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LIGHTING-UP TIME

10.31 p.m. 5.20 a.m.

Sun Rises Sun Sets
6.20 a.m. 9.31 p.m.Moon Sets Moon Rises
11.34 a.m. 4.02 a.m.
(To-morrow)

Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1945

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In the family tradition

BIRD'S CUSTARD

THREE-HALFPENCE

TOTAL SURRENDER "AT ANY HOUR"

TALKS AT HIGH LEVEL ARE GOING ON ALL THE TIME

MONTGOMERY-DOENITZ MEETING NOT CONFIRMED

TOTAL surrender of the German Army may come at any hour, Doon Campbell, Reuter's special correspondent with the British Second Army, cabled to-day.

There is no line and no front left anywhere, and surrender talks are going at a high level all the time, he said.

Certain moves are on foot which would result in the surrender of the remaining German forces on the same unconditional terms as those accepted in Italy and Austria, Reuter's special correspondent in San Francisco reported.

Reports of negotiations between Admiral Doenitz, the new Fuehrer, and Field Marshal Montgomery for unconditional surrender were not confirmed at Montgomery's Headquarters to-day.

Unofficial observers in Moscow were to-day discussing the possibility of a general Allied surrender call to all remaining German centres of resistance, cabled Duncan Hooper, Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow.

It was suggested that the time was fast approaching when an ultimatum date might be fixed, after which all Germans continuing to fight on could be treated as outlaws.

The war in the Jutland Peninsula ended to-day, as tens of thousands of disgruntled Germans poured into British cages or fought for places in the armada of escape ships streaming up the Danish coast towards Norway.

While the complete German collapse in the north brought predictions that the war would end in a matter of hours, General Patton's armoured spearheads in Austria raced eastward to an area five miles from the Danube town of Linz, bringing them to within 56 miles of a link-up with Tolbukin's forces east of the town.

The link-up would enclose all German-held Czechoslovakia in a pocket.

STAGE SET FOR DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS

From DENIS MARTIN, Reuter's Special Correspondent

21st ARMY GROUP H.Q.,

Friday.

FIGHTING has come to a standstill in the Kiel Peninsula, where huge surrenders continue.

The 18th Airborne Corps claims over half a million prisoners in operations east of the Elbe.

The stage is set for a dramatic development.

Only minor pockets of resistance remain throughout the entire Reich.

The 2nd T.A.F. has been out in massive strength since dawn to-day, hitting German shipping concentrations fleeing north.

Yesterday's total bag of shipping, including the claims of Coastal Command and the American 29th T.A.C., were 25 sunk and 178 damaged.

The last German battleship, Schleswig-Holstein (13,000 tons) is at sea.

CAPTURED GENERALS

American tank forces have captured Elmenhorst, on the Baltic, between Lubeck and Wismar.

The 11th Armoured Division captured Neustadt, on the north shore of Lubeck Bay.

The following were captured in the drive to the Baltic:

Major-General Durr, inspector-general of Luftwaffe equipment;

Major-General Loebell, acting Luftwaffe commander in Lubeck province;

Lieut.-General Carzler, chief engineer of the Baltic fortifications;

Major-General Lermann, in charge of some 18,000 prisoners of war;

Colonel Reichert and Colonel Frank, senior officers of the shattered German 27th Corps.

The Fifth Division has now captured the seaplane base at Lubeck.

The 11th Armoured Division has captured five more generals.

DRIVE FOR EMDEN

In Oldenburg province where the Canadians and Poles are driving

TYPHOONS SMASH HUN SEA EVACUATION

ROCKET and bomb-carrying typhoons of the R.A.F. 2nd T.A.F. scored a resounding air victory yesterday, when they

as they endeavoured to stage a getaway to the northern redoubt.

Jet propelled Meteors, Spitfires and Tempests throughout the day hammered unceasingly at enemy motor transport north.

SURRENDER NEGOTIATIONS

MOSCOW TALKS OF ULTIMATUM

DUNCAN HOOPER,

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow, cables:

Unofficial observers here are speculating on the possibility of a general Allied surrender call to all remaining German centres of resistance.

Disasters which have piled on Germany in the past few days, coupled with the virtual truncation of the Nazi regime by the reported suicide of Hitler, would seem to have created the correct conditions for this.

It is suggested that the time is now rapidly approaching when an ultimatum date might be fixed, after which all Germans continuing to fight on could be treated as outlaws.—Reuter.

MONTGOMERY MEETING DOENITZ-STOCKHOLM REPORT

An unconfirmed report that Field Marshal Montgomery was meeting Admiral Doenitz, the new Fuehrer, last night or this morning at Kiel or Aabenraa, east coast Danish port 12 miles north of the German frontier, was cabled to-day by Thomas Harris, Reuter's special correspondent in Stockholm.

Harris said that the report had no direct confirmation, but added that he had received it from two different sources, usually regarded as reliable.

The report said that Doenitz was being accompanied by Werner Best, German Minister in Denmark, Terboven, Reich Commissioner in Norway, and Lindemann, German C-in-C in Denmark.

Best is said to have told Doenitz that he cannot answer for the loyalty of the troops in Denmark, and to have recommended capitulation.

While these reports must be treated with reserve, earlier news from Stockholm said that Doenitz, with Count Schwerin von Krosigk, his Foreign Minister, was understood to be in the vicinity of Kiel, Germany's Baltic naval base, to which British forces are rapidly advancing.

Montgomery's guns can already be heard in Jutland.

CRUMBLING PLANS

Further indications of a crumbling of any German plans for a last-ditch defence in Denmark was the announcement in last night's German communiqué, not picked up until midnight, that the German High Command have declared the naval bases of Kiel and Flensburg open cities, and ordered that they should not be defended.

Other Stockholm reports say that the British have crossed the frontier into Denmark, and that small reconnoitring Russian parachute detachments have landed on the Danish island of Zealand, on which Copenhagen stands.

The Danish Foreign Office sent a circular to all embassies, telling them that the British had crossed the frontier, and exhorting them to maintain order.

NORWAY TO FOLLOW?

Swedish radio has reported entire disintegration among the German forces in Denmark.

Terboven is reported to have flown to Jutland yesterday, after talks with Quisling about Norway's situation. They apparently realise that collapse in Norway must follow any crack-up in Denmark.

Kiel itself is cut off by General Dempsey's tanks which have raced across the Kiel Canal.

Reports from Malmoe said that Russian troops had occupied Warnemuende and launched attacks against Laaland and Moon, the Danish islands, while British and American troops are approaching Aabenraa.

Behind front line troops advancing into Denmark, Anglo-American and Russian forces are mopping up remnants of the smashed German forces trapped between Berlin and the Baltic.

Half a million troops surrendered to the British in 48 hours.

TALKS 'NOT CONFIRMED'

Denis Martin, Reuter's special correspondent at 21st Army Group H.Q., cables:—Reports of negotiations between Admiral Doenitz and Field Marshal Montgomery for the final unconditional surrender of the German armed forces were not confirmed at the Marshal's H.Q. to-day.

The position, however, is so fluid that it is best described as one in which anything might happen.

The piecemeal surrender of the German armies to the British and Americans is a further indication that the enemy command can only

"NEUTRAL BELT" AGREED IN HOLLAND

From BILL BOSS, Reuter and Canadian Press Correspondent

laid as a dump where foodstuffs, coal, and oils change hands.

hope to resist a few days longer at the most, and the surrender is the only way out of the present catastrophe.

If surrender does materialise on the lines of the Italian debacle, the German emissaries will negotiate directly with General Eisenhower.—Reuter.

WAR "FOLDING UP FAST"

Doon Campbell, Reuter's special correspondent with the British Second Army in Germany, says:—Total surrender of the German army may come at any hour. There is no line and no front left anywhere, and surrender talks are going on at a high level all the time.

The war in Europe is folding up fast, as shown by the enormous droves of beaten Germans in fields and woods.

Sullen and defeated, they are burning their rifles and changing into civilian clothes when they can. Whole divisions are trudging unescorted into prison camps.

"A MATTER OF HOURS"

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday. Gen. Smuts, South African Prime Minister and head of his country's delegation to the world security conference, is receiving despatches telling briefly but dramatically of the rapidly approaching end in Europe.

It is understood that Admiral Doenitz has been made aware of the futility of continuation of the struggle, and that certain moves are now in progress to translate this appreciation into action which would result in surrender of the remaining German forces on terms as unconditional as those accepted by the enemy in Italy and Austria.

This final retirement by Germany from the active war scene appears to be only a matter of hours.

RUSSIANS SEARCHING FOR HITLER'S BODY

From DUNCAN HOOPER, Reuter's Special Correspondent

MOSCOW, Friday.

RED ARMY men who forced their way into the Reich Chancellery—Hitler's Berlin residence, where the official German announcement stated he died—found the building on fire, and were forced to leave by the fire escape after touring the smoke-filled rooms and corridors in gas masks.

"Red Star" published a report of this event to-day, but made no mention of any clues to what actually happened to Hitler.

The Soviet soldiers found the Chancellery "a grey, gloomy building," smoking furiously. The windows were blocked up with piles of books, apparently snatched from the shelves of Hitler's library.

BODYGUARD DEAD

Muzzles of machine-guns were projecting from between the books, but the crews were lying dead around them.

The Iron Crosses on the breasts of these crack body-

guards emphasized the futility of their last stand.

Heaps of Iron Crosses were strewn on the floor. Heavy cases full of little red boxes had been used to barricade the main entrance, and when Red Army men opened these cases they found that the little red boxes contained Iron Crosses with Oak Leaves.

