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STILLWELL HEADS 10th

Work is Austria Cure Says Reinhart

65th CG SPEAKS AS GOVERNOR OF UPPER AUSTRIA

"Suffering Is Wrong". He Says, "But So Is War"

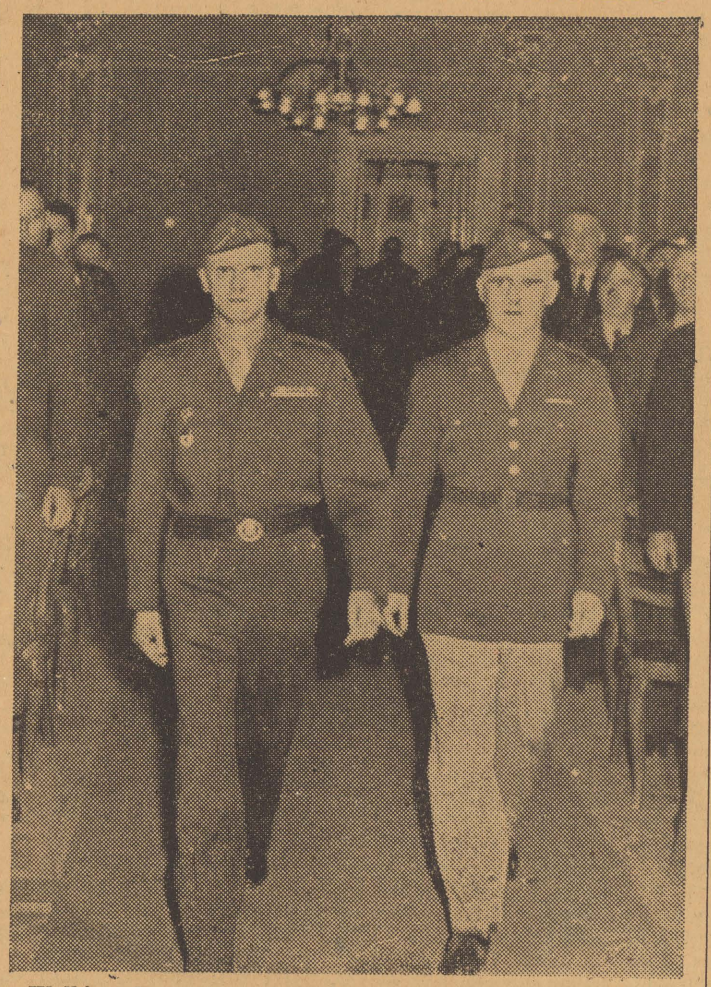
"There should not be suffering, but neither should there be war", Major General Stanley E. Reinhart, 65th Division Commanding General, yesterday, told the assembled provisional civil authorities in his first address in his capacity of Military Governor of Upper Austria.

Speaking in the military government headquarters building in Linz, the General told approximately 100 provisional civil authorities and 50 military government officials that Upper Austria's major problem is food and "I'm afraid you will not secure as much as is needed". The General said that a solution to the food problem is being sought and that the American authorities are making "every effort to get help in this respect". Our success, however, is questionable, he added, saying that "without doubt there will be suffering and if there is, it is the duty of the provisional civil officials to keep down the crime and disorder that will inevitably follow".

The General reported rapid progress in the solution of another Austrian problem, however, when he said that the

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AUSTRIA'S MILITARY CHIEFS



Walking down the aisle in the Military Government building in Linz, yesterday, are Major General Stanley E. Reinhart, left, 65th Commander and Military Governor of Upper Austria, and Colonel Russell Snook, chief of the province Military Government section. General Reinhart's address to the provisional civil authorities and the military personnel is printed in the column to the left.

AGF CHIEF IS PICKED TO SUCCEED GENERAL BUCKNER

General Is Last Reported In Philippines With MacArthur

General Joseph Stillwell has been chosen to head the US 10th Army, now fighting on Okinawa, according to a BBC announcement, yesterday.

