

Stalin Defends His Polish Policy

U. S. Occupation Army Holds Large Sections Of Germany

Rhine, Saar Valleys In Yank Area

Many Large Cities Included; Permanent Unit About 400,000

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, May 19.—(AP)—The U. S. 15th Army is ruling 11,000 square miles of Germany, including the rich Saar basin, the Rhine valley and the western half of the industrial Ruhr, the first official announcement of the 15th's occupational role disclosed today.

According to best available estimates, from 300,000 to 400,000 U. S. troops will comprise the final American occupational force. This means that the 15th army, now including two corps, will be strengthened by numerous additional units commanded by another army.

Under the command of Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, the 15th army will control an area about eight times as large as the district supervised by American occupation troops after the first world war.

Major cities in the 15th's area include Dusseldorf, Aachen, Cologne, Trier and Coblenz.

In newsw days, the 15th's area had a population of approximately 10,000,000, but military governors have no definite information of the present civilian population.

In Cologne, for instance, a recent census under army direction showed only 60,000 of the original 100,000 residents still present.

However, thousands of displaced persons of all nationalities who now blame American charges partially for the flight of German civilians. As of May 1, the 15th army had registered 291,437 displaced persons in its area, and an estimated 100,000 more were still roaming around outside established camps.

In stepping the cloak of secrecy from the newest army on the continent, officials stressed that the 15th's present role was not necessarily its future role, which is still undecided. It was understood, however, that Gerow's army will be the principal force policing the American zone throughout occupation.

The will not affect redeployment of troops now attached to the 15th army. Redeployment is conducted for the most part on a personnel level, rather than by units, and troops under Gerow found ineligible for discharge or for transfer to the Pacific will be replaced by others.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and continued cool today and tonight, with higher afternoon temperatures over west portion. Sunday fair and warmer.

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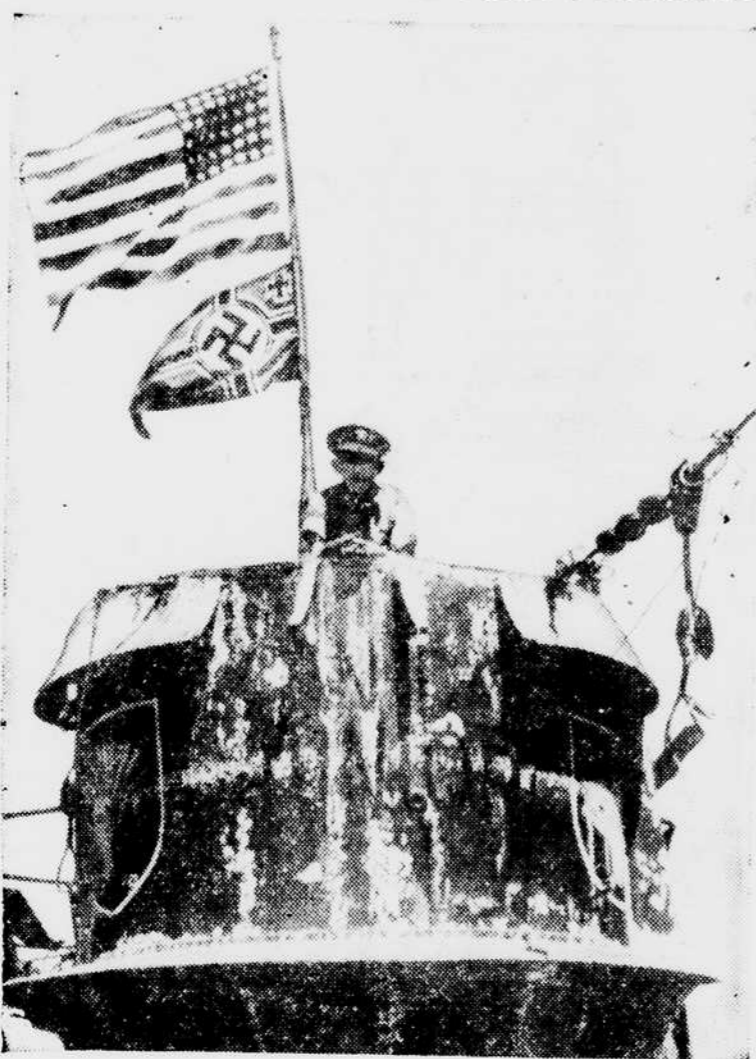
By THOMAS HAWKINS.

Berne, Switzerland, May 19.—(AP)—Hitler wanted to kill all American and British prisoners in the closing days of the war against Germany, a Nazi official told Prof. Karl J. Burckhardt, president of the International Red Cross committee. Burckhardt told this at a press conference in which he discussed the difficulties to aiding prisoners and the impossibility of entering concentration camps in Germany.

He did not name the Nazi official, but perhaps it was Himmler's SS assistant, Ernst Kaltenbrunner, with whom Burckhardt conferred early in March.

