

Today Is This Day

# All German Guns Silent By 6 P. M.

LONDON — (AP) — Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Germany's current Fuehrer, announced today that all German arms would be silent by 6 P. M. (6 P. M. EDT) tonight.

Doenitz's successor, as Fuehrer, of the German people said in an address over the German-controlled Plebiscite radio that the Germans would lay down all their arms in accordance with the unconditional surrender terms he had ordered.

## NAZI PARTY OUT

In slow, deliberate terms he told the Germans that the Nazi Party had been severed from the left side of the scene of its activities.

Doenitz, addressing the German people, said he ordered the High Command to surrender unconditionally the night of May 6-7 on all fronts.

The text of the address today by Admiral Doenitz as recorded by the Associated Press: "German men and women: When I addressed the German nation on May 1 telling it that the Fuehrer had appointed me his successor, I said that my foremost task was to have the lives of the German people. In order to achieve this goal, I ordered the German High Command to surrender the night May 6-7 to slay the unconditional surrender for all fronts.

"On May 6 at 2300 hours (11 P. M.) the arms will be silent.

"German soldiers, veterans of countless battles, are now treading the bitter path to captivity, and thereby making the last sacrifice for the life of our women and children, and for the future of our nation.

"We, how to all who have fallen, I have pledged myself to the German people that in the coming times of want I will help courageous women and children, as far as I humanly can, to alleviate their conditions. Whether this will be possible I do not know.

"We must face facts squarely. The unity of state and party does not exist any more. The party has left the scene of its activities.

"With the occupation of Germany, the power has been transferred to the occupying authorities. It is up to them to confirm me in my function and the government I have appointed or decide whether to

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## Eisenhower In Statement

PARIS — (P) — Gen. Eisenhower's proclamation on Germany's unconditional surrender: "The late President Roosevelt and Premier Churchill met in Casablanca. There they announced the formula of unconditional surrender for the Axis powers. In Europe that formula has now been fulfilled. The Allies' force which invaded Europe on June 6, 1944, has with its great Russian Allies and the forces advancing from the south, utterly defeated the Germans on land, sea, and air. This unconditional surrender has been achieved by team work, team work not only among the Allies, but among all the services, land, sea, and air.

"To every subordinate that has been in this command of almost 5,000,000 Allies, I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. The only repayment that can be made to the Allies participating in the free citizens of all the United Nations.

## 'The Mikado' To Be Given

The music department of Queens College and Davidson College will present Gilbert and Sullivan's opera, "The Mikado," at Davidson this week and at Queens the first of next week.

The initial performance will be presented in Chambers Auditorium at Davidson Thursday at 8:15 P. M. The opera is to be presented in the Nimitz Auditorium on the Queens College campus Monday and Tuesday of next week. Tickets for the performances at Queens are on sale in the music department there.

Earl S. Berg of the Davidson department of music is the producer. James Christman Pfah, head of the Queens and Davidson music departments, will be the conductor of the orchestra.

## Final Rites Set For Mrs. Gray

Funeral services for Mrs. Jeanette Steele Gray of 2716 Sanders St., who died Saturday in Good Samaritan Hospital, will be held in the morning at 10:30 P. M. in the Presbyterian Church, Bishop Buford Gordon will officiate, and burial will be in York Memorial Cemetery.

Formerly a teacher at Middleville School, Mrs. Gray is survived by her husband, John W. Gray Jr.; one son, Ronald K. Gray; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Steele, all of Charlotte; four sisters, Mrs. Jettie Carl of Charlotte, Mrs. Irene Taylor, Mrs. Bertha Cotton, and Mrs. Christine Woodward, all of New York; and two brothers, James DeHaven Steele of Philadelphia and Clyde Steele Jr. of Charlotte.

Don't burn any paper. Burning paper is like burning Red Cross boxes. Give paper for war. You may save a life.

# German General Appeals For Mercy For People Of Reich As He Signs Terms Of Unconditional Surrender At Reims

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minutes. Then Jodi, in a grey, military uniform, stood in the blue-clad Friedrichburg.

Jodi wore the Knight of the Iron Cross, the highest military decoration, which was pinned to his chest.

Neither seemed crestfallen. They stood, standing at attention. The Allied officers bowed stiffly.

Everyone's visage—Ally or enemy—was marked by a smile. "There are four copies," Gen. Smith remarked dryly, "to be signed."

Gen. Jodi was the first to put his name on the quadruplicate document at 2:41 P. M. Copies were passed across to the Allied Generals Ivan Suslopavov of the Red Army, Smith of SHAEF, and Francois Sevez of France in that order.

The terms of the naval agreement were signed by the British Admiral Burroughs, and the terms of the land and air disarmament were signed by the American General H. H. Arnold.

Chairs scraped and the Germans rose stiffly to stand at attention. The Allies got to their feet and the Germans walked out of the room at 2:47 A. M.

His greying blond hair almost bald at the top, looked almost bald at the top, looked almost bald at the top, looked almost bald at the top, looked almost bald at the top.

They were escorted down the hall to meet Gen. Eisenhower for the first time. Until now, the Supreme Commander had spoken to them only through messages relayed by his chief of staff.

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who had done in the plane, full of smoke. He had exploded. That he was exhausted by the lack of sleep for the most of last days.

At 5:04 P. M., the enemy emissaries reached advanced SHAEF headquarters in Reims to meet the surrender of German Army Group G in Austria to Gen. Jacob L. Devers was flashed.

