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U.S. Aims To Wipe Out All Vestiges Of Nazism

Doenitz Regime Not Recognized

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Paris—(AP)—The Allies do not recognize the Doenitz regime as the constitutional government of Germany and are planning a long, strict military occupation of the Reich, it was made plain here today.

Major Gen. Lucian D. Clay, Gen. Eisenhower's deputy for the occupation of Germany, said the American aim was to smash all vestiges of Nazism and Germany's war-making potential, and to see that all war criminals are caught and punished.

Supreme Statement

Supreme Headquarters said formally of the Germans who succeeded the Hitler regime just before the unconditional surrender:

"Admiral Doenitz and certain other selected Germans are being used temporarily to carry out duties in connection with the disarming and medical care of German Armed Forces. These German officers are fully controlled and are there solely to carry out instructions of the Allied Expeditionary Force."

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Clay said accused war criminals such as Goering were being held in prison areas where they would be less comfortable. (A Reuters dispatch quoted Clay as saying Doenitz also was being held as a prisoner of war.) German offenders will be used as laborers in rebuilding devastated European areas. He said food would be scarce in Germany this winter but that some starvation conditions exist. He also stated that exact zones of American, Russian, British and French occupation areas probably would be announced within a few days.

Brig. Gen. Frank J. McSherry of the SHAEP Military Government Section said the first four grades of German schools would be reopened and that textbooks, purged of militarism, were being printed. Ambassador Robert Murphy, political adviser to Gen. Eisenhower, said the use of Doenitz and others in no way meant a recognition of the "Prüfung Group" as the government of Germany.

Count Ludwig Schwenn von Rosbach, far as the War Department concerned, does not act officially as Doenitz' Foreign Minister. His recent broadcast was wholly unauthorized.

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Six Packs A Week

Armed Forces Going On 'Smokes' Ration

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The armed forces will start rationing cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobaccos at all military and naval establishments and prisoner of war camps in this country June 3.

Supplementing an earlier announcement by the War Department, the Navy said identical orders would be issued covering all Army, Marine and Coast Guard stations.

As announced by the War Department, military personnel, their dependents and authorized civilian employees will be allowed six packs of cigarettes, six cigars or four ounces of smoking tobacco per week. They will not be permitted to buy cigarettes or cigars.

Churchill Speaks On German Future

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Family Found

Wife Believes Himmler Is Dead

By SID FEDER
BOLZANO, Italy—(AP)—Fran Margaret Bieden Himmler believes her husband, Joseph Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler, "was killed with the other Reich leaders such as Hitler in the fighting for Berlin."

Say Battery Withheld

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Government today accused two of the nation's leading storage battery manufacturers of withholding a battery company's participation in American war equipment had been affected greatly as a consequence.

An anti-trust civil action filed by the Department of Justice in Federal Court said the battery company, known as the nickel-cadmium battery, had a reported ten-year life span whereas average batteries last but three years.

Named in the complaint were the Electric Storage Battery Co. of Philadelphia, a New Jersey Corp. said by the Government to be the world's largest maker of electric storage batteries, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, the Willard Storage Battery Co. of Cleveland, one of the largest manufacturers of storage batteries in the United States.

The Department said the defendants and co-conspirators prevented manufacture in America of nickel-cadmium batteries by German, French and English firms.

"Cadmium batteries," the complaint said, "have not been made in the United States and have not been used by the armed forces of the United States."

"As a result of the conspiracy herein alleged, the United States has had neither the commercial production of nickel-cadmium batteries necessary for the manufacture of the advanced cadmium battery, to divide world markets and to compete competently in the manufacture and sale of electric storage batteries."

The complaint said the defendants, by their conspiracy, had entered into an agreement, dating back to 1941, to divide world markets and to compete competently in the manufacture and sale of electric storage batteries.

Best Western Allies Have

Limited War Tests Show U. S. Pershing Tank Is Good Weapon

By WES GALLAGHER
SUPREMACY IN ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris—(AP)—A partial test of the new U. S. Pershing tank in the closing stages of the German offensive showed the latest American armored heavyweights was capable of dealing with German Tigers and Panthers.

By the time the 45-ton Pershing entered the battle in any quantity German armor had been so badly mauled by air and ground forces it was unable to put up any great resistance to the Pershing.

Soviet Army Wins Praise From Turkey

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Moscow broadcast today of a message from Turkish Premier Suktan Saracoglu congratulating Premier Marshal Stalin on "the great victory of the heroic Soviet Army" over Germany. The message was that the Soviet Army had "put up any great resistance to the Pershing."

Joint Action For Defense Is Approved

Truman's Plan Aids S. America

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—A United States plan guaranteeing the right to organized nations for collective defense goes before the World Security Conference today backed by enough votes to assure its eventual approval.

The plan is designed primarily to give the Pan-American defense system a strong and permanent position within the proposed World Security Organization.