Hitler even then lacked the power to enforce such wishes, Burckhardt said, and Himmler did not carry them out. Many political prisoners in concentration camps apparently were not so fortunate.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD AND PICTURED



REVEALED IN WASHINGTON as secrecy ended, a story is told by this picture. It shows Capt. Daniel V. Gallery, U. S. N., commander of the baby flat-top Guadalupe, in the conning tower of the German U-boat 505, boarded and captured off the French West African coast a year ago. The action was our Navy's first board-and-capture operation on the high seas since 1815. Official U. S. Navy photo. (International Soundphoto)

Turk Radio Says Russia Has Sent Warning To Japs

London, May 19.—(AP)—A political commentator on the Turkish home radio said today the Russians were going to send an ultimatum to Japan warning that the Soviet Union was ready to enter the Pacific war unless Tokyo accepted "conditions set up by the Allies."

Quoting "generally well informed diplomatic circles," the Turkish commentator said Moscow had demanded that Japan give up all areas she has occupied to "eliminate the danger of Japanese assault bases against the Soviet Union."

Delegation Asks Dickens Be Made State Solicitor

Raleigh, May 19.—(AP)—An 18-man delegation led by Zeb Morgan and Spencer Boyd asked Governor Cherry today to appoint O. A. Dickens, of Wilson, as solicitor to succeed Don Gilliam of Tarboro, who is to become Federal judge of the Eastern North Carolina district. Already endorsed for the solicitorship are George Fountain of Tarboro and Carl Bailey of Plymouth. Gilliam is expected to take his oath next week.

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Burckhardt, in a general statement designed to refute San Francisco criticisms, said the committee had made every effort to aid victims in concentration camps, but that the Red Cross delegates never were permitted to visit these camps, except for a few in the closing days of the war. No convention exists authorizing such visits, he said, but prisoner of war camp inspections are covered under international law. An assistant of Burckhardt's, who made trips into Germany to convey out the few thousand prisoners whom the Red Cross was able to rescue during the spring, expressed resentment of the criticisms. The Red Cross committee, with only moral force, and lacking legal backing, did all it could, he said, and several hundred thousand parcels of food and medicine were sent into a few concentration camps.

Recognition Sought For New Regime

Says That Is First Move For Solution; Arrests Explained

London, May 19.—(AP)—Premier Stalin laid down three "elementary" conditions today for solution of the Polish question, the first of which he said was recognition of the present Warsaw provisional government as the "basic core" of the future Polish government of national unity.

The Russian leader broke his silence on the Polish issue as reports were heard here that arrangements were being pressed for a meeting of the big three. His statements were contained in a reply broadcast by Moscow radio to a letter written by Ralph Parker, Moscow correspondent for the London Times.

The second condition, Stalin declared, was that any future Polish government must pursue a friendly policy with Russia and not a policy of the "London sanitare" against the Soviet Union.

The third essential for the solution of the problem, he said, was the resolving of the question of reconstruction, together with the Poles who at present have ties with the Polish people, and not without them.

At the same time Stalin dismissed as having "no connection" with the Polish issue the arrest of 16 leaders of the Polish underground which caused repressions in the United Nations conference in San Francisco. "These gentlemen were arrested in accordance with the law protecting the Red army rear from diversionists, a law similar to the British defense of the realm act," Stalin said. "The arrest was carried out by Soviet military authorities in accordance with the agreement between the Polish provisional government and the Soviet military command."

Stalin branded as "untrue" statements by the Polish exile government group that the arrested men were invited to Russia at the invitation of a Soviet officer to discuss the Polish question.

"Soviet authorities do not and will not conduct negotiations with those who break the law on the protection of the Red army's rear," Stalin asserted.

Both Great Britain and the United States had been reported by United Nations conference officials to have asked Russia for evidence against the 16 Polish leaders.

400 Forts In New Blasting Around Tokyo

Guam, May 19.—(AP)—More than 400 Superforts were reported over Japan today, bombing Tokyo and Hamamatsu industrial targets and laying mines in two vital waterways.

Some 300 B-29s raided Hamamatsu about noon in the heaviest strike and the only one announced here. They dropped more than 2,000 tons of demolition bombs in the greatest raid ever made on the industrial centers.

On clear moon last night, searchlight crews tracked Japanese artillery fire and played their beams directly on hillsides in the outskirts of Manila, Luzon, where playing lights on low clouds at night.

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CRUCIAL BATTLE RAGES FOR OKINAWA DEFENSES

BUT WAR ISN'T OVER, FOR THEM



AROUND THE WORLD BY RADIO, news of V-E day comes to men of the Army's 77th Division on Okinawa a few yards back of their battle line. Study their pictured expressions as they listened. One minute after the photo was made, these men were back at their posts, killing Japs, fighting the war that hasn't paused. U. S. Army photo. (International)

Water Supply Of Manila Wrested From Japanese

Yanks Cleaning Out Enemy, Who Failed To Blow Up Big Dam

Manila, May 19.—(AP)—Attacking behind record front line fire, Philippine guerrillas and doughboys of the 43rd division recaptured the dam, source of a third of Manila's water supply, intact at the climax of a brightly lighted two month campaign.

