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storic nnouncement Is Made In Three Capitals Today

URGAU — COMPLETELY CUT IN TWO — TRUMAN, CHURCHILL AND STALIN URGE NO RESPITE UNTIL COMPLETE VICTORY

historic announcement was made today by Prime Minister Winston ill of Great Britain, President Truthe United States and Marshal Stalin of Soviet Russia that forces western Allies and Soviet Russia ked up in Central Germany, cutting ch in two. The announcement was simultaneously in London, Washand Moscow. Each of the Allied charged their people not to relax e subjugation of Germany had been ted and the enemy had yielded in itional surrender.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN

sident Truman, in his announceoday of the junction of Soviet and can forces, said that the junction lly took place at Torgau, a town on be River, 75 miles south of Berlin. had met on Wednesday and offityesterday to discuss arrangements liberation of prisoners.

President said that, as a result of eting, the enemy had been cut in two ded "this is not the hour of final in Europe but the hour draws near hour for which all American people, itish people and all Soviet people piled and prayed so long."

the statement issued simultaneously British and Russian authorities,



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the President added that "Anglo-American armies, under command of General Eisenhower, have met Soviet forces where they intended to meet—in the heart of Germany."

The last desperate hope of Hitler and his gang had now faded. The event, however, should not deter the campaign toward the final triumph over Germany. Nations which collaborated in fighting together under such obstacles should be able to live and work together in peace. Truman paid tribute to the late President Roosevelt and the persistence of the fighting men.

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain said that, after long journeys, toils and victories on many lands, oceans and battlefields, the Allies have traversed Germany and had joined hands together. Now the task was the final destruction of the enemy, the complete breaking of German

resistance and power and the subjugation of Hitler's Reich. The forces were now ready and available to fulful that purpose and duty. "Let us all march forward together against the foe!"

MARSHAL STALIN

Marshal Joseph Stalin addressed himself not only to the Red Army but to the fighting men of Great Britain and the United States. Victorious Allied armies had routed German troops to link up in Germany. It was still their care and duty to complete the defeat of the enemy, continuing the battle until the enemy had laid down his arms in unconditional surrender. Stalin referred to "the great valor of our Allies" who had stood shoulder to shoulder until this hour.

Stalin ordered the biggest victory salute of the war 24 salvos by 325 guns.

ANOTHER JUNCTION NEAR

While the American First Army and the Russians were joining in the heart of Germany near Leipsig to severe the Reich, the American Third Army invaded Austria and established radio contact with the Russians west of Vienna in a swift manoeuvre which encircled CzechoSlovakia and cut the German's vanishing hold in Europe into three great death traps.

The southern German pocket is under attack from all sides-from the Russians on the east and from the British, Canadian and American First and Ninth Armies on the south and west.

SCENES OF ELATION

There were scenes of great elation at historic Torgau on the east bank of the Elbe where the junction took place. The soldiers of the joining forces—the American First and Ukrainian First armiessang, danced, and played music. The Americans and Russians slapped each others backs, gave each other bear hugs and sat in the warm sunshine drinking champagne from beer mugs toasting the great occasion, symbolizing the defeat of Nazi Germany.

It was not the first incident of this sort in Torgau where nearly two hundred years ago Russians and Austrians joined forces in the Seven Years' War against Frederick the Great of Prussia. Torgau is a town of 14,000 people.

Eden-

RANCISCO IS WORLD'S CHANCE"—ASKS FOR IGE, MODESTY, DISPATCH

FRANCISCO, April 27 - The San Franference may be civilization's "last chance," the Vichy regime is a prisoner in British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden Fort Mont Rouge. Petain will be United Nations Conference at ning address yesterday. The world, through detained in the fortress prison san Francisco meets today to ent of science and communications, had be- until he goes on trial next month try to break the deadlock over contracted that it was but one community of science and community for high treason.

The broadcast announcing Pe. Russians have refused to agree

ations as it parishes.

declared Mr. Eden. the conference with living up to were heard. itial to set up stan- his ideals for the United Naternational conduct tions. obviate the possibiliconflict. The greater e interests of others sh impulses.

must international be set up to settle al disputes but to ernational economic There were the poli-Security was essene freedom and the equal upon all.

opportunities.

the British Foreign bia where, before enlisting, he said. "It is our job had completed his first year.

