

Temperature
 Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district for today read:
 48
 36
 .94 inches

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Tomorrow's Tides
 (Pacific Standard Time)
 Tuesday, May 1, 1945
 High 3:06 20.1 feet
 16:05 17.1 feet
 Low 9:54 4.0 feet
 21:50 8.1 feet

V-E ANNOUNCEMENT IS DUE

Western Junction of Americans and Soviet Forces Moving At Will Throughout Battle For Berlin At Climax

April 30 (CP) — The American Ninth Army established contact today with the Russians fighting Berlin, thus widening the corridor between shrinking northern and southern redoubts to 80 miles.
 It was made three miles west of Wittenburg.

Indications at Allied Headquarters Today Were That Hostilities in Europe Would Last at Most—Only a Matter of Days

High ranking Nazi survivors were reported to be seeking peace while the western allies drove swiftly into the southern and northern redoubts, advancing almost at will into Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia.
 The German-controlled Oslo radio said today that Russian tanks have smashed into the Tiergarten, Berlin's central park converted into an underground fortress. Moscow reports said that the fall of Berlin is imminent.
 The Moscow newspaper, Pravda, said that the Russians were fighting in the ruins of Unter den Linden, the spacious avenue in the heart of Berlin that terminates at the Tiergarten.
 The Hamburg radio, chief Nazi transmitter still broadcasting in Germany, said that "the hard battle for Berlin has reached its climax today."
 Moscow despatches said that the Russians were going all-out for a May Day victory.

WARD AT FRONT OF THE FIRST CANADIAN

Lieut. Governor Edward of British Columbia and Premier T. C. Saskatchewan are on week-end at General headquarters on the first Canadian Army.

VICTORY BOND SALES ARE \$420,500

Sale of \$27,050 in Victory Bonds on Saturday in Prince Rupert's cumulative total for the first six days of the Eighth Victory Loan drive at \$420,500, 57 percent of the \$750,000 quota. This means that more than half the quota has been met in one-third of the three weeks campaign.
 Loan officials anticipated the drive will soar to its objective, performing a mark which has been never touched in previous campaigns.
 The Victory Loan drive so far outdistanced the Loan drive by \$35,700 in six days. Victory Bonds on the sixth day of the loan drive totalled the cumulative total of \$384,800.
 The corresponding figures are:
 Thompson, Pacific ... 1,000
 ... 200
 Line ... 1,000
 Turcotte ... 50
 Campbell ... 50
 S. McIntyre ... 50
 S. McIntyre ... 50
 Daily News ... 1,000
 Ladies' Wear ... 2,000
 J. L. Blain ... 500
 Thomson ... 50
 ... 150
 M. Hill ... 50
 Barrass ... 200
 ... 50
 ... 4,000

BODY UNCLAIMED
 The body of Benito Mussolini was executed at the ... was lying unclaimed here today.

VICTORY LOAN PROGRESS
 QUOTA \$750,000
 RESULTS \$420,500

ALLIED SEAMEN ARE LIBERATED

PARIS, April 30 (CP)—Approximately 4,000 British and French naval and merchant seamen were liberated Saturday when British armored divisions captured a prison camp at Westerville. In the south, three Allied armies were less than 30 miles from Munich after capturing Augsburg. The American Third Army was driving toward a new meeting with the Russians west of Vienna.

PRINCE RUPERT ARMY IS FIFTH

Prince Rupert area is now in fifth place for Victory Loan sales to the forces in Pacific Command a percentage of 65.1 having been reached. The areas are now standing as follows:
 Vancouver 97.1
 Victoria 95.6
 Prince George 72.
 Prince Rupert 65.1
 Nanaimo 62.7
 Vernon 66.9
 Chilliwack 58.8
 Polar Bear 25.3
 Pacific Command percentage is 34 or seventh in Canada.
 Nine of the 26 units in this area are now over the top with standings as follows:
 Prince Rupert HQ. 100. 152.
 Reserve 75. 150.
 Army Examiner 166. 129.
 Dundas 105. 124.
 Signals 97. 118.
 Army Padres 133. 114.
 Medicals 77. 113.
 C.W.A.C. 69. 100.
 Barrett 66. 100.

