

Germans Surrender In Holland, Denmark; 7th and 5th Link Up

Armies Join On Border At Brenner

The northern and southern operations of the Allied armies in Europe were joined into a single front yesterday, when troops of the 7th Army raced through the Brenner Pass into Italy, to link up with advance units of the 5th Army, coming up from the Adige Valley.

Virtually encircling the last remaining areas of German resistance in Central Europe, the linkup, coming after the surrender of the Nazis' southwestern command, reduced the operations of the western Allies to the clearing of pockets in the mountainous fringes of Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Difficult terrain and weather provided the only general opposition to troops of the 3d and 7th armies driving through the redoubt area from the north. Salzburg, capital of the Austrian province of Salzburg and one of the presumed strongholds of the redoubt, fell to 7th Army forces racing across the southern appendix of Germany from the Inn River. Reuter reports indicated that Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian Tyrol, was on the point of capture.

To the northeast, tanks of the

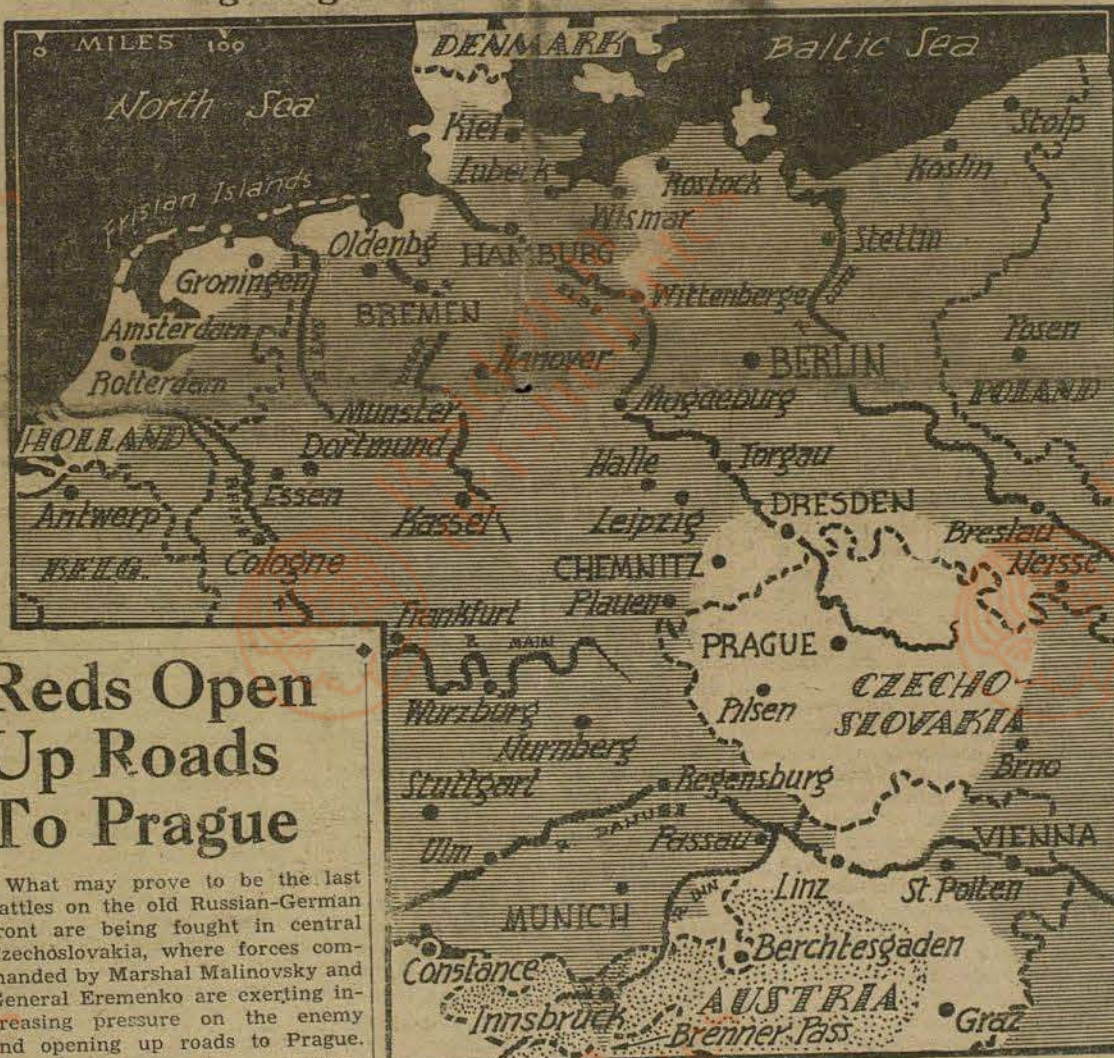
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Rhodes Raiders Eliminate Guns

CAIRO, May 4 (Reuter)—A surprise blow against German garrisons in the Dodecanese Islands was struck in four daring assaults early Wednesday when Allied raiding forces liquidated three Nazi gun positions and destroyed ammunition stocks.

