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AMERICAN and RUSSIAN LINK UP

LINKUP MADE ON MIDDLE ELBE

FATTON ACROSS AUSTRIAN FRONTIER

The American 1st Army has solidly linked with the Russian armies on the middle Elbe region. The first official contact took place on Wednesday afternoon and was made by an American lieutenant and patrol of three men who were reconnoitring in advance of the main American forces. The contact took place near the town of Torgau about 60 miles south of Berlin. During Wednesday afternoon several other contacts were made and the American and Russian armies firmly linked. A vivid description of this momentous event was given by the BBC correspondent, Frank Ward who said that it was the happiest moment he has ever seen.

Later American and Russian commanders met and completed arrangements for the exchange of released prisoners of war.

MORE BERLIN SUBURBS CAPTURED. Meanwhile the Red Army has been continuing its advance into the suburbs of Berlin. Two suburbs south of the famous Tiergarten have been captured, and the southern end of Unter Den Linden menaced. Other Red army troops have taken the Tempelhausen aerodrome and other towns to the south of the city.

Potsdam, an important centre of Russian militarism and two other towns in the vicinity, to the north the important town of Angermünde have fallen to the advancing Russians. Near Angermünde, the Red Army is only 90 miles from the British 2nd Army which has crossed the lower reaches of the Elbe. South-west of Berlin, the Russians have taken the city of Wittenberg only 18 miles from the American held town of Dessau.

7th ARMY CLOSING ON MUNICH. General Hodges' 7th Army is continuing its rapid advance into southern Bavaria and has reached a point only 25 miles from the Bavarian capital, Munich. On the 7th Army's left flank, General Patton's forces have crossed the Austrian frontier in strength and have taken two important cities over the border. They are closing in on the town of Linz. Other 3rd Army troops have stormed the Danube town of Regensburg and are advancing on Munich from the north.

FURTHER ADVANCES IN ITALY. The 5th and 8th armies are advancing toward the southern end of Hitler's mountain redoubt. The 5th Army has advanced along the western coastline and linked up with guerrilla forces occupying Genoa. French forces are reported to have crossed the Maritime Alps and are spreading out on the plains of Piedmont.

The patriot controlled Milan Radio has claimed that Mussolini together with two other high ranking Fascists was captured when attempting to cross the frontier into Switzerland near Lake Como. Marshal Graziani is also reported in patriot hands.

German Radio stations have admitted that it has been necessary for the German forces to withdraw, "owing to heavy Allied concentrations in the Po Valley". There are indications that the Nazis intended a stand on the Adige River line, but they appear to be too disorganised to offer any real resistance.

WORLD ITEMS

PERU. The 11th Army is continuing its rapid advance down the rail and roadway to Rancon. They have driven a considerable distance past the captured town of Tarma.

PHILIPPINES. A new American landing is reported from Negros. There was no opposition and landing craft were able to discharge their cargoes in a very short time. Within 4 hours the US Forces had secured their bridgehead and were driving across the island to cut off the enemy's line of retreat.

BRITAIN. Grocers and farmers are protesting that German prisoners in Britain are allowed twice as much food as British civilians. The Secretary of the Manchester Grocers' Assn submitted this comparison of weekly allowances. Sugar, German 14 ozs, Briton's 8 ozs; fats, German 8 1/2 ozs, Briton's 6 ozs; jam, German 7 ozs, Briton's 4 ozs; cheese, German's 5 ozs, Briton's 2 ozs, bacon, German's 9 ozs, Briton's 4 ozs. The Association has decided to protest to the Minister of Food.

NEWS from HOME

MELBOURNE SELECTIONS.

Hurdle	INTERMISSION	1	RON RICO	2	HEARSAY	3
Stanhope Hcop	GAY LAD	1	ROYAL GEM	2	DON PEDRO	3
Aberfeldie Hcop 1 Div	GREAT VICTORY	1	CLAYTON	2	PROPONTIS	3
Steeple	WINTERSET	1	SOLECISM	2	CARAGOMA	3
Fentona Hcop	VALLINE	1	VERSAILLES	2	CACIQUE	3
Brookside Hcop	OATCAKE	1	SPECTRE	2	PHILANDER	3
Aberfeldie Hcop 2Div	CONTACT	1	PRIVATE CHAT	2	ELLIPSIS	3

Adelaide Selections: Silbrae, Murray, Goldful, Silvall, Joe Innis, Univari, Sea Patrol.