They burst into Hitler's office as the heat of the flames was

beginning to make the floor almost too hot to stand on.

"It was impossible to see anything through the smoke and soot," "Red Star" said.

GOERING'S H.Q. TOO

Goering's headquarters at the Air Ministry were also found in flames, and it was impossible to enter the building, the walls of which were heavily marked by artillery fire.

Goering's personal bomb shelter was found undamaged, however, and a group of hungry civilians crowded out as the Red Army approached.—Reuter.

HE RESCUED DOENITZ

NEW ORLEANS, Friday.

Mr. William H. John, who commanded the sloop Snapdragon, which rescued Admiral Doenitz when his submarine was sunk during the first world war, told reporters here that the rescue was a mistake.

"I should have killed him then and there," Mr. John said.

"He was very arrogant and very much insulted because we had sunk his submarine."—Reuter.

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SCOTTER CEREMONY.—Mr. H. Le Francois and Mrs. N. Barratt, who were married at Scotter Wesleyan Chapel.

WAR BABIES NEAR PERFECTION

Doctor's Tribute at Ashby Show

Over a hundred healthy wartime babies were on show in St. Paul's Church Hall, Ashby, Scunthorpe, at the Open Baby Show for babies up to the age of two years, run by Mrs. A. E. Allaby and the St. Paul's Fellowship of Marriage, yesterday.

Dr. O'Connor was the judge, and said that among the entries there was not one that was in need of medical attention. They were all wonderfully fit and well cared for, and there could be no doubt that the standard of health was at a much higher level than in pre-war days.

This he attributed to the equal distribution of food, and the vitaminised foods available for children, and the work done by local clinics, especially in the teaching of dietetics.

Winners were as follows:—Up to six months: Philip Silvester, Michael Starkey. Six to 12 months: Dinda Morley, Michael Woolley. One to two years: L. Mastin, Julia James.

THANKSGIVING AND VICTORY PARADE AT SCUNTHORPE

Programme for VE-Sunday

SCUNTHORPE victory parade and thanksgiving service, to take place on the Sunday after VE-Day, has been planned to give all the town's organisations an opportunity to take part, and the event will be coupled with the winding up of the Civil Defence Services, to whom a special appeal is being made for the biggest turn-out in their history.

The Civil Defence Services Band will head the parade, which will start off at 3 p.m., and the Mayor Coun. C. T. Goy, will take the salute in front of the Baths Hall, before the service on the Old Show Ground, which is to begin at 3.30 p.m.

The saluting party will include members and officials of the Council and the local Members of Parliament.

Local bands are being asked to take part in the parade, and positions will be allocated on assembly.

Parade details are as follows:—Order: 1. Police; 2. British Legion Band; 3. Units of H.M. Forces; 4. Home Guard; 5. Sea Cadets; 6. Army Cadets; 7. A.T.C.; 8. Special Constables; 9. N.F.S.; 10. Civil Defence; 11. W.V.S.; 12. Red Cross; 13. St. John's; 14. Boy Scouts; 15. Girl Guides; 16. Boy's Brigade; 17. G.T.C.; 18. Salvation Army Band; 19. Members of British Legion; 20. Corporation Officials; 21. Magistrates and Clerks; 22. County Councillors; 23. School Managers; 24. Scunthorpe W.M. Hospital representatives; 25. Scunthorpe Isolation Hospital representatives; 26. Maternity Home representatives; 27. District Nurses; 28. Representatives of Works Councils; 29. Rotarians; 30. T.O.E. H.; 31. Members of Friendly Societies; 32. Postal Staff; 33. Government Officials; 34. Chamber of Trade; 35. Youth Centre and other associations and organisations.

Parade Marshal: Inspector Chappel, Inspector Cox.

Markers: One marker from each detachment to report to parade marshals at marshalling ground at 2.30 p.m. Police will provide markers for Service ground.

Dress: Military Units—Clean fatigue with cap F.S. Civil Defence, etc.—Battledress and beret.

Marshalling Points: Parade Numbers 1 to 9, Carlton-street; 10 and 11, Public Abattoir; 12 to 17, Church Square South and Division-road; 18 to 35, High-street East.

Assembly: All personnel and members of associations will assemble at marshalling points at 2.45 p.m. and the parade will march off at 3 p.m.

Route: High-street, Doncaster-road, Old Show Ground.

Entrance to ground:—Parade, Henderson-avenue entrance.

ing Telegraph" yesterday that he hoped the Civil Defence would stage a record parade.

He wanted an opportunity to meet all the members of the Services on this occasion, but he hoped this would not be the "farewell."

He has in mind a less formal "farewell party" for all the Services, which he hopes to arrange as soon as possible, to give the member themselves a chance to get together socially, and to enable those who have been responsible for the administration of A.R.P. locally to express their thanks to the personnel.

EASTER GIFTS AND INCOME TAX

Old Brumby Parishioner Found a Way Out

Thanking his congregation for Easter Day collections, the Rev. R. L. Howard, Vicar of St. Hugh's, Scunthorpe, writes in the current issue of the Old Brumby Parish Magazine:—

"It may not be common knowledge, but the income tax authorities regard Easter offerings as part of the income of the benefice and they are taxed accordingly.

"I do not suppose that there is any parallel to this in any other walk of life, wherein personal gifts are assessed as income.

UNFAIR

"It is as unfair from the donor's point of view, as from the recipient's, especially in these days, when the clerical incomes are about the only incomes that have not been raised with the rising cost of living.

"There was one parishioner, though, who tumbled across a bright idea to avoid this gift being halved by the income tax collector; that was, to slip his or her gift (it was quite anonymous) through my letter-box in an envelope, with best wishes for Easter!

"I appreciated the extra thought and trouble it entailed very much; I only wished I could thank the donor personally.

PERSONAL

"I feel that I can mention this quite freely now that I am leaving, as one naturally feels self-conscious about mentioning such matters in the normal course of events.

"It might considerably help my successor if the Easter gift could be made a more personal thing, and let the church collection go to a charity. When the custom of giving the Easter offering to the Vicar was first begun, income tax was non-existent!"

LATE NEWS

(See also Back Page)

A Toast!

To our victorious forces in Italy

and especially to the local boys serving

in them.



VE-DAY ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS?

PRAGUE PATRIOTS SAY "HELP HAS COME" PATTON REPORTED ONLY 15 MILES FROM CZECH CAPITAL

If the Germans surrounded in the Central Czechoslovak Plain — the last big enemy pocket—choose to fight it out, they are likely to go down in defeat very quickly, a dramatic broadcast from the Partisan-controlled Prague radio suggested to-day.

Soon after Reuter's special correspondent with General Patton's Third U.S. Army had cabled that Pilsen, 50 miles from Prague, had been cleared, the partisans broadcast this announcement: "Help has come. Allied divisions are approaching Prague."

According to a report broadcast to-day by Prague radio—presumably the partisan-controlled transmitter — General Patton's forces are only 15 miles from the Czech capital.

"The Anglo-American Armies on Sunday captured Klatovy, Strakonice, Pisek, Vraz, Ratnice, Zbyroh, Zdice and Beroun," the report stated.

Reuter adds that Ratnice, Zdice and Beroun are all on the direct road from Pilsen to Prague, and Beroun is only 15 miles from the Czech capital.

The radio added "Powerful Allied armies are advancing towards Prague."

"The Red Army has occupied Olomouc and Kromeriz, Marshal Malinovsky's army linked up with the army of Yermolenko in the area of Olomouc."

Reuter adds—The reported Red Army link up would mean the liquidation of the German salient into eastern Czechoslovakia, and would create a new front on which two Soviet armies would stand about 130 miles from Prague.

CONFLICTING CLAIMS

Early to-day the two Prague transmitters—one held by the Partisans and the other by the Germans—were still broadcasting conflicting claims as to the position in the Czech capital.

While the Czechs claimed to hold the city area, the Germans stated "all important military positions are in the hands of the Germans."

Later to-day a Prague broadcast, giving no indication whether it was the German or partisan-controlled transmitter, said: "General Vlasov's army H.Q. appeals to all German armed forces in greater Prague to capitulate unconditionally, should these orders be disobeyed, all means will be used until complete extermination is achieved."

Prague has been encircled by the "Signed, General Vlasov's H.Q."

Reuter adds—No details of General Vlasov were given. The only general of this name who is known in London is the former Soviet Lieut.-General Andrey Andreyevich Vlasov, who has acted as an agent for the Germans since 1943.

In November last year he was reported to be in Prague, where he announced the formation of a committee "for the liberation of Russia."

ALLIES BAR BEER TO GERMANS

The sale of alcoholic drinks of every kind, including strong beer, has been prohibited in Wilhelmshaven by the Allied authorities.

According to Wilhelmshaven radio all inns not serving meals are to be closed.

A curfew has been imposed and "unnecessary standing about in the streets" is forbidden.

"NO ESCAPE FOR NAZIS," SAYS MOSCOW

There will be no escape for the German war criminals, said Moscow radio to-day.

"The Russians will grant no amnesty to those who murdered three years' old Russian children. We shall hold the Germans responsible for the rebuilding of the devastation which they wrought in Russia."

"The Soviet Union and the Allied nations have no intention of touching the German civil population," Reuter.

PAYMENT VERY DEFERRED

STOCKHOLM, Monday. The Norwegian Statesbank has refused to make payment to Germany as "there is no German Government to guarantee it," the "Gothenburg Posten" stated to-day.—Reuter.