Greek raiders, under Greek and British naval officers, landed under cover of darkness and attacked enemy forces on Rudimania, a small island west of Rhodes, and at Chimarasse, Noti and Foca on Rhodes itself. Today's naval communique said that in addition to elimination of gun positions, the raiders destroyed all ammunition, vehicles, stores, huts and tents, setting jetties and other stores on fire.

Dwindling Fragments of the Once Mighty Nazi Empire



Reds Open Up Roads To Prague

What may prove to be the last battles on the old Russian-German front are being fought in central Czechoslovakia, where forces commanded by Marshal Malinovsky and General Eremenko are exerting increasing pressure on the enemy and opening up roads to Prague.

The last German hopes of effective resistance on all other sectors were ending with the Red armies now linked with the Allies across a broad front. Soviet forces were shovelling back German troops in the Magdeburg pocket west of Berlin, heralding an extension of the linkup from the Baltic to the gates of Dresden, the last large German city still in enemy hands.

Berlin Streets Blocked

Reports from Berlin yesterday described conditions within the devastated city. The main streets were blocked and made impassable by bomb craters and debris. Some had collapsed into the underground subway. Hitler's Chancellery and Goering's Air Ministry were burning ruins.

The Red Army chose its first post-Nazi mayor of the Berlin district. He is Paul Laecke, described as a "non-party man", who was appointed to administer civil affairs in the Friedrichsberg district. Laecke had been mayor of the district from 1907 to 1934.

With the surrender of German forces in Denmark and Holland, ending resistance in the white areas in the northwest, the only serious fighting by the Nazis is in Czechoslovakia, where the Russians are advancing on Prague, and in Austria, where the Americans are within five miles of Linz. The dotted area of Austria indicates the territory surrendered to the armies in Italy. —S and S Map by Brown

Rangoon Captured Intact, Japs Unable to Defend It

Rangoon, Burma's great port city and capital, was seized by British 14th Army troops before its installations could be destroyed, and its inner harbor is expected to be open for Allied shipping in a few days, Reuter reported last night.

A special Southeast Asia Command communique said: "In a series of battles of great intensity, the Japanese armies in Burma have been so decisively defeated that they were unable to defend the port."

An American brigade was a part

of the forces which moved on Rangoon from the north.

Meanwhile, Gen. MacArthur announced from Manila that Borneo invasion forces had advanced to within a few hundred yards of the Tarakan airfield, and that Australians had entered Lingkas, principal city of Tarakan Island.

On the Philippines front, it was reported that the U.S. 24th Div. had smashed through Japanese defenses and penetrated into Davao, enemy stronghold on Mindanao.

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Nazis Cede All Land in Northwest

Capitulation of enemy forces in northwest Germany, Holland, Denmark, including Heligoland and the Frisian Islands, has been announced by SHAEF, the Associated Press reported last night, and surrender will become effective at 0800 this morning.

The surrender was reported to Gen. Eisenhower by Field Marshal Montgomery, 21st Army Group commander. No dispatches named a German commander as actually surrendering to Montgomery, but it is known that Nazi troops in northwest Germany are commanded by Gen. Ernst von Busch.

In Denmark, the Danish Freedom Council said Gen. Lindemann had issued an order of the day yesterday directing his troops to fight to the last man. Whether he had later surrendered was not clear.

Danes Demanded Surrender

Negotiations between Montgomery and "the German commander in Denmark" had been under way since Thursday, the AP said, and with the British 2d Army poised on the Danish border, the Danish underground came out in the open yesterday to presage the surrender by urging German troops in Denmark to capitulate. The proclamation, printed by the Danish Freedom Council, called on the Wehrmacht and German police to hand over their weapons and return to their barracks.

Danes were assembled along the frontier prepared to welcome Allied (Continued on Page 4)

Hitler's Heirs to Have Tough Time Collecting

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Sources in the Office of the Alien Property Custodian, holding 22,000 dollars in royalties from the sale of Hitler's book, "Mein Kampf", say they doubt his heirs will get any money. It was predicted that Congress will turn such funds over to the U.S. Treasury, offset to claim man govern



Since the letter "Wants Adjustment" by "T-5 and 3 Pfc's" appeared in our April 21 edition we have received numerous replies from frontline doughs and service troops. Here are representative excerpts from GIs' letters.—Editor.

...we foxhole dwellers of the front lines would only be too glad to trade places so that you will have the good fortune of having your pockets well lined. We don't see how you can be lonely. At least you can look at some legs; we can't even fraternize without shelling out 65 dollars from our well-lined pockets.

—"The Wealthy Seven"

...We'll assume you're a guy who must buy love and that being underpaid explains your getting lonely. Why don't you volunteer for the infantry and earn some "love" money?