Italian War Now Finished

ROME, April 30 (CP)—General Mark Clark, Fifteenth Army group commander today announced the virtual end of the long and bloody campaign in Italy.
 Declaring that the German armies in Italy have been virtually eliminated as a military force, General Clark said that 25 enemy divisions have been torn to pieces in the 22-day offensive by the Allied Fifth and British Eighth armies. He said that the Germans can no longer effectively resist the Allied armies, but added that scattered fighting may still continue.
 The Fifth Army has reached the Swiss border, and the Eighth Army is approaching a junction with the Yugoslavs.

PREMATURE SURRENDER OBSERVED

Senator Connally's Announcement Set World Agog
 A San Francisco report that Germany had surrendered unconditionally touched off subdued reports and short-lived demonstrations in many American and Canadian cities Saturday night. For the most part the demonstrations were a mixture of skepticism and jubilation. All quickly subsided after President Truman described as unfounded a report given to the Associated Press by vice-chairman of the United States delegation to the world security conference, Senator Tom Connally.
 Many American newspapers greeted the first report with extra editions and in some towns church bells pealed and whistles and horns blared. The jubilation lasted about half an hour in New York's Times Square. Thousands of persons cheered and pieces of torn paper rained down from the office buildings.
 In Chicago's Loop district, crowds surged into stores without demonstration. All police leaves were cancelled but the order was rescinded after President Truman's announcement.
 One San Francisco newspaper emblazoned the words: "Nazis quit" in red letters across the front page of its extra edition but, despite a newspaper extra in Washington, milling citizens were skeptical.

Allied Capitals Awaiting Complete Surrender Offer

BENITO MUSSOLINI EXECUTED BY ITALIAN PATRIOTS; BODY IS REVILED IN PUBLIC SQUARE

ROME, April 30 (CP)—It has been confirmed that Benito Mussolini has been executed by Italian patriots. An announcement has been issued by Allied headquarters in Rome quoting two British newsmen who have actually seen the former Duce's body. It is unusual for headquarters to quote war correspondents as the source of an official announcement, but it is evident that in this case Allied officials are satisfied that the facts are true.
 The announcement telling of Mussolini's execution confirms broadcasts made by the partisan-held Milan radio. This is the story of how the 61-year-old Mussolini died. Mussolini and his associates were seized by Italian partisans in the border city of Como while trying to escape into Switzerland. Saturday afternoon the former Fascist dictator and members of his puppet regime were executed by the partisans in a little town near Como.
 Saturday night the bodies were taken to Milan and dumped in the town square for the public to view. They were hung by the toes and later dropped in the mud to be kicked and spat upon.
 Among those executed was a young woman described as the sweetheart of the former Italian leader.
 Benito Mussolini and the sixteen other leading Fascists were executed at Como and their bodies reviled later in a public square in Milan where they were put on view. The executions were by a patriot firing squad after summary trial. Including Mussolini's mistress, all were captured while attempting to escape to Switzerland.

Swiftly Moving Developments Point to Germany's Collapse At Any Hour—British Cabinet Members Standing By

LONDON, April 30 (CP)—A new surrender offer from Heinrich Himmler, presumably to all three major powers, is understood to be on its way today. Cabinet ministers have been ordered to stand by as swiftly moving developments point to Germany's collapse.
 A commentator on the Hamburg radio, chief remaining voice of Nazi Germany, declared that "everybody knows this war is drawing to its end. This is an irrevocable fact."
 London is outwardly calm even though a "V-E Day" announcement is expected at any hour. There is more ministerial activity in Whitehall than there has been for some time. Indications are that only details of Germany's surrender remain to be worked out. These may concern whether Himmler or any other ranking Nazi leader could give solid evidence that German pockets on the Atlantic coast and in Norway would lay down their arms.
 A Stockholm newspaper says that Count Bernadotte, said to be the man who last week relayed Himmler's offer of surrender to United States and Great Britain, was now meeting with the Gestapo head.
 The Moscow radio, meantime, has given official credence to the report that an offer to surrender Germany unconditionally has been made by Nazi Gestapo Chief Himmler. The Moscow broadcast is the first official confirmation that such a surrender proposal actually had been made.

