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RED UNITS AT THRESHOLD OF REICH CAPITAL

RUSSIANS LESS THAN 7 MILES FROM BURNING BERLIN

LONDON, April 21.—(UP)—Red Armies stormed the last defenses of Berlin today and a Moscow dispatch said they were expected to break into the burning capital over the week-end.

By United Press
Russian troops reached within 10 miles of Philadelphia today. The Philadelphia in this case is a German town 12 miles southeast of Berlin.

LONDON, April 21 (UP)—The Red Army laid siege to flaming Berlin today, storming the capital's last defenses from positions seven miles or less away.

A German transocean broadcast reported by the FCC said the eastern front had moved "within the immediate vicinity of Berlin" with gun flashes of both Soviet and Nazi guns visible in the city. Another Nazi broadcast said the Soviets had captured Muenchenberg, 16 miles east of Berlin, after throwing a new tank corps into battle.

Thousands of Soviet guns and planes were pouring a steady rain of steel and explosives into the devastated city. The muffled thunder of their explosions was audible to American ninth army troops along the Elbe river, 45 miles west of Berlin.

The Germans freely admitted the situation was deteriorating rapidly. Both their primary and secondary defense lines east of the capital had been shattered. Berlin's days appeared numbered.

Johannes Steel, an American radio commentator broadcasting from Paris, said an agreement had been reached that the Red Army would be the first to enter Berlin. He predicted the Russians would by-pass the city and enter it from the south.

MRS. ROOSEVELT HAS LEFT THE WHITE HOUSE

BIDS GOODBYE TO HER MANY FRIENDS ON THURSDAY

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has moved from the White House and has left nothing undone for her successor, Mrs. Harry S. Truman, who is expected to occupy the mansion Monday.

Mrs. Roosevelt was on schedule to the last minute, thereby completing the fastest exit ever made by a First Lady ever made, with the exception of Dolly Madison, who was running from a fire set by the British.

Mrs. Roosevelt held her last press conference Thursday afternoon over tea in the softly lit dining room. She couldn't go, she said, without bidding goodbye to the friends she had met so regularly for so many years.

She told her all-female audience that she is going directly to New York, where she has an apartment on Washington Square, then to Hyde Park on Sunday.

First off she will dispose of Mr. Roosevelt's belongings.

She revealed that she expects to keep on writing, though her definite plans will not be made until she is settled again. She resumed her syndicated column, "My Day," last Tuesday.

She stated definitely that she doesn't aspire to public office.

20 Years Ago IN GREENCASTLE

Dave Braden was in Russellville on business.

Work was started on the old Jackson street owned by W. D. James and John W. James. The structure will be made into a modern garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil N. Taulman were visitors in Indianapolis.

ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL MONROE TOWNSHIP HOME



This is the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giltz in southern Monroe township. It is also the center of activity of 360 acres of fine, fertile soil in the township which Mr. Giltz and son operate, producing mostly grain and fat cattle.

Receives Silver Wings From Wife

NAPIER FIELD, ALA.—Mrs. Mary May, honor guest of Napier's 34th graduating class, 45-B, pinned his silver wings on her husband, 2nd Lieutenant Turner Dunning here Sunday morning, April 15.

Lt. May was chosen as honor

ceremony on the basis of excellence

in flying, ground school studies,

physical fitness and military

bearing.

The graduation ceremonies were held in the field house at Napier Field with Lt. Colonel George E. Kiser, Deputy Commander, officiating. The graduates were sworn in as officers by Lt. Eleanor E. Moifie, Post Adjutant.

In addition to his wife Mary, Lt. May had as his guests his two children, Turner Dunning, III, six year of age, and Jane Lynn who is four months old, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Dunning, Sr. who live at 411 South B. Street, Arkansas City, Kansas. Mr. Turner is a locomotive engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad.

Prior to entering the service, Lt. May attended Arkansas City Senior High School, and worked for ten years for the Shell Oil Co., Inc., 50 West 50th St., New York City. He started there as an office boy and worked up to assistant chief pipe line dispatcher.

Mrs. May is now living with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary H. Hardley, 713 South Locust Street, Greencastle, Indiana.

Following graduation exercises Lt. and Mrs. May were guests of honor at a tea dance held at Napier Field's Officers Club.

FOURTH IN FAMILY TO BECOME MARINE

With three brothers already serving as leathernecks, Charles Cooper, of Stilesville, Ind., is the fourth son of Mrs. Goldie Cooper to enlist in the United States Marine Corps.

A 17-year-old volunteer, young Cooper joined the Marines Tuesday, April 17, at Indianapolis. When called to active duty, he will receive recruit training at the Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C.

His Marine brothers are Lieutenant Colonel Harlan Cooper, 37, First Sergeant Louis Cooper, 22, and Corporal James Cooper, 28.

Colonel Cooper, who has 20 years service in the Corps, is stationed somewhere in the Pacific. Enlisted as a private, he was advanced through the ranks and now is attached to a quartermaster unit.

Louis is first sergeant of a Marine Detachment aboard a naval vessel. He has been in the Corps five years.

