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DOCTOR GAVE INJECTION TO RELIEVE PAIN

By Associated Press.
FLENSBURG, Germany, May 23.—Russian Intelligence reports to Supreme Headquarters said today that Hitler died in a mercy killing.
Hitler was paralyzed and insane with pain the last five days of his life, a high Supreme Headquarters official quoted a Russian general as reporting.
The Russian said a physician gave Hitler an injection "of some sort that put him to sleep forever," the official declared.
The Supreme Headquarters official said he had learned from another doctor that Hitler had been taking several types of injections the past few years.

Destroyer Cut In Two by Big Battleship King George V.

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—The 35,000-ton British battleship King George V. collided with the British destroyer Punjabi off the west coast of Ireland in May, 1942, and "only a handful" of the destroyer's crew of 200 escaped, W. A. Crumley, naval correspondent for The London Daily Express reported today.
Crumley's account, the first made public concerning the accident, said the Punjabi was cut in two at the engine room in the same way and in the same waters as was the cruiser Curacao by the liner Queen Mary five months later.
The King George V., her bow buckled, was patched up at Liverpool and later was fully repaired in the United States, Crumley said.

Britain Sends Large Supplies to Russia

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—Sir Francis Joseph, chairman of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation, said today that about \$480,000,000 worth of civil goods had been sent to the Soviet Union by Britain from the empire and neutral sources during the war.
By civil goods, he explained, he meant materials not strictly of a military nature. At a luncheon for members of a Soviet trade delegation Sir Francis declared his corporation—supply channel for these goods—had dispatched material ranging from small packages of needles to electric generators weighing hundreds of tons.

French Accused Of Seizing Piedmont

ROME, May 23.—(AP)—The Communist Party of Italy charged today that French Nationalists were attempting to seize portions of the Western Piedmont region from Italy to gain a "political-military success."

S. H. A. E. F. Arrests All Flensburg Clique, Breaks Up High Command

RESIDENTIAL BOND CREWS CALL FOR AID

A big kickoff breakfast, honoring the thousands of volunteers who will participate in the Seattle city-wide bond-selling campaign for the Seventh War Loan, will be held Monday at 9 o'clock in the Spanish Ballroom of the Olympic Hotel.
Emphasis will be placed on the house-to-house campaign all next week. "The Fighting Ladies" of the residential task force have accepted the job of making bonds available to every home in the city, under direction of the Women's Division of the War Finance Committee.

First Drive of Kind
It is the first time in any war-bond drive that a house-to-house program has been planned for the entire city. Bond sales will be credited directly to the district in which they are sold, without loss of credit to the organization sponsoring any special drive, including School Bond Day Sales, according to Mrs. John L. Locke, chairman of the Women's Division.
"We are going to do 4,000 volunteer workers to do this great job," Mrs. Locke said yesterday. "And workers are especially needed in the Ravenna, Beacon Hill, Wallingford and South Park Districts. The Fighting Ladies will not give up until each doorbell has been rung."

"The Spirit of Iwo Jima in the Seventh War Loan Drive" is the slogan adopted by the volunteer workers.
A quickening of effort put forth by Seventh War Loan workers, particularly in King County, was reported today by the War Finance Committee, both in the sale of E bonds and individual sales.
Total sales to individuals in King County reached \$10,358,502 in the latest report, and of this amount \$7,324,051 was in E bonds. For the state, individual sales totaled \$28,650,000, of which \$22,250,000 was in E bonds.

Groups Working Harder
International groups are working harder than in any previous drive, according to William C. H. Lewis, state executive manager of the War Finance Committee.
"All international groups are probably doing more than ever before in this area," said Dr. Arie Vanderspek, consul for The Netherlands.
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Many slain in Algerian riots. Page 7.

BIDDLE, PERKINS AND WICKARD OUT; LABOR TO SCHWELLENBACH

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, May 23.—President Truman today announced the resignations of the secretaries of agriculture and labor and the attorney-general.

War Food Administrator Marvin Jones also has resigned, the President said.
Mr. Truman told his news conference that Attorney-General Biddle will be succeeded June 30 by Tom Clark of Texas, now an assistant attorney-general.
Agriculture Secretary Claude Wickard is resigning immediately to become administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration and will be succeeded by Representative Clinton Anderson, Democrat, New Mexico, now chairman of the House food committee, as secretary of agriculture.

The President said Anderson would become war food administrator as well as secretary of agriculture when Marvin Jones steps out on June 30. Jones will return to the Court of Claims from which he took leave for war service.
Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwellessbach, former United States senator from Washington State, will succeed Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, also on June 30.

