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And in Czechoslovakia some fighting still continues -- ~~xxx~~ resistance to the Russians by die-hard Nazis. A Soviet report states, however, that most of the Germans who had been continuing the battle after the surrender have withdrawn to the American lines, been made prisoners of war.

GERMAN SUBMARINES

Nazi submarines have been giving themselves up ever since the surrender of Germany, U-boats flying the flag of capitulation have been proceeding to Allied ports or have been turning themselves over to anti-air patrols on the ocean. However, there's a suspicion that some German undersea craft may be trying to get to Japan. Most U-boats can't go that far, but it is known that the Germans built a number of long-range subs -- and it is thought possible that some of these might reach the Far Eastern enemy.

ROMMEL

We have a new story about the end of Rommel, the Old Fox of the Desert who won the top reputation among German commanders. Today his widow stated that he was put to death by the Nazis, on orders from Hitler, was poisoned. Saying this, she reversed an account she gave last week. At that time Rommel's widow was captured by the Americans, and stated that ^{the} Field Marshal Rommel had died from a heart attack - as he was recovering from injuries sustained when his military automobile was shot up by an American strafing plane.

Why does she now change the story - substituting Nazi poison for heart attack? She says the reason is the news she has had about her son. She has been informed that sixteen year old Manfred Rommel is now a prisoner of war, captured by the French. He is now safe from reprisals that she was afraid the Nazis would take against him, ^{if} ~~and~~ she told the truth.

She states that at their home, Field Marshal Rommel, having been badly injured in the American strafing attack, was recovering nicely when two German generals appeared and told him that he must take poison, by the order of Hitler. This - because Rommel was implicated in the attempt by German generals to kill Hitler, overthrow the Nazi regime, and make peace.

That was the conspiracy in which Hitler was injured in a bomb explosion, the plot for which some of the most prominent German generals were hanged.

~~Frau Rommel expressed^S the opinion that her husband really knew nothing about the plot, but the conspirators had decided that he would be the best man to negotiate with the Allies, and had marked him down for that role - though he knew nothing about it. Hitler found his name on the list - and that was the end of the Old Fox of the Desert, one of the legendary characters of the war.~~

This account is confirmed by Rommel's son - with one change. Manfred Rommel has told his French captors that Hitler implicated Rommel in the plot of the generals because the Field Marshal, shortly after the invasion of France, had warned Der Fuehrer that the game was up, further resistance useless, and the only thing to do was to make peace. And Manfred Rommel adds that his father was given a choice of taking poison or being hanged - as the German generals in the conspiracy were hanged.

Today the widow of the German commander who made the greatest reputation in the war, had a thing to say that might well be the whole German nation speaking. Referring to Hitler, she muttered: "And to think that for years and years I prayed for the welfare of that Man!"

"Hitler," ^{he} relates, ~~the Dutch Quisling,~~ "replied that he could no longer guarantee the future of Europe - things were not going as he had planned." And he quotes the Nazi Fuehrer as saying, "My remaining hope is that England and the United States will join Germany in the battle against Bolshevism."

All of which is another indication of the fantastic hope that the Nazis apparently, ^{to the very end} ~~could~~ never give up - the hope that we would change sides and join them.

There is news about another prominent Nazi, (~~Henlein, who was the~~ ^{Hitler} ~~leader of the Nazis among the Germans in Czechoslovakia. He was prominent in the Czechoslovak crisis, which led to the capitulation at Munich, when British Prime Minister Chamberlain staged the great act of appeasement.~~) Henlein, who was made the Nazi Gauleiter of the Germans in the Czechoslovak Sudetenland, ~~was~~ captured yesterday by American troops, ~~The word today is that he has~~ committed suicide, slashing his wrists - while a prisoner.

FOLLOW DUTCH QUISLING

The most melodramatic story of pro-Nazis' escaping justice by suicide comes from Norway where a chief lieutenant of the arch Nazi, Quisling, is said to have blown himself up in a palace that belongs to the Norwegian Crown Prince. He touched off high explosive, blowing himself to bits and wrecking the palace.

GOERING

⁷⁷ ~~It is confirmed that the No. 2~~
~~Wishing in no way, to see~~
~~blow it to bits in his under-~~
~~ground.~~

⁷⁸ Another story about Hitler's realization of defeat comes from Goering, the long-time Number Two man who is now a prisoner of the Americans. ~~His~~ *He tells of what Hitler said in story is recent* April, when the Western Allies were surging into Germany. Goering says Hitler had one of his intuitions, and a sound intuition it was -- for once. He had what Goering calls -- "a sudden realization that the war was lost."

And then and there the Nazi Fuehrer called off those much publicized plans for a last-ditch Nazi fight in the mountains of southern Germany -- the Redoubt about which we've heard endless talk.

