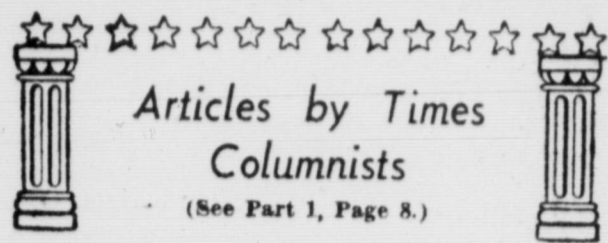
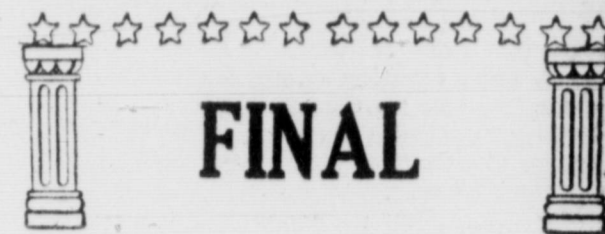


# AP STARTED FALSE REPORT

NEW YORK, April 28 (UP) — A false report that Germany had surrendered was broadcast to newspapers and radio stations throughout the country tonight by the Associated Press. It was also the Associated Press that a year ago circulated the false report that the Allied armies had begun the invasion of Europe.



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## President Truman Announces:

# 'NO FOUNDATION TO PEACE RUMOR'

WASHINGTON, April 28 (INS)—President Truman declared tonight that there was no foundation for reports that Germany had surrendered unconditionally. The President said that he had instructed Adm. Leahy to call Gen.

### Slash Menus Of Nazi PWs In 6th Area

German prisoners in camps within Detroit and the Sixth Service Command will have to do with less meat, butter and other luxury items and there'll be no more Nazi salutes in the camps. Maj. Gen. Russell B. Reynolds, commanding general of the Sixth Service Command, ruled Saturday.

**MORE MEATLESS DAYS**  
Gen. Reynolds said German prisoners would no longer be allowed to have Hitler pictures in their barracks and their swastika flags have been confiscated. Nazi prisoners, Gen. Reynolds ordered, will have more meatless days with rations of butter, cheese, jellies, poultry and canned fruits cut to the minimum. The general said prison menus had been curtailed progressively in direct ratio with civilian shortages. As a precaution against "coddling" charges, Nazi prisoners are being guarded by soldiers returned from overseas, Gen. Reynolds said.

**EX-CAPTIVES TO GUARD**  
In Washington, it was announced that the war department had adopted a policy of using repatriated American soldiers who have been prisoners of war in Germany to guard Nazi captives in the United States. The announcement was made by Brig. Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan Jr., assistant to the provost marshal general, who outlined the new policy to the House military affairs committee.

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### To Our Readers:

For reasons beyond our control The Detroit Times regrets that it is impossible to distribute the Sunday colored comics and Pictorial Review with this edition.

The Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News Sunday editions likewise are distributed today without their comics and some other special sections.

Every effort will be made to distribute the omitted comics at a later date.

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### The Comics in Words

Unfortunately, the world famous comics that regularly go to Detroit Times readers in Puck, the Comic Weekly, can't appear today in their usual colorful dress.

But here, in narrative form, are the doings of the Times comic characters, told so that on Monday you may resume their adventures in the daily Detroit Times without loss of continuity.

**BRINGING UP FATHER**—"You are not going out of this house unless you take my dog, Boo-Boo with you," Maggie tells Jiggs.

Jiggs knows better than to argue with Maggie. He says "All right, I'll take the mutt."

And wouldn't you just know that Jiggs would drop in at Dinty Moore's?

Dinty has just received the pictures that were taken at "Sticky" Kane's Mucilage Makers' Ball. Jiggs has a fine time looking at them until he sees he has dropped one and Maggie's dog is running away with it.

He tears out after it, trips over a curb and falls flat on his face. Boo-Boo takes the picture right to Maggie.

"What's this?" exclaims Maggie. "A photo of Jiggs sitting with two girls while he's trying to balance a bottle on his head!"

By this time Jiggs is on top of a train going through the mountains. He says:

"I hope this train don't even stop when it gets to the ocean!"

