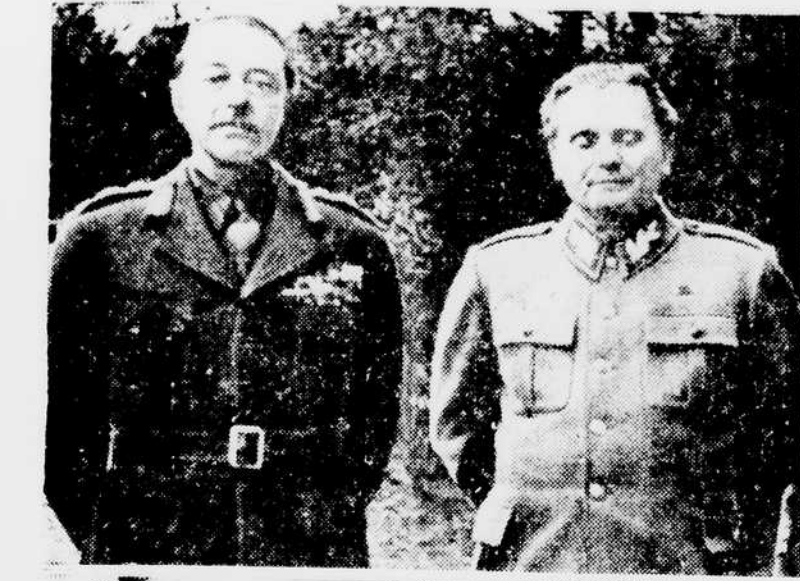


Acting German Government And High Command Arrested

CHURCHILL RESIGNS; COALITION IS ENDED

MAIN FIGURES IN TRIESTE DISPUTE



THESE PHOTOS of Marshal Tito and Field Marshal Sir Harold L. Alexander (top) and Italian and Yugoslav patriots greeting British 8th Army troops entering Monfalcone (bottom), near Trieste, were taken when all was serene on the Yugoslav-Trieste scene.

Regime Of Doenitz Is Disbanded

High German Heads Are Made Prisoners By Allied Command

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Paris, May 23.—(AP)—All members of the acting German government, as well as members of the German high command in Flensburg have been taken into custody as prisoners of war, supreme headquarters announced today.

Those arrested included 300 officers and a number of other ranks and civilians, the announcement said.

DOENITZ INCLUDED AMONG THOSE PUT UNDER ARREST

Flensburg, Germany, May 23.—(AP)—Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, successor to Hitler, was arrested today by Allied Supreme Headquarters, which ordered his Reich "government" disbanded.

Supreme Headquarters announced the arrest of all members of the so-called Flensburg government, and an official source said this meant that henceforth Allied officers would deal directly with the German people and German prisoners.

Members of the high command in Flensburg were taken into custody along with the government figures as prisoners of war, it was announced. This means the dispersal of the high command, the official source said.

Major General Lowell Rooks, who yesterday was announced belatedly as General Eisenhower's representative at Flensburg, now is out of a job, and can go on to other duties, the source explained.

This source said that the Flensburg group never was recognized by the Allies as a "government," but that its members were used by the Supreme Allied Command as a vehicle with which to control the disarming of the German army and speed its way into prison camps.

"These arrests mean that from now on some Allied officer will give orders to German prisoners, or some local commander, rather than through the German high command," the source said. "The German high command now is being dispersed and put out of existence."

The arrest of the Flensburg group was taken to indicate that its usefulness as a body is finished, and its members now revert to prison camps or have been placed at the disposal of the Allies. The Supreme Headquarters' announcement said that those arrested included 300 officers and a number of other ranks and civilians.

since the latter denounced their new aggression pact. Her capture with Germany obviously was a legal move the Japanese considered a first step in that direction.

Atty. Biddle Will Leave The Cabinet

Schwollenbach, From Washington State, Is Gossiped For Post

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—Attorney General Frances Biddle's early retirement from the Truman cabinet was indicated at the White House today.

The President arranged a news conference for 4:30 p. m. EWT, and Press Secretary Charles Ross said Mr. Truman would have an announcement at that time concerning Biddle, who submitted his resignation along with other hold-over Roosevelt cabinet members the night of April 12.

Ross' notation that the resignation was in the President's hand and that the President would make an announcement regarding it left little doubt that the President would disclose the appointment of a new attorney general this afternoon.

Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwollenbach, of the State of Washington, a former United States senator, has been mentioned for a top cabinet post in Capitol Hill speculation.

Aged German Catholic Gets Highest Post

Trondheim, Germany, May 23.—(AP)—An aged German Catholic became the highest official in the occupied Reich today and voiced a plea for the German people "to relearn the principles of brotherly love."