—S-Sgt. Tony Greco

...Those guys have been slightly misinformed. We're inviting Com Z jokers to come up and share our next bottle of spirits with us. All they have to do is take the house. We'll gladly let them keep the contents. Now I know why they need so many men in the rear echelon. If they're all as idiotic as that quartet we should, by rights, be losing this war.

—Pvt. Paul E. Garland

...Why not come up here on the front and get some of this easy money? If Lagers bring as high as 80 dollars or more from Joes like you, how come you can afford to buy them? These French gals who favor us combat men (due to our dough) know a good thing when they see it.

—Pfc. John E. Crank Jr.

...We don't have to pay for our PX rations; neither do we pay for the Ks that come with them. How much do you pay for your three hot meals each day?

—Ollie's Awful Outlaws

...Just pay us a visit and we'll be glad to slap a couple of dollars into your empty pockets while our chaplain punches your card with his new double-pronged punch.

—Front Line Troopers

...Very few front line men make tremendous profits on captured pistols. A few—yes, but not many. The matter of getting free PX rations is an absolute lie. We pay hard cash for two or three candy bars, two bottles of beer and a few cigars which we get every three or four weeks.

—Disgusted

...If T-5 and the three Pfc's send us their address we'll send them a Luger free of charge. If they wish, they can send the 80 or 100 dollars to the wives and kids of the boys who died to get a Luger for themselves.

—Boys of 36th Div.

Hubert

By Wingert



"I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country. I'd like to have one left to get home an."

New Battle Star Regulations For ETO Troops Announced

New regulations affecting the award of battle participation stars to American soldiers serving in the ETO were announced this week by ETOUSA Headquarters. Such credits will help determine a soldier's eventual discharge from the Army.

Men who have served in a combat zone under temporary duty orders for 30 consecutive days, or more, are considered to have been at a normal post of duty and are now eligible for battle participation credit. Under the old provision they were not entitled to it.

Qualifications

To wear a bronze star on the ETO ribbon an individual must have been present for duty as a member of a unit, or attached to a unit at some time during the period in which the unit participated in battle and was awarded credit.

If an individual actually engaged the enemy in combat, or if he was stationed in a combat zone, or performed duties in the air or on the ground (as headquarters or service men) in any part of the combat zone, at any time during the campaign period he is considered to have participated in combat.

The mere presence of a soldier in an area which is bombed or where minor combat occurs does not entitle him to credit for participation in battle.

Though "present for duty" means all personnel physically present for duty, or performing special duty at a time their unit participated in combat, there are cases where physical presence is not necessary for eligibility. Non-flying personnel of an air force group stationed in England, or members of rear echelons of units which receive battle participation credit are also entitled to credit. Excluded are men who were sick in quarters, in arrest in quarters or in confinement at the time their unit performed in battle and was credited.

Advanced detachments, and forward echelons such as squads, platoons, or groups of soldiers formed together for a mission, but not operating under an approved table of organization cannot receive battle participation credit as a unit.

However, individuals comprising these units can be given credit as individuals by their unit commander under the provisions of -WD Cir. 62, 1944 as amended by Sec. I, WD Cir. 195, 1944.

Non-Members

Soldiers who are not members of units or attached to units are eligible, if they have been awarded a combat decoration, or if they can furnish a certificate of a corps, or higher commander, that they actually participated in battle.

There are four bronze campaign stars that may be worn by soldiers in the ETO if they are entitled to battle participation credit:

They are the "Air Offensive, Europe" commencing July 4 and terminating on D-Day; "Normandy" campaign star dating from D-Day to the 24 of July; "Northern France," with limiting dates from July 25 to Sept. 14; "Germany" beginning Sept. 15 to a date as yet unannounced, with a combat zone including portions of France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. Soldiers who participated in the "Southern France" campaign from the 15 of August to the 14 of Sept. are credited through the MTO Hq.

U.S. Civilian to Tighten Belt, Endure Most Spartan Year

The U. S. civilian will have to tighten his belt even more and endure his most Spartan period of the war—regardless of when Germany is defeated.

The U. S., at once the arsenal and breadbasket of the democracies, is going to use food, a most effective war weapon, to win the peace as well.

20 Awards Made Easy To Acquire

Officials in charge of The Stars and Stripes letter-writing contest on "My Saving and Postwar Plans" have stressed that there are absolutely no strings attached to taking possession of the ten new automobiles and ten new electric refrigerators being offered as prizes.

Members of the Army stationed in the ETO who write the ten best letters of from 50 to 250 words on how they plan to use their savings in the postwar world will have their choice of any model automobile or truck being manufactured by the Chevrolet Company at the time. All cars and trucks will be equipped with radios and heaters.

Delivery of the vehicles will be made at the winner's home as shown on a certificate of award to be given to the writers of the ten best letters in the contest. If the person's home is outside the limits of the Continental United States, delivery will be made at a place in the United States mutually agreeable to the winner and the Chevrolet Company.

In the event a winner dies prior to delivery, the automobile or truck will be presented to the beneficiary whom the prize letterwriter names on the certificate of award.

