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Nazi Escape Gap Shrinks As Russians Beat Ahead

Reds And Yanks In New Junctions

LONDON — (AP) — Soviet armored forces slashed today at Nazi troops offering bitter resistance in Czechoslovakia as they attempted to force the westward through a rapidly narrowing corridor toward the American lines.

Other Russian troops had forced the surrender of the major portion of de-Hardt enemy units in northern Austria, and had effected these new junctions with the Americans in the holdout area.

The Soviet High Command announced that the Russians had seized 500,000 prisoners along the former Eastern Front Wednesday through Friday, including 45 German generals.

LINK-UP WITH YANKS

Link up with the Americans in Czechoslovakia was accomplished by Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army near Bratislava, 100 miles east of Pilsen, and by Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army near Prague in the area northwest of Ceske Budejovice.

Malinovsky's troops occupied German and Austrian territory near the Austro-Bohemian frontier 45 miles northeast of Linz, and in this same area made the third junction with the Americans.

Malinovsky forced the major part of Col. Gen. Weichler's German army group to surrender in northern Austria. This group was fighting under the overall command of Field Marshal Ferdinand Scherzer's "Middle Army Group" against which the Russians threw powerful armored and storm forces.

The corridor through which thousands of Nazi troops north and northeast of Prague were trying to flow toward American lines was narrowed by General I. Yeremenko's Fourth Ukrainian Army. His troops seized the corridor 32 miles east of Prague at Kolin, Kutusheva and Tabor.

Inside Berlin the Russians were using the captured stockpiles of fuel and food to sustain their forces and to keep the city from falling to the enemy.

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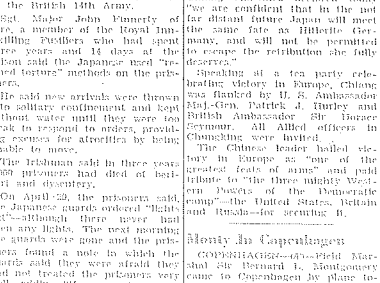
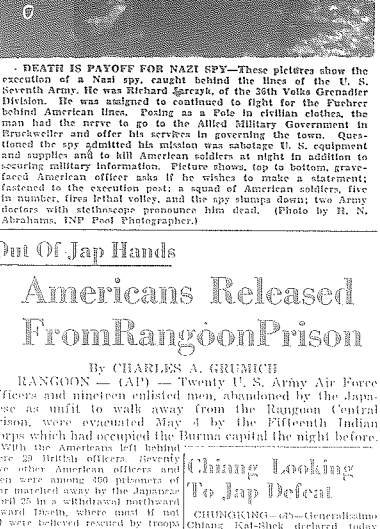
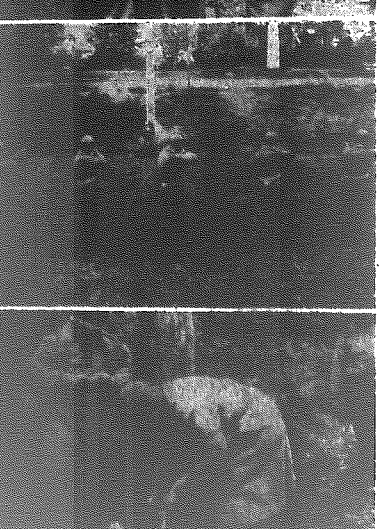
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MAJOR BATTLE FRONT IN OKINAWA FRONT

Yanks Make New Landing On Mindanao

Jap Garrisons Are Isolated

By FRED HAMPSON
MANILA — (AP) — Japanese garrisons throughout Mindanao were isolated from each other and cut off from outside help, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today, as a result of a new American landing on that island, second largest in the Philippines.

Battle-seasoned Yanks of the 6th Division swarmed onto unopposed Thursday at MacArthur Bay, on the island's north coast. The 4th Division, the 7th and 10th, and the 24th Division, the 26th and 31st, were also landed. The 24th Division's 26th and 31st regiments were landed in Bukidnon Province, in the interior. Rear Admiral Kinkaid, commander of the amphibious force.

JAPS BACK NORTHEAST

The Bukidnon Japanese had been backing toward Butuan Bay in the first amphibious operation conducted by the 4th Division. The 26th and 31st regiments were landed in Bukidnon Province, in the interior. Rear Admiral Kinkaid, commander of the amphibious force.

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MAMA VISITS THE PRESIDENT

President Harry S. Truman greets his 92-year-old mother, Mrs. Martha Truman, as she arrived in Washington by plane from Independence, Mo., to spend Mother's Day with her distinguished son. With her, as the President affectionately refers to his mother, is his sister Mary Truman. (NEA Telephoto.)

U. S. Chiefs Agree Regional Security Deadlock Broken

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — The United States delegation was reported today to have broken its week-old deadlock over how to fit regional security systems into a world peace organization. The solution, although tentative, is seen here as another long step in speeding the United Nations Security Council toward a successful conclusion.

Austria Puts Ban On Nazis

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Soviet-sponsored provisional Government of Austria has passed a law suppressing the Nazi Party and providing death sentences for its present members. The law also provides for the seizure of the party's property in Austria.

Point System Credit For 30 Baales To Be Given

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The battle participation stars which are one of the factors for combat credit for the 1945-46 year will be given on a point system. The points are based on 30 systems and will be given to the 30th Army.

Allo Prisoners Asked To Stay In German Camps

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gen. Eisenhower today requested German prisoners of war to remain in their camps to enable authorities to work out an orderly release program. He said that the transfer of prisoners to the United States would be a long process.

Four Yank Divisions Hammer At Jap Lines

Close Combat Combat Rages

By AL DOPKING

GUAM — (AP) — Four attacking American divisions and bitterly resisting Japanese were locked in close quarter combat today along the entire Okinawa Island front where both sides frequently charged with fixed bayonets.

Perhaps 50,000 to 100,000 Japanese and Americans were involved in fighting over houses and ravines along the four-mile battlefield.

Plane throwers, tanks and blasting gasoline spread interlocking cave defenses as the first two-camp offensive began to wobble in a mile of the two major objectives — Shuri, a medieval type fortress in the center, and Yaka, shattered west coast port and capital of the Southern Ryukyus.

Slow but sure, the American forces were pushing the Japanese back. The Japanese were being pushed back by the American forces.

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No Comment On Meeting

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — (AP) — The Press Secretary at No. 10 Downing Street declared today that "there is nothing definite to say at this moment" regarding unofficial reports that President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill are planning a meeting.

Yesterday a spokesman at the Prime Minister's residence characterized as "rumors and speculation" reports that a meeting was being planned.

The spokesman said that the reports were "unfounded" and that there was "no definite to say at this moment" regarding the reports.

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French Mass Killer Not Considered As Patriot

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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