

RUSSIAN SIEGE ARMIES STORMING BERLIN

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In Bavarian Alps

Paris, Apr. 21—(UP)—Three allied armies struck for Nazi's last redoubt in the Bavarian Alps along a front of more than 200 miles today. In the north, British armored divisions enveloped Bremen and stormed the suburbs of Hamburg.

Striking in the war's decisive hour to prevent the Nazis from flying the broken armies for a prolonged stand in the Bavarian Alps, the American third and British first armies wheeled against the mountain citadel along a twisting battle line extending northeastward from the Swiss to the Czechoslovak borders.

Gen. George S. Patton's American third army rammed a column of armored spearheads up and across the Czechoslovak border on a front looping in from 58 miles of Pilsen and 98 miles or less west of Prague. The U.S. seventh army struck south and southeastward from captured Nuremberg within less than 70 miles of Munich, northward anchor of the Nazi Bavarian

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Memorial Sunday For
Pfc. Merle C. Dick

Memorial services for Pfc. Merle C. Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Dick of this city, who was killed in Germany on February 26, while serving with General Patton's third army, will be held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church in Bluffton.

The Dick family recently moved from Germany. Pvt. Dick was employed in Fort Wayne prior to entering the army in December, 1942. His grandparents live in Bluffton.

Purple Heart Award
Received By Mother

Mrs. Eliza May Hahnert, of Monon, has received the Purple Heart awarded to her son, Staff Sgt. Carl G. Hahnert, 23, who was reported missing over Berlin, Germany on March 8, 1944 and "presumed to be dead" a year later.

Sgt. Hahnert was a gunner on a Liberator bomber and was on a volunteer mission when the accident happened. He had 50 regular missions to his credit. Previously he had received the air medal with three oak leaf clusters. The young man enlisted in the Army air corps in October, 1942.

DEMOCRAT THERMOMETER
TEMPERATURE READING

6:00 a. m. 51
11:00 a. m. 51
5:00 p. m. 51

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler to night with scattered light frost in north portion. Low temperatures tonight ranging from 33 to 40, to 45 above freezing in north portion. Sunday most cloudy with occasional showers. Warmer in north and central portions.

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Clothing Receiving Station Open Tonight

The used clothing receiving station in the old Peoples Restaurant building on South Second street, east of the court house, will be open this evening to receive donations. Mrs. William Bowens, chairman of the women's volunteer committee in charge of the depot, announced.

Phil Sauer, city street commissioner and chairman of the waste paper salvage drives, has volunteered to spend the evening at headquarters so that persons who cannot bring their used clothing during the day, may have the opportunity in the evening.

Already several hundred pounds of good clothing have been received at the station and it is being sorted and carefully packed by the women volunteers from the Red Cross and church organizations.

Big Italian Gateway City Falls To Allies

American, British Troops In Capture Of City Of Bologna

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Finish Conquest Of Central Philippines

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Last Jap Resistance Shattered On Cebu

Manila, Apr. 21—(UP)—American troops shattered the last Japanese organized resistance on Cebu to complete the conquest of the central Philippines today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the sweep through the central Philippines liberated at least 6,400,000 persons on more than a score of islands.

He promised that the resources of the freed area, measuring nearly 33,000 square miles, would be used for the rehabilitation of the Philippines and for prosecution of the war against Japan itself.

Japanese losses on Cebu amounted to approximately 5,000 dead as veterans of the American division burst through the last defenses in wide enveloping moves to complete the campaign.

A few enemy stragglers scattered through the hills to become prey for Filipino guerrillas.