Rules of The Stars and Stripes letter contest, which began last Tuesday, are few and simple. Any member of the American Army stationed in the ETO, including Wacs and Army nurses, is eligible to compete. However, each contestant must state in the contest letter that he either already has a war bond allotment or has taken out one, or that he has purchased a war bond of any denomination since the contest started.

The contest will continue through July 7, running concurrently with the Seventh War Loan Drive in the United States. Only letters postmarked on or before that date will be accepted. Entries should be addressed to War Bond Contest, APO 887, U.S. Army, and if more than one sheet of paper is used, all sheets must be enclosed in the same envelope.

FDR CARRIER LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, May 4 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal called for the peacetime maintenance of the nation's military power at the launching of the 45,000-ton super aircraft carrier, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Forrestal dedicated the carrier to the aims of the late president: Winning the war and keeping the peace.

The War Food Administration has revealed that food for minimum lendlease and relief requirements cannot be met without further reduction in civilian consumption.

The food pinch will be tightest in meats, fats and oils, some dairy products, sugar, and canned fruits and vegetables.

War Hits Home

The man on the home front will become shabbier; his diet will be adequate but simpler; he will walk more if he owns a car because of the scarcity of gasoline and tires, and he will find it harder to get train transportation. There will be practically no paint for houses because of the acute shortage of lead; lumber stocks will get even more critical and both coal and oil will be harder to get next winter than this.

The government's intention to provide foreign relief and full military requirements, despite home front grumbling, was reiterated in the quarterly report this week of the War Mobilization Board.

"We must allocate available supplies among competing uses—civilian, military and foreign—in the light of their importance," said the report. "We cannot follow the principle of the 'wheel that squeaks the loudest gets the grease.'"

Rationing of many food items will have to be continued after Germany falls.

"We must prevent disease and unrest in the areas where (our) troops are stationed," the report said. "We are interested in the establishment of stable governments, and stable governments cannot be expected where people are hungry."

No Indiscriminate Foreign Aid

However, foreign aid will be weighed carefully against essential needs of this country and its capacity to produce.

The home front will get the leftovers after the armed services are supplied. Add to this the fact that food production for 1945 will be an estimated 5 to 10 per cent lower than last year.

"People will find it necessary to make some substitutes but diets will be adequate for good nutrition," said Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator. "Just be ready for less meat, butter, canned goods and almost everything else that already has been genuinely hard to buy."

The pinch on meat is already evident. Nearly bare butcher shelves across the land attest to that. U. S. meat consumption in 1944 was 147 pounds per capita, while the present meat allotment is about 125.3 pounds, Jones said. Civilian consumption during the second and third quarters of 1945 will probably get even lower, he predicted, possibly as low as 115 pounds a year.

Terry and the Pirates



By Milt Caniff

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Dee-licious



HOLLYWOOD, May 4 (ANS)—Humphrey Bogart, hard-boiled screen actor, says he is going to marry slinky Lauren Bacall, above, as soon as he is free from current picture-making and his present wife. He said he and Miss Bacall, a newcomer to Hollywood, would be wed on author Louis Bromfield's Ohio farm.

The present Mrs. Bogart, former actress Mayo Methot, is completing her six-week residence in Las Vegas, Nevada, preparatory to getting her divorce.

Women to Blame For 'Vulgar' U.S., Archbishop Says

BOSTON, May 4 (ANS)—Women are mainly responsible for the prevalence of vulgarity, coarseness and licentiousness, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of the Roman Catholic diocese of Boston charged. Speaking before the Massachusetts chapter of Catholic Alumnae, he said: "If our modern world can be characterized as coarse and vulgar, and no one can seriously challenge that characterization of America, then our womenfolk are mainly responsible."

"Let it not be charged that men are responsible in this matter. They take their cue from women. When women are ladies, men are gentlemen."

'Magna Charta' Keynote Of Parley's Progress

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 (Reuter)—The World Security Conference made progress today in the framing of a new "Magna Charta" dedicating the conference to pursuit of the highest interests of humanity, and in the completion of the final draft of the preamble to the new charter.

Bonus Bill Fight Opens

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—The campaign for the veterans' bonus bill was initiated yesterday by Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.), chairman of the House Veterans' Committee and one of the framers of the original GI Bill of Rights.

The proposed act calls for payments of 20 dollars weekly for one year to any member of the armed forces who has served 90 days or more since Sept. 16, 1940, and has not been dishonorably discharged. On the basis of 1040 dollars each for more than 10,000,000 service men and women eligible under the bill, the total cost to the government is estimated at 11 billion dollars.

Rankin, who said the bill "would wipe out discrimination," claimed the existing provisions of the GI bill for 20 dollars weekly to unemployed veterans "only put a premium on idleness."

Hays Office Bans Atrocity Film

NEW YORK, May 4 (ANS)—Irvin Shapiro, producer of the documentary film "Atrocities," said that the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors Office, headed by Will Hays had banned the film from its theaters.