Secretary of State Stettinius announced an authority of President Truman, that the United States would invite the other American nations to negotiate a long-term mutual defense treaty following the conference here.

The approval of the American plan, with the approval of virtually all the Latin-American States and most of the Big Powers—Russia excepted—will give the United States and other nations the right to enter into mutual defense treaties following the conference here.

Mindanao Struggle

Yanks And Japs Battle Savagely

By DEAN SCHEDLER
MANILA—(AP)—Trapped Japanese troops fought a savage hand-to-hand battle today with Americans of the 24th Infantry west of Davao City on Mindanao.

Major Gen. Roscoe B. Woodruff's battle-seasoned veterans attacked with knives, bayonets and even flaming flares as the struggle mounted in savage fury. The battle raged in mud-soaked, cogon grass in foothills between the Talomo and Davao Rivers.

To the northwest, the 31st and 32nd Infantry Divisions were pioneering to large enemy garrisons in Bukidnon Province, where the bulk of an estimated 50,000 Mindanao Japanese were believed fortifying hill positions.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in today's communiqué that 80 per cent of Mindanao, second largest island in the Philippines, had been liberated. He also said 25 per cent of the population, probably exceeding 400,000, was freed from Japanese domination.

But the Japanese salient west of Davao resisted fiercely. Their retreat cut off, the Nipponese retreated to the east, where they were here among friends," he said, and then drew laughter when he added "among people whose language I can almost speak."

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The Japanese attack was a desperate counter-attack in the central sector of the Okinawa campaign and the Emperor's soldiers for a time repulsed a bloody thrust by the Third Infantry Division. The British veterans of Iwotoko and Orin Peninsula—absorbed the shock and literally man-by-man edged the advance. At least 400 enemy dead were counted by noon.

GREAT PROMISE
Sgt. Charles William T. Connolly of Richmond, Va., assistant commander of the Sixth Marine Division, said the 22nd is a proud unit.

"We are well fed but we're crush those damned buzzards before it's over."

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Britain Will Release Men

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LONDON—(AP)—Britain hopes to be able to release 75,000 from the armed forces before the end of the year, Labor Minister Ernest Bevin announced today in presenting a program to commons.

Bevin announced relaxations in the National Service Act whereby men over 30 would be exempt from the armed forces, and women no longer would be called up for auxiliary services.

"Our program," the Labor Minister said, "has of course taken account for a long time of the needs of the Japanese war. It has been necessary to make continuous scrutiny over the past two years of our probable Japanese war requirements after the German war ended in relation to the changing background."

While expressing hope that 75,000 troops could be discharged this year, Bevin said "we don't know precisely what our future commitments will be."

"We will do nothing to prevent our full strength being brought to the aid of our allies in Europe for some time."

Appeal For Aid For Prisoners

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Prague radio broadcast an urgent appeal to the United States and Britain today for immediate and large scale help for American and British prisoners, said 24,000 in the custody of a Nazi concentration camp at Terstin, northeast of Prague.

Owl's remained the broadcast. The inmates were said to need food urgently, as well as bandages and other medical supplies. Some 2,000 were reported ill. The broadcast said there were 700 cases of typhus and 3,000 cases of dysentery. From 80 to 100 were reported dying daily.

Eisenhower spent the night at his headquarters in London. He was expected to fly back to the continent today.

Gen. George S. Patton Jr., commander of the U. S. Third Army, arrived in London today.

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(Berliner Gazette)

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Weather

Cloudy and continued with this afternoon. Thursday cloudy with scattered showers. Temperature 60-70.

Guam Lost In Furious Jap Attack

Is Regained

Reuters Reports Naha Captured

By JAMES LINDSLEY
GUAM—(AP)—United States Marines battle furiously on the edge of Naha, capital of Okinawa Island, today after retaking ground lost in the bloodiest Japanese counter-attack of the offensive.

(A British broadcast of a Reuters dispatch said Naha had fallen to the Americans. There was no confirmation from U. S. Headquarters.)

The Japanese launched their counter-attack around midnight Monday after a heavy artillery barrage, said AP Dispatch. Associated Press was correspondent.

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Eisenhower In London

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower visited London last night for his first night out in three years, and in his own words it was "the nicest night I've had since the war started."

In high good humor, the Supreme Commander exchanged banter with cheering West End throngs. People tugged at him, patted him on the back, shook his hand and shouted repeatedly: "Good old Ike."

Those who got near enough to shake hands with him received a hearty "good luck" greetings from the bugyati chief of the victorious Allied armies, who was nattily attired in a light tropical uniform and peak cap.

Eisenhower attended the musical revue "Strike It Again" in company with Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the 12th Army Group, who received his own share of the thunderous ovation.

The Supreme Commander spoke briefly after comedian Ed Fields told the audience the two generals were there, and after spotlights had been turned on the box, Eisenhower bowed and waved repeatedly to the cheering audience.

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