The General succeeds Lt. General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., who was killed in action Monday after his men had already brought the Okinawa campaign to the mopping up stage.

Stillwell returned from the Pacific a year ago at the request of the Chinese government after heading the American forces in the China theater since Pearl Harbor. While in the CBI, General Stillwell made great progress in training the Chinese troops and in fighting his way back into the territory overrun in the first months of the war.

AGF Chief

In the US, the General succeeded Lt General Ben Lear as Commanding General of the

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OKULICKI GETS TEN YEARS JAIL

Polish Major One of 12 Found Guilty In Moscow Trial

Quick justice was handed out in Moscow, yesterday, as Major Leopold Okulicki, former chief of staff to Generals Anders and Bor when they were Polish home army commanders, received a 10 year sentence, and two others, Jankowski and Jasiukowice, anti-Red Army underground leaders received 5

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APARRI PORT ONLY NINTY MILES AWAY

The fast driving American troops in the Cagayan Valley of Luzon have pushed within 90 miles of the northernmost port of Aparri, according to a report from Gen of the Army Mac Arthur's Philippine Headquarters.

The latest gain brought the liberation of the provincial capital of Naguilian, after a 13 mile gain. The town is about 60 miles north of Bayombong. Other troops on the western rim of the valley continued to advance, General MacArthur's

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CZECH MINING TOWN ENTERED BY POLES

Marshal Rola-Zymierski, commander of the Polish Army has arrived at Teschen, rich Czechoslovakian coal mining town which was occupied by Polish troops after the Munich agreement in October, 1938, Warsaw radio reported, last night.

He was accompanied by several generals and the governor of Silesia. The first Polish detachments arrived during the morning, according to the report. This appears, according to Reuters, to be the first indication that Poland has decided to occupy Teschen in spite of the fact it is claimed by Czechoslovakia. The town was previously occupied by the Russians.

How Hitler Died: Former Bodyguard Says Body Burned Following Suicide

The story of how Hitler died and his body was burned was told, yesterday, by the BBC which relayed information given to a Reuters correspondent by a man who said he was a member of Hitler's bodyguard.

The man who told the story is Hermann Kernau, 32 years old, a policeman from Wilhelmshaven who recently penetrated the Russian lines to surrender to the Canadians.

He said that Hitler died on May 1st and that Hitler had married Eva Braun in the last week of April. Kernau's story, quoted by Reuters, continued by stating that in the last days of the siege of Berlin members of Hitler's bodyguard at the Reich Chancellery were allowed to pass through Hitler's underground quarters, 60 feet below the streets, because the Russian bombardment was so heavy.

According to Kernau, Hitler slept in a camp bed in the bunker which he went into on April 18 never to emerge again alive. On May first, Kernau said, "I went through Hitler's quarters to draw my rations and I saw him sitting nervously in a wicker chair tapping the arm with the fingers of his left hand, Hitler rose and went to meet Brigade Fuehrer Mancha, who just entered the room as I went through. Mancha saluted and shook hands. Hitler asked him for a report and the news was all bad. That is the last time I heard the Fuehrer speak".

That night, says Kernau, he went to the bunker and it was empty. He began searching for Hitler and met Sturmbann Fuehrer Schelde, one of Hitler's personal staff. He was in a great state of distress, Kernau recalled, saying the Fuehrer was dead and burning outside.

"I went outside the bunker and found the bodies of Hitler and Eva Braun lying on sandy

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Movie Schedule

259th Inf: (Div Hq, Sp Trps) "The Thin Man Goes Home", with William Powell and Myrna Loy. Central Theater, Linz at 1430 and 1900.

DivArty: "Dark Waters" with Merle Oberon.

261st Inf: "Devotion" with Ida Lupino.

RUSSIA BACKS DOWN ON ASSEMBLY PLAN

The Soviet Union, yesterday, "reconsidered" its stand on the general assemply of the proposed world security league, and the San Francisco Conference is now ready to close its session on Tuesday, June 26, according to Secretary of State Stetinius.