A spokesman for the Hays office denied that the film had been banned but said that the Hays office had withheld the film's code seal because it "repeated too many gruesome scenes."

"American people are entitled to the facts about war," Shapiro said. "The objections by the Hays office that the film is 97 percent atrocities appear insincere in view of the news daily pouring out of Europe, exposing German war crimes. This is a very extraordinary code of morality."

ANOTHER STAR BABY

HOLLYWOOD, May 4 (ANS)—Gail Patrick, statuesque brunette film actress, disclosed today that she is expecting a baby in October.

PLANE NAMED FOR PYLE

WICHITA, Kan., May 4—A bottle of water from the old family well crashed across the nose of a huge Superfortress today to speed "The Ernie Pyle" to the war in the Pacific. In a brief and simple ceremony at the Boeing plant, the glistering B-29 was named for the little war correspondent killed last month on Ie Jima. The plane was unveiled by Ernie's 77-year-old father, William C. Pyle.

The finished preamble, the work of Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa, states as aims of the charter to re-establish faith in fundamental human rights, for men and women of nations great and small; to promote special progress and better standards of living; to ensure that armed force shall not be used in disputes except when necessary; to establish respect for international law and treaties, and to set up international machinery for the promotion of social and economic advancement of all peoples.

Commission Hears Names

Further advance was made in the selection of presidents for four major United Nations Conference commissions—those on general provisions, operations of the general assembly, judicial organization and the security council. The commissions are headed by a Belgian, a South African, a Venezuelan and a Norwegian.

Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, Russian representative, announced that Stanislas Mikolajczyk, head of the Polish Peasant party, had been invited to the parley by Marshal Stalin, on agreement with Prime Minister Churchill, to meet the Lublin Poles in Warsaw to discuss the formation of a new Polish government. The news increased optimism at the World Security Conference that the Polish question may be solved soon.

Jews Submit Proposals

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 (UP)—The World Jewish Conference submitted ten proposals to the United Nations meeting today, including the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration, and Jewish representation on agencies dealing with postwar rehabilitation.

Negroes Ask Voice

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 (AP)—A resolution demanding representation for 13,000,000 American Negroes on the American delegation to the United Nations conference was adopted by the National Negro Organizations of America at a mass meeting. The resolution points out that 1,000,000 Negro servicemen are fighting and dying in "a war for the freedom and equality of all peoples regardless of race, color or creed."

OBERON PLANS DIVORCE

HOLLYWOOD, May 4 (ANS)—Film star Merle Oberon left here by automobile for Mexico with the announced purpose of divorcing Sir Alexander Korda, wealthy English movie producer. Tasmania-born, Miss Oberon married Sir Alexander June 4, 1939. Their careers drifted apart soon after the war began when he remained abroad and she continued her film work here.

The Best



Jimmy Rafferty

NEW YORK, May 4 (ANS)—Jim Rafferty, veteran miler, who was undefeated during the 1945 indoor track season, last night was awarded the New York Track Writers' Association trophy as "the outstanding performer of the season."

Rafferty's best time of the year was a 4:10.9 mile in Buffalo, which broke Paavo Nurmi's 20-year-old 4:12 effort.

BASEBALL SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, 9; Philadelphia, 8
Boston, 3; Brooklyn, 1
St. Louis, 4-1; Pittsburgh, 2-11
Chicago-Cincinnati, rain.

Standings

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Club	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	9	4	.692	Brooklyn	5	6	.455
Chicago	7	4	.636	Cincy	5	6	.455
Boston	7	5	.583	Pitts.	5	8	.385
St. Louis	6	5	.545	Phila.	3	9	.250

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland, 2; St. Louis, 1 (13 innings)
New York, 6; Philadelphia, 4
Boston, 4; Washington, 0
Detroit, 2; Chicago, 1.

Standings

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Club	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	8	4	.667	Wash.	6	7	.462
Chicago	6	3	.667	St. Louis	4	6	.400
Detroit	7	4	.636	Boston	5	8	.385
Phila.	6	6	.500	Cleveland	3	7	.300

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Toronto, 7; Newark, 3
Buffalo, 7; Syracuse, 6
Only games scheduled.

Standings

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Jers. City	8	2	.800	Newark	5	6	.455
Montreal	6	4	.600	Buffalo	4	6	.400
Baltimore	4	4	.500	Rochester	3	6	.333
Syracuse	4	4	.500	Toronto	3	7	.300

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Little Rock, 17; Memphis, 2
Birmingham, 8; Nashville, 2
Mobile, 10; New Orleans, 5
Atlanta-Chattanooga, not scheduled.

Standings

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Little Rock	4	0	1.000	Mobile	1	4	.200
Birm.	3	0	1.000	Chatt.	0	3	.000
Atlanta	3	0	1.000	Nashville	0	3	.000
New Or.	4	1	.800	Memphis	0	4	.000

OREGON STATE RESUMES

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 4—Oregon State will return to the gridiron next fall. A meeting of the college athletic board yesterday returned a decision to resume intercollegiate athletics, including football.