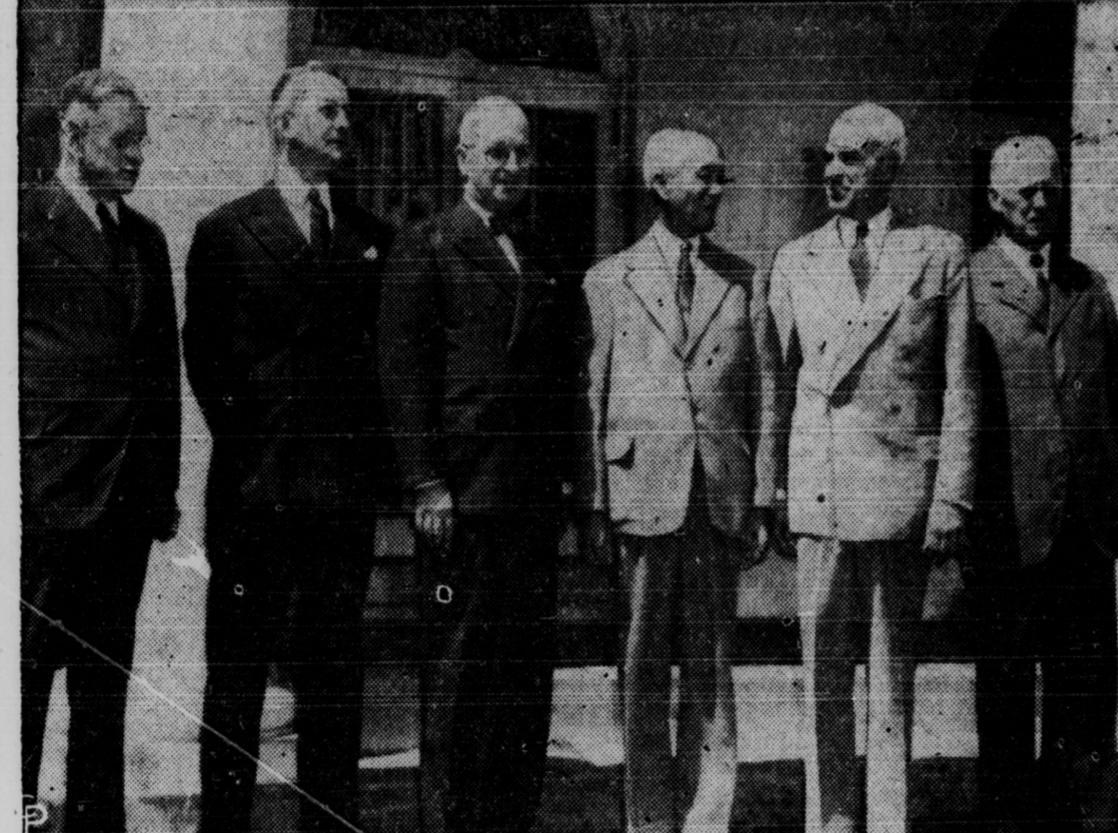
The conquest of the central islands in the Archipelago enabled the Americans further to concentrate on the offensives on Luzon and Mindanao.

On Mindanao, eighth army forces were pushing out rapidly from the new beachhead on the Moro Gulf and sent an additional column thrusting 16 miles inland along the main road to Davao.

At the northern end of the beachhead, other American troops advanced 15 miles northeast of Malabang and reached the shore of Lake Lanao, a scant 25 miles across the narrow neck connecting Zamboanga peninsula with the main part of Mindanao.

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President Truman Confers With President Osmena



DURING A CONFERENCE between President Harry S. Truman and the president of the Philippines, Sergio Osmeña, the two high officials posed in front of the White House with U. S. cabinet members. From left to right are secretary of interior Harold L. Ickes, secretary of navy James V. Forrestal, President Truman, President Osmeña, secretary of state Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and secretary of war Henry Stimson.

Board Members Are Appointed By Judge

Six Are Appointed By Judge Fruchte

Judge J. Fred Fruchte of the Adams circuit court today appointed four members to the Adams county tax adjustment board and two members to the county board of review.

Throughout the entire trial, the husky preacher insisted his relations with Mrs. Bonnie Allen, wife of a serviceman overseas, were only "those proper between a minister and one of his flock."

A jury of nine women and three men took just 59 minutes yesterday to decide it believed Mrs. Allen's story that she became a mother as a result of moonlight trysts with the pastor after prayer meetings.

In addition to the court's appointees to the tax adjustment board, three persons will serve by virtue of their office. They are: Mayor John B. Stults, Henry Dehner, representing the county council, and one man representing the township trustees.

The court named Fred Schulte and Arthur R. Holthouse of this city and Otis Hocker of Monroe, as the Democrat members and Ernest Reicheldeffer of Geneva, as the Republican member. The tax adjusters will convene during the second week in September and serve without compensation.

Two women were named to the county board of review, which will convene on June 4. They are: Miss Bertha Vogelweide and Mrs. George Buckley of this city.

The ex-officio members of this board are: E. J. Worthman, county assessor; Roy Price, county treasurer and Thurman I. Drew, county auditor.

The board of review is in session for 26 days and reviews all personal property assessed and makes whatever adjustments are considered necessary.

