

GERMANS SURRENDER

RECONVERSION PLAN APPROVED

Some Cars To Be Made; Gas Increase Due

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Wartime controls over production, rationing and pricing will be continued until Japan is defeated, the Administration said today, but "some reconversion will start immediately."

Highlights of the program, as outlined at a White House news conference by War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson:

1. Immediate suspension of the ban on horse and dog racing, and lifting of the midnight curfew, effective tonight.
2. Release of enough materials and manpower, no longer needed for the Pacific War, to produce a few new automobiles within six to nine months.
3. Some prospect of an early increase in gasoline allowances for civilian motorists.
4. Vinson said he saw no indications of any early general improvement in the civilian food supply situation.
5. No general production in taxes until final victory is won.

On the civilian production front, Vinson said that generally speaking "materials and manpower in large pre-empted for war will be freed for civilian production."

ARMED FORCES

As to the armed forces, he said: "Prosecution of the war against Japan must take precedence over all considerations, but men and women who can be spared from the Army will be demobilized. The Navy will continue to demobilize until Japan has been defeated, he added.

He said the Army expects to reduce its strength by 1,000,000 in the next twelve months, but that this will have to be done slowly at first because "first priority on shipping must be assigned to the men and material going to the Pacific."

PEOPLE FREASED

Freighting the American people for not going "anywhere" over Germany's surrender, Vinson said he was confident they would "stand on their feet" until Japan is beat.

Speedy Action Midnight Curfew, Racing Ban Lifted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Immediate lifting of the midnight entertainment curfew and the ban on horse and dog racing was announced today.

Fred M. Vinson, Director of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, said that the action was effective as of today and quipped:

"The curfew shall not ring tonight."

He told a news conference that the lifting of the ban on racetracks did not affect restrictions of the Office of Defense Transportation on the shipment of race tracks, and referred inquiries respecting these restrictions to ODT officials.

At ODT, it was stated that the lifting of the racing ban will be followed up by an order from ODT permitting the shipment of horses, but it was emphasized that travel restrictions in effect prior to the ban will continue.

ORIGINAL SETUP

"The set-up will be just the same as before the ban," an ODT official said.

The agency said special trains could not be authorized because of the general transport restriction. Because of the re-employment of troops from Europe to the war in the Pacific, ODT predicts that the travel situation in the next twelve to fifteen months will be the most critical so far.

Today's action means that racing's "triple crown"—the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes—two weeks later.

WEATHER

Fair and moderately cool today and tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness with little change in temperature.

Temperature at 2:30 Today: 76
High and Low Last 24 Hours 70: 51
Sunset Today: 8:15
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:23

Final Seal Is Set Upon Nazi Defeat

Keitel Signs Surrender

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG JR.
For the Combined Allied Press

BERLIN (AP) — The final seal was set on the Wehrmacht's defeat and humiliation before the world early this morning by Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, titular head of the once proud German High Command.

Brought to Marshal Gregory Zhukov's headquarters in the devastated German capital, he signed the formal ratification of Germany's unconditional surrender.

As one of the first two American newspaper men officially permitted to go to Berlin since the Russian occupation, I witnessed the signature in the large white-washed hall of an Army headquarters in the eastern residential suburb of Kitchelstr., now used by Zhukov as his headquarters.

The document was gone on identical terms to that signed at Reims on Monday morning, with certain additions requested by the Russians defining more closely the details of the surrender of German troops and equipment.

On the Allied side it was signed by Marshal Zhukov for the Russians and by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder on behalf of Gen. Eisenhower and was witnessed by Gen. Carl Spaatz and Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny. On the German side Keitel, as Oberkommando der Wehrmacht, stood together with Admiral Von Friede-

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Some Troops Already Sent Into Pacific

From Italy

ROME—(AP) — Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commanding general of U. S. troops in the Mediterranean theater, said in a V-E Day broadcast today that some American combat troops already have been transferred directly from Italy to participate in the war against Japan.

He said only a relatively small number of troops here would be demobilized and even those demobilized probably would not leave Italy for several months.

Some will be transferred to the Pacific theater via the United States, he added.

"For most of you," he said to the troops, "your return to civilian life will come only when Japan has been utterly and finally defeated."