FINAL MOVES ARE BEING MADE PHONE TALKS BETWEEN "BIG THREE"

From E. P. STACPOOLE, P.A. Lobby Correspondent

THERE was a growing expectation this afternoon that Mr. Churchill will, in a matter of hours, come to the microphone and announce that Germany has capitulated on all fronts, and that the war in the West is over.

Final moves are, it is strongly felt, at this moment being made.

In Downing-street to-day Mr. Churchill presided over a full meeting of the Cabinet. The arrival of Ministers caused a flutter of excitement among passers-by.

Telephone calls between Whitehall, Washington and Moscow are, I understand, going on to-day as they have been at frequent intervals for some time.

But the actual hour of the peace announcement is still uncertain. It may depend upon these inter-capital conversations between the Big Three or their representatives who, among other things, may settle the problem of synchronising the news in the three capitals.

BRIEF BROADCAST

When Mr. Churchill does broadcast the news he will do so from the Cabinet room at 10, Downing-street.

His broadcast of the actual news will be brief, but the King will speak at length at 9 o'clock that night.

A VE-Day atmosphere was very discernible in Whitehall as everywhere else. It was heightened by the sight of loudspeakers jutting from the corners of the Ministry of Communications.

SOVIET EXPERTS RECONSTRUCT HITLER MYSTERY

From DUNCAN HOOPER, Reuter's Special Correspondent

MOSCOW, Monday. Of Bornholm from the Helig Peninsula, west of Danzig, the Swedish newspaper "Expressen" reported to-day.

The German Gestapo chief on Bornholm has surrendered all weapons which the Germans confiscated from the Danes during the occupation.

The German garrison on Bornholm, numbering 6,000, has not laid down its arms.—Reuter.

GERMANS IGNORE SURRENDER IN SOUTH

From ARTHUR OAKESHOTT, Reuter's Special Correspondent

SOELL, AUSTRIAN TYROL, Monday. To-day, while going by jeep from Innsbruck to Salzburg, I ran into a "gold-braided" road block just outside this little town, midway between the two cities.

The block was formed by Major General Ritter von Haengl with his staff and a couple of motor cars.

With raised arms they barred our passage, and told us we would have to make a wide detour.

I told von Haengl of the surrender, but he argued that his army was beyond the surrender area.

P.O.W.'s CAPTURE A VILLAGE

Louth Warrant Officer's Experience

Amongst Louth men who have been prisoners of war in Germany and have recently returned home are—

Pte. Harold Riggall, of the Sherwood Foresters, whose home is at 133, Newmarket.



LEAVE BALLOT WINNER.—Cpl. Colin Hornsby and Miss C. D. De Middel, who were married at Scunthorpe. The bridegroom won the only leave pass in the ballot in his unit in S.E.A.C., and was flown home for his wedding.

ITALY COMMUNIQUE

PATROLS MAIN AIR ACTIVITY

Count of Naval Vessels Surrendered

To-day's communiqué from Allied headquarters, Mediterranean, said: "Navy.—It is reported from the North Adriatic that the total of all enemy craft surrendered at Ancona is now 23."

This includes one small submarine, seven E-boats, and five F-lighters.

The number of naval prisoners landed from these vessels is over 1,300.

Minesweeping in the North Adriatic continues.

CLEARING GENOA

The cutting of a passage through sunken ships blocking the port of Genoa is being continued, and good progress is being made.

Minesweeping is being carried out at the approaches to the port and along the coastal channels to the south-east.

At Genoa there are upwards of 12 berths available for shipping as soon as the port is opened.

Further west the smaller ports of Oneglia and Porto Maurizio are virtually intact, and can rapidly be cleared for shipping.

Air.—A small force of Balkan Air Force fighters yesterday attacked motor traffic north-west of Fiume. There were no other offensive missions flown by M.A.A.F.

Tactical Air Force fighters continued their patrols over surrendered areas. All our planes returned to their bases.

Approximately 180 sorties were flown.—Reuter.

TITO IN CARINTHIA

Marshal Tito's troops have crossed the border into Carinthia (Austria) and are fighting fiercely for Klagenfurt, the railway centre on the Trieste-Vienna line 32 miles east of Villach, on which Eighth Army troops were reported to be advancing yesterday, said a Yugoslav communiqué to-day quoted by Reuters.

There is also fierce fighting for Dravograd, 35 miles west of Klagenfurt, where strong German intervention from Maribor and Gustanj was repulsed, the communiqué said.—Reuter.

MRS. CHURCHILL AT MOSCOW CONCERT

Mrs. Churchill and Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, were among the English visitors at an Anglo-Soviet concert in Moscow last night, said Moscow radio to-day.

British and Soviet flags decorated the auditorium and the national anthems of the two countries were played before the performance, which included works by Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Arthur Bliss.—Reuter.

TRANSPORT STRIKE ENDS

The big London transport strike over summer schedules, which involved trolley-bus and tram routes and two bus garages, has ended, and to-day normal services were resumed on all routes.

The dramatic war news is influencing the men to return.

SURRENDER NEGOTIATIONS CAPITULATION OF NORWAY TO-DAY?

Doenitz Still Trying to Split Allies

THE surrender of the German forces in Norway will be announced some time to-day, according to the Stockholm newspaper "Dagens Nyheter." The capitulation document, it says, has already been signed.

Earlier, Reuter's correspondent in Stockholm reported that Dr. Hans Thomsen, German Minister to Sweden, visited the Norwegian border yesterday to conduct negotiations between General Boehme, German C-in-C, Norway, and the Swedish authorities.

A British military mission is expected in Sweden to-day to accept the capitulation and to superintend the internment of Germans crossing the frontier.

Reports state that the German police chief in Norway, Gen. Wilhelm Redies, has been removed; that the Nazi commissioner for Norway, Josef Terboven, has dissolved his civil administration and handed full control over to the German military commander; and that even Vidkun Quisling, the puppet premier, is ready to give in.

BRITISH LANDING?

Norwegian circles in Stockholm think that British troops will land on the west coast as soon as the surrender is accepted, to take control of the country and help round up the quislings.

Konrad Henlein, Nazi gauleiter of the Sudetenland, broadcasted from German-controlled Sudetenland radio station to-day, said the admiral Doenitz was still struggling to persuade the Allies to accept his proposals.

BURMA WAR THEATRE

OIL REGION GAINS BY 14th

Rain Still Hampers Other Troops

ADVANCED H.Q. BURMA, Monday

General Slim's 14th Army troops, fighting in the Bama region, captured Japanese guns and equipment in a fight at Yanamsa, 27 miles south of Mawlaik, to-day's SEAC communiqué reported.

Other troops of the 14th Army are still being hampered by heavy pre-monsoon rain as they advance southward to Rangoon, where mopping-up operations are going on satisfactorily.—Reuter.

In the Irrawaddy sector, Paungde, 86 miles south of Prome, has been captured.

Allied aircraft maintained day and night patrols in the Rangoon area yesterday.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

FRISCO CONFERENCE

PROGRESS IN CHARTER TO BAN AGGRESSION

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday

THE San Francisco Conference began the least spectacular and most grueling week of its whole task to-day—preparing the Charter to outlaw future aggression.

Four Commissions and 13 Committees have hundreds of amendments to thrash out and reconcile before the revised Charter can come before the full Conference.

Now that the Ukrainian and White Russian delegations have arrived all the committee posts are actively filled.

The only Delegation still awaited is that of Argentina, expected to arrive here on Wednesday.

Worry is another name for poisons in the system. Clear them out and be cheerful! This way:

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CHURCHILL'S DAY

THE nation eagerly awaits the Prime Minister's broadcast speech to-night, because it is right that the man who, above all others, led us to victory should give the summing-up, the final judgment on the five tremendous years during which Britain emerged from the shadows to a foremost place in the sun.

May 10 is Churchill's Day. It should be remembered as such. On that date in 1940 he took office at the most fateful time in our history. The people of this country, of every shade of opinion, knew instinctively that no one but he could save them—that the hour had once again produced the man. The measure of his task was that, on that same day, the German invasion of Belgium and the Netherlands began.

By May 10 of 1941 we had already averted defeat. But on that day an enemy incendiary bomb destroyed the House of Commons. His intimate friends knew what personal grief that caused to the Prime Minister, great Parliamentary as he is.

May 10, 1943, saw victory in Tunisia, climax of the African campaign, of which Mr. Churchill was, from the beginning, the inspiration and the driving power.

To-day we shall have from him an account of his stewardship. The evidence of his triumph is that Europe is again at peace.

IMMINGHAM LEGION PRESENTATION

At the monthly general meeting of the Immingham British Legion held at the Conservative Club-room, King's-road, the Chairman, Mr. W. Turner, on behalf of the Branch, presented a cheque for £5, together with a fountain pen, to Mr. Fred Warren, M.M., who for ten years served as Branch Secretary.

Mr. Turner spoke of Mr. Warren's excellent work for the Branch, as did Mr. J. Jubb and Mr. R. Cheesman.

Replying, Mr. Warren, said that when he took office it was his ambition to see the Branch on a sound footing, and hoped the time was not far distant when his efforts on behalf of the Building Fund would mature.

Industry's Share In Victory.—The "Distant Reading Compass" which has proved a tremendous factor in the success of the R.A.F. and the U.S.A.A.F. was designed for mass-production by the Automatic Telephone and Electric Company.

A PLAIN APPEAL TO METHODIST PEOPLE!

WHIT MONDAY, MAY 21
UNITED RALLY OF
METHODISTS

BRUMBY HALL, SCUNTHORPE.
3.30 p.m.—Rev. A. J. GAYDON, Superintendent of Hull Mission, will preach. Picnic tea to follow. Tea obtainable. Bring your provision.