At Oberpreussen of the Rheinprovinz military district, 70-year-old Dr. Hans Fuels has been reappointed to the political scrapbook, where the Nazis tossed him 12 years ago, writing the word "traitor" on his house.

Fuels has been charged by Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, military governor and commander of the U. S. 10th army, with responsibility for carrying out the administration, under American supervision, of the largest political entity yet carved out of Germany by any Allied power.

In his first public statement on the policy he hopes to follow in his 14,000 square-mile military district of 11,000,000 peacetime population, Fuels told the Associated Press: "My greatest aim is to inculcate a new Christian spirit in our youth, a spirit in which both Catholic and Protestant churches must collaborate in teaching."

Highway Board Adopts Secret Session Policy; Cherry Not Informed

Raleigh, May 23.—(AP)—A "closed door" policy, by which news reporters are excluded from sessions, was put into effect today by the State Highway & Public Works Commission.

Chairman A. H. Graham greeted reporters today with this statement: "We have adopted a policy of having our sessions executive. A statement will be given out after the meeting."

Asked specifically if that meant the sessions would be held under a "closed door" policy, Graham, who is being paid the precedent-setting salary of \$10,000 a year, answered: "Yes."

There was no amplification. Governor Cherry, asked to comment on the matter said it was "news to me" that Graham had discussed no such policy with him, but that he would have a talk with Mr. Graham sometime today and find out his reasons.

Institution of the policy was a reminder of the days of the late Frank Dunlap, when he was chairman some years ago. A storm of protest accompanied Dunlap's policy.

Graham did say that minutes of the commission are public property and may be inspected any time by a citizen.

At the conclusion of the morning session, Graham handed reporters a typewritten summary of what he had considered the high spots of the session. Here is what he said the commission did:

- 1. Approve the purchase of the Newman quarry site in Rockingham county, composed of 32,348 acres for \$25,500.
2. In compliance with a 1945 law, approved new insurances to be placed on State-owned motor vehicles.
3. Adopted the D. B. McCracy award to be given each December for the next ten years to the employee showing the most meritorious achievements, the cost to be borne by the division heads at no expense to the State.
4. Took no action on a request to rent the vacant Lee county camp for imported agricultural workers.
5. Approved awards totaling \$400,000 for resurfacing and retreatment of highways.
6. Discussed a plan for the proposed inter-regional highway. It recommended location will be given to the commission at its June meeting.
7. Adopted new salary schedules, subject to the approval of the director of the budget.

YANKS SCALE CLIFFS ON OKINAWA



PUTTING AMERICAN INGENUITY to work, these infantrymen of the hard-hitting American Tenth Army use rope cargo nets to scale cliffs in their advance against the Japs on Okinawa Island. This is an official U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto.

Election For Britain May Come July 5

Labor Party Balks; Present Parliament Very Conservative

London, May 23.—(AP)—Five British delegates to the United Nations conference turned in their resignations today as members of the Churchill government. British spokesmen promptly emphasized that this conference with parliamentary practice will not fundamentally affect efforts to write a world organization charter.

London, May 23.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill resigned today, breaking up Great Britain's wartime coalition government, and giving the signal for the nation's first general election in a decade.

Churchill was expected, on request of King George, to form a temporary government immediately to serve as "caretakers" until after the election, probably July 5. Three weeks will elapse before the king formally dissolves the heavily conservative Parliament.

Labor ministers who have served in the coalition cabinet since 1940 were given a mandate by their party earlier this week to resign if an election was forced at this time. Labor is the second most numerous party.

Churchill is expected to lead a new "caretaker" government into the Commons when it reassembles Tuesday.

The British Press Association predicted that the new government would include such men as Sir John Anderson, Sir James Gligo, Sir Andrew Cunliffe and Lord Leathers, who were pre-war business men without political background. All were called into the government to do special jobs.

The full list is not expected to be ready before Sunday or Monday, as Churchill will need the intervening time to fill vacancies left by the departure of Labor and Liberal ministers.

Churchill, who led Britain from its most desperate days of the war to the unconditional surrender of Germany, gave King George his resignation at noon as prime minister, first lord of the treasury and minister of defense.

His action will bring about Great Britain's first general election in ten years, early in July. He had held the office since May 10, 1940, when he succeeded Neville Chamberlain during some of the darkest days of the war.

Churchill's resignation was precipitated by the Labor party's refusal to continue in the coalition government, now that Germany is defeated.

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Spectacular Lunge Doubles U. S. Lines

Japanese Defenses On Okinawa Periled By Yank Flank Push

Guam, May 23.—(AP)—A spectacular lunge by the U. S. Seventh infantry division through and beyond strategic Yonabaru virtually doubled the length of the southern Okinawa lifeline today and imperiled Japanese defenses safeguarding Naha and the fortress city of Shuri.