Vashon Man Fined \$1,000 For Burning Japs' Homes
Harold S. Burton, 22-year-old Vashon Island farm worker who, with two youths, burned homes of evacuated Japanese, was fined \$1,000 by Superior Judge James T. Lawler today.
Burton, father of two children, said he believed the Japanese would not return to the island if he burned their homes.
The trio set four fires between January 27 and February 1. Burton pleaded guilty to second-degree arson. Several of the homes were old, but one was modern and well furnished. Deputy Prosecutor Duane T. Shinn said.
Burton said he did not care for Japs, "because they always thought they were better than we were."
Judge Lawler remanded Burton to the custody of the sheriff until he pays the fine or elects to serve in the county jail at the rate of \$3 a day, or about 11 months.

F. D. Roosevelt Stamps to Be Out June 27

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—Four memorial stamps bearing Franklin D. Roosevelt's portrait will be issued, beginning June 27, in tribute to the late President. Postmaster-General Walker announced today.
Each bearing Mr. Roosevelt's likeness, the stamps will be in these denominations and colors: One cent, green; 2-cent, red; 3-cent, purple, and 5-cent, blue. They will be of the special-delivery stamp size.
Mr. Roosevelt's portrait will appear at the left on each stamp with the dates "1882-1945" and the name "Roosevelt" underneath the portrait. At the right on the 1-cent stamp will appear a picture of Mr. Roosevelt's home at Hyde Park, while the "Little White House" at Warm Springs, Ga., will be pictured on the 2-cent stamp and the White House on the 3-cent stamp. The 5-cent stamp will be the first to be placed on sale, June 27, at Washington.

The stamps will be the first issued by this country to picture Mr. Roosevelt, who was a ranking stamp collector while President. His picture has appeared previously on stamps issued by Brazil, Turkey and Guatemala.
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'Gas' Engine, Minus Valves, Etc., Patented

RICHMOND, Va., May 23.—(AP)—A new type of gasoline-driven engine which eliminates all valves, connecting rods and cranks has been invented by a former Virginia man.
The patent, granted at Richmond to J. Bruce Stewart, St. Louis engineer, is for an engine with only three moving parts, which Stewart says operates "efficiently at either high or low speeds, can be made in large or small capacities, and weighs less and occupies less space than conventional types."
Stewart said the engine could operate on cheaper grades of fuel and that the manufacturing costs would be reduced because "all component parts are easily made, and are of such construction that the manufacturers already have had production experience."
The principle embodied in the patent is a result of mathematical calculations in a study of physics.

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EAST ANCHOR OF OKINAWA LINE BROKEN

By Associated Press.
The eastern anchor of Japan's stubborn Okinawa defense line crumbled today under a surprise American infantry attack, as a United States communiqué from China lent support to reports Japanese troops were being withdrawn from North-China coastal lines to Manchuria, long-established Nipponese bulwark facing the Soviet Union.
Simultaneously, diplomatic circles apparently showed unfounded optimism when they reported the Mikado's government was on "completely friendly terms with the Soviet Union."

China-based pilots of the U. S. Fourteenth Air Force bombed troop trains and columns apparently headed toward Manchuria.
Attack Before Dawn
The break on the Okinawa line carried a pre-dawn attack, launched without artillery or tank support, through Yonabaru town to hills overlooking Yonabaru Bay and the northern end of a curving ridge dominating Nakagusuku Bay, former Nipponese fleet anchorage.

The Japanese still were resisting bitterly.
In early stages of the Yonabaru battle, American Sherman tanks knocked out six of nine Japanese tanks on the outskirts of the city in the first armored battle of the Okinawa campaign.
Infantry killed 1,000 enemy troops in fierce hand-to-hand fighting.

Seventh Division troops stormed and captured strategic Ozato Maru hill, more than half a mile south of Yonabaru. It was described as one of the last pieces of terrain from which withdrawing Japanese could make a final stand in Okinawa.
United States warships supported the Yonabaru ground attack.
French Forced to Withdraw
The Paris radio said tonight that a new Japanese offensive had been launched against French forces in Indo-China. The broadcast said French forces were obliged to make some withdrawals and an air field had been captured by the enemy. The radio said fighting occurred in the region of Mekong, just inside the Burma-Indo-China border.

Goering in Britain; Von Rundstedt Also
LONDON, May 23.—Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering and Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, former German commander in the West, have been brought to Britain, it was learned today.
Goering is held at a hotel at Windermere, Northern England. He arrived some time ago and passed through London unrecognized.
Von Rundstedt was recognized at a London station and boobyed by railway workers.