6.50 p.m.—Great Meeting of Prayer, Testimony, Gospel addresses and a call to Christ. We appeal to all Methodists for support. Bring your friends. If wet, at Centenary Church.

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SCUNTHORPE'S CELEBRATIONS CROWDS THROGGED STREETS UNTIL THE SMALL HOURS

CHURCHES FILLED: CHILDREN HAD THEIR GREATEST DAY

SCUNTHORPE celebrated VE-Night with public rejoicing on a scale unparalleled in the town's history, and until the small hours of yesterday morning festive crowds, some of them dancing to loud-speaker music, turned High-street into Piccadilly-circus in miniature.

VE-Day at Scunthorpe really began in the afternoon, when children dominated the scene. Streets all over the town were having Victory parties for the bairns, many of them out of doors. Grown-ups sacrificed their points to put on "spreads," the like of which youngsters who had never known peace time had not seen before.

In the earlier evening local churches open for thanksgiving services had their largest congregations for a long time. Some were full.

At dusk the festivities began in earnest. Two searchlights shot up in the north to make the V-sign. Later they were joined by others which swept the sky, sometimes coming down to roof-height, until early morning.

Coloured R.A.F. flares, trailing smoke gracefully behind them, lobbed up into the sky; there were floodlights where the sirens used to be; private houses were lit up by fairy-lights in V-shape; public buildings stood out in floodlights; fireworks cracked for festivity for the first time in six years.

THE BIG BLAZE

Promptly at 11 o'clock the town's official bonfire blazed up on the Brigg-road slag bank. It was made of R.A.F. material, which, if it had served its intended purpose, would have been used for a decoy fire to distract the Luftwaffe from its real target.

Industrial plants, seeming to make just as big a glow as they could, added to the illumination, and the huge crowds who made their way out to Brigg-road were well repaid.

In all, the Corporation and its workers earned congratulations on the official show of celebration and decoration, which, with the efforts of traders and the public generally, did full justice to the great occasion.

THEY WENT TO WORK —AND TO SCHOOL!

VICTORY morning found a lot of Scunthorpe workers uncertain as to how they should spend the day, at work or on holiday. The general confusion about VE-day announcements left them in doubt, and many chose the safer course and turned up at work, only to be released immediately.

Even school children were not too sure whether this was their holiday, and several of them went to school and had the satisfaction either of finding it closed, or having a teacher tell them to go back home.

The absence of definite official news of unconditional surrender and VE-Day until late on Monday appears to have caused some hindrance to the carefully laid plans of industry, and in some cases executives returned to the job late on Monday to deal with the situation and give instructions.

PLANTS SAFE

In general, however, arrangements were such as to ensure the protection of plants even in circumstances of uncertainty as to detailed Victory arrangements, by the staggering of holidays in certain sections of industry, and these are being carried out according to plan.

Shops selling essential foodstuffs were staffed for a short time on Tuesday morning, and most of them had to cope with big queues. Post Office arrangements had to be slightly modified, the G.P.O. closing all Tuesday and opening for counter business yesterday morning. People expecting counter service on Tuesday queued outside the closed office until they learned what had happened.

The morning of VE-Day was as bright as could be, and crowds in the main shopping centres were big and gay, but before long heavy rain emptied the streets, and thunder and lightning promised anything but Victory weather for the rest of the day.

THE SUN SHONE

But even the weather relented, and halfway through the afternoon the sun shone again, just in time to allow the many children's street parties which had been planned to go on.

The youngsters had a memorable day. Ice-cream, sweets and oranges supplemented loaded tables. Truffles, jellies, canned fruit, buns, cakes, biscuits and gallons of lemonade testified to the warm-hearted enthusiasm of the grown-ups to give the children a day to remember.

Some of these parties were held VE-Day, others yesterday. They were reported from Digby-street, Spencer-avenue, Donnington-gardens, Warley-avenue, Humber-recent, Abbots-road, Stockhill-

IN BRIEF

VE Newsreels shown in Scunthorpe cinemas brought terrific applause.

One cinema relayed the Prime Minister's speech on VE afternoon.

Slides telling workpeople at one Scunthorpe plant of the day and time of re-opening were screened to cinema audiences.

Sittings of the London Law Courts were suspended for VE-Day and VE-plus-one. One country overseas released 1,000 civil prisoners in celebration. But at Scunthorpe it was "justice as usual"—Juvenile Court on Tuesday, Magistrates' Court on Wednesday.

"Better than order," was a tribute paid by a police officer to the general conduct of Scunthorpe crowds during the celebrations.

Passers-by in Scunthorpe High-street on VE-evening joined in the hymns being played by the Salvation Army Band in a side street, and the pavement congregation was a large one.

STOOD OUT

A searchlight from the hillside picked out St. John's Church on VE-night and it made a striking picture.

Seen in Scunthorpe on Tuesday for the first time in years—a shoe-shine boy. His customer—a Doughboy.

A shopkeeper in High-street prepared for the worst—with a six-foot high barrier of wire netting round the window.

A tour of the villages round Scunthorpe on VE-Day found the rural community not at all behind the borough in the profusion of its decorations.

ON SONG

A toddler in High-street evidently had his little mind full of the Man of the Moment. Passing a loud speaker from which a hearty baritone was issuing, he stopped and said excitedly: "Oo—Mummy—listen! There's Mr. Churchill singing!"

Inevitably, someone hanging a Union Jack in High-street put it up upside down. Inevitably a Scoutmaster was passing at the time, and pointed out the error.

Withdrawals of savings at Scunthorpe on VE-morning were nearly twenty times more numerous than deposits. This might supply a reason for the queue outside the closed Post Office.

GOOD SPIRITS

A loudspeaker on the Oswald Hotel, relaying wireless programmes and other music, was the main centre of attraction.

For three hours after dusk, the crowd, which included a good sprinkling of Service folk, sang, danced and generally demonstrated their good spirits.

If half the town seemed to be in High-street, the other half was certainly spread out on the roads leading to the Appleby-Frodingham slag bank.

It was two months ago when the R.A.F. told Scunthorpe that if it wanted a good blaze on VE-Day, a pile of very burnable stuff would be available.

It was material which would have been used to start decoy fires for the benefit of German planes.

RAIL RECALLED

When the bonfire was electrically set going while the crowds jostled in the roadway a long way below

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Up and cheer, it was obvious that the Nazi Airmen would have had a very convincing blaze into which to drop their bombs harmlessly.

HISTORIC SCUNTHORPE DAY BY DAY

By "OREMAN"

"Telegraph House," Thursday.
If it is not too much of an anticlimax, I commend to your consideration, as a first-class example of racing rumour, what happened at Scunthorpe last week-end.

Where I was at the time doesn't matter. Suffice it to say that shortly after nine o'clock, someone came in and said we were to listen in on Sunday morning for an important announcement. It had just been given out on the news, they said.

On the way home, I heard the same thing from someone else. But on arrival, I was somewhat surprised to hear that whatever other wireless may have said, mine had said nothing.

I hear that at the same time similar VE-rumours were going round at a local fair. They must have been going round elsewhere, because I am told that local workpeople who were on the job on Sunday morning were waiting expectantly for the appointed time.

I wonder who started it all? VE—"Messiah"

My note at the week-end under this head brings a note from Mrs. H. Nightingale, secretary of the Trinity Methodist Church Choir, who points out that the Choir decided as long ago as Christmas to give a thanksgiving rendering of "Messiah."

(Our note put forward a suggestion from Mr. Curtis, music master of Scunthorpe Grammar School, that Scunthorpe should have a mass performance of Handel's work as part of the VE-celebrations.)

Mrs. Nightingale says the tentative date of their performance is June 3, and it will be a repeat of the experiment tried last Christmas, which was a marked success—that is, an afternoon and evening session, with augmented choir and orchestra. Further details regarding rehearsals will be announced this week-end.

Why VE?

The majority of people appear to take the view that the letters "VE" signify Victory in Europe. Support for this would seem to have been given by a recent question and answer in the House of Commons.

There is another view prevalent that "VE" is the Morse code signal for "the end of the story." This was true during the last war, but to-day "AH" is used to denote the end of transmission. "VE," however, is used by the R.A.F. to denote the beginning of the transmission.

I think it may be accepted that "Victory in Europe" is the correct interpretation of "VE." When Japan is beaten the telegraphists will probably spread themselves all over the alphabet.

Specks

More recollections of VE-1918, this time from the "Specials." A townsman recalls the occasion of a dinner which Ald. Dickie Jones, who was chief of the Special Constabulary, gave at the Crosby Hotel for his "lads," and the oration of Mr. R. E. Westwood, whose reputation as an after-dinner speaker was then, and for many years afterwards, unrivalled locally.

Stories galore were told during the evening of incidents during the war period.

Oversight

It was recounted how one special constable of the last war was saved an embarrassing situation by his consideration for his wife's safety before all else.

He received the warning and prepared to go on duty. Before

SMOKES FOR FIGHTERS RETURNING FROM LEAVE SURPRISE

DVR. E. Bates (R.A.S.C., B.L.A.), who got his

parcel of cigarettes on his return from short leave to Paris, writes to the Tobacco Fund:—

"I wish to give my heartfelt thanks for another wonderful parcel of cigs. I received them on returning from short leave in Paris. I found them on my bed, and thought, the 'Evening Telegraph' and good old Grimsby have done it again."