Frick Rules Against NY On Protest

NEW YORK, May 4 (ANS)—A protest of the New York Giants, an outgrowth of an umpire's decision in the afternoon game of a twin bill with the Boston Braves at Boston April 19, was rejected by Ford Frick, president of the National League, on the premise that the decision had no bearing on the outcome of the game.

Mel Ott, Giants' manager, had protested when the umpires reversed their decision after a pitch had been delivered to the next batter.

The dispute started when Umpire Bill Stewart ruled out Chuck Workman for being hit by a batted ball. Stewart was in turn over-ruled by Umpire George Magerkurth after Bob Coleman, Braves' manager, protested Stewart's decision long after it was made.

Ott objected on the grounds that another play had occurred and that it was too late to reverse the ruling. Frick held that the revised decision was correct and had no bearing on the outcome of the game as the Braves later scored eight runs.

Frick added that all four umpires had been "severely censured for carelessness and delay in making the correct ruling."

Cooper Joins Feller On Great Lakes Nine

ST. LOUIS, May 4 (ANS)—Walker Cooper, catcher and captain of the St. Louis Cardinals, was in-

ducted into the Navy and assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He was originally scheduled to be inducted into the Army on Monday, but for reasons unknown, he was granted a delay and a choice of service.

At Great Lakes, Cooper will team with Bob Feller, the sailor baseball team, to form a battery superior to many in the major leagues.

College Grid Body Holds to 1944 Rules

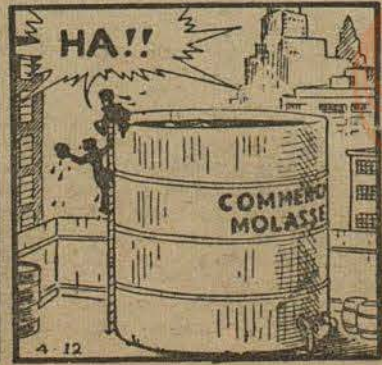
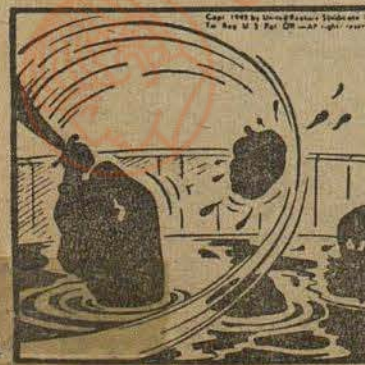
NEW YORK, May 4 (ANS)—The Eastern Intercollegiate Football Association, which rebelled against the N.C.A.A. on grid rules last fall, announced last night that no revisions will be made in the code for the 1945 season.

The Eastern Executive Committee decided to abide by present rules by unanimous vote, though suggesting that rule permit all fumbled balls advanced by opponents and the severity for an illegal pass when made beyond line of scrimmage.

NOT IN THE HEADLINES

Hundred dollar war bonds will be awarded at the close of the season to the two Southern Association umpires with the best records for fast games. The arbiters will be judged on the best average time over the 140-game schedule. . . . Infielder Al Rubeling has requested the Pittsburgh Pirates to place him on the voluntarily retired list. Rubeling wants to remain on a war job in Parkville, Md., for the duration.

Li'l Abner



Tito Protests Ally Seizure Of Trieste

PARIS, May 4 (AP)—Marshal Tito, commander-in-chief of the Yugoslav Partisan forces, has issued a protest against the entry of Allied troops into Trieste and the Istrian towns of Tazic and Gorizia. Trieste surrendered yesterday to New Zealand troops of Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander's Mediterranean command, after the Nazi garrison had refused to yield to Tito's siege of the city.

The protest, contained in the text of a communique from Tito's headquarters distributed to the French press by the Yugoslav military mission in Paris, stated that Allied troops entered Trieste "without our agreement, and regrettable consequences might follow if the difficulties are not settled by mutual agreement immediately."

Meanwhile, in Rome, tension over the question of Tito's objectives in Istria came to a head in rioting between crowds singing Communist songs and Italian soldiers and students shouting demands that Italy retain the peninsula and its ports.

The Communist party press office, in a statement issued after the clash of demonstrators before the Viminale Palace, seat of the Rome government, denied that the party supported the Yugoslav claim to Istria. It warned that if attacks on Communists continued it would reserve the right to call on the people to express their resentment over what it called the catastrophe into which Italy has been plunged and against the men and institutions directly responsible.

As demonstrations continued in the Italian capital, American and British military police combed the streets checking soldiers to make certain that no Allied personnel were involved in the disorders.