Hitler, with ~~his~~ *the* sudden ~~realization~~ *dawning* that the war was *hopelessly* lost, said it was useless to prolong the struggle in the mountain redoubt. *It was then that he* ~~He~~ decided to meet the end in Berlin.

Goering said he was completely certain that Hitler was dead. ~~He said~~ *that* the Nazi Fuehrer had been sick with a brain disorder and may have shot himself.

News men asked Goering why, then, had Hitler's body not been found? To which the one-time Nazi Number Two man replied: "I am convinced that Hitler died earlier than announced and others found time to remove the body from the reach of the Russians."

JUGOSLAVIA

Internequine quarrels among the Jugoslavs were sharpened today by a Yugoslav announcement that General Mikhailovich, once so famous as the leader of the Chetniks, will be tried as a traitor and shot. This is announced by the Foreign Minister of the government of Marshal Tito, the present leader of Jugoslavia. We recall how General Mikhailovich, leading the forces of the Chetniks, became a legend of Yugoslav resistance to the Nazi conqueror. Then he and his Chetniks got into a feud ~~xx~~ with another faction of anti-Nazis - the partisans of Tito. And Tito was supported by Soviet Russia. So the one-time hero, Mikhailovich, lost out, and today Tito is in control - ~~his partisans hunting for Mikhailovich.~~ They accuse him of having joined forces with the Nazis in his battle against the Tito partisans.

Today Tito's Foreign Minister stated: x

"Mikhailovich will be shot. The evidence against him already at hand is sufficient for a death sentence.

There will, of course, be a trial, and if he doesn't fall into our hands, we shall demand his extradition."

It would be a strange and dramatic dilemma if the Western Allies should be called upon to extradite ^M Mikhailovich, and turn him over to be shot - the leader of the Chetniks whom the Allied world at one time hailed as an anti-Nazi hero.

POLAND

The word from London is that Stalin has made a reply to the British and American notes protesting against the Soviet arrest of the sixteen Polish patriot leaders. The London News Chronicle today describes the Stalin answer as - "very outspoken." We are told that the Soviet Premier has informed Prime Minister Churchill and President Truman that there is no use ~~of~~ discussing the Polish question any further ^{-- referring to} the British-American demand that the Soviet sponsored provisional government be changed, in accordance with the Big Three agreement at Yalta.

Stalin is reported to deny the contention that the sixteen Polish leaders had been invited by the Soviets to discuss a new Polish coalition government. ~~And~~ ^{And} Stalin's expressing ~~ing~~ ^{ed} surprise that London and Washington seemed to think that some of the sixteen ~~leaders~~ who were arrested might have been suitable to take places in the coalition regime recommended by the

Yalta conference. ^{(Further, Stalin} ~~And Stalin, in his reply,~~ is said to
object to the concern expressed by ~~the~~ British Foreign
Secretary Eden and American Secretary of State
Stettinius - concern for the sixteen Polish leaders
arrested by the Soviets.)

(Today the London Daily Mail stated: "There are
unmistakeable indications that the attitude of the Soviet
government is stiffening considerably." And the Daily
Mail added that Prime Minister Churchill is urging an
early meeting of the Big Three - Churchill, Stalin and
Truman - for negotiations on the subject of Poland.
But, says the London newspaper, there is no indication
that Stalin is willing to reopen the question.)

ADD POLAND

From San Francisco we hear that there is likely to be a Churchill-Stalin-Truman meeting soon. The opinion in San Francisco is that ~~the~~^a conference of the Big Three is essential not only to deal with Poland but with other matters that have arisen in the course of the deliberations of the United Nations.

Now a message from Stan.
of Cal.

PACIFIC

On Okinawa American forces have launched a new assault against the Japanese positions -- after beating off a series of desperate counter-attacks. The new offensive ^{is being hurled} ~~is being~~ with the support of an overwhelming bombardment ^{by} ~~is being~~ ^{by} ~~is being~~ artillery and naval guns -- with bombs from the sky adding their own thunder to the pandemonium of explosions.

A late ~~dispatch~~ dispatch from Admiral Nimitz tells of new Jap air attacks against units of the fleet off Okinawa. Jap suicide planes flew in several waves, and three light Navy vessels were damaged. Forty enemy planes were shot down.

JAP AMBASSADOR

American forces in Germany have captured the Japanese Ambassador, his wife, and a hundred and thirty members of the Japanese diplomatic staff. One wonders why they happened to fall into the hands of the Americans instead of the Soviets. Russia is to the Japs a neutral country still, and presumably the Soviets have regarded the Japs as neutral diplomats. But, they were taken by the Americans.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Secretary of War Stimson discloses that the military government in the part of Germany occupied by American forces will run things with an iron hand.

They will clamp down a stern regime, the major purpose of which will be to de-Nazify the Germans in the American sector of occupation. Military government officials will exercise jurisdiction over courts and police, and in particular over all forms of public expression -- newspapers, magazines, books, stage plays and motion pictures. They'll make every effort to ^{root}~~route~~ out the propaganda dogmas of the Nazis and establish a free system of presenting the democratic truth to the Germans.