Sydney Selections: Regal Step, Tactician, Nobleman, Marcontine, Idyllia, High Flight, Steadfast.

SERIOUS MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT. One person was killed and 16 others injured near Lithgow (NSW) last night, when a motor torry got out of control, ran down a steep mountainside road and somersaulted three times. Betty Harris, 12, of Forbes, a passenger died in hospital from a fractured skull and other injuries. All passengers were members of Jehovah's Witnesses.

NSW GOVERNOR TO RETURN TO ENGLAND. NSW State Governor, Lord Wakehurst, will leave Australia for London early in June, via America. It is understood that the Government was prepared to further extend the term of office, but the Wakehursts were anxious to return to England before the expiration of the present term in January 1946.

PLENTY OF HOME BREW. Another illicit still, the third in four days has been found by police and Customs officials working together on the south coast. It was discovered on the bank of the Macquarie River and described by Custom officials as the best equipped illicit still so far seized. It was in such rugged country that it was unable to be brought back intact. Eight police and Customs men in four days seized more than 11 tons of sugar wash from which 3,000 gallons of mountain hooch had been distilled.

MORE WEAPONS RECOVERED IN SYDNEY. Detectives today made the biggest haul in firearms and ammunition in the history of NSW, when they raided a Kings Cross flat. The haul included a sub machine gun fully loaded, about 20 rifles in good order, nearly 3,000 rounds of ammunition, a gun silencer and a number of gun parts. The raid followed the theft yesterday of 5,000 rounds of ammunition. A man was arrested and a girl taken to the C.I.B. for questioning. The police say that some underworld men are becoming jittery and dumping guns.

EXCITEMENT AT THE MARKET! Women ran screaming from a fruit stall in Liverpool Street, Sydney today, when a four ft brown snake dropped among them from a case of tomatoes. Some were still running when the stall holders killed the reptile. The snake was in a consignment of tomatoes from Coff's Harbour.

MAY BE GOOD NEWS? Prime Minister Curtin expects to make a statement in Parliament within a fortnight on suggestions being made throughout Australia that fighting men with long service should be given the right of discharge. Mr Coles (Ind Vic) asked whether the War Cabinet would consider granting all members of the Australian fighting forces who have completed four years' service and had combat experience, the right of discharge or re-enlistment if proved medically fit after examination. Curtin replied that the question had been before the Government for some time and he hoped to be able to make a comprehensive statement in about a fortnight.

WILLIAMSTOWN CUP. "Oardigan" reports that unusual prize money conditions are attached to the Williamstown Cup to be run at Flemington in the Spring. The stake for the Cup has been increased from £2,500 to £2,600. The second horse will receive £500, the third £250 and the fourth £100. This is probably the first time in our racing history that a prize has been given to a fourth horse for one of the big Spring Cups.

AROUND THE AREA.

PICTURES: Camp: "Street of Chances" and "True to the Army". Pioneer: "For Me and My Gal" and Shorts. Capitol: "My Kingdom for a Cook" and "Sahara".

MUSIC ON THE LAWN: A program of special recordings will be presented by AES on the Hospital Lawns at 1900 hrs on Sunday.

CENTRALIAN AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL ASSN: Australian Rules. Fixtures for Sunday, 29th Apr 45.
121 Vic v 121 SA - Umpire (Lieut Weckert); RAFF v Civilians - Umpire (Mr O'Brien); AEME v Tigers - Umpire (Dvr Isaacs).

All matches to be played on the ground of the first mentioned team. Play commences at 1430 hrs and consists of four quarters of 20 minutes each.

"BOOMERANG" CONCERT PARTY. After a tour of the N.T., the "Boomerangs" are passing through Alice Springs. As one of their performances was cancelled owing to the rain, they are staging their non-stop revue "CRAZY DAZZ" at the Camp Theatre on Monday night, 30th April at 2000 hrs.