Norwegian Traitor Quisling Is Jailed

Held At Oslo

OSLO, Norway — (AP) — Vidkun Quisling, whose name became a synonym for treachery in this war, was taken to the Oslo jail today from his estate outside Oslo, and will be arraigned publicly in court sometime this afternoon under Norwegian law.

The Norwegian traitor, broken by the swift events which toppled his five-year grip on Norway, drew up in the Oslo police station in a bullet-proof car with six of his Cabinet members.

With an immediate arraignment is scheduled by law, some police officials said he might not be arraigned until tomorrow morning.

"Dispatches from Oslo yesterday said Quisling had been in the lavish suburban home 'Glimt' guarded by Home-front Men."

Josef Terboven Reported To Have Shot Himself

OSLO — (AP) — German reports today said Josef Terboven, German commissioner in Norway, and SS Gen. Redetz committed suicide by shooting themselves.

A Fat War Prize Goering Is Taken Alive; Kesselring Also Captive

By A. I. GOLDBERG
SIXTH ARMY GROUP HQS.

GOERING, once the second ranking Nazi, was captured last night by the American Seventh Army and declared today that he had been arrested by the Germans on orders of Hitler, because he wanted to conclude a surrender.

The fat Reichs Marshal said he was seized by the Germans on April 27, held at Berchtesgaden and ordered executed. He last saw Hitler on April 22 in Berlin, he asserted.

He said he believed Hitler died on April 27 or 28.

OTHERS TAKEN

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, German commander on the western front until March, also was captured.

Gen. Ritter von Epp, erstwhile defender of Munich and governor of Bavaria, also was captured by the 30th Division. He was one of the original Nazis.

The 10th Airborne Division captured Lt. Gen. Berger in a mass surrender of Wehr SS troops near Bologna.

Goering surrendered personally to Brig. Gen. Robert Stack, assistant commander of the Texas 45th Division, while also capturing Field Marshal von Hundstedt on May 1.

The surrender occurred on a road east of Kitzbühel last night.

Mrs. Goering and their child also was taken.

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HERMAN GOERING

U. S. Prepares For Kayo Japan

On To Tokyo

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

American commanders on far-flung Pacific battlefronts today hailed the end of the war in Europe as the signal for "full speed ahead" on Tokyo.

Strategists even now are planning the invasion of the Japanese home islands.

Men and machines, they stressed, will pour in ever increasing amounts into the Pacific where Japan has been driven back from places that have reached to the largest, closest "run" (Island of the ladder) in the Pacific homeland.

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But the American High Command is not looking for surrender now.

NO RELAXATION

"It is necessary for us to go ahead on the assumption that it will be necessary for us to invade Japan," Nimitz said.

Such plans, he added, are in the making.

He gave Japan no hint, however, of where the new blow would come. "The future will be a wide open book," said Nimitz.

Whatever success the Japanese might have in the Pacific on unconditional surrender will be done.

"There is no part of Japan that can be reached by carrier aircraft. That is significant."

Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay pledged to Guam there would be "no weakening" of Superfortresses blown against Japan by his 21st Bomber Command.

Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the Sixth Army which carried the brunt of battle against Japan in the Southwest Pacific, said at Luzon headquarters, "With full weight of our armed forces, we are ready to invade Japan. We look confidently to the inevitable defeat of this tough, determined enemy."

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Army commander in the Pacific Ocean area, messaged Gen. Eisenhower that salutes of the Pacific "look forward to the day when fighting men from your theater of operations will unite with us to mount the final assault that will tear from Japan the same unenviable fate which you have so gallantly won from our German enemy."

Mecklenburg Casualties

(Statistics include)

KILLED

T/5 Cornell C. Holman
Pfc. Richard J. Schaeffer

WOUNDED

Pfc. James C. Cochran
Cpl. John D. Cagel

Reds Liberate Czech Capital After Deadline

Last German Pockets Being Cleared After Time Set For End Of Hostilities

By ROMNEY WHEELER

LONDON—(AP)—Russian troops and tanks, striking swiftly by night from the north, liberated Prague at 4 A. M. today—four hours after the official deadline for all Germans to lay down their arms—Premier-Marshall Stalin announced tonight.

