

# Nazi Chiefs Plan Final Stand at Reduit In Bavarian Alps; One, Possibly Goebbels, to Be Sacrificed for Morale

By CURT RIESS  
Berne, Switzerland, Apr. 13— Adolf Hitler and other Nazi leaders have abandoned all hope for a successful defense of the Reich.  
This news I bring back after making a secret trip into unoccupied Germany.  
A decision to recognize the hopelessness of the German military position was reached in a meeting at Berchtesgaden, on March 29, between Hitler, Himmler and three generals—one of whom was Kesselring.  
Retirement of the elite troops into Reduit, the German stronghold in the Bavarian Alps, has begun. This move was planned and organized long ago, and the retreat is going on with the greatest possible speed.  
Evacuate Sigmaringen Populace  
During the week commencing April 1, an important conference was held in Sigmaringen, so that all details connected with this latest development could be discussed and cleared. Officially, the meeting was one of SS leadership. The official program is the "Report of the Reichsfuehrer SS on Past and Future Developments." The Reichsfuehrer is Himmler.  
All important personalities of the SS and all Gauleiters, as well as key personnel of the Bormann party machine, were present. For the last two weeks most of the population of Sigmaringen has been evacuated.  
Petain, Laval and the whole Vichy crowd now are installed in Garmisch Partenkirchen. Sigmaringen is filling rapidly with Gestapo agents and other personnel connected with Himmler's and Bormann's machines.  
Evacuation of the population and particularly of the Vichy crowd, was not for the purpose of this one meeting. Sigmaringen has become the new Nazi military head-



Hitler, Kesselring. . . they'll try to execute Plan K.

quarters. All movements, such as retirement of the German armies, transport of men and material into Reduit, and orders to surround and holdouts as to how long to continue the fight, will be coordinated here.  
The program of the meeting had two main points. One was the planning of continued retirements on the eastern and western fronts. The other was organization of the retreat into Reduit. This retreat was worked out some time ago to the smallest detail. Nothing has been left to chance.  
"Plan K" Covers Evacuation  
All this is covered by "Plan K." Plan K is a prefabricated plan of the evacuation of Germany with every move fixed for a certain hour relative to zero hour. During the meeting at Sigmaringen, zero hour was established. The retreat will begin in full swing.  
Most Nazi big shots already have moved southward nearer Reduit. Himmler's residence at Chateau Wohlfurt, near Bregenz, Goering is established in Friedrichshaven near Lake Constance. Goebbels is at Lake Constance itself. The Foreign Office is somewhere in Thuringia, but is supposed to be moved further south soon.  
It is also definitely established that not all Nazi leaders are to be saved by admission to Reduit. Some will have to remain and defend important points until the last. I was also told that one of the most important Nazis will remain outside Reduit and thus sacrifice himself for reasons of morale of the German people. Supposedly, Goebbels felt that this was absolutely necessary. Who has been chosen? I couldn't establish the identity of the Nazi who will be sacrificed, but there's likelihood that Goebbels himself will defend Berlin until the last.  
According to my last information, 100,000 troops are already in Reduit and more than 300,000 troops are concentrated between the Black Forest and Lake Constance, ready to move in.  
Needless to say, it is by no means established that everything will go according to Plan K. It stands to reason that informed Allied Headquarters will make some counter-moves. Perhaps this is the reason for the hastily arranged conference at Sigmaringen.

## Inoculation Urged For Soy Bean Seed

Pasquotank County farmers were urged today by county agent P. H. Jameson to make sure that all soybean seed planted this spring is properly inoculated, especially on land that has not repeatedly grown the crop.  
The largest possible production of soybeans is vitally important with the worst shortage of fats and oils impending since the start of the war, according to Mr. Jameson. Supplies of butter, lard and other shortenings are expected to shrink rapidly this summer. The 1945 soybean acreage will remain about the same as 1944, yet soybean oil must make up a large part of the shortage.  
"Inoculation is a cheap insurance of top soybean production," said Jameson. Experiment station tests indicate yields on the average will be increased by 10 to 15 per cent, some times much more.  
"Inoculation also plays an important part in maintaining soil nitrogen, an important consideration when the fertility of many soils is under heavy drain due to the over-cropping demanded by war. It is good business and it is patriotic for every farmer to produce every possible pound of fats for this last big push."  
"Inoculation by either commercial cultures or by the use of properly inoculated soil can be effective, but commercial inoculants require much less labor, an important point this year. To be sure of obtaining them, inoculants should be ordered early."  
This inoculation can be secured from the local seed stores.

### With Pacific Fleet



Horace Toppings, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Toppings of Old Trap, is serving with the amphibious forces of the U. S. Navy somewhere in the Pacific. He enlisted on June 17, 1944 shortly after graduating from high school. He received training at Camp Peary, and Little Creek, Va.