LOCAL FLIER IN CHINA PENETRATES TO SHANGRI-LA IN INNER TIBET

A flight to "Shangri-La," the mystic territory of innermost Tibet where probably not more than half a dozen outsiders have ever set foot, will undoubtedly remain one of the outstanding experiences of Capt. Cedric Mah, a former Prince Rupert man now serving as a pilot with the China National Aviation Corporation.
 The 22-year-old flier, younger brother of Capt. Albert Mah who was recently in Prince Rupert on leave, made the trip in style. Before they made their final jump-off into Tibet, he and his fellow pilot, an American colonel from Vermont, were guests at the summer villa of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Chek in the border region of western China.
 Purpose of the journey was to return a Tibetan emissary to his home in the mountainous hinterland. The flight was highly dangerous, involving the guiding of a large aircraft through unknown passes with 18,000-foot mountains towering on either side.
 "No one dared think what would happen if we entered the wrong pass," Capt. Mah wrote to his sister, Miss Violet Mah, in Prince Rupert.
 The pilots made one unsuccessful attempt to find the hidden valley where their passenger, who carried the name of Solong-Busong, had his home. Failing that, they turned back to China and picked up a Chinese air force captain, the only outsider who had ever been to that rendezvous.
 "In 1940 this man had been on exploration flight and on landing in the valley the Tibetans brought offerings to him. They thought this bird from the air was a god," Capt. Mah recounted. "He spent three months photographing the area—living like a king. However, after three months the Tibetan bill of fare became unbearable so he left."
 Guided by the Chinese captain, the two pilots made another try to take Solong-Busong home.
 The base from which Capt. Mah and his companion took off for their flights into Tibet was the city where China's Generalissimo has a summer villa. They were guests of the provincial governor, a general who lived in Chiang's summer home. "The hospitality was superb and the food grand," said Capt. Mah.

CHARGE FRENCH OBSTRUCTING ALLIED PUSH

PARIS, April 30 (CP)—An Allied supreme headquarters statement Saturday declared that the French First Army was obstructing the Allied drive south east against the Nazi redoubt by its persistence in continuing to occupy Stuttgart.
 The statement said that Sixth Army group headquarters had asked the French First Army to move out of Stuttgart, the capital of Wurtemberg, which the French captured. At latest reports the French were still there, backed by the French council of ministers, which voiced disapproval of the request on the grounds that the Big Three had not taken any action on France's post-war occupation claims in southwest Germany.
 The Sixth Army group includes the American Seventh and the French First Armies. The French have asked for virtually outright occupation of the Saarland plus defined occupational and policing rights after the war on the whole cross Rhine belt from the Ruhr south to Lake Constance.

IS HITLER NOW DEAD?
 LONDON, April 30 (CP)—Several rumors are current today concerning Adolf Hitler. One totally unconfirmed story declares that Der Fuehrer died yesterday in his underground headquarters in Berlin.
 Another story concerning Hitler—which is likewise without any confirmation—quotes a Stockholm dispatch which says Hitler has suffered a hemorrhage which has left him an invalid.
 seemed to be places of worship, or monasteries.
 "On a valley floor was encamped a nomadic tribe. Its cluster of tents stood out vaguely in the morning mist, and the campfires sparkled like jewels. As the sun grew higher, we slid between two walls of rock. Losing altitude rapidly we entered a pass 15,000 feet high, hemmed in by 18,000-foot peaks. No one dared think what would happen if this were the wrong pass."
 However, it turned out to be the right one, and rounding a jagged pinnacle they saw a natural landing strip directly ahead.
 "We bumped to a stop and were immediately surrounded by Tibetans, some on shaggy ponies, others dressed in wolf furs. Solong Busong came up and patted me on the back. His eyes were merry, for he was home. In a few hours he had covered distances which had taken him a month to travel on his way out."
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TORCH PARADE SETS COLORFUL STREET EFFECT