"The lady says how lucky I am to come from a town where they look after their lads who are in the Forces so well. They always seem to come at a time when they are in short supply. So it was a very pleasant surprise to come back to."

"I would like to mention here how well the short leaves are organised. I had a room in one of the hotels, with the full service of the hotel and everything was for our comfort and enjoyment, not forgetting free shows and entertainment."

Extraordinary from other letters read:—
"You can certainly rely on the kind-hearted people of Grimsby and Scunthorpe not to forget you—The O. W. Heckner (B.L.A.)."

I got plenty of good natured tracks about my little fighting village "from the Londoners in my battery, but they can't show me anything to compare with your fund. I hope the same spirit parties on when we are all home again—W. Bdr. B. Fawcett (B.L.A.)."

Many thanks for cigs. Also thanks to Mary and Marjorie's Compass. — S. Barrett.

My sincere thanks to your readers for clearing. You will be interested to know that I have seen copies of the "Telegraph" in the Montgomery Club at Brimsford, which I have read with great enthusiasm.—L.A.C. J. C. Haigh (R.A.F., B.L.A.).

Grimsbymen just acknowledging gifts parcels are:—
F. B. Maynard, O.A. Blackwell, Eng. W. Peckham, O.W. Heckner (R.A.F.), C. B. Johnson, T. P. Pigeot (L. Guards), G. W. Chapman, J. W. Cumberley, J. W. Samuels, Dvr. J. O. Bray, J. W. S. Sandham, P. E. Dwyer, L. Martin, Dvr. J. Bromley, R. G. Jones, G. A. A. Cook, G. R. Robinson (G.M.F.), Sgt. L. O. Dodd (R.A.F.), Cpl. W. Tumber (R.E.M.E.), L. J. Leary, W. Gardner (India), G. R. Becker (Home from Burma) called at office and also brought acknowledgment from L. Bdr. Arnold (54, Chelmsford-avenue, still in Burma).

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A BOSTON WILL

Mr. William Mashford, of 23 Wyberton West-road, Boston, who died on December 23rd last, left £4,369 2s. 6d. gross, with net personalty £1,156 14s. 3d. Probate has been granted to Albert E. Corlett, of Swineshead, Lincolnshire, and Arthur H. Mather, of 1, Main Ridge, Boston.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

10—Dale-street and Dettill-street Welcome Home Fund concert.

12—Winterdon Charity Cup final, Old Show Ground, 3.15 p.m. United v. Lysaghts.

12—E. and S.D. Motors, Ltd., Crosby Parish Rooms, dance, Crosby Hotel.

12—Scunthorpe Swimming Club dance, Berkeley Hotel.

12, 13, 14—New Brumby Methodist Christian Endeavour anniversary.

14—Dale-street Forces Fund whist drive, Crosby Parish Rooms.

14—Lincolnshire Road Car Welcome Home dance, Crosby Hotel.

15—Scunthorpe Rhythm Club dance, Crosby Hotel.

16—Scunthorpe Swimming Club celebration night, Crosby Hotel 7 p.m.

21—Scunthorpe Area Youth Council mystery circle run.

21—Dale-street and Dettill-street Welcome Home Fund whist drive, Crosby Parish Rooms.

29—Ashby Institute Community Centre project; speaker, Mr. A. E. Milligan, secretary of the National Council for Social Service.

JUNE

5—S.F.A.B. Ashby Division's garden party, Dr. Eminson's grounds.

9—Appleby-Frodingham Bowling Club tournament for the Welcome Home and Memorial Fund.

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SOAP

Huns Still Fighting In Prague As The World Celebrates VE-Day

CAPITULATION ORDER DISOBEYED

SOME HUN WARSHIPS HOLD OUT

UP to a few hours before Mr. Churchill's victory speech indicating officially the end of hostilities in Europe, and while the whole world was celebrating VE-Day, Reuter telegrams reported that German military formations in Prague had not yet obeyed the cease fire order, and were still shelling houses, setting buildings on fire and shooting at civilians.

At 6.15 this morning it was announced that the enemy forces in the whole of Bohemia and Moravia had accepted the unconditional surrender terms.

From Copenhagen Eric Downton, Reuter's special correspondent, told of German destroyers and merchant ships refusing to give in. "They are expected to do so shortly," he added.

London VE-Day was ushered in with a storm of tropical intensity, which brought a sudden end to overnight maffeking, but with daybreak the sun shone triumphantly on the beflagged streets.

The Germans in Prague had accepted the terms of unconditional surrender, but some controlled Prague units announced at 6.15 this morning.

The announcement said: "At 6.15 this morning the German Command issued orders through all communications in German units to cease fighting. These are, of course, technical difficulties in the communication of this order in the most possible time. Therefore, the German units where necessary."

The German military plenipotentiary is negotiating with the National Council on details of unconditional surrender. "It is expected that the German units will be ordered to do so at once."

GERMAN DESTROYERS STILL DEFIANT

From Eric Downton, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

COPENHAGEN, Monday Night.—German destroyers and merchant ships at far refused to accept the cease fire order, and are expected to do so at once.

While the sound of German and collaborator continues.

BIG THREE MAY MEET SOON

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Marshal Stalin are expected to meet in the near future.

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PRICELESS LOOT

Hitler's Store Revealed

BERCHTESGADEN, Tuesday.

HITLER'S home at Berchtesgaden, one of the most amazing phenomena of the Nazi regime, still contained priceless treasures of art and literature looted from the nations of Europe when I visited it yesterday.

The innumerable rooms of the great underground labyrinth cut into the living rock also held literally thousands of tons of food of all sorts, and a vast stock of the best wines of Europe.

The whole place, captured without a fight, is one vast air raid shelter.

HUDSON'S THANKS TO FISHING INDUSTRY

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, today sent messages to the agricultural community and to the fishing industry.

To the fishing industry, he said: "Now that the war in Europe is over I should like to convey to all engaged in the fishing industry a message of deep thanks and high appreciation for your efforts and sacrifices during the last five and a half years."

Despite this and in the face of every hazard by the enemy, despite heavy casualties, you have brought to these shores supplies of fish for our people substantially greater than most people had ever expected would be possible. Well done."

The fortified Zvonimir line east of Zagreb has been completely destroyed, it added.

KING LEOPOLD FREED

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—A dispatch reaching here from the Seventh Army front states that King Leopold of Belgium and his wife have been liberated by Seventh Army troops.

The King was found near Stroud, east of Bafelburg, his four children being with him. All are in good health, Reuter.

BRESLAU SURRENDERED BY RADIO

Duncan Hooper, Reuter's special correspondent, cabled from Moscow today:—

"The negotiations leading up to the surrender of Breslau were carried on by radio. 'Red Star' said today."

The German officers were allowed to retain their weapons.

The Russians are now treating thousands of German wounded lying in the hospitals and others of the city.—Reuter.

SOVIETS WARN ISLAND GARRISON

STOCKHOLM, Tuesday.—Soviet planes have dropped leaflets on the Danish Baltic island of Bornholm, 60 miles north of the East Prussian coast, warning the Germans that they intend landing on the island.—Reuter.

CAPITULATION IN NORWAY PROCLAIMED

CROWN PRINCE OLAV, as Commander-in-Chief of the Norwegian armed forces, today proclaimed the capitulation of the Germans in Norway.

That did not end the state of war, he said, and he hoped that the Norwegian forces at the disposal of the Supreme Allied Command in order that, with Allied forces, they can engage in the task of liberating the Germans.

King Haakon and the Government will return to Norway as soon as military conditions permit, said a statement issued by Norwegian Government Information Office in London today.

Five members of the Norwegian Government in London are to go to Norway at once to take charge of the re-establishment of the civil administration.

Disarming the enemy.

It is with profound joy that Norway's people greet the news of the unconditional surrender of Germany.

There were hopes in these words.

BURMA WAR THEATRE

BEATEN JAPS TRY TO REACH SIAM

Prisoners Built Escape Railway

ADVANCED H.Q., ALFSEA, Monday.

JAPANESE troops, beaten and trapped, are making desperate efforts to force a way through the Allied corridor along the Pegu River to Rangoon.

Those which have tried to get across the river into Siam have been wiped out by the British and Indian troops which line the corridor.

A principal escape route is the Burma-Siam railway built during the Japanese occupation as a major supply line to the forces in Burma.

"HELL UPON EARTH" A detailed report which has just been published here shows that Allied prisoners of war who were forced to work on the construction of this railway during 1943 suffered "hell upon earth."

The account concerns a specific group of 250 Dutch and 50 American prisoners, but the conditions which they experienced are believed to have been general.

The report was all heavy work was done by prisoners. If any prisoner slowed up or stopped, he was beaten.

THE NAVY CELEBRATES Shipping in the docks at Grimsby staged their own celebration shortly after 1.30 this afternoon.

It was done in the traditional style by the sounding of the ships' sirens. Apparently it all started in an impromptu way, when one vessel started sounding the siren. Others took up the cue, and very soon there were a score of naval vessels sounding Victory V's in Morse, and giving long blasts and joy whoops on the sirens. As the early starters fell out, others joined in, and even ships in the river contributed their quota to the noisy, nautical celebration.

Many of the vessels in the docks were dressed overall with flags, one of them, a large ocean-going tug, being almost hidden behind the vast number of signal flags which were strung from bows to stern.

A guard vessel shot at him, or more often fog him with a heavy bamboo stick.

The guards, simply for their own amusement, took some prisoners into the jungle and made them run round trees until they collapsed.

Stick prisoners were made to work unless they were completely incapable.