Today the Yanks began the arduous task of cleaning out several thousand entrenched Japanese, who still hold part of the outskirts of Manila. American troops had mysteriously failed to blow up the dam.

Capture of the dam was the biggest stride yet in the central Luzon campaign, during which the powerful Shimbun line was shattered.

The campaign marked the first important use in this theater of anti-aircraft searchlights as "artificial moonlight." Because of persistent nighttime Japanese infiltrations, sometimes in company strength and penetrating to the outskirts of Manila, American troops played lights on low clouds at night.

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Big U-Boat Surrenders At U. S. Port

Portsmouth, N. H., May 19.—(AP)—The huge Nazi submarine U-234, bearing a German general and the bodies of two Japanese who committed hara kari, glided into this seacoast port today and was anchored to a mooring buoy under heavy guard of escorting vessels.

The high ranking enemy officer was identified yesterday by the Navy department as Major General Ulrich Kessler, Luftwaffe general lieutenant. The vessel also carried German air plans.

The Anderson craft, radiocast its surrender a week ago while en route to Japan from a point 300 miles east of Greenland in the North Atlantic.

SOLUTION SOUGHT FOR COAL STRIKE

Washington, May 19.—(AP)—John L. Lewis and anthracite operators worked against time today to complete the new contract which would send 72,000 idle Pennsylvania hard coal miners back to work.

Some persons close to the situation said coal digging could be resumed Monday if an agreement were reached today.

An end to the three weeks stoppage over expiration of the old agreement May 1 depended largely on eliminating new differences over language of a proposed contract.

Cotton Higher At The Close

New York, May 19.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed 10 to 35 cents a bale higher.

Table with 2 columns: Open, Close. Rows for July, October, December.

Ration Card for U. S. GIs

WAR DEPARTMENT—TOBACCO RATION CARD. Expires 29 OCTOBER 1945. Includes fields for ISSUED TO, ARMY SERIAL NO., SIGNATURE, BARR, STATION, and a grid of numbers.

This is a copy of the tobacco ration card that is going to be put into use by the War Department for soldiers in the U. S. It is reported that rationing for GIs will go into effect on June 1. (International)

Japs Throw Huge Force Into Fight

Foe Is Moving Up Troops In Daytime To Throttle Yanks

Guam, May 19.—(AP)—One of the most crucial battles of the Okinawa campaign is being fought for tumbled Sugar Loaf hill, 150 feet high, covering the island's approaches to Naha and to moated Shuri, central hinge of the fortified line defended by an estimated 30,000 Japanese.

Japanese commanders are desperately throwing reserve troops into the struggle to hold the hill, even trying to move columns up in broad daylight with little chance to escape observation.

The 29th regiment of the U. S. 6th Marine division is bearing the brunt of the battle for Sugar Loaf. The Marines cling to the northern slope of the hill, which they finally seized in an attack.

Japanese still hold the southern slope and until it is cleared, it apparently will be futile for the Marines to try to sweep through the empty ruins of Naha, through which increasing numbers of Yank patrols are prowling. Major General Lemuel Shepherd, 6th Marine commander, expressed the possibility that enemy resistance may be broken on the present fighting line because the Nipponese are sacrificing so many men and so much ammunition to hold Sugar Loaf and other key hills.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' communication today gave no report on operations yesterday.

Stocks Again Are Irregular

New York, May 19.—(AP)—Irregularly high prices continued to rule in today's stock market, although assorted leaders were stalled by further profit-taking on the week's recovery.

Dealings showed after the opening, but sizable blocks of favorites added volume. Gains of fractions to a point or more predominated near the final hour. Hudson Motors exhibited strength, and increased tendencies were displayed by Chrysler, Montgomery Ward and DuPont.

Tito Accused Of Force To Get Territory

Trieste, May 19.—(AP)—Marshal Tito's Yugoslav troops have now withdrawn from the area west of the Isonza river. American military authorities said today, but there was no indication of any movement from Trieste or the remainder of the area west of the river.

Rome, May 19.—(AP)—Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied commander in the Mediterranean theatre, charged Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia today with the apparent intention of establishing claims in northwest Italy and southern Austria by force of arms, which was "all too reminiscent of Hitler, Mussolini and Japan."

He disclosed that his efforts to come to a friendly agreement with the Yugoslav leader has failed.

At the same time, Allied headquarters disclosed Tito agreed in July, 1944, and February, 1945, that for arbitrary purposes Allied forces should occupy the Venezia and Giulia regions, including Trieste, while the Yugoslavs should occupy Fiume and an area to the east of the line running roughly north of Fiume.

Alexander, charging that Tito sought "by force of arms and military occupation to establish his claims," added that "it was to prevent such action that we have been fighting this war."