Warfare between Germans and Russians apparently continued before the time set for complete cessation of hostilities. Earlier today, a station calling itself the Prague radio said German planes bombed the Czechoslovak capital and three other points in the republic shortly after Russian troops had entered Prague.

Stalin declared "troops of the First Ukrainian front, as a result of a swift night maneuver by tank formations and infantry, having smashed enemy resistance, today, May 9, at 4 A. M.; liberated from the German invaders the capital of our ally, Czechoslovakia, the city of Prague."

He ordered a salute in Moscow of 24 salutes from 224 guns.

Hostilities in Europe officially ended at 12:01 A. M. battlefront time. At about the same time the Germans surrendered the three French Atlantic ports and U-boat bases of Lorient, St. Nazaire and La Rochelle. A French communique said they had been occupied. The only Germans remaining unsundered on French soil were some 12,000 at Dunkerque, the Channel port, through which the British expeditionary force escaped in 1940.

About 79,000 Germans were believed to have yielded in the three surrendered ports—all important submarine bases when German U-boat raiders threatened Allied victory.

Russia joyously proclaimed the unconditional surrender of Germany before dawn, ten hours after President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill proclaimed V-E Day following Germany's capitulation at Gen. Eisenhower's advanced headquarters at Reims in France early Monday. A formal ratification of the surrender took place in Berlin yesterday.

LAST GASPS

Actions such as the reported last gasps at Prague are outlawed under surrender edicts, and German participants may be treated as franc-tireurs—subject to summary execution.

The final humiliation was delivered yesterday to the Nazi regime. No more striking evidence of the totality of German defeat could have been conceived than the ceremony amid the wreckage of Berlin, where the surrender was ratified.

There Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, former commander of the German Staff, and his aides met with Allied and Russian representatives to sign the surrender. Keitel, Tedder for Britain; Gen. Carl Spaatz for the United States; Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny for Soviet Russia and Gen. de Tassigny for the French.

These Allied military leaders were victors in the fullest sense. Tedder served as Gen. Eisenhower's deputy. Spaatz directed the U. S. Strategic Air Forces in the lowlands, which paraded German industry; Zhukov marched his victorious First White Russian Army into Berlin and into the Reich. Gen. de Tassigny led the French First Army across the Rhine and into the Reich.

Under the terms of surrender, remnants of the German Luftwaffe, the explosion of the Reich; force; all arms and ammunition, all armor and self-propelled guns, all artillery and other weapons, all military equipment, and all military personnel must be accounted for and surrendered to local Allied commanders, or designated military representatives of the victorious powers.

On the high seas Germany's U-boat fleet, with which Hitler once hoped to win the war, was ordered to surface and walk out to proceed individually to port.

All arms and holdout survivors in Norway, in the Atlantic ports, in the Channel Islands, in Czechoslovakia, in Austria, on the Vistula Estuary and in Latvia were under orders of the German High Command to surrender unconditionally to the Allies and to Russia.

Final Stroke American Ship Sunk Saturday By U-Boat

BOSTON—(AP)—A German U-boat, 28, of Beisaf, Me., said the co-attack in the closing of the European war came the 552-ton American collier Black Point off Point Judith, R. I., Saturday night. May 5. Twelve crew members were reported missing.

An official of the firm owning the collier said one submarine was reported destroyed by Naval action shortly afterwards.

Survivors told a dramatic story of the attack. The ship was on a voyage from Norfolk, Va., to Boston, when observers on the collier saw the wake of the torpedo. The attack occurred at dusk.

The master, Capt. Charles E. Prior,

Marshal Stalin Hails Victory

LONDON — (AP)—Marshal Stalin in a personal broadcast to the Russian people tonight said Germany's collapse as a consequence of the explosion of the Berlin "is not only a great victory for the Allies, but a 'great' victory for Germany."

"Now we can say with confidence that this is the end of complete victory," he said in the Moscow radio.

"All the suffering of the past of our people in the defense of our Motherland has been repaid," he said. "The German people have been freed from the yoke of the Hitler regime."

Two lifeboats and one raft were launched, he continued. The survivors watched the ship go down in six minutes. The lifesaving raft was picked up within 45 minutes by three other Allied vessels in the vicinity.