**FLASH GORDON**—Continuing from last week's strip, the furious matron storms into Flash's hide-out.

"By Tao's Blood! What's going on?" she thunders. "Take it easy and you won't get hurt."

"Time we got out of here before they miss our hard-boiled friend," Flash tells Dale, as they bind and gag the matron. "Let's go!"

Reloading his heat-gun with atom charges from the matron's pistol, Flash attacks a remote corner of the harem's outer wall. The stone runs down like molten lead.

The harem prisoners follow Flash and Dale in a break for freedom. Any risk is better than the waiting arms of Kang. But things look bad for Kang. "Down With Kang!" is the title of next week's strip.

**HENRY**—"A two-pound box of candy if I fail to guess your weight," calls a circus barker. He guesses Henry's weight at 60 pounds. Henry gets on the scale and it registers 65. He takes the box of candy, sits under a tree and eats it. Then he comes back.

"Back again, wise guy?" says the barker. "Okay, you weigh 65 pounds."

But Henry, full of candy, now weighs 67 pounds. He walks off with another box while the barker starts studying the want ads.

**LITTLE IODINE**—Unbeknownst to Little Iodine, the truant officer is watching her. That evening from the truant officer's report her father reads: "I have a few notes on your conduct. At 9 a. m., plays hooky . . . 9:30 a. m., takes candy from Willie Smith . . . 10 o'clock, . . ."

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### Reds Pierce Berlin Core In 3 Places

LONDON, April 28 (UP)—The Red army, breaking through Berlin's last defense line to the Alexander Platz, captured parts of the three central districts of the doomed capital today and the German radio reported Nazi parachutists were dropping into the city in a last, desperate reinforcement gamble.

The First White Russian and First Ukrainian armies joined forces at the western edge of the Berlin downtown area, a Moscow communique announced. More than 45,000 Germans were killed in two days in the hopeless defense of the city and 14,000 prisoners were taken from a huge trap southeast of the city, where survivors are being "annihilated."

#### THREE ARMIES FAN OUT

Forces of three Soviet armies were storming on beyond the falling capital and had gained up to 25 miles in an overwhelming offensive that was ripping what remains of Germany to shreds.

Marshal Zhukov's first White Russian army recaptured the big electrical works settlement of Siemensstadt, the Moscow communique said—revealing that the town had been temporarily lost following its first reported capture three days ago.

The Russians then stormed through the northwestern quarter of capital and reached the Bismarckstrasse, a continuation of the Charlottenburger Chaussee and Unter den Linden—the main axis of the German defense.

#### SEIZE NOTORIOUS JAIL

They also seized the western half of Moabit, just east of Charlottenburg and site of grim Moabit Prison, one of the most notorious of many German jails.

(Russia's bombers already are landing on Tempelhof airport—BBC reported today, according to INS.)

Swinging up through Berlin's southwest section, Marshal Konev's First Ukrainians captured the town districts of Friedenau, Grunewald and Ruhleben and linked up with the First White Russians between Ruhleben and Siemensstadt.

German defenders of the erstwhile Western Front were reported "turning their backs" on the Americans in an effort to fight through to the relief of Berlin.

TO BORROW OR TO BUY—Use Industrial National BANK—PAY—PLAN. Answered by individual requirements.

#### Rumors!

### Hitler 'Shot', Goebbels, Too

LONDON, April 28 (INS)—Zurich dispatches today quoted reports from the Swiss-German frontier as saying that Hitler and Goebbels were "shot" two days ago and presumably killed.

(Hans Goebbels, brother of the German propaganda minister, was captured by U. S. First Army troops, according to the American broadcasting station in Europe.)

A Swiss diplomat, recently returned to Zurich from Munich, was given as the source of the frontier reports, which provided no further details.

Other reports reaching London from Stockholm, however, said Hitler had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, had been completely paralyzed and was near death in Berlin.

(A high British source told the United Press today that Heinrich Himmler had sent word through Stockholm to the American and British governments that Hitler "may not live another 24 hours." The Himmler message, as quoted by the British source, was: "It is feared that Hitler is not very well and may not live another 24 hours.")

#### Rations Cut in Britain

LONDON, April 28 (UP)—Another cut in British food rations was made today in a reduction from two packages a week to one of dried eggs.