The inhabitants of Reims quickly noticed the two German uniforms. They could not know exactly what was happening, but they knew it was something big.

Eisenhower has spent far more time at Reims than at his headquarters farther to the rear. The Ecole Professionnelle is a modern building in the center of the city of red brick and resembles many schools in the United States.

Brig. E. J. Ford, British Chief of Staff, SHAEF's operational director, and Lt. Col. W. A. S. Morice, British Assistant Secretary of Defense, met the Germans in this square.

Soon GIs, Tommies and Weas were crowded into the square. The Germans asked to tidy up before meeting the High Allied command. They were told to tidy up to himself as he scrubbed his hands and changed his collar.

TAKEN TO SMITH Maj. Gen. Strong escorted Friedrichburg to the square where he came to sharp attention in front of a battery of Allied officers in uniform.

He produced these and it became apparent that he was not a surrenderer only on the Western Front. In reply, Smith gave him the terms in writing—unconditional surrender to Russia as well as to the Western Allies. All German forces, aircraft and sea craft were to remain at their present positions. The German command was to forward and enforce the prosecution of all orders of the Allied commands.

Smith declared that the German position was hopeless. Friedrichburg agreed and said the Germans preferred to surrender only to the Western Allies, expressing fear that the Russians would kill many German soldiers.

Almost impatiently, Smith brushed aside the assumption. He held even more emphatically that the Allies would consider only unconditional surrender to all four nations.

Friedrichburg then attempted to describe what he called the sufferings and hardships of the German people.

Smith answered that the German people were enemies and would remain so until they surrendered. After surrender the Allies would act in accordance with the normal dictates of humanity, he said.

ADMIRAL CALM The German Admiral appeared perfectly composed. He rose and took the terms to the office assigned him in the school building. There he sat down at his desk and studied them anew.

Whiskey and sandwiches were sent into them. Once during their deliberations Strong visited them to clarify some points in Eisenhower's terms.

Meanwhile the commander in chief sent urgent messages to Washington, London and Moscow. The situation in that part of the world was authorized only to offer surrender of the remaining German forces on the West Front.

This offer had been rejected, and that the admiral was now seeking authorization from Doenitz to make a full surrender to Russia as well as the Western Allies.

At the same time Saalopavov and Zenkovitch, Russian representatives at SHAEF, received full details of the situation. They met Smith and they and other high SHAEF officers waited for any message which might be received. They arranged on receipt of authority from Doenitz.

Finally Friedrichburg appeared with a message addressed to Doenitz. It outlined the terms and emphasized Smith's suggestion. Doenitz either gave Friedrichburg full authority for a total surrender or sent his chief of staff and the commanders in chiefs of his army, navy and air forces with such authority.

SHAEF's warning that the new German government would have to shoulder the guilt for continuing the fighting also was contained in the message.

This was sent in code to the British Second Army for transmission by courier across the German lines.

SMITH SPEAKS While awaiting Doenitz's reply, Friedrichburg and Poleck spent the night in a seven-room house at 3 Rue Colonne, Reims, with Lt. Col. Vincent Bury, Maj. Lawrence and Lt. George Reinhardt of New York, SHAEF interpreters. Military policemen stood guard outside.

On instructions from Eisenhower, Smith made another suggestion during the conversation that an immediate cessation of hostilities be ordered to save lives while waiting for formal surrender.

Doenitz's response came Sunday with Jodi, who ended his stay in Reims from German territory.

He was met by Maj. Gen. Frederick D. E. Guingard, Montgomery's Chief of Staff and his aide, Maj. Ocklins.

Jodi was flown to Reims, landing at 5:20 P. M. He was met by Brig.

adier Fued. Jodi returned the German's salute without any sign of emotion.

Brought to the school house, he was taken to a room where Friedrichburg was waiting. The admiral did not shake hands with him. They talked together for a considerable time.

Smith received them at 6:15 and 6:45 sitting and went to the core respondents that nothing would be signed for at least three hours.

In the morning, the German emissaries were taken to the quarters to dine at a nearby cottage.

Eisenhower had two fountain pens ready. He had been waiting for them for such an occasion since the close of the North African campaign in 1943. The German emissaries used them except Saalopavov, who pulled a big green fountain pen from his pocket when it was his turn to write.

How The German Navy Surrendered To Allies SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, PARIS—(P) The text of the "naval terms of surrender":

The following statement, decided with the manner in which the German Navy surrendered to the Allies:

For the information of the public, it may be stated that all German and German-controlled warships, auxiliary vessels, merchant ships and other craft at sea are being ordered to report their positions to the nearest Allied wireless telegraph station, and are being given orders to proceed to such Allied ports as directed. They will remain in those ports until further directions are received.

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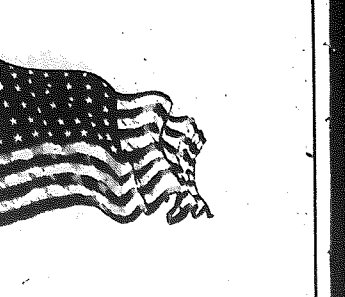
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## TO THOSE WHO GAVE ALL . . .

Here they lie. Guard them well with your life, sentry, even as they guarded that for which we are fighting, with their own!

Peace is theirs. Let it not be disturbed, sentry, even as the peace they died to secure for all mankind shall—once won—be undisturbed in future years by murderous marauders such as we have known.

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Now we can concentrate on a single front. Every bond you buy is another blow at our last remaining enemy... another bomb that will speed up the war's end and bring America's victorious fighting men back again to their homes and families.