All the prisoners who have been released are described as "greatly depressed"—a natural condition after the appalling hardships and sufferings of captivity.—Reuter.

WE CAN BREATHE AGAIN

—Swedish Premier

ALL over the world V-Day has evoked expressions of thankfulness and joy.

"It feels as if a long nightmare has been over and we can breathe again," said Mr. Hansson, Swedish Premier, last night in an end-of-the-war broadcast.

"We are aware that much anxiety and agony remain in war-torn Europe, but this is, at any rate, the end of all the destruction of human lives and other values that has been going on for five years and which has filled us with horror."

HOW WORLD CELEBRATED Here are the latest accounts of how the world celebrated the announcement of Germany's surrender.

Ole.—Laughing and singing through the streets last night, as excitement reached a boiling point, says the liberated Norwegian Telegram Bureau. Patriots freed from prison were strident shoulder-high.

Copenhagen.—People stormed news stands and fought for papers. Terrified Britons and Americans sought to escape as people kissed them and kissed them on their shoulders.

Paris.—Crowds paraded the boulevards last night singing "Tipperary" and the Marseillaise.

Brussels.—Brussels, one of the biggest "leave towns," celebrated accordingly.

Lisbon.—After five years of German brutality vast crowds swept down the principal streets shouting the names of the Allied leaders. In country districts shop windows, displaying German propaganda, were smashed.

Buenos Aires.—Today has been made an official holiday to commemorate the victory.

Ottawa.—The Canadian Government has proclaimed today a public holiday and Sunday a national day of prayer. Conspicuous for military service was ended when the news was announced.

Sydney.—People were in bed when the news came last night, but these still in the city night clubs and the theatres took up the cheering, shouting and singing. A spontaneous broadcast will be made at 11 o'clock tonight, and the Daily of Government, Government of Australia, will also broadcast. Tomorrow is a public holiday.

Melbourne.—People have made the news a quiet, happy day.

Prayers.

There were prayers in churches, in the fields and in German homes.

There was peace on German soil last night.

Some sang popular songs to the accompaniment of music organs and gramophones and accordions.

Others talked about and about home, about the future, about the future of the world, about the future of the world.

NATION ON HOLIDAY TO-DAY

EVERYWHERE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM TO-DAY WAS OBSERVED AS A HOLIDAY, AND ONLY PEOPLE IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES WENT TO WORK. TO-MORROW IS ALSO AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY.

Women visited food shops early to lay in stocks for the two days.

The official announcement of the ending of hostilities in Europe will be made by Mr. Churchill at 3 p.m. There will be simultaneous announcements in Washington and Moscow.

Immediately after his broadcast, Mr. Churchill will go to the House of Commons, which meets at 9.15 p.m., to tell the news.

The King is to broadcast to the Empire at 9 p.m.

THANKSGIVING At St. Paul's Cathedral and throughout the country there are services of thanksgiving for victory.

After the Prime Minister's statement, Ministers and M.P.s will go in procession, led by the Speaker, to nearby St. Margaret's Church for their own service of thanksgiving. Members of the House of Lords, headed by the Lord Chancellor, will attend a service in Westminster Abbey.

EARLY VE CROWDS AT THE PALACE

All Night Vigil to See King and Queen

(By a Press Association Staff Reporter)

London, after his joyous mood last night, will awake early today to celebrate the real VE-Day.

There were early indications that Buckingham Palace would be the number one centre of attraction.

Before 8 a.m., groups of people were seen to gaze at the royal residence.

Sitting on a wall opposite the palace were three young women who had waited all night in the hope of seeing the King and Queen.

"We had the time of our lives," said one of them. "We lost the last train home, but that didn't matter so much, because we did not intend to go home any way, as we wanted to be here first this morning."

"I have promised our brave men, women and children to provide them with endurable living conditions, so far as it is in my power to do so in the coming difficulties."

"I do not know yet what I shall be able to do to help you in these hard times. We have to face facts."

"The foundation on which the German Reich was built is a thing of the past. The unity of State and party no longer exists. The party has disappeared from the scene of its former activity."

"With the occupation of Germany, power has passed into the hands of the occupation forces. It depends on them whether I, and the Reich Government formed by me, will be able to continue in office or not."

"If I can be of assistance to our Fatherland by continuing in office I shall do so. My love for Germany and my sense of duty keep me at my difficult post with regard to personal considerations."

"I shall not remain an hour longer than is compatible with the dignity which I owe to the Reich."

R.A.P. DRAMA AT IMMINGHAM The R.A.P. Dramatic Society attracted a large and appreciative audience when they presented "Hops," by Patrick Hamilton, at Immingham Senior School at the weekend. It was an excellent show all through, in which Carl Minto, as "Doddson," and Nigel Watts, as "Granville," the murderers, and Michael Bullock, as "Rupert Cadell," the poet, were outstanding.

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HEADACHES

Get him down sometimes But not for long

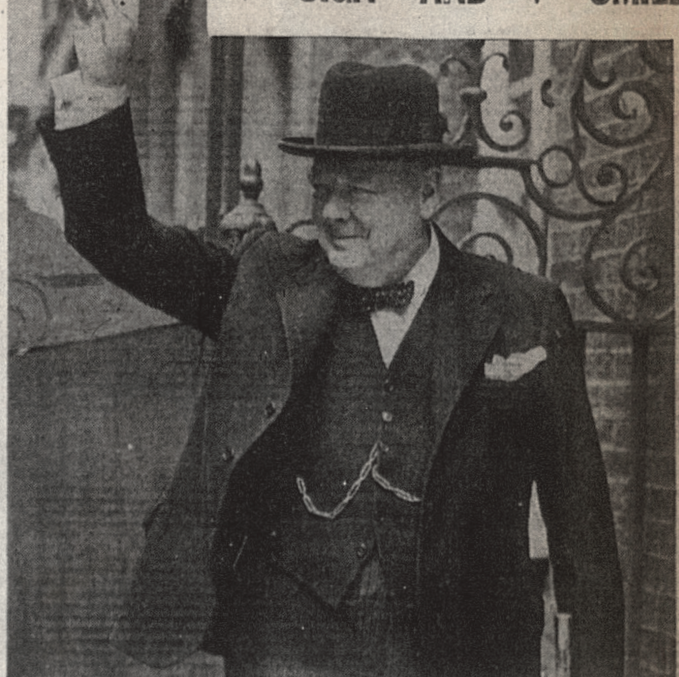
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VE-DAY ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS?

PRAGUE PATRIOTS SAY "HELP HAS COME" PATTON REPORTED ONLY 15 MILES FROM CZECH CAPITAL

If the Germans surrounded in the Central Czechoslovak Plain — the last big enemy pocket—choose to fight it out, they are likely to go down in defeat very quickly, a dramatic broadcast from the Partisan-controlled Prague radio suggested to-day.

Soon after Reuter's special correspondent with General Patton's Third U.S. Army had cabled that Pilsen, 50 miles from Prague, had been cleared, the partisans broadcast this announcement: "Help has come. Allied divisions are approaching Prague."

According to a report broadcast to-day by Prague radio—presumably the partisan-controlled transmitter — General Patton's forces are only 15 miles from the Czech capital.

The Anglo-American Armies on Sunday captured Klatovy, Strakonice, Pisek, Vras, Ratnice, Zhyroh, Zdice and Beroun, the report stated.

Reuter adds that Ratnice, Zdice and Beroun are all on the direct road from Pilsen to Prague, and Beroun is only 15 miles from the Czech capital.

The radio added: "Powerful Allied armies are advancing towards Prague."

"The Red Army has occupied Olomouc and Kromeriz, Marshal Malinovsky's army linked up with the army of Yermenko in the area of Olomouc."

Reuter adds: "The reported Red Army link up would mean the liquidation of the German salient into eastern Czechoslovakia, and would create a new front on which two Soviet armies would stand about 150 miles from Prague."

CONFLICTING CLAIMS
Early to-day the two Prague transmitters—one held by the Partisans and the other by the Germans—were still broadcasting conflicting claims as to the position in the Czech capital.

While the Czechs claimed to hold the city area, the Germans stated all important military positions are in the hands of the Germans."

Later to-day a Prague broadcast, giving no indication whether it was the German or partisan-controlled transmitter, stated: "General Vlasov's army H.Q. appeals to all German armed forces in greater Prague, to capitulate unconditionally, should these orders be disobeyed, all means will be used until complete extermination is achieved."

Prague has been encircled by the Soviet, General Vlasov's H.Q. Reuter adds: "No details of the general Vlasov were given. The only general of this name who is known in London is the former Soviet Lt.-Gen. General Andrey Andreyevich Vlasov, who has been noted as an agent for the Germans since 1943."

In November last year he was reported to be in Prague, where he encouraged the formation of a committee for the liberation of Russia."

ALLIES BAR BEER TO GERMANS
The sale of alcoholic drinks of every kind, including strong beer, has been prohibited in Wilhelmshaven by the Allied authorities.

According to Wilhelmshaven radio all beer and strong drinks are to be closed.

A curfew has been imposed and "unnecessary standing about in the streets" is forbidden.

"NO ESCAPE FOR NAZIS," SAYS MOSCOW
There will be no escape for the German war criminals, said Moscow radio to-day.

"The Russians will grant no amnesty to those who murdered three years' old Russian children. We shall hold the Germans responsible for the rebuilding of the devastated lands which they wrought in Russia."

The Soviet Union and the Allied nations have an intention of touching the German civil population, Reuter.

