

Weather Report
Forecast: Continued cool.
High Monday, 54; low, 36.
(Temperature at 1 a. m., 33.)
Year ago: High, 64; low, 34.
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Official Big Three Victory Announcement Due Today

PRAGUE NAZIS GIVE UP

The Czech-controlled Prague radio announced early today that the Germans in Prague and throughout Bohemia have accepted unconditional surrender terms. The announcement came after the Nazi commander ignored the German surrender order and carried on bitter last ditch resistance which brought death to fighting men hours after German leaders had announced unconditional surrender.

The Prague broadcast said the cease fighting order went into effect at 1:30 a. m. today, and that the German military plenipotentiary is negotiating with the Czech national council on the surrender to take effect at 1:30 p. m. today (6:30 a. m. central war time).

Up until the time of the surrender report, Prague was being burned and sacked by the Germans carrying on a final orgy of destruction while American and Russian troops and Czech Partisans were punching into the city.

General Patton was using nearly 250,000 American troops in the final mop-up. His forces already had overrun the great beer and munitions center of Pilsen. Breslau fell to Russian forces after a long siege, and only two German cities, Dresden and Chemnitz, remained in Nazi hands. They apparently were being defended against the Russians in defiance of the surrender at Reims.

The German commander in Norway, General Boehme, ordered his forces—estimated to number 200,000—to lay down their arms, declaring: "Capitulation."

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NW Ready To Resume Air Service

Regular passenger service between the Twin Cities and Duluth will be resumed by Northwest Airlines as soon as Williamson-Johnson airport is ready to receive the planes, it was announced yesterday by Don I. King, general manager of the eastern division of the airlines.

Mr. King, a guest at dinner in the Kitchi Gammi club of Capt. Guilford Hartley of the airlines, announced also inauguration June 1 of a two-flight schedule from the Twin Cities to New York and said that the Duluth flights would be started to give Duluthians uninterrupted service to New York by way of the Twin Cities.



Truman to Speak At 8 A. M. Today

Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allies yesterday, completing the victory in the European phase of the Second World war—the most devastating in history.

All that is left now is the official announcement. President Truman will address the nation on the radio at 8 a. m. (central war time) today, presumably to make the surrender official.

A Big Three agreement put off the formal announcement of V-E day until it can be proclaimed simultaneously by the major Allies—Britain, Russia and the United States.

While London greeted news of final Nazi surrender calmly as just another battle won—the biggest yet but not the last—President Truman stuck so meticulously to the Big Three announcement agreement that it was never said in so many words that it is a V-E day speech he will make.

Asked if that will be its nature, Jonathan Daniels, White House press secretary, told newsmen: "The statement speaks for itself."

Prime Minister Churchill will proclaim the historic conquest at 8 a. m. today from 10 Downing Street and simultaneous announcement is expected from Premier Marshal Stalin in Moscow.

Churchill then will report directly to commons and ask for adjournment to Westminster Abbey for a service of thanksgiving.

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Oslo Press Again Free

OSLO, Norway (By Telephone to Stockholm)—(AP)—Norway's capital obtained the first news of Norway's liberation at 4 p. m. (Norwegian time)—9 a. m. (Central war time).

Life in Oslo before that was going on as usual. German soldiers and civilians and uniformed German women still were in the streets. Then suddenly some boys appeared with a Norwegian flag.

Soon crowds appeared with flags, hoisting one here and one there. Then there were more—and more followed. By late afternoon, Oslo was a city of flags.

The first joy at the news of liberation subsided into stunned stillness. The people seemed paralyzed, hardly realizing they could think, act and talk freely.

There has been no shouting in the streets. Everyone is content just to think it over.

Allied planes attacked airfields, shipping and other prime targets in the Borneo region.

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Yanks Liberate King Leopold

WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Leopold III, king of Belgium, and his queen have been liberated by the U. S. Seventh army, it was announced today. They were found near Stroh, eight miles east of Salzburg.

All theaters will remain open and arrangements have been

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Stay on Job Plea Made

"Stay on the job for a renewed all-out spurt in war production"—was urged as an appropriate observance of V-E day by Head of the Lakes labor leaders last night.

Reinhart Leslie, president of the CIO executive council, said, "The war is not over yet and supplies are vitally needed by the armed forces still fighting the Japs."

Charles Lyons, president of the Duluth Federated Trades assembly, declared, "It is the duty of every worker in essential industry to stay on the job V-E day. To do otherwise would be letting down the boys who still are fighting in the jungles of the Pacific area."

The Duluth and Superior yards of Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc., will remain open V-E day, company officials announced last night.

PARTIAL RECONVERSION SEEN WITHIN NEXT SIX MONTHS

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Federal machinery will soon be set in motion to restore limited supplies of most goods within six months and a prewar volume of production in a year.

War agency executives kept mum on their plans awaiting the official proclamation of victory in Europe, but a ferment of activity was discernible behind the scenes.