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of the nation, the responsibility in con- DON NELSON COMES BACK

Returning to His Home Here After Completing Tour of Operations with Air Force

After 13 months overseas durover enemy territory, Flight Ser- demanded. felt that the con- geant Donald B. Nelson, son of. as faced with great from tomorrow night. He has lities but there were been serving as an air gunner. It is the young airman's intenbered men have died tion to return to his studies at humanity another the University of British Colum-

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charter within four dron Apartments, is back in WANK ADVANCE declared. The conas faced with

cans, advancing on the southern captured in Sicily two years ago Okinawa front, have seized all and the other captured while, immediate key terrain positions, serving with the British Army. an American Army spokesman Names cannot be disclosed until said yesterday.

er defence wall was breached behind because of recurrence or after seven days of fierce fight- an old knee strain. He said that

The Americans are well into left in fairly good shape. They the Japanese secondary line.

(Pacific Standard Time)

| Saturday, April 28, 1945 | | not be long beyond. | |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| High | 1:36 | 20.9 feet | |
| | 14:14 | 19.1 feet | Mr. and Mrs. Jack |
| Low | 8:10 | 3.3 feet | turned today from |
| | 20:10 | 6.2 feet | several weeks in Va |

Chairman Former Hero of Verdun Meets Deadlock

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27 (P)

-The Steering Committee of the

Canadian Officer Who Served

By ROSS MUNRO

Canadian Press War Correspondent

WITH THE AMERICAN THIRD

two-and-a-half years but all the

officers except one had been

marched farther south 11 days

With the Dieppe officer were

next of kin have been notified.

move and the officer said that

nothing ever got them down.

They figured that freedom could

at Dieppe is Among Them

With Jeers as He Returns to Steering Committee Meeting Today-Russians Do Not PARIS, April 27 (1) - Marshal Want Stettinius

Petain is back in Paris. The Paris

NOT TO DIE

tain's arrival in the French capi- on United States Secretary of sco was as close to- of work to justify the valor and tal said the crowds gathered at State Stettinius as the man for n or Tokyo as New sacrifices of those men. Let us an outlying railroad station to the post. Russian Foreign Comeen to Washington do it with courage, modesty and jeer the former hero of Verdun missar Molotov wants four chairdispatch. Let us do it now." Mr. as the marshal's train passed men representing Russia, Great onflict of arms might Eden paid tribute to the late through. Cries of "Death to Pe- Britain, United States and utter destruction of President Roosevelt and charged tain" and "Down with Petain" China.

Petain surrendered to French authorities at the Swiss border PRISONERS yesterday. Before leaving Switzerland, the aged French Army LIBERATED officer made public a letter to Adolf Hitler announcing his intention to return to France. Petain told the Nazi leader that he wanted to go back to vindi-

cate his name: The supreme penalty for the crime charged against Petain is ARMY IN SOUTHERN GERdeath but French judicial auth- MANY, April 27-The American orities have indicated that, be- Third Army yesterday liberated Rupert Defence Headquarters ing which time he completed a cause of Petain's advanced age, a prisoner-of-war camp in south are still leading with a percentto ensure such se- tour of operations with 36 trips the death penalty will not be Germany where the majority of age of 152 on quota while Prince

GUAM, April 27 () __ Ameri- two other Canadian officers, one

Tomorrow's Tides

several weeks in Vancouver.

GOERING QUITS AS AIR CHIEF

LONDON, April 27 (P)-The Hamburg radio tells of the resignation of the head of the German Air Force. According to the Nazi source, Hermann Goering has resigned as commander of the enemy Air Force. The official reason was given as acute heart trouble.

BOND BUYING

Vancouver area is still leading Pacific Command in the Victory Loan campaign with Victoria in second place, Prince George third and Prince Rupert fourth. The percentages achieved so far are as follows:

| Vancouver | 84.4 |
|-----------------------|------|
| Victoria | 82.4 |
| Prince George | 77.0 |
| Prince Rupert | |
| Nanaimo | |
| Vernon | |
| Chilliwack | |
| Polar Bear | |
| In Prince Rupert area | Prin |

Canadian officers captured at Rupert Reserve Regiment is sec-Dieppe had been held for some ond with 150.

