

Red Tanks Smash Into Tiergarten Park Area

Nazis Squeezed Into Pocket

LONDON — (AP) — Russian tanks have smashed into the Tiergarten, Berlin's central park, converted into an underground fortress, the Nazi-controlled Oslo radio said today, and Moscow reports said the fall of the capital was imminent.

The newspaper Pravda said the Russians were fighting in the ruins of Unter Den Linden, the spacious avenue in the heart of Berlin that terminates at the Tiergarten.

Earlier Moscow dispatches said the Russians were approaching the spacious park.

The Hamburg radio, chief Nazi transmitter still broadcasting in Germany, proclaimed that "the hand battle for Berlin reached its climax today."

Moscow dispatches said Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov and Ivan S. Konev, commanding Red Armies in Berlin, were going all-out for a May Day victory and had thrown in maximum artillery and air power to reduce the Nazis' strongholds in the center of the city.

End Of Il Duce Mussolini's Body Dangles By Heels

By GEORGE PALMER
MILAN — (AP) — The body of Benito Mussolini, avenging from its heels against the rusty steel framework of a half-completed gasoline station in the heart of Milan, the object of the vengeful wrath of the Italian people whom he had promised a place in the sun, but instead had led to defeat and misery.

The 61-year-old former Italian dictator, his beautiful young mistress, Chiretta Petacci, and 17 Fascist leaders were shot to death by Italian patriots at Gubbio, Di Messagero, near Como, Saturday afternoon.

MILAN — (AP) — The execution of Benito Mussolini touched off a purge today of Fascism's chief leaders which reached Marshal Rodolfo Graziani who was reported to have been convicted and executed.

The 42nd Regiment composed of American troops of Japanese ancestry entered the great industrial city of 620,000 and found it completely under control of Italian Fascists.

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Long Italian Campaign's End In Sight

Milan, Venice & Genoa Captured

By LYNN HEINZELING
ROME — (AP) — Gen. Mark Clark, Fifteenth Army group commander, today announced the virtual end of the long and bloody campaign in Italy.

Declaring that the German armies in Italy have "been virtually eliminated as a military force," he stated that the Italian front had been torn to pieces in the 22-day offensive of the U. S. Fifth Army along the Gothic line.

He said the Germans "can no longer effectively resist our fighting," but added that scattered fighting still continues in mountainous areas.

Clark said over 120,000 prisoners had been captured and that many tons of tanks, guns and other tremendous quantities of arms and equipment.

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Peace Rumors New Nazi Offer Reported On Way

LONDON — (AP) — A new surrender offer from Heinrich Himmler, presumably to all three major powers, was understood to be "on its way" today.

British Cabinet ministers were ordered to stand by as swiftly moving developments pointed to Germany's collapse.

Prime Minister Churchill was reported preparing a statement for Commons tomorrow—May Day—but there was no indication of what he might say.

The British Press Association said "this is an irrevocable fact."

Such as Col. Gen. George Lindemann in Denmark was holding up an agreement on details.

Ninth & First Armies Make Fresh Contacts

Four Divisions Of Seventh Army Battle Toward Heart Of Munich

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
PARIS — (AP) — The American Ninth and First Armies joined the Russians at two new places today, trapping an undisclosed number of Germans between Berlin and Leipzig and virtually surrounding all enemy troops between Berlin and the Elbe River in a pocket 85 miles long.

The Ninth Army contacted the Russians at Appolda on the north bank of the Elbe three miles west of Wittberg.

The First Army met the Russians at Wittberg itself. Other Ninth Army troops on the Elbe north of Magdeburg and 85 miles northwest of Wittberg were only ten miles from the Russians at Rosenhagen.

The Ninth Army established contact with a Russian patrol at 7:30 A. M. and the contact was maintained for three miles west of Wittberg.

The Americans were in the 125th Cavalry and were led by Captain Adolf C. Fiesch, Battle Creek, Mich.

Two-Minute News Roundup

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Germany
The American Army may be to find new facts as a result of the latest linkup of United States and Russian forces.

Italy
The Italian campaign is almost at an end since the 14th Army Group commander, General Mark Clark, twenty-five enemy divisions have been torn to pieces and 120,000 prisoners taken.

Argentina Squeezed

New Big 3 Crisis Over Poles Looms

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — British-American-Russian relations teetered on the rim of another crisis today, with the Polish issue again building up behind the scenes of the United Nations Conference.

Efforts of Latin-American nations to have an invitation issued for Argentina to join the conference appeared to be forcing the showdown this time. Some conference leaders were privately fearful of deadlock.

The Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov was reported to have told his Div-Power colleagues—Stettinius of the United States, Eden of Britain and Soong of China—that he is willing to have Argentina invited if the Warsaw Government determines to accept to send a delegation here.

The Argentine situation has been in a continuing state of tension since the Russian army entered the country.

Nazi Horror Camp

Yanks Capture Infamous Dachau

By HOWARD COWAN
DACHAU, Germany — (AP) — The U. S. 42nd and 45th Divisions captured the infamous Dachau prison camp today and freed its 32,000 captives.

Two columns of infantry riding tanks, bulldozers and other vehicles, anything with wheels—rolled down from the northwest and captured the camp.

The American doughboys were quickly joined by "trustees" working outside the sprawling barbed wire enclosure.

Officials said the Nazis recently moved several distinguished inmates, including Marshal Stalin's son Jacob Djaguch, to the camp.

Report Slavs Hold Trieste

NEW YORK — Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Army has captured Trieste, Abete, American Broadcasting Station in Europe, reported today.

The Italian Government channels expressed fear that Italy will be stripped of Trieste and other territories, and a Rome newspaper raised the question of why French troops were marching into north-western Italian territory which already had been freed by Italian partisans.

A statement issued by the Government Press Office said that the Committee of National Liberation for Masina Province "expresses the hope that . . . all attempts to strip Italy of Trieste and other territories will be decisively prevented."

Commenting on the French entry into northwestern Italy, the Independent newspaper Il Tempo said: "If there were a German front in Italy one might see in the French action a plan to take Trieste and the Veneto, and there is no German front in Italy any more."

Yanks Drive For Airfields

GUAMBU, Okla. — American boys, engaged over a Japanese pilot's suicidal attack on a Japanese Navy hospital ship, tonight doggedly today for two airfields—these included Okla. and Southern Oklahoma.

The fully-loaded, unarmored, unsecured U. S. S. Sonnet was attacked and nearly 3,000 miles south of Oklahoma, twenty-nine were killed, 35 wounded and one was missing.

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Result Of Junction First And Ninth Army Troops Freed For New, Special Duties

By WES GALLAGHER
WITH THE U. S. NINTH ARMY, Germany—(AP) — The Ninth and First Armies today were freed for new, special duties.

110,000 Freed At Nazi Camp

By U. S. THIRD ARMY
The U. S. 14th Armored Division liberated 110,000 Allied prisoners of war at Stalag 1A near Moosburg, instead of the 37,000 previously reported. This was Germany's biggest prisoner camp since the war.