PAYMENT VERY DEFERRED
STOCKHOLM, Monday.
The Norwegian Government has refused to make payment to Germany as there is no German Government to contribute to the German-Germany Fund, stated by day—Reuter.

FINAL MOVES ARE BEING MADE

PHONE TALKS BETWEEN "BIG THREE"

From E. P. STAGPOOLE, P.A. Lobby Correspondent

THERE was a growing expectation this afternoon that Mr. Churchill will, in a matter of hours, come to the microphone and announce that Germany has capitulated on all fronts, and that the war in the West is over.

Final moves are, it is of Health, and by coming and going in Downing-street.

There is an impression that Mr. Churchill, after the news comes, may appear on the balcony and speak to the crowds.

SOVIET WAR NEWS
CZECH POCKET CRUMBLES

From DUNCAN HOOPER, Reuter's Special Correspondent

MOSCOW, Monday.
General Yermenko's Soviet troops, are breaking into the outskirts of Olomouc, vital commun-

THE "TELEGRAPH" AND V-DAY
THE "Evening Telegraph" will be published as usual on the day officially announced as V-Day, but will not be published on V plus One Day.

BRIEF BROADCAST
When Mr. Churchill does broadcast the news he will do so from the Cabinet room at 10, Downing-street.

His broadcast of the actual news will be brief, but the King will speak at length at 9 o'clock that night.

A V-Day atmosphere was very discernible in Whitehall as everywhere else. It was heightened by the sight of loudspeakers jutting from the corners of the Ministry

SOVIET EXPERTS RECONSTRUCT HITLER MYSTERY

From DUNCAN HOOPER, Reuter's Special Correspondent

MOSCOW, Monday.
SPECIAL Soviet investigators are believed to be at work in Berlin questioning captured Nazis and trying to reconstruct events leading up to the disappearance of Hitler.

A new, but unconfirmed, version of the death of Goebbels is that he perished in a suicide pact with his wife and his entire family—Reuter.

DANZIG GERMANS GO TO DANISH ISLAND

STOCKHOLM, Monday.
Several thousand Germans have arrived on the Danish Baltic island

WILHELMSHAVEN BADLY DAMAGED

Cruiser Submerged in Harbour

From DENNIS MARTIN, Reuter's Special Correspondent

1st ARMY GROUP H.Q.

Monday.
Men of the Polish Armoured Division who entered the great North Sea naval base of Wilhelmshaven, say that the port was badly damaged, and that the German cruiser Kolo lay in the harbour with her decks awash.

Merchant shipping was also extensively damaged.

The Third Canadian Division has captured Emden, and the capture of north-west Germany between the Rhine and the Weser was reported to-day to be proceeding satisfactorily.

NO HOPE OF NORMAL TRAVEL ABROAD YET

Overseas travel facilities, owing to heavy demands on shipping and aircraft for military and other purposes, and the use of many German-going boats on war service, leaving priority arrangements for troops and air passengers travel must be postponed and restrictions can only be made only when the proposed journey is in furtherance of the war effort on the Far East, or otherwise in the national interest.

Until control is thoroughly re-established in Germany it will still be necessary to maintain security precautions as regards overseas travel and travel in Britain.

Roadblocks will be retained at the main frontier points.

CRASHING AIRCRAFT KILLS 11 CIVILIANS
NEW ORLEANS, Monday.
Eleven civilians were killed and others injured when an aircraft crashed on the grounds of Calumet, a suburb of New Orleans, on Sunday.



LEAVE BALLOT WINNER.
Cpl. Colin Hornsby and Miss C. D. De Middelaeer, who were married at Scunthorpe. The bridegroom won the only leave pass in the ballot in his unit in S.E.A.C., and was flown home for his wedding.

ITALY COMMUNIQUE

PATROLS MAIN AIR ACTIVITY

Count of Naval Vessels Surrendered

To-day's communiqué from Allied headquarters, Mediterranean, said: "Navy.—It is reported from the North Adriatic that the total of all enemy craft surrendered at Ancona is now 23."

This includes one small submarine, seven E-boats, and five F-lighters.

The number of naval prisoners landed from these vessels is over 1,300.

Minesweeping in the North Adriatic continues.

CLEARING GENOA
The cutting of a passage through sunken ships blocking the port of Genoa is being continued, and good progress is being made.

Good progress is being made out at the approaches to the port and along the coastal channels to the south-east.

At Genoa there are upwards of 13 berths available for shipping as soon as the port is opened.

Further west the smaller ports of Ostia and Porto Maurizio are virtually intact, and can rapidly be cleared for shipping.

Air.—A small force of Balkan Air Force fighters yesterday attacked motor traffic north-west of Fiume. There were no other offensive missions flown by M.A.A.F.

Tactical Air Force fighters continued their patrols over the Adriatic coast.

The Soviet advance in this sector, coupled with Marshal Malinovsky's push north-east of Brno, is steadily crushing the eastern end of the Czechoslovak pocket.—Reuter.

TITO IN CARINTHIA

Marshal Tito's troops have crossed the border into Carinthia (Austria) and are fighting fiercely for Klagenfurt, the railway centre on the Trieste-Vienna line 22 miles east of Villach, on which Eighth Army troops were reported to be advancing yesterday, said a Yugoslav communiqué to-day quoted by Yugoslav radio.

There is also some fighting for Drauzgrad, 35 miles west of Klagenfurt, where strong German intervention from Maribor and Ljubljana was reported, the communiqué said.—Reuter.

GERMANS IGNORE SURRENDER IN SOUTH

From ARTHUR GAKESHOTT, Reuter's Special Correspondent

SOELL, AUSTRIAN

TYROL, Monday.
To-day, while going by jeep from Innsbruck to Salzburg, I ran into a "gold-brained" road block just outside this little town, midway between the two cities.

The block was formed by Major General Ritter von Haugl with his staff and a couple of motor cars.

With armed arms they barred our passage, and said we would have to make a wide detour.

I told von Haugl of the surrender, but he argued that his orders were beyond the surrender area.

That he had had no instructions from his Field Marshal.

He forbade us to proceed, saying that if we did we would probably be shot.

He said he had heard of the surrender on the radio, but added: "I take no instructions from the radio. I am a soldier."—Reuter.

MRS. CHURCHILL AT MOSCOW CONCERT

Mrs. Churchill and Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, were among the English visitors at an Anglo-Soviet concert in Moscow last night, said Moscow to-day.

British and Soviet flags decorated the auditorium and the national anthems of the two countries were played before the performance, which included works by Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Arthur Bliss.—Reuter.

TRANSPORT STRIKE ENDS

The big London transport strike over summer holidays, which involved trams, buses and trains, ended to-day as normal services were resumed on all routes.

The dramatic war news is influencing the men to return.

SURRENDER NEGOTIATIONS CAPITULATION OF NORWAY TO-DAY?

Doenitz Still Trying to Split Allies

THE surrender of the German forces in Norway will be announced some time to-day, according to the Stockholm newspaper "Dagens Nyheter." The capitulation document, it says, has already been signed.

Earlier, Reuter's correspondent in Stockholm reported that Dr. Hans Thomsen, German Minister to Sweden, visited the Norwegian border yesterday to conduct negotiations between General Boehme, German C-in-C, Norway, and the Swedish authorities.

A British military mission is expected in Sweden to-day to accept the capitulation and to supersede the internment of German troops crossing the frontier.

Reports state that the German police chief in Norway, Gen. Wilhelm Redies, has been removed; that the Nazi commissioner for Norway, Josef Terboven, has dissolved his civil administration and handed full control over to the German military commander; and that even Vidkun Quisling, the puppet premier, is ready to give in.

BRITISH LANDING?
Norwegian circles in Stockholm think that British troops will land on the west coast as soon as the surrender is accepted, to take control of the country and help round up the quislings.

Konrad Haefelin, Nazi consul at the Sudetenland, broadcasting from German-controlled Sudetenland radio station to-day, said that Admiral Doenitz was still struggling to persuade the Allies to accept his proposals.

BURMA WAR THEATRE
OIL REGION GAINS BY 14th

Rain Still Hampers Other Troops

ADVANCED H.Q. BURMA, Monday

General Slim's 14th Army troops, fighting in the Burma oil region, captured Japanese guns and equipment in a fight at Yamansu, 27 miles south of Minbu, to-day's SEAC communiqué reported.

"Other troops of the 14th Army are still being hampered by heavy pre-monsoon rain as they advance southward to Rangoon, where mopping-up operations are going on satisfactorily.—Reuter.

"In the Irrawaddy sector, Paungde, 36 miles south of Prome, has been captured.

"Allied aircraft maintained day and night patrols in the Rangoon area yesterday.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

'FRISCO CONFERENCE

PROGRESS IN CHARTER TO BAN AGGRESSION

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday

THE San Francisco Conference began the least spectacular and most grueling week of its whole task to-day—preparing the Charter to outlaw future aggression.

Four Commissions and 13 committees have hundreds of amendments to thrash out and reconcile before the revised Charter can come before the full Conference.

Now that the Ukrainian and White Russian delegations have arrived at the committee posts are actively filled.

The only Delegation still awaited is that of Argentina, expected to arrive here on Wednesday.

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"GREATEST HOUR" FOR MONTY'S ARMIES

THE TERMS

HERE are the terms of the document when the German signed surrendering all German armed forces in Holland, North-West and West Germany, including all islands, and in Denmark as from 5 a.m. to-day.

(1) The German Command agrees to surrender all German armed forces in Holland and North-West Germany, including the Frisian islands and Heligoland, and all other islands in Schleswig-Holstein and in Denmark, to the U.S. 3rd Army Group. Those forces to lay down their arms and to surrender unconditionally.