Weather Forecast

North Coast and Charlottes-Light to moderate winds increasing to fresh and strong winds in exposed areas this afternoon and decreasing light to moderate. Cloudy and cool with few rain

Saturday Light to moderate Japan's southern Okinawa out- The Dieppe officer was left winds cloudy and cool with occasional rain showers.

the other Dieppe officers had ALLIES ARE were not downhearted about the IN AUSTRIA

PARIS, April 27 (P)—The Allies are now up to or across the Danube River on a 180-mile front and are expected momentarily to invade Austria in which coun-Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bulger re- try still another junction with turned today from a visit of the Russian forces is to be expected.

War News Highlights Hitler Home

Germans Are Paralyzed

LONDON-Canadian fighter-bomber pilots report enemy road and rail movement is virtually at a standstill north and east of the British Second Army front in northern Germany. R.C.A.F. Spitfire patrols over the Russian zone of operations around Berlin failed to flush a single German Interceptor yesterday. They saw no enemy aircraft on the many German airfields they passed.

Battle of Berlin

MOSCOW-The Battle for Berlin holds the spotlight on the European war front. Soviet armies are pulverizing the German capital with artillery. Almost two-thirds of Berlin is in Russian hands but the fanatical German defenders are fighting on amid the smoke-blanketed debris. Front dispatches indicate that German women and children are being recruited for the struggle now roaring into its seventh day. However, the fate of Berlin already has been sealed. The embattled city is doomed and Soviet warplanes are sweeping in at roof-top levels to strafe the last remaining pockets of enemy resistance.

Juncture Already Made

LONDON-Two junctures between the Russians and Americans are said to be near and there are rumors that one already has occurred. An American radio network correspondent, Roy Porter of National Broadcasting Co., says in a Paris broadcast after a flight over an unidentified sector north of Leipzig that the two armies are lined up on opposite sides of the Elbe River. The Swiss radio has broadcast more definite word that a meeting already has occurred along the Elbe on a many-mile front.

Patton's Men in Austria

PARIS-General Patton's Third Army has lunged across the Austrian border. The crossing took place last night two miles south of the point where the German, Austrian, and Czech borders meet. Elsewhere on the western front Allied troops are within thirteen miles of the enemy aircraft centre of Friedrichshafen. The advance was made along the north shore of Lake Constance. On the British Second Army sector, British troops have captured the great German port of Bremen and 5,000 Nazi troops inside the city. Canadian First Army forces are making slow but steady progress up the Rheider Perfinsula which juts out into the Ems estuary but the bag of prisoners has been high. First Army troops took 2,000 enemy soldiers in a twenty-four-hour period.

Sweep North In Italy

ROME—Fifth Army troops in Italy are pushing on rapidly west of Lake Garda. The town of Piacenza has been captured, and gains are being made along the coast in the direction of Genoa. Fifth Army men have also made an advance of twenty miles into Verona. Capture of the city all but seals up the enemy's path of retreat through the Brenner Pass. Broadcasts from northern Italy maintain that the big industrial cities of Milan, Turin, and Genoa have fallen to the Italian partisans. A wholesale uprising against the Nazis is said to be under way. One dispatch asserts that Mussolini has been captured.

Canadian Flyer Tells of Destruction of Fuehrer's Mountain Retreat

LONDON, April 27 (P)-An eyewitness account of the aerial blasting of Hitler's mountain retreat comes from Flying Officer W. A. Taylor of Winnipeg. Taylor saw two of the six-ton bombs make direct hits on the chalet. He says there were terrific explosions and the whole place disappeared in a huge column of smoke and flame.

The chalet at Berchtesgaden is nothing but a mess of rubble now-blown to bits by 12,000pound earthquake bombs.

Royal Air Force Lancasters, manned by picked crews of British and Canadian airmen, made a direct hit on Hitler's home on Tuesday and also rained giant bombs on the Fuehrer's fortress on top of Kehlstein Mountain, five miles from the

About 350 planes staged the attack on Hitler's Alpine hide-

It was six-ton bombs which drilled through the heavy armor of the German battleship Tirpitz and which penetrated 20foot concrete walls of Nazi Uboat shelters. It is also believed that the 22,000-pound monster bomb, capable of making a 150-foot crater, was used in the blow.

It is not known whether Hitler was in his mountain home during the attack. The Hamburg radio claims Der Fuhrer is directing the defence of Berlin

from inside the capital. R.A.F. planes followed up the raid on Berchtesgaden with widespread attacks on Germany and Norway.

Today's Temperature

Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district for today read:

| Maximum | | |
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| Minimum | | 35 |
| Rainfall | 25.7.3 | .41 |

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