REDEPLOYMENT

General Eisenhower has ordered that veterans who fought in both North Africa and Europe shall not be sent to the Pacific. This was disclosed at Allied Supreme Headquarters in Paris tonight, with the publication of a letter that Eisenhower has sent to the senior commanders of the American armies in Europe. The letter guarantees that veterans who have seen service in both North Africa and Europe will not go along in the fast movement of troops to the Pacific to fight the Japs.

That movement of troops begins officially tomorrow -- R-Day ^{*- Redeployment Day,*} We are told that about four hundred thousand soldiers will be kept in Europe as an army of occupation ^{for} ~~in~~ Germany. And that leaves three and a half millions, who already are on their way to four chief ports of embarkation: LeHavre, Marseilles, Antwerp and Cherbourg.

The whole thing is the equivalent of moving the entire population of Chicago from Western Europe to Manila, a distance of Fourteen thousand, five hundred miles.

DOOLITTLE

I see that General Doolittle has come through with information ~~which had been~~ kept secret while the war was on, - told in strict confidence to some of us who saw him over there. On my recent trip abroad, I ran across Jimmy Doolittle ^{in England and on the Continent,} ~~repeatedly in London and in Paris,~~ and the last time we had a talk he was enthusiastic about the latest exploit of his Eighth Air Force - an exploit of mercy.

~~This was~~ the flying of supplies to the people of Holland, who were near starvation. The news at the time told how fleets of American bombers had dropped hundreds of tons of food, and Jimmy Doolittle let me in on an ^{unusual, and} tremendous job of engineering. For the food supply job, four hundred Flying Fortresses were swiftly remodeled, their insides torn out, war equipment removed - the planes reconverted into food dropping transports.

~~I found General Doolittle considerably changed~~

still the smiling mirthful Jimmy that I had known for years as one of the greatest ~~of~~ speed and stunt flyers that aviation has ever known. But now there was something ^{far} more earnest and serious about him. Remembering how Jimmy Doolittle of old had always relished a feast or a frolic, I asked him whether he had been to any of the famous night clubs of Paris, like the Bal Tavarin, always a magnet for American merrymakers. He said No - he hadn't been around at all. Not that he wouldn't have liked to - but he felt it would be bad for his Eighth Air Force men to see him ~~out having a good time for an evening~~ ^{planes} ~~bombers~~ in a dangerous bombing assault against Nazi Germany ^{that very night - with their} ~~and there was the~~ commander, having a good time. ~~that wouldn't do.~~

Today Jimmy Doolittle disclosed some figures pertaining to the Eighth Air Force - during its term of operation, nine hundred and ninety-five days, nearly

three years. (In air battles they lost forty-three thousand, seven hundred and forty-two men, bomber crews and fighter pilots.) The maximum strength of the Eighth Air Force was twenty-four hundred heavy bombers, and twelve hundred fighter planes, based on sixty airfields. -
some 200,000 men, in all,

^{TP} They shot down fifteen thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine enemy planes - most of these knocked out by the guns of bombers. ^{TP} The nine-hundred-and-ninety-five days of attack produced the following averages - seven hundred and one thousand, three hundred tons of bombs dropped per day by an average of twelve hundred planes. During the last year of the stupendous air assaults on Nazi Germany, an average of a ton of bombs was dropped every minute.

General Doolittle gives the opinion that the Pacific war ~~would~~ ^{will} be decided along the same lines as in Europe, - the same pattern of using air power for preparing the way for land invasion. He says that a

fraction of his Eighth Air Force will remain in Europe for police work, while the largest^{est} part will be transferred

to the Pacific. ~~There~~ There the Flying Fortresses, hailed as giants of the sky a couple of years ago, will

rank as medium bombers. ^{Operating} ~~They will operate~~ with the Superfortresses, giant B-29s, ~~and will rank as merely~~ ^{the ponderous bombers}

~~ed to smash the Nazi will now become "mediums,"~~ ^{IP} ~~medium.~~ General Doolittle indicated that in the new

phase of the air war against Japan, now about to begin, the Far Eastern enemy will have to contend with an

American air force headed by two thousand ^{B-29s,} ~~Superforts.~~

~~General Doolittle~~ ^{He} was asked - What part would he play in the new phase of the Pacific war?

"I wish I knew," he laughed.

Well, it certainly would be appropriate for Jimmy Doolittle, who led the first bombing of Tokyo, so early in the war, to be sent to the Pacific to carry on. And my guess would be that new great exploits await the

commanders of the air forces that were so decisive in the smashing of Nazi Germany - the big three, Spaatz, Eaker and Doolittle. And one may ~~certainly~~ surmise that they will be given major roles in duplicating - redoubling - the kind of sky campaign that accomplished so much for the victory in Europe.



And now Hugh — we turn to you