Holland, Denmark

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The Danish press service reported that German troops in Denmark are estimated at 110,000, including 25,000 marines and other naval forces, and 17,000 German troops with ground staffs. Fighting Halts at Kiel

At the same time, Reuter reported that Montgomery's Hq. that all had stopped in the Kiel and that huge surrenders had on the peninsula. The 1st Airborne Corps claimed half million prisoners. Reuter's reports were in Stockholm on Thursday, reported that fighting had out between the Wehrmacht (German Army troops) and SS men mark.

Reports from the Danish-German indicated that headquarters in Denmark, new German command, are at the naval base at Flensburg, and Heinrich Himmler is said to be there.

Meanwhile, roads leading from Kiel and Lubeck to Denmark were hit by fighter-bombers, destroying or damaging some 1,200 German vehicles, and the 1st Armored Division reported that the 2d Armored Division at German

Stick-Up Pays Off in Vittles

BELLEVILLE, Ill., May 4 (ANS)

—A gun got a woman what she wanted from a Belleville butcher.

Police said that a woman about 50 saw a large piece of beef in a refrigeration case in the shop and asked for it. When told it had been sold, she drew a revolver and told the attendants to get it for her, but quick. They did.

Witnesses told police that five men were waiting outside in an automobile, when the woman, clutching the beef, got in and they drove away.



House Would Forestall War Criminals' Escape

WASHINGTON, May 4 (ANS)—The House hastened today to take the sanctuary of neutral countries from Nazi war criminals.

Without awaiting a formal report from the Congressional committee's inspection of German atrocity camps, the House scheduled a debate on a resolution calling on the government to use arms if necessary to capture war criminals who seek refuge behind the boundaries of peaceful nations.

Rep. Luther A. Johnson (D-Texas), acting chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, predicted that the resolution would be approved overwhelmingly and sent on to the Senate.

The resolution came up early in a legislative week to be devoted largely to foreign affairs debate. At the top of today's House calendar was legislation to put the United States into an international food organization. Tomorrow it opens debate on a proposed Constitutional amendment to scrap the Senate's exclusive control over treaties and make future peace pacts subject to

ratification by both branches of Congress.

Meets Unanimous Approval

The War Criminals Resolution, written by Rep. Cecil R. King (D., Calif.) was approved unanimously by the Foreign Affairs Committee shortly after stories of Nazi atrocities began coming out of Germany.

It urges the government to make pursuit, trial and punishment of war criminals a definite United States policy without regard for international boundaries. It does not have the force of a law but it would serve as Congressional backing for President Truman, who last week joined with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin in solemnly warning the perpetrators of German atrocities that they cannot escape from their crimes.

The resolution, aimed at the highest Nazi officials, also construes as war criminals industrialists who use slave labor and the resources of conquered nations to produce armaments for the enemy.

Armies Link Up

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3d Army pushed 44 miles inside the Czechoslovak frontier to enter Zeinka. Other 3d Army troops were only 35 miles northwest of Pilsen, after capturing Zerika. Across the Austrian frontier, units were within 5 miles of Linz.

The juncture between 7th Army forces and troops of the Mediterranean command was made when Gen. Patch's troops cut across the Austrian panhandle from the Inn River, broke over the Italian border, and met elements of the 88th Div., at Vipiteno, in the southern entrance of the Brenner Pass. Carving their way through deep snow, the 7th Army troops were met only by groups of Italians, who offered little resistance as the Americans started the descent of the Alpine slopes into Italy.

Even after the cease fire order, following the surrender of the German forces in Italy, Allied outposts on the southern arc of the newly joined front continued to be manned. No formal declaration of the end of the war in Italy has yet been made.

Reports from Allied Mediterranean Headquarters indicated that naval vessels of the German Adriatic fleet were surrendering at Ancona, under British escort. Even E-boats were turned over to the British yesterday.

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Coastal guns and ammunition were captured intact as the Japs retreated northward.

Washington reported that B-29s raided Kyau air fields for the second time in 24 hours, but despite this persistent pounding, Kyushu-based Jap aircraft attacked American shipping off Okinawa, sinking two light units and inflicting other damage.

On Guam, Adm. Nimitz's headquarters reported that naval casualties in the Okinawa invasion and operations totaled 5,551, including 1,131 killed.

SEAC said 97,000 Japs had been killed in the last 15 months of fighting which culminated in the fall of Rangoon.

It also reported the presence with the East Indies fleet of the famous French 35,000-ton battleship Richelieu.

QUAKE HITS COAST

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 4 (ANS)—A strong earthquake, probably centered in southern Mexico and lasting nearly four hours was recorded here. The earthquake also was felt throughout the Puget Sound area, in Seattle, and as far east as Spokane. Dishes rattled in that area, but no damage was reported.



Pfc. Jack Bergujan, of the 405th Inf. Regt., was sleeping in an attic after Easy Co's battle with Nazi paratroopers. The company moved and Bergujan awoke to find himself the only GI in town. Finding his weapon and equipment gone, he took a bicycle and rode off in search of his outfit. But Bergujan took a wrong turn and rode into a crowd of hundreds of slave laborers. His very appearance caused the liberation of the laborers, and six Nazi paratroopers who were apparently guards were so surprised by the GI's arrival that they gave up. Bergujan found his way back to E Co. and made a triumphant entry with six Jerries double-timing in front of his bicycle.