James, also with five years as a Marine, is serving in a motor pool at Parris Island.

The four brothers all attended Stilesville High School. The Cooper family's home is at Rural Route 2, Stilesville.

HINTS RETIREMENT

BRISTOL, Eng., April 21.—(UP)—Prime Minister Churchill hinted today that he might retire—or be retired—after the defeat of Germany.

In a speech accepting the freedom of this city, he said that he "or whoever stands in my place" would have to ask war-weary Britons "for a new leap forward, for a new lifting of the soul and body" to defeat Japan.

MAY BAN STATE FAIRS

WASHINGTON, April 21.—State, regional and county fairs may be banned this year as a travel conservation measure. Transportation Director J. Monroe Johnson said today.

In a statement Johnson cautioned fair managers against making elaborate preparations for such events during the Summer and Fall. Those who do so, he said, are proceeding at their own risks."

Tigers To Enter Track Contests

DePauw University will have

a track team this spring and will

participate in both the Big State

and the Little State meets,

according to Lloyd L. Messersmith, acting director of physical education at DePauw. The an-

nouncement rescinds a recent

statement that no track activi-

ties would be carried on at the

Greencastle school this year.

The Big State meet will be

held at Indiana University on

May 12, and the Little State

meet will be held May 19 at

Earlham College, Indiana, Pur-

due and Notre Dame will be in-

cluded in the Big State, with

such schools as Central Normal

Anderson, Indiana State, and

Wabash being included in the

next meet.

DePauw has twelve candidates

now out for track, and condi-

tioning sessions have been held

during the past week. Opening

competition, the DePauw team

met Wabash College, Ball

State and Indiana State in a

meet at Crawfordsville on Sat-

urday, April 21.

Members of the DePauw squad

are Lou Bayard, Kohler, Wisc.;

Richard Dickey, Anderson; Joe

Gerichs, Francesville; Harold

Gintier, Fort Wayne; Donald

Hurlbert, Waterloo, Iowa; John

Longfellow, Elkhart; John Mast

For Wayne; Roy Murphy, Rob-

ertson, Ill.; Charles Werner,

Waukon, Ariz.; Fred Whitmore,

Frankfort; Lynn Wildman, Sterl-

ing, Ill.; and Bob Kelly, Chicago.

All members of the V-12 unit,

Team manager is Ed Klein,

Point Pleasant Beach, N. J.

CONSERVATION DEPT.

SCHEDULES SCHOOL

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 21.—

May 5 has been set as official

"opening date" for Indiana's 13

state parks, although the prop-

erties operated by the Indiana

Lepartment of Conservation

have already drawn thousands of

visitors.

Brown County Lodge and cabin

opened Saturday and the

Arcade hotel and pavilion at

Dunes State Park open May 19.

Opening dates for other hotels

operated by the department have

not been set.

Despite the May 5 opening

date for the parks, visitors are

welcome before that time. Milton

Matter, department director,

pointed out that the opening

date merely signifies that ad-

missions will be charged at the

gates beginning at that time.

SPECIAL TRAIN GOES THROUGH THIS CITY

Delegates to the San Francisco conference, traveling on a special train—the Del-Mar—in two sections, are scheduled to pass through Greencastle this afternoon about 4:15 o'clock on the New York Central Railroad. Approximately 250 of the 1,800 delegates to the conference will be on the trains, it was said.

Delegates aboard the train are reported to be diplomatic missions and members of the judicial conference.

EMACIATED BRITISH TOMMIES LIBERATED BY YANKS



THESE EMACIATED soldiers of the British armies, who were held prisoner by the Germans from four to five years, were liberated by the Second division of the U. S. First Army, when the Yanks took the German town of Gettingen, location of a German prisoner of war hospital. This is a U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.

3 ALLIED ARMIES AIMED AT LAST NAZI CITADEL

STRIKE TOWARD HITLER'S HIDEOUT IN BAVARIAN ALPS

By United Press

A BBC broadcast said today that American and Russian patrols were only 25 miles apart in an unidentified sector. The report was attributed to "messengers reaching Moscow."

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

Striking in the war's decisive hour to prevent the Nazis from rallying the broken armies for a prolonged stand in the Bavarian Alps, the American Third and Seventh and the French First Armies wheeled against the mountain citadel along a twisting battle line extending northward from the Swiss to the Czechoslovak borders.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's third Army rammed a half-dozen armored spearheads up to and across the Czechoslovak border on a front looping in to within 58 miles of Pilsen and 98 miles or less west of Prague, the last main escape corridor between northern and southern Germany.

The U. S. Seventh Army struck south and southeastward from captured Nuernberg within less than 70 miles of Munich, northern anchor of the Nazi Bavarian line.

The French closed in from the west to a point barely 30 miles from Lake Constance, western shoulder of the Bavarian redoubt.

JAP RESISTANCE ON CEBU ENDS

MANILA, April 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 5,400,000 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.

FOUR NAMED TO HIGHWAY POSTS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 21.—Appointment of the three division heads within the State Highway Commission has been announced by John H. Laufer, commission chairman.