(2) All hostilities on land, on sea or in the air by German forces in the above areas to cease at 8 o'clock B.D.T. on Saturday May 5, 1945.

(3) The German Command to carry out at once and without argument or comment all further orders that will be issued by the Allied powers on any subject.

(4) Disobedience of orders or failure to comply with them will be regarded as a breach of the surrender terms, and will be dealt with by the Allied powers in accordance with the accepted laws and usages of war.

(5) This instrument of surrender is independent of, and without prejudice to, any general instrument of surrender imposed by or on behalf of the Allied Powers and applicable to Germany and the German armed forces as a whole.

(6) This instrument of surrender is written in English and German. The English version is the authentic text.

(7) The decision of the Allied Powers will be final in any doubt or dispute arising out of the signing or interpretation of the surrender terms.

"Signed this fourth day of May, 1945."—Reuter.

SURRENDER OF HUN ARMIES IN NORTH-WEST WORLD AWAITS FINAL CAPITULATION

AT 8 o'clock this morning men of Field Marshal Montgomery's armies witnessed their greatest hour, when the unconditional surrender of the Germans facing them in Holland, Denmark and North-west Germany came into force.

Under skies swept by English and Canadian fighters, men of the British Second Army saw long columns of German soldiers, obeying orders to surrender, proceeding by divisions past British fighting men who had achieved conquest on German soil.

Free Danish radio to-day reported that, according to unconfirmed reports, Field Marshal Montgomery was this morning received on the Danish-German frontier by the Lord Lieut. of Aabenraa County, Mr. Refslund Thompson.

There have been scenes of wild rejoicing in Holland and Denmark, with the ringing of joyous peals of bells.

Meanwhile, as the world awaits the final capitulation of the remainder of Germany's armed forces, there was little news of substantial resistance in any of the scattered pockets which are now all that is left to the Nazis.

SCUNTHORPE SERVING FOLK

Among Service folk from Boughton-avenue, Scunthorpe, are two brothers and their sister. Pte. Thomas Walter Rowell, aged 18, has been in the army since December and is on home service. B. John William Rowell, aged 22, has had four years' service. Their sister, Florence, is a NAAFI canteen girl. Pte. Ronald Bell, aged 21, of 15, Boughton-avenue, is in Egypt, where he has spent two of his three years' service. A/B. John Brown, aged 23, of No. 10, Boughton-avenue, has been in the Navy three and a half years and at East two years. His brother-in-law, Flight Sergeant Roy Cooper, of 49, Sheffield-street, did his training in Canada and has served three years altogether.

T. W. Rowell Miss Rowell J. Brown R. Cooper

R. Bell

PACIFIC OPERATIONS

FORTS BOMB KYUSHU AIRFIELDS AGAIN

Kure Naval Air Base Also Attacked

(From DAVID BROWN, Reuter's Special Correspondent)

H.Q. Guam, Saturday.

Super-Forts to-day made their 15th attack since March 27 on air fields in Kyushu, from which the Japanese have been launching their attacks on U.S. land and sea forces in the Okinawa Island area.

Another force of Super-Forts, numbering between 150 and 200, also made their first attack on the Hiro naval aircraft factory, five miles to the east of the Japanese naval air base of Kure—in southern Honshu Island—near the western end of the island sea.

LANDING ATTEMPTS

Wooden boats and glider-bombs with "suicide" pilots were used by the Japanese during abortive and costly landing attempts behind the American lines on Okinawa Island.

A flotilla of the boats, 15 of which were sunk, attacked naval units offshore, while a simultaneous air strike was launched against an American fighter airfield, to cover landings by about 600 men at four points.

Fifty-four aircraft were shot down during the attacks, one landing party was wiped out and the other three were pocketed.

ONLY SCATTERED POCKETS LEFT TO GERMANS

LITTLE NEWS OF SUBSTANTIAL RESISTANCE

BATTLEFRONT cables to-day brought little news of any substantial resistance in the scattered pockets which are now all that remain to the Germans.

These are:—

- (1) Parts of Saxony, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Croatia (chief towns—Dresden, Prague, Linz, Graz, Klagenfurt, Zagreb).
- (2) Norway (chief towns—Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, Stavanger, Narvik).
- (3) Samland Peninsula in East Prussia.
- (4) Latvian pocket.
- (5) Atlantic ports (St. Nazaire, Lorient, La Rochelle and Dunkirk).
- (6) Channel Islands.
- (7) Greek and Dodecanese Islands, including part of Crete and Rhodes.

With the surrender of north-west Germany, the German Army is left to defend less than 4,000 square miles of the Fatherland.

FIGHTING EAST OF BRNO

Reports from Moscow said that east of Brno the Germans put up strong artillery barrage and launched frequent counter-attacks.

From the U.S. 7th Army "Southern Redoubt" Sector, Reuter's correspondent, Arthur Oakes, reported that organised resistance had collapsed along a front of 70 miles, where Berchtesgaden, Hitler's famous mountain eyrie, was captured and cleared.

Through and beyond Innsbruck, the Tyrol capital, only slight resistance was encountered.

WITHOUT A FRONT

The forces of the Soviet Marshal Rokossovsky, Vassilievsky and Zhukov, and the whole Allied Air Army Group of British, Canadian and American troops, are left with out a front to fight on.

The total surrendered German forces in Europe may number 2,500,000, according to a Reuter correspondent with the U.S. 3rd Army.

There remains the question mark of Norway, where the Gestapo are to-day expected to go from Copenhagen, according to Swedish radio.

The same broadcast reported a "demonstration occupation" of the Baltic island of Fehmarn by the "Desert Rats" (7th Armoured Division).

LONDON BUS STRIKE

BACK TO WORK TO-MORROW?

War News Believed to Influence Situation

There may be a general resumption of work by the London tram, trolleybus, and bus strikers to-morrow, said a representative of the Central Bus Committee to-day.

Four hundred busmen at Bromley, Kent, garage returned this morning, and it is believed that the ramatic war news was a factor in influencing them.

The strike is over the summer schedules and at meetings yesterday officials of the Transport Workers' Union strongly advised a resumption of work.

Soldiers at a U.S. Air Service Command depot in the north-west of England have given over £2,000 for the purchase and construction of a park and children's playground, in memory of the 35 children and 22 adults (14 of them British and American service men) who died when a Liberator bomber crashed on a school-house at Freckleton, Lancashire.

In case VE-Day comes on a Friday several East London factories have made their weekly payday Thursday or Wednesday.

LOUTH LICENSEES GET VE-DAY EXTENSION

On behalf of the licensed victuallers of Louth, Mr. M. Deane made an application to Louth magistrates on Thursday for an extension of permitted hours on VE Day, from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Pte. Page told the Bench, on the instructions of Capt. Stevens, that he thought 10 p.m. was late enough for licensed houses to be open, but in view of the fact that the magistrates he was content to leave the matter to the discretion of the Bench.

The Bench granted the application.

REDBOURN CRICKET CLUB TEAMS

Redbourn Cricket Club today for the first time since the outbreak of war, played a match.

The first match was played between the club and the local team, and was won by the club.

GERMANS JOIN IN CELEBRATIONS

Scenes of wild jubilation in Holland and Denmark, in which some of the German soldiers actually joined in the processions, began immediately the two countries heard the news.

People lit rolled newspapers for torches, flew the flags of the Allies, danced and embraced in the streets.

Everywhere it is felt that this event is only the prelude to the greater capitulation, as understood in the last clause of the instrument of surrender.

British soldiers, singing in their camps and billets, had their hours of triumph while the German civilian population, confined by curfew, were mostly asleep.

The German forces on the Western Front have been "disintegrated," declared General Dwight Eisenhower last night.

The Danish King has already asked M. William Dahl, former

HIMMLER'S DEPUTY CAPTURED

From Arthur Oakes, Reuter's Special Correspondent

Himmler's deputy, S.S. Obergruppenfuhrer (General) and S.S. Reichsfuhrer Mag. Aumann, was captured at Himmler's home at Saint Quentin in the Tignes area in South Bavaria.

He was Hitler's Sergeant Major in the first world war, and had been close friend of Hitler, and Himmler ever since.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL RUMOURS

For once rumour has been made to look quite unimpressive beside reality. So when Mr. Churchill failed to appear at question time last night, starting conjectures seem normal and feasible.

One man told me that Mr. Churchill had probably gone to Berlin to take part in a triumphal drive through the city with British, American and Russian troops.

Another thought he was over for the final surrender ceremony.

Where no one seemed to look for him was in his study at 10, Downing-street.

This Westminster-in-wonderland environment is such that few eyes would be raised if a message suddenly called a special meeting of the House to hear the prime minister at midnight or three o'clock in the morning of some equally odd time. Indeed, rumours that this kind of thing was actually taking place have been going round the world.

DOENITZ ORDERS "FIGHT ON AGAINST BOLSHEVISM"

GERMAN radio to-day broadcast an appeal by Grand Admiral Doenitz, who claims to be Hitler's successor, to the soldiers of the Army groups centre, south-east, and south-west, calling on them to continue the fight against Bolshevism.

When you hear that in the north-west and south single

PRINCESS JULIANA RETURNS TO HOLLAND

From ROSS MUNRO, Reuter and Canadian Press Correspondent

HOLLAND. Saturday.

PRINCESS JULIANA has arrived in southern Holland to return to The Hague.

The American ambassador in the Netherlands, Mr. C. G. Ladd, is expected to arrive in The Hague to-day.

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