The flanking drive, aimed at supply roads vital to the enemy, added nearly 4,000 yards to the front which had been so narrow American troops had little room to maneuver to advantage. Major General Arehald V. Arnold, Bronxville, N. Y., commander of the seventh, said:

The seventh, refreshed by a two weeks rest, followed the 96th infantry division into Naha, rain-battered, muddy Yonabaru yesterday, then moved into the hills 1,000 yards beyond in a surprise pre-dawn attack that caught the enemy by surprise.

The doughboys seized the northern end of a strategic line of bridges along the east coast between Hin and Intarashiku and occupied heights from which their guns overlook supply roads to Shuri in the center of the line.

In the darkness of Tuesday morning, opposed only by sniper fire, seventh division elements slashed through Yonabaru, cut the east-west traffic artery between that town and the capital city of Naha, and established strong positions on the ridges.

Stocks Show Irregularity

New York, May 23.—(AP)—Stocks had an irregular pattern in today's market, with plus and minus gains about evenly divided in fairly active dealings.

Advancing were Youngstown, years Roebuck and American Can, all slightly up. U. S. Steel, Philip Morris and General Electric.

Anti-Trust Suit Aimed At Glass Firm

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—The Justice Department today filed an anti-trust suit to strip the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company of its 100 warehouses and retail stores.

The department and its civil suit, filed in Toledo, Ohio, charges Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Pittsburgh, Pa., Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company of Toledo, seven other glass manufacturers, 16 company officers and a trade association with conspiring to monopolize the production, processing, distribution and sale of flat glass. This includes plate, safety, window, tempered and sheet glass.

Flame Tanks Lead Yanks In Capturing Manila Hill

Manila, May 23.—(AP)—Flame-throwing tanks, used in the Luzon island campaign for the first time, led American forces in successfully storming a mountain ridge in the Manila watershed yesterday.

The new offensive tactics by Major General William Chase's 38th division, equipped with General Douglas MacArthur's announcement of important advances for Mindanao island in the southern Philippines, topped by the 31st division occupation of Malabaly.

Jungle growth was burned out of ravines and off hillsides as though swept by forest fires as the flame-throwing tanks led the 38th division doughboys in a spectacular assault on Wooded ridge, the ridge for which the Yanks have been fighting for three weeks, took its name from mummy machine guns on it.

Tanks fanned down wooded draws, which have been concealing enemy guns. Other tanks crashed in with direct gunfire while field artillery anti-aircraft guns and precision dive bombers concentrated on the ridge.

When the ridge was taken, the Yanks counted 330 dead Japanese, raising the division's total to 16,334 since it opened the Bataan campaign nearly four months ago.

On Mindanao, the 31st division under Major General Clarence Martin liberated the Bukidnon, provincial capital of Malabaly, an agricultural and governmental center of 18,000 population.

To the south, Major General Roscoe Woodruff's 24th division advanced four miles to within two miles of Licuanan airrome, the only airfield remaining in Japanese hands in southwestern Mindanao. The 24th occupied Ilang town on the north-west shore of Davao gulf.

On the east coast of Luzon, the first cavalry division under Major General Mudge gained two miles to take Port Real.

The heaviest bombing was delivered by 15 Liberators of the 13th air force, which, under Lighting fighter cover, sank an 8,000-ton freighter transport off eastern Borneo.

Truman To Address Frisco Conference In Person At Close

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—President Truman will go to San Francisco to address the final plenary session of the United Nations world organization conference.

Secretary of State Stettinius made his announcement today after conferring with the President on conference matters, and what he described as a "wide range of subjects" dealing with world affairs.

Stettinius said no date had been set, but he expects the President will go to San Francisco early in June.

The secretary of state predicted the conference would "successfully conclude" early next month.

B-29s Again Hit Kyushu, Southern Jap Home Center

San Francisco, May 23.—(AP)—An unconfirmed enemy report that "twenty odd" B-29s were over Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands, early today was broadcast by Tokyo radio.

The Japanese Domei news agency was quoted in the broadcast as saying some raiders "are believed to have sown mines in the Kanmon Straits," but left open the possibility that some land targets were attacked.

Japan Plays For Favor Of The Soviets

Moscow, May 23.—(AP)—A recent Tokyo declaration that, by severing relations with Germany, Japan has wiped out her tripartite background and thereby placed her "on completely friendly terms with the Soviet Union" seems to reflect unfounded optimism in Tokyo, foreign diplomatic circles here said today.

Where there has been no official Soviet comment on the declaration, made by Japanese radio commentators, foreign missions in Moscow interpreted the statement as being provocative and not a current interpretation of the situation. It goes without saying in diplomatic circles that the U. S. S. R. is not this glibly.

It is no secret here that Japan has been genuinely interested in arriving at a new basis for discussing relations with Soviet Russia.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and not quite so warm today, followed by partly cloudy and cold tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and mild.

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