The glare of red and yellow signal fuses shining through a smoke pall touched off a realistic effect as vehicles from the area fire departments staged a Victory Loan torchlight parade in darkened downtown streets at 10 o'clock Saturday night. Hundreds of spectators witnessed the parade as it snaked along Second and Third avenues to the wail of sirens.
 Streetlights in the downtown area were turned off by the power company to give added effect to the display.
 The parade was led off by an army staff car carrying U.S. Fire Marshal E. Berrling, who acted as parade marshal. City Fire chief H. T. Lock, and other area fire department heads. Following the staff car was a light truck carrying a smoke bomb which spread thick fumes over the parade route.
 The parade which began at the city fire hall, travelled east on Second avenue to the Court House, then raced west on Third avenue to the Park avenue intersection, returning west on Second avenue. The course was traversed twice.
 Taking part were two trucks of the city fire department, two trucks of the U.S. Fire department, and one truck of the Navy and one of the Canadian army fire departments.

NEW PEACE RIVER HIGHWAY WILL NOT KILL RAILWAY PROJECT

Little Change On Canuck Front
 WITH THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY, April 30 (CP)—Little change was reported over the week-end in Canadian Army operations in northwest Germany but the semi-circular front tightened slightly about Oldenburg as the Second Canadian Division pressed east toward Delmenhorst. The Canadian Army is squaring up to the Leorf - Oldenburg - Eisleth line along which the Germans are basing their defence of the peninsula on which Emden and Wilhelmshaven are located. Continued German demolitions and poor terrain hampered progress of the Canadians.
 TEUTONIC TONGUE
 Purest German was supposed to have been spoken in Hanover.
 Although the B. C. government this month will call contractors' tenders for completion of a new highway to join Prince George with the Alaska Highway, the possibility of extending the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is not being overlooked by Premier John Hart, says the British Columbia correspondent of the Financial Post.
 The government is still hopeful that it may be able to sell the railway to the Canadian National or Canadian Pacific or both. If such a sale is made, the new owners will probably be required to commit themselves to northerly extension from Quesnel to Prince George. If the deal falls through, however, the government itself very probably will take early action towards extending the road so as to give it a greater opportunity to develop.
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FRANCE GOES LEFTIST

PARIS — France is going solidly leftist in the municipal elections.
 POSTAL STAFF OVER TOP
 The staff of the Prince Rupert Post Office reached its objective in the Eighth Victory Loan on Saturday, Postmaster J. R. Morrison announced.
 BUILDING PERMITS \$1,000,000
 VANCOUVER—Building permits issued by the city of Vancouver in April pushed past the million dollar mark Saturday with the issuance of a \$10,000 permit for a garage building.
 JAPAN TO FIGHT ON
 TOKYO — Japan will fight on after Germany's surrender even if it costs ten million men, Tokyo radio said today. An American invasion of Hong Kong is expected after Okinawa.
 MOSCOW CELEBRATION
 MOSCOW—Moscow is preparing for the greatest celebration of May Day in years. The blackout has been lifted after four years. The capital is being decked out. There will be the greatest military parade since 1941.
 PRISONERS FREED
 PARIS—The greatest prisoner of war camp in Germany—Stalag 7A—has been captured and 110,000 prisoners liberated.
 MAYHEW RENOMINATED
 VICTORIA—R. W. Mayhew, Victoria's representative at Ottawa since 1937, was renominated as Liberal candidate for this riding.

Weather Forecast

Moderate winds, partly cloudy and mild, occasional light rain showers during afternoon. Tuesday: Moderate winds, increasing to fresh in afternoon and strong in late afternoon. Partly cloudy in morning, becoming cloudy with occasional light rain in afternoon, becoming continuous toward evening with slightly higher temperatures.

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