The office of War Mobilization and Reconversion prepared to issue, within 48 hours after formal announcement of V-E day, a sweeping blueprint of home front plans for reconversion, rationing, manpower,

price and wage controls during the period of one front warfare. Its dominant message was expected to be: "Stay on the job for the major war which remains to be fought, and won."

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Duluth Stresses Prayers In V-E Observance Today

Anticipating a presidential proclamation that today will be declared V-E day, Duluthians have made these plans for its observance.

If official announcement is made by President Truman at his announced broadcast at 8 a. m., CWT, all retail stores will remain closed for the entire day. If announcement comes after they open at 9:45 a. m., they will close for the remainder of the day.

Continued Cool Forecast Here

Partly overcast skies, continued cool and strong winds were forecast for the Head of the Lakes area today by the weather bureau, after mercury yesterday hit a high of 54 degrees at 2 p. m. Low for the day was 36 at 6 a. m. The temperature hovered around 45 most of the day, compared with the normal of 44 for that date. A year ago the mercury ranged between 64 and 34 degrees.

A few snow flakes which fell early last evening melted when they hit the ground.

News a Year Ago

At least 1,000 persons were killed in Berlin under tons of explosives dropped by mighty Allied aerial raid. London sources announced that 74 Berlin factories had been smashed since March. Tempo of battle on the Anzio beachhead in Italy rose as Nazis tried futile counter attacks. Japs were on the offensive in north China.

Restaurants and eating establishments, as well as foodstores and meat markets will remain open, but no beer may be sold.

Schools, public and parochial, will be open and assembly programs will be presented. Parents are urged by city V-E day committee to see that their children attend school.

Churches and synagogues are open to allow members to express thanksgiving and to pray. Special services are planned this evening in various churches and synagogues of the city as announced previously by pastors.

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Peace News Flashed to World by AP

The Associated Press disclosed exclusively yesterday morning that Germany had surrendered completely and unconditionally.

Edward Kennedy, chief of the Associated Press western front staff, who scored the news first—acclaimed by editors throughout the United States as one of the greatest in newspaper history—was indefinitely suspended from all further dispatching facilities by Supreme Headquarters in Paris.

Shortly before midnight, however, after all but Kennedy had been reinstated, the Associated Press in London filed this account of how Kennedy's story was received and sent to the Allied public.

"The London staff was sweating out the peace news in an atmosphere loaded with rumor, expectancy and cigarette smoke, when one of many telephones on the main news desk rang about 3:24 p. m. (London time 8:24 a. m., CWT), and Russell Landstrom looked from his job of herding copy to the cable and radio channels to answer it.

"This is Paris calling," came a faint, muffled voice. Then it faded and came back so Landstrom could catch the word 'Paris' again, and he turned the telephone over to Lewis Hawkins.

"Very dimly the voice said that Germany had surrendered unconditionally at Reims. Hawkins asked who was calling and was told that it was Morton Gudebrod of the Associated Press Paris staff.

"Being unfamiliar with Gudebrod's voice, Hawkins was asking for details and authority when Edward Kennedy, chief of the Paris bureau, broke in to say: 'This is Ed Kennedy, Lew. Germany has surrendered unconditionally. That's official.'

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AP's Flash Backed Up

NEW YORK—(AP)—The New York Times says it received the following message yesterday from Drew Middleton, its correspondent at supreme headquarters in Paris:

"My story for tonight is held by censorship, why, heaven only knows, as it already has been published in New York. I have been working steadily on it for 34 hours and like the rest of us here, except the Associated Press, have been caught in the most colossal 'snafu' in the history of the war.

"I am browned off, fed up, burnt and put out. The story probably will be released tomorrow, which will only be 24 hours late."

HANNEGAN CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman's appointment of Robert E. Hannegan as postmaster general was approved by a 60-to-2 senate vote yesterday.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE IS PLANNED

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ALLIES SMASH AHEAD ON OKINAWA, BORNEO

Important gains for American marines and Doughboys on bloody Okinawa island and new advances by Allied arms on Tarakan, Borneo, underscored official Pacific war reports late yesterday as the cry "now for Japan" echoed throughout the roaring Oriental battle theater on the heels of unconditional German surrender.

Destruction of numerous Okinawa blockhouses, pillboxes and other defense positions by Yank naval guns and carrier planes was followed up by ground forces with smashing attacks all along the front.

Marines punched southward to the edge of Dakeshi village while flame-throwing tanks led Doughboy gains in the center of the line. Soldiers also pushed forward on the left flank.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported that the Japanese on Okinawa have lost 36,535 men killed from the beginning of the furious fighting April 1 through May 7.

Meanwhile, Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed that Allied planes are already using the captured Tarakan airfield, a base from which all of Borneo can be brought under heavy aerial bombing and strafing attacks.

Australian and Dutch forces on Tarakan have swept from the west coast to within a mile and a half of the east coast. The Japanese have been cleared from the area east of the main Pameosan oilfield. Fighting continues in northern Tarakan city.

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN Makes Announcement Today