Engineers of the 309th Combat Bn. have provided the 84th Inf. Div. with its own railroad and have dubbed it the "Bolling Express." The railroad now hauls equipment and material for the entire corps to the Elbe River front. Its 12-man GI crew is commanded by Capt. Andrew Midway, of Pittsburgh.

Capture of a German tailor, willing to take over Hitler's job has been reported by Maj. George B. Hamilton, MG officer of the 313th Reg., 79th Inf. Div. Gustav Moindt, an Essen tailor, laid out a three-page, four-point program for Germany's future. He called for concentration of all Germans in the same camps which the Nazis used for slave laborers. "They shall slave under these conditions for the rest of their lives," Moindt explained, adding, "I feel I am best qualified to be Fuehrer under this plan because I have seen it all." He was led quietly away.

Questioning a German prisoner, Pfc. Bedford K. Graves, of Tompkinsville, Ky., and the 29th Inf. Div., asked him what the badge he wore represented. "I got the badge for helping to build the Siegfried Line," the PW responded. When the Jerry asked what Pfc. Graves' combat infantryman badge stood for, the GI retorted, "I got that for tearing the damn thing down."

A 12-year-old boy came up to 1st Lt. Bruno J. Katzmack, of San Antonio, Tex., in a German town just captured by 35th Inf. Div. troops, and demanded permission to join the U.S. Army. He was Dutch, he said, and hated Hitler and the Nazis so much that he wanted to fight them. He took the doughs around to the homes of leading Nazis, located their weapons and combed through phone directories, identifying Nazis and important officials. "He was just a kid," Katzmack said. "Back home he'd be playing ball or reading Superman. But in Europe he's a politician, a saboteur, aged beyond his years."

An 8th Armored Division MP was directing traffic in Werl when a German woman ran up and excitedly announced: "The highest ranking Nazi in this town just committed suicide. What shall I do?" "Go back and bring me the gun," was the calm reply of the German speaking MP. She did.

Displaying half a cigarette and a scratch on his chin, Cpl. James McGee, 290th Regt. man from Brooklyn, says he felt "like prop man for Annie Oakley." He had taken time out for a smoke during the capture of Kirchlinde when a Nazi machine gun bullet chopped off the cigarette he had just lit. When the CO asked if he wanted to go back to the aid station, McGee said he'd "settle for another cigarette."

The house looked like a suitable billet so Lt. Homer F. Stephens, of Bayside, N. Y., inquired. "Yes, you can have it. We're moving right out," he was told by the occupant, Pvt. Eugene C. Stephens his brother whom he hadn't seen in three years. Lt. Stephens is a member of the 547 AAA Bn. of the 95th Infantry Division, which was relieving Pvt. Stephen's 8th Armored Division outfit.

Pfc. Charles F. Conroy, of Pittsburgh, wasn't in a particularly pleasant mood. He had a flat tire on his jeep and was in a sniper area near the town of Himberg, then under attack by Co. D, 309th Regt., 78th Inf. Div. While wrestling with the tire, he saw five Germans advancing toward him, with hands over head, calling "Kamerad." Making themselves useful, the Germans aided Conroy in his task of tire changing and then climbed into the jeep ready for the PW cage.

Staring at a shapely girl walking down the street of a Rhineland town, a 274th Infantry Yank of the 70th Division braved the 65 dollar fraternization fine when he murmured aloud, "Hel-lo, baby." "Hello, yourself," the girl returned sweetly. "Well I'll be—you speak English," the soldier exclaimed in astonishment. "I am English," she explained, and added quickly, "You Americans swear too much."

The girls meant well by it, but an "Off Limits" sign was hung on their door anyway. The 70th Division's 274th Infantry was set up near where a number of Russian and Polish girls who had been liberated were living. The women managed to scrape together a radio, a phonograph and some records, and a fair supply of wine. Then they threw the front door open to all American soldiers. A number of Yanks, many of whom had never patronized a USO back in the States, were beating a path to the European-style service club until they found MPs blocking the way.

If 1st Lt. William V. Finn of the 12th Armored Division's 92nd Cavalry Recon Squadron is walking around slightly bowlegged these days it isn't from riding horses. Lt. Finn, riding forward in the turret of his tank, felt the vehicle falter slightly, then move on. He thought nothing of it until he looked down and saw that a German shell had penetrated the tank, passed between his legs without touching either of them and gone out the rear of the turret.

The townspeople might have been a little surprised. But there were no violations reported of the order issued by 1st Lt. Kenneth R. Carlson, of the 70th Division's 274th Infantry. Acting as town commander, he decreed that all "Hitler mustaches" would be shaved off by 3800 the following morning.