The Tuesday date is three days later than the time originally given for President Truman's address which will close the world meetings just two months and one day after their opening.

The Russian stand that the

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ELIGBILE GI'S MAY REMAIN TILL 1946

The War Department notified the Congress, this week, that many servicemen eligible for discharge under the Army's point system could not be released before next June, it was announced, yesterday.

Major General Stephen Henry, Assistant Chief of Staff, advised the house military affairs committee that the program of discharges was operating smoothly with an estimated total of 10,000 men being separated monthly from the service.

He listed five barriers to a speedy release: the transfer process from one service to another; the furnishing of replacements; the availability of shipping; the training of a replacement in a new assignment; and the time required for furloughs. Henry

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Bos 1 NY 0; Det 4 Clv 3
Chi 5 StL 4; Wsh 6,5 Phi 0,3

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Det	30	31	.588	StL	24	25	.490
NY	28	23	.549	Wsh	24	26	.480
Bos	28	24	.538	Clv	21	27	.438
Chi	28	26	.519	Phi	20	31	.392

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cin 1 StL 0; Bos 9 NY 2

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Brk	31	21	.596	Chi	26	22	.542
Pit	30	23	.566	Bos	26	25	.510
StL	29	24	.557	Cin	23	27	.460
NY	30	25	.545	Phl	14	22	.250

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CHINESE GAIN HOLD ON CORRIDOR ROAD

Chinese troops have captured an important point on the highway five miles southwest of Luichow, in Kwangsi province, in the corridor leading to Indo China, according to a communique, yesterday, from the Chinese high command.

Another Chinese column has reached Laiming ten miles south of Luichow, the report added saying that American-made tanks with Chinese crews played an important part in the success.

In the air battles 14th Air Force pilots carried out extensive sweeps against Jap communications in North China hitting Jap operated railroads north of the Yellow River up to Peiping and Tientsin. Fighterbombers were reported in action in the Honan province, northwest of the airbase of Lachokow.

Gen Reinhart

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displaced personnel are being shipped to their homes with "encouraging speed". He told the civil authorities "you will not know where you stand as to labor, food or law and order until these people, not members of your community, have returned to their homes".

General Reinhart warned the Austrial officials that, at the present time, they had no money to pay men for their work. And the establishment of currency "is beyond the power of my government", he said. To solve this problem the General suggested that the Austrians start a swap economy for necessities and that the civil authorities secure "the willing cooperation of their people in labor projects for the good of all". He suggested such public works projects as filling up holes, carting away rubble and cleaning up streets as worthwhile labor efforts and stated that "all who can produce must produce as creative labor and the use of nature's resources are the only answer to better living conditions".

The General began his address by telling the civil authorities that he did not desire the post of Military Governor but "as it was ordered by higher authority, I will perform this duty to the best of my ability". The General also stated that the American soldiers have no desire to be in Austria. "We are without experience in government", he said, "we are soldiers of our country". In speaking of the ruins caused by the war, Gen Reinhart said "war has destroyed many things. Almost everything of value here has been destroyed except that which was accidentally missed".

The General asked the civil leaders for cooperation and willing performance of orders saying "we can give only the authority and the directives, the performance will be yours". He also stated that he was aware of many of their problems, but that he would probably never know of some of their needs. "When I am relived of this task", he concluded, "if you have made progress toward the ability to live in peace, I will consider I have done my duty".

Eligible GI's

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said the releases to date have been governed by the temporary score of 85 points for service and dependency.

A new score, he said, will be announced next month. The General set the following as the number of discharges to be granted: July 100,000; August 125,000; September 150,000; October 175,000; November and December 190,000; each month from January through May, 1946, 200,000.

Austria's Wealth

A treasure hoard valued at four billion dollars, comprising the national wealth of Austria and Bavaria, has been found in the vaults of the Regensburg Reichsbank, the British United Press reported, yesterday.

Located by an Allied Military Government detachment, the treasure included foreign securities valued at three billion dollars representing Austria's wealth and German securities of a one billion total owned by the Bavarian government.

