nation's Capitol in Washington, bathed in powerful floodlights for the first time since Pearl Harbor. The dimout was ended with the coming of peace in Europe. This is a Washington Times Herald photo. (International Soundphoto)

Victory Drive Upon Capital Of Okinawa Is Now Shaping Up

Light Shines Again



SYMBOL OF LIBERTY to all the world, The Lady herself is pictured as— for the first time since Pearl Harbor's "Day of Infamy"—the floodlights revealed her against the night of V-E Day, still calm, still safe, the familiar Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The lights are stronger than they were before. (International)

Some U. S. Troops Already En Route To Japanese War

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Paris, May 11.—(AP)—Some American troops units already are on their way to French ports and headed for the Pacific war under the re-deployment program, it was disclosed here today.

The first combat troops from Europe, however, are not likely to reach the Pacific theatre in much under six months.

The first to go are service troops, for they are needed to prepare for the flow of combat veterans who helped defeat Germany.

Besides the service units already on the move, others have been alerted. Brigadier General Easter, acting deputy chief of staff, said,

Jap Dead Given As 2,322 In Two Days; River Is Crossed

Guam, May 11.—(AP)—A determined U. S. offensive against Nazi occupation in the Pacific was shaping up today, the 11th Marine division, newly assigned to the island's southern beach, crossed the Asa river estuary north of the two Japanese human bombs to blow up the bridge.

Still another bridge spanning the Asa river, north of Naha as a bridge, was destroyed by American troops. Major General Lemay C. Shepherd, Jr.'s sixth Marine division, the third to land, moved into the estuary, crossed the southern front in a week's work, and using of the Asa in two days yesterday.

Two Japanese attempted to blow up the bridge, but they failed themselves with explosives and detonating charges in the confusion on it. Their act served to damage the span and delay the crossing.

Establishing the southern front, Marine and commandos made limited gains yesterday. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commanding the Pacific area, announced these other developments:

Japanese defenses through Wednesday held up against an increase of 2,322 in the day's fighting. The American onslaught through Monday was 16,425, including 2,034 dead in ground fighting.

A light plane, later evacuated 482 Marshalls, had been taken to Jalut atoll in the Marshall islands in a daring rescue attempt with the Japanese counter-attacks with machine guns and other light weapons. The natives, who presumably had slipped out a messenger with word that they wanted to be treated, were taken to the U. S.-controlled Marshall islands.

Cotton Lists Slight Gains

New York, May 11.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale higher to five cents lower. Noon prices were five to 25 cents a bale higher. May 22, 95, July 22, 74, October 22, 14.

	Pe.	Close	Open
May 22, 95	22.94	22.94	22.94
July 22, 74	22.69	22.69	22.70
October 22, 14	22.12	22.12	22.12
December 22, 00	22.00	22.00	21.99
March 22, 00	21.90	21.90	21.90

Seek Escape From Pincer Of Russians

Germans Giving Up Freely Everywhere Except Czech Area

London, May 11.—(AP)—The diehard Nazi fanatics who fought on in Czechoslovakia in defiance of German unconditional surrender were reported in headlong flight for the American lines today as a vast pincer by three Soviet armies threatened momentarily to envelop them.

The first, second and fourth Ukrainian armies opened the assault on broad fronts from the northwest, east and southeast when forces under Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner himself wanted as a war criminal, and Colonel General Woelker ignored the surrender.

It was the only reported fighting by German troops in all Europe.

Elsewhere the Germans were giving up docilely. The Soviet high command announced capture of 299,969 German officers and men in preliminary check-ups all along the front. There were 26 Nazi generals in the bag.

Remnants of the beaten German surface and underwater fleets were in Allied hands, including the transport Prinz Eugen and Noerdring, which had shelled Copenhagen over the week-end. These were under the control guns of the royal navy in Copenhagen harbor, along with three destroyers, two torpedo boats, ten minesweepers, 13 flak ships, 19 armed trawlers and two armed merchantmen.