### Commanders Named In Cancer Fight Army

Mount Airy, April 13—Harry B. Caldwell, master of the North Carolina State Grange, has been appointed to the advisory board of the Field Army of the American Cancer Society, it was announced here today by Mrs. George E. Marshall, state commander.  
Mrs. Marshall also announced the following city commanders: Colerain, Mrs. Russell V. Phelps; Powellsville, Mrs. Lucille

# Thirty Six Men Lost In Tanker Mishap

New York, April 13 (AP)—Thirty-six men were lost when the gasoline-laden American tanker St. Mihiel on her maiden voyage burst into flames after crashing into another vessel in an allied convoy Monday 700 miles at sea.  
Some victims were trapped in the burning ship. Others were lost when they jumped into the flaming sea about the stricken vessel. Two are known to be dead, and 34 listed as missing.  
The War Shipping Administration disclosed the accident today and said that both ships were able to return to New York.  
The St. Mihiel, carrying 150,000 barrels of 80-octane gasoline, collided with the tanker Nashbulk in the dim twilight, the WSA said.  
All except one of the dead and missing were crew members of the St. Mihiel, the WSA reported. Ten survivors were returned aboard the Nashbulk and have been hospitalized at the Marine Hospital, Staten Island.  
The skipper of the St. Mihiel presumably perished in the fire, the WSA said.  
Names of the victims and survivors were not disclosed nor was the exact location of the accident.

### Musical Groups Record State Song

Raleigh, Apr. 13—The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra is going on the air in a bigger way with full recordings of the State song—The Old North State. The symphony group in cooperation with the Raleigh Oratorio Society got together here Sunday and made full recording of the song for the first time. There were 40 voices in the chorus and about an equal number of instruments in the orchestra. Guests who heard it said it was fine. The first stanza of the song was accom-

panied only by string music; the second had wood pieces added, and the third went all out with brass.  
If the "playback" is anything like as good as the original music, the State News Bureau plans to have master recordings made for distribution to schools and other agencies desiring it, as well as for use outside the State.

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## S. C. Eure of Gates Killed in Action

Gatesville, April 13—First reported missing since in action in Germany on February 24, Pfc. Sawney Cecil Eure, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Eure of Gates, was killed in action on that date, according to a War Department message received by his parents.  
Private Eure was the eighteenth Gates County man killed in action of training since Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941.  
Graduating from Gates High School in 1940 and from Chowan College in 1942, Pfc. Eure was 20 years of age. He entered the armed forces in April 1943, and had left the United States for overseas duty less than a month before he was killed.  
Pfc. Eure met and talked with his sister, Lieutenant Emma Eure Ware, Army Nurse's Corps, somewhere in Germany a short while after his arrival in that country. A brother, Pfc. Edward Eure, is a patient in a hospital at Fort Story.  
Also surviving are his parents; five other sisters, Mrs. William Counsellman of Cradock, Mrs. Herman Ward of Hobbsville, and Helen, Malene and Musa Eure of Gates; and one brother, Quinton Eure of Gates.

## Metal Job Shops To File by April 30

Raleigh, April 13—Designed to stabilize and in some cases reduce the cost of job metal shop work, the ceiling prices of all services and for all types of buyers must be filed with OPA in Raleigh before April 30 by all metal jobbing shops in Eastern North Carolina.  
Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh district OPA director, said today that jobbing shop managers must prepare a statement of their ceiling prices or rates and methods for each class of buyers. If any of the prices, rates, or pricing methods are different from those in use by the jobbing shop on March 31, 1942 an explanation of the difference must be made.  
OPA is checking all metal jobbing shops and enforcement action will be taken if jobbing shops fail to file their prices before April 30, 1945.

## UNCLE SAM TO HAND OUT 44,200,050 EXTRA RED POINTS

The greatest windfall of extra red points ever is going this month, and each month following, to American housewives throughout the country.  
32 million extra red points, approximately, will be handed out by meat dealers to customers who turn in used fats in a great Victory drive for this essential of medicines, gunpowder, synthetic rubber, soap, paints and a hundred other necessities on the battlefield and home front. For each pound of fat turned in, every housewife is entitled to 2 red points.  
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## Red Cross to Rush Supplies to Prisoners in Camps in Germany

Washington, April 13—(AP)—Effective today, emergency Red Cross food supplies will be transported daily by trucks from Switzerland to prisoner of war camps in Germany, the Red Cross announced.  
American Red Cross representative Francis James informed National Headquarters here that 296 trucks furnished by Supreme Allied Headquarters and the French government are available for the supply work. The truck service heretofore has been on an irregular basis.  
From 1 to 12 trucks will make up the daily convoy from Switzerland to the prisoner centers. The trucks provided by the French government will be used to carry supplies for internees in concentration camps as well as for prisoners of war.

## Hardware Stores Asked Send Representatives To Cooker Clinic

Edenton, Apr. 13—Local hardware stores have been invited to send representatives to the pressure cooker clinic scheduled in Hertford for Thursday of next week.  
At this clinic the hardware representatives will be trained to carry on clinic work next year, since the extension service of State College, which is now putting them

## Bundy and Moran to Audit Hyde County Books

Swinerton, Apr. 13—The Board of Commissioners of Hyde County has engaged Bundy and Moran, certified public accountants of Elizabeth City, to audit the books of the county for the year ending June 30, 1945.

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