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Flying Forts Batter
Munich Area Targets

Rail And Airfield Targets Are Blasted

London, Apr. 21—(UP)—Over 300 Flying Fortresses smashed rail and airfield targets in the Munich area today following a night-long RAF assault on besieged Berlin.

An American communiqué said the heavy bombers were escorted by about 400 P-51 Mustangs and P-47 Thunderbolts in attacks on railroad facilities at Munich and Ingolstadt and the airfield at Landsberg, 30 miles west of Munich.

British Mosquitos raided Berlin six times during the night, dropping block busters and other bombs into the fires raging through the Nazi capital.

German airfields also were attacked by British planes during the night. All planes returned safely.

An American announcement revealed that American bombers had dropped 25,693 tons of explosives on Berlin since the opening of the daylight air offensive against the capital March 4, 1944.

A secret source with access to details of damage to aircraft industry plants in Berlin reported to the Allies that by April 25, 1944, alone,

Special allowances are also made

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Jury Rules Preacher Is Father Of Child

Anti-Trust Trial Is

Recessed To Monday

Suit Against A.P. Company In Recess

Hollywood, Apr. 21—(UP)—The Rev. Cecil L. King, pastor of the Sunland Wayside chapel, said today that he would appeal a jury verdict naming him the father of a choir singer's nine-month-old son.

The enemy's last-ditch defense line less than three and a half miles north of Naha, capital of the island, on the third day of the greatest ground offensive of the Pacific war.

Okinawa itself, three American divisions thrust deeper into the

line extending across the southern end of the island yesterday.

Swarms of planes and the big guns of warships joined massed land artillery in an unprecedented supporting bombardment.

(A Tokyo broadcast recorded by the FCC said Japanese planes sank an Allied destroyer in an attack on warships and transports west of Okinawa before dawn today.)

The big fleet of superfortresses bombed nine airfields altogether on Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands. The raid was the third in five days on the suicide-plane bases, but two of the airfields—USA, near the northeast coast, and Kushira in the south—were hit for the first time.

A 21st bomber command announcement said the attacks covered the "length and breadth" of Kyushu.

There was no mention of opposition and it was indicated that both fighter and anti-aircraft reaction by the Japanese was negligible.

At another meeting, Flurry said, Hartford expressed "apprehension" at anti-chain store legislation under consideration in various states.

A letter was introduced from an Atlanta, Ga., A. & P. employee referring to a Tennessee state law requiring chain stores to sell articles at a uniform price in each locality.

The recent session of the Indiana general assembly passed laws

granting per diem allowances to county officials, in view of the increased cost of living and war time conditions.

Emergency clauses, were attached to the laws and at a district meeting of county auditors held at Columbia City, which

Thurman I. Drew, county auditor attended, Otto Jensen, chief of the state board of accounts, informed the auditors to compile the allowances payable from April 1 to December 31, 1945, so that the scale would be uniform throughout the state.

The county council will probably meet on May 5, or the first of the following week to consider the requests.

However, the appropriation body doesn't have much choice in the consideration of the increases,

as the laws specify that they "shall" be made.

Locally the county auditor, treasurer, recorder, assessor and clerk are entitled to an increase of \$1.75 per diem based on six days a week and excluding holidays. On this compilation, the increase for the nine months totals \$402.50 to December 31.

The sheriff is entitled to more days as he is subject to call every day of the week. The \$1.75 per diem for him is estimated at \$481.25.

In the case of the judge of the circuit court, whose yearly salary is paid by the state, the \$1.75 applies to every day that court is in session and for days that he serves in court during vacation. The estimate is \$385, which is the same as the yearly salary, must be paid by the county.

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Two Escaped German Prisoners Caught

Alert Jewelers At Gary Nab Prisoners

Gary, Ind., Apr. 21—(UP)—Two escaped German prisoners of war, captured because of two alert jewelers, were questioned by Gary police and an FBI agent today to learn how they made their way from Alberta, Ont., where they escaped March 3.

The Germans were Lt. Klaus Konrad, 27, a bomber pilot of Hamburg, and Lt. Heinz Meuche, 29, member of the Afrika Korps.

Police Capt. Peter Billick said that the Germans were dressed in civilian clothes, carried a suitcase

and had in their possession a large

map of the United States and a detailed map of the Calumet steel mill area. They also had forged Canadian draft cards.

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Moscow Dispatch Says Entry Into Capital Is Expected Over Weekend

B-29s Blast

At Fields Of Suicide Planes

15 American Ships Reported Lost In Battle Of Okinawa

Guam