A report for the French press agency said French sailors in La Rochelle, Atlantic port which surrendered Wednesday, officially had taken over the German Atlantic fleet units anchored there. The number of vessels was not announced.

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz' submarine fleet—the wolfpack which so long had preyed on Allied shipping—was surrendering and putting into British ports.

Military To Crush Nazi Underground

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—A special intelligence section to detect and ruthlessly suppress any Nazi underground activities will be a part of the United States Military Government in the American zone of occupation in Germany.

This was disclosed today in a War Department announcement of plans for the United States group which will form part of the Allied control council for Germany. The American division, responsible a generally to the ministries of the German central government.

General Dwight Eisenhower will be the United States representative on the council, as agreed upon at the Yalta big three meeting. Lt. Gen. Lauris Clay will serve as deputy to Eisenhower, and also will be deputy military governor of Germany, the department said without amplifying this latter reference.

The announcement said the United States army, navy and air forces had perfected over a period of many months, and in coordination with the British, Russians and French, a "co-ordinated program to impose a stern military government over all Germany, and to carry out the policies agreed upon at Yalta." It did not, however, exactly define the area of the American military government.

Singapore May Be Next Objective In Far East

Calcutta, May 11.—(AP)—With Rangoon captured and the campaign in Burma virtually ended, troops in Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia command turned their eyes toward Singapore today as their next likely objective.

While some of Mountbatten's men have been in the jungles for a year or more and are badly in need of rest, others are comparatively fresh and could be quickly made ready for a new campaign.

The latter include the forces which took Rangoon in a combined

Ratifies for Reds



AT A HISTORIC CEREMONY in bomb-torn Berlin, General Gregory Zhukov (above), commanding the First White Russian Army, was a signatory to the formal ratification of the unconditional surrender of Germany's last forces. (International)

Japs Resist Strongly In Davao Area

Second Oil Field Of Borneo Within Reach Of Aussies

Manila, May 11.—(AP)—Infantrymen of Major General Woodruff's 24th division were reported today making steady gains against stiff resistance in a mounting battle with Japan's Mindanao island garrison from the captured port city of Davao.

The battleground was a triangular area between the Talomo and Davao rivers, due northwest of Davao city. The Yanks, who crossed the Talomo Tuesday, were faced with the tough job of routing the enemy out of elaborate cave defenses.

A strong force of Marine dive bombers closely supported the ground fight.

A headquarters spokesman said perhaps 15,000 Japanese civilians had evacuated Davao city. Davao and newly-occupied Samar island off-shore are firmly in American hands. The port is one of the best in the Philippines.

On Tagacan Island, Borneo, Australian and Dutch troops reached the edge of the Djoeita oil field, second largest on the oil-rich little island, against slight opposition.

On Lirion Island of the Philippines the 4th Infantry division led by guerrillas closed in in four directions on vital Ipo dam, which directs one-third of the Angat river into Manila's water system. Opposition was light.

General Douglas MacArthur said the drive in the watershed area followed a scene which "had seriously reduced the enemy's appreciable stocks of ammunition, food and medical supplies, and has cost him heavy losses in personnel."

MacArthur reported that American and Allied pilots, flying the night blockade of Japanese sealanes, have sunk or damaged seriously 1,992,000 tons of shipping in the first four months of this year.

COAL MINE EXPLOSION CAUSES DEATH OF 21

Stamming, Utah, May 10.—(AP)—A terrific explosion killed at least 21 persons in a coal mine of the Utah Fuel Company.

Two other men were missing and believed dead and seven more were injured in the blast late yesterday.

Streamers of flame were sent roaring down the mine tunnels by the force of the blast, its exact cause undetermined.

sea and air operation, just such troops as would be needed for a landing on the Malay peninsula north of Singapore or on the island of Sumatra, across Malacca Strait from Malaya.

This special group of paratroopers and amphibious troops is backed by a fleet growing in size week by week.

A drive to oust the Japanese from Malaya would compare with other operations in the Pacific which have been launched from bases 400 to 600 miles away from the objective.