4,000 Nazis Leave Holland
DEN HAAG, Holland, May 23.—(AP)—A fleet of 25 German barges left yesterday for Wilhelmshaven loaded with 4,000 German sailors, soldiers, women and children—the first Germans to be evacuated from Holland since V-E Day. They are part of a contingent of 12,000 civilians and sick or wounded soldiers who will be returned to Germany by this route.

Chinese Anger Against Girls And Yanks Traced to Gossip
By Associated Press.
CHUNGKING, May 23.—The Chungking edition of the American-owned Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury said today that "scandal-mongers appear to be persuading the Chinese that every American in uniform is a lecher and every Chinese girl allowing herself to be seen with him in public is a prostitute."
"Pamphlet stories about jeep girls are rapidly building up a wall of hatred between the Chinese and Americans that may take years to dispel," the newspaper said.
"It is no longer safe for an American officer or soldier to take a respectable Chinese girl out." Their presence on the street together is a signal for a howling mob of hoodlums to swarm around shrieking at the top of their voices, hurling insults . . . and generally humiliating the couple.
"Frequently hotheads in the crowd slap the girl's face, pull her hair . . . The venom of the crowd is usually leveled at the girl, but fist fights often occur when the American tries to save his companion from insult."
The paper said the situation was "pleasing the Japanese by threatening to create a rift between the two allies."
The situation has evoked the attention of the highest Chinese and American authorities. One restaurant popular with American soldiers was placed out of bounds by military officials after girls leaving the place with men in uniform were insulted by crowds outside.

Gracie Allen Says:

THE California State Assembly is against giving the vote to 18-year-olds. One legislator feared that lowering the voting age would give hep-cats and bobby-soxers the balance of power in California.
My goodness, I should think it would be a good thing to give them any kind of balance. Of course, it's quite a long way politically from "vote for the rail-splitter" to "vote for the rug-cutter." And those legislators probably thought that if "teen-agers" voted, they'd try right away to "send" Frankie Sinatra to the White House.
But why am I so excited about all this? Why, because I think it's unjust that we "teen-agers" can't vote along with our elders. I've waited long enough for my vote as it is.

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Has England Turned Left? Election to Give Answer

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
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LABOR PARTY FACES TEST IN ELECTION

By Associated Press.
LONDON, May 23.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill resigned today and King George VI. accepted the resignation and asked him to form a new administration.
Churchill's resignation plunged the country into its first general election campaign since the voting of November 14, 1935.

The King announced tonight that on Churchill's request Parliament would be dissolved by royal proclamation on June 15.
Primarily the coming election will provide a test of strength between the Conservative Party and its policies of postwar reconstruction and the Labor Party, which is in record as advocating a socialist economy for Britain.

Attlee Leads Labor
Churchill is the leader of the Conservatives. The Laborites are headed by Clement Attlee, who served as deputy prime minister in the coalition government.

British newspapers gave a clear indication that the wartime political truce was at an end. The Labor and Liberal press accused Churchill of seeking to rush the election to capitalize on his own popularity as a war leader, and pictured him in cartoons as devoted to Tory interests.

Conservative newspapers denounced the Laborites editorially for their decision not to remain in the coalition government until the conclusion of the war with Japan.

Balloting Likely July 5
Churchill, premier since 1940, presented his resignation to the King at the Palace. Churchill will form a "caretaker" government to serve during the interim period until a new election can be held.

There was a general expectation that the balloting would be held July 5.
Dissolving of Parliament three weeks after Churchill's resignation had been agreed to previously by the coalition cabinet. During the interval British lawmakers will have an opportunity to clear up a log-jam of legislation, including several appropriation bills.

When the war broke out in September, 1939 the major parties agreed to avoid wartime "poisonous" government, a truce under which the party which held a seat in Commons would be permitted to fill it without opposition in case a vacancy occurred. Thus this Parliament became the longest-lived in modern history.

The coalition government was formed by Churchill in the days of Dunkerque.

All or None May Help
Churchill has served notice previously that in forming a "caretaker" government, he would welcome men of all parties or of no parties to run Britain's affairs.

In Blackpool, Ernest Bevin, Labor minister in the coalition government, asserted that the first job of a Labor government, if elected, would be to wipe out the suspicion which he said was growing in Anglo-Soviet relations.

Attlee joined Bevin, outlining labor's international policy before a national party convention. The convention overwhelmingly adopted a resolution charging:
"British government policy, now and for the future of certain liberated countries in Europe, particularly Greece, Italy and Poland, was more concerned with the preservation of vested interests than for the welfare, liberty, equality of social security of these peoples."

The main battle will be between the Conservative Party under leadership of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and the Socialist (Continued on Page 7, Column 3.)

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