#### THE WEATHER

HOURLY TEMPERATURES  
7 p.m. 48 8 p.m. 46 11 p.m. 44  
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Himmler will  
surrender  
unconditionally  
—at one  
condition.

FORECAST  
Cloudy and  
warmer.

### 7th Pushes Into Austria

PARIS, April 28 (UP)—War-weary German soldiers revolted against their Nazi masters in Munich today as the American Seventh Army approached that birthplace of nazism from a distance of only 20 miles and also pushed two spearheads across the Austrian border to within 49 miles of Italy.

Unconfirmed reports said German sailors had attacked the Nazis in the Kiel naval base, scene of the first internal uprising which brought an end to the last war.

Beaten German soldiers were surrendering in droves. More than 90,000 laid down their arms to the western Allies in the last 24 hours. Resistance everywhere in the narrowing areas of battle was on the wane.

#### AUGSBURG FALLS

Lt. Gen. Patch's Seventh Army drive on Munich toppled the great aircraft center of Augsburg and joined with Gen. Patton's third Army to send five columns hammering down on Munich from the west, north and northeast. Some reports said the Americans, hurried by the revolt inside the city, already had reached the outskirts.

The Americans heard the Munich radio broadcast that German troops led by Gen. Franz Ritter von Epp, governor of Bavaria and Reich's minister, one of the original organizers of the Nazi party, was leading the revolt.

It announced that Germans remaining loyal to the Nazis would be treated as war criminals.

The broadcast appealed for Allied planes to bomb the headquarters of Field Marshal Kesselring, Nazi commander on the shattered western front, at Pullach, six miles south of the city. Later broadcasts on the Munich wavelength claimed the revolt had been quelled, indicating that Nazis

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#### British Free 4,300

WITH THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY, April 28 (UP)—British troops, advancing east of Bremen, have freed 4,300 U. S. merchant marine seamen and prisoners of war from a camp at Westertinke, it was announced today.

Eisenhower at Allied headquarters and that Leahy had learned from the Allied commander in the west that there was no foundation for the surrender rumors which had swept into the United Nations world.

Truman summoned a hasty news conference, apparently as soon as the rumors could be checked. Earlier he had hastened from his temporary abode in the Blair House to the Executive Mansion.

The President was smiling as a record crowd of newsmen jammed into his executive office for what they expected would be one of the most important announcements the world has ever known.

#### Eisenhower Denies It

About one minute elapsed before a correspondent said that all the reporters had been able to wedge inside.

Then the Chief Executive, still smiling, unperturbed, and immaculate in a gray suit, explained that he had come over to the White House to do a little work after the rumors got started from the San Francisco conference and elsewhere.

He said that he had asked Leahy to get in touch with Eisenhower on the European battlefields, that Leahy had done so, and that there was no truth in the rumors.

#### Truman Quoted on Denial

The President told newsmen that he wished to be quoted directly in his denial of the rumors.

"I came over here to do a little work," the President said, "and the rumors got started from San Francisco and abroad."

"I asked Adm. Leahy to get in touch with our supreme commander."

"There is no truth in the rumors."

Mr. Truman's statement came as a stunning anticlimax to the rumor-swept day. The rumors reached a peak at twilight when radios throughout America were broadcasting reports from the west coast and from across the Atlantic Ocean that Germany had surrendered unconditionally, and that the surrender had been accepted by the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

(In San Francisco, Secretary of State Stettinius and Senator Connally denied they had stated that Germany had surrendered. See Page 4.)

## All Detroit Goes Wild At False Peace Report

Somebody yelled wolf Saturday night and all Detroit—and most of the nation—went wild celebrating peace that hadn't come. Thousands waited in a charged atmosphere for the official notice of Germany's capitulation and President Truman spoiled it with his announcement that reports of Germany's surrender were without foundation.

Detroiters planned celebrations, saloon keepers prepared to close shop and police department and military authorities alerted their organizations to stand by for action.

Telephone lines were overloaded. Thousands called the Times to inquire, "Has Germany quit?" or "Is the war over?"

Hundreds stood around on street corners awaiting the joyful news

and thousands more hovered open radios for the latest official word of peace.

It did not come. There was no surrender and all celebrations were abruptly canceled or not started. It was just another rumor.

With the first of the rumors District Inspector Thomas Wye

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