ALL BRUNEI BAY IS IN ALLIED CONTROL

Australian troops, who landed Wednesday, on the northern shores of Brunei Bay in Borneo, have made rapid progress, according to a BBC report, last night, which said they are now a mile and a half inland and have secured all of the shores of the Bay.

The report said that the Australians had to overcome fierce resistance at Aragachi, two miles inland from Nagusuku. In other action, troops broke through enemy lines at Weston to capture the terminus of the Jesselton railroad, coastal line which is the island's only modern means of overland transportation.

Miri Oil Fields

The troops who made the original landings south of Brunei at Tutung were reported, yesterday, to be within striking distance of the Miri oil fields. These fields and the Seria fields, also threatened by the Allies, together produced more than five per cent of Great Britain's oil supply before the war.

On Terakan Island, off the Borneo coast, a BBC report states that liberation is almost complete. The Borneo campaign, so far, according to an ABSIE account has cost the Japs 1,028 killed and 35 captured.

Gen Stillwell

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Army Ground Forces when Lear was assigned to the ETO.

A June 10th announcement from General of the Army MacArthur's headquarters revealed that Stillwell was back in the Pacific but did not say whether he was scheduled to give up his AGF post.

Yesterday's report did not state whether or not Stillwell was on Okinawa nor did it release his present location. When last known he was in Manila.

One of General Stillwell's biggest contributions to the success of the Pacific war was the initiation of plans for a air-ferry service route over the Himalayas, utilizing Army personnel and equipment. This route supplied much of the material by which the General was able to start to outfit the Chinese armies so that they could play their part in the coming battles. The present success of the Chinese is due in great part to the training they received under Stillwell's supervision.

MASS

The well-known Bruckner Chorus, composed of professional singers from Linz, will sing for the ten-fifteen (1015) o'clock High Mass. Sunday, June 24th, at the Church of the Assumption, one block from the Division CP.

3rd BN WINS

The 261st Special Units Officers softball team with Col William E. Carraway, Regimental CO, pitching lost a 8 to 2 decision to the 3rd Bn officers, Wednesday night.

PARRI'S COALITION HAS FIVE PARTIES

Ferruccio Parri, the new Premier of Italy announced his government, yesterday, in Rome. The coalition administration has Socialist and Liberal party members for the two vice-premierships while the Communists, Christian Democrats, Labor Democrats, Socialists and Liberals all hold government posts.

Parri in addition to his duties as Premier, has taken the job of Minister of the Interior which gives him the control of the state police.

The new Premier is 55 years old and won two medals for bravery as an officer in the first world war. During the past 15 years he has spent many years in jail as a foe of fascism. In 1920 Parri joined the staff of Milan's largest newspaper, the **Corriere della** and resigned his connection with the paper when the fascists took over in 1925. After helping to organize the escape of the Socialist leader, Philippo Turati, to France, he was arrested by the fascists and after ten months in an Italian prison was sent to the penal colony on Lipari Island. Later he became active in the anti-fascist movement in North Italy.

Special Service Shows

The Brantner vaudeville group will entertain the men of the 407 FA Bn, this evening, while the Artists Group will vist the DivArty.

Russia Backs Down

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general assembly would be able to consider only a narrow list of subjects was the last factor holding up the conference, but talks with the Red delegates resulted in their agreeing that the assembly may discuss anything within the bounds of the charter to be signed this coming Monday.

It will take eight hours for the delegates to sign the agreement and after it is inked and blotted, it will still have no meaning until it is ratified by the various governments at the conference. President Truman has urged through Administration leaders that the charter be accepted by the Senate before he leaves for the coming Big Three meeting in Berlin, but there is some doubt that America's Nationalist senators will allow the charter to pass through the senate with only the little debate that such a quick approval would mean.

In Doubt

Senator Nye, one of the most outspoken of the Nationalist leaders, has already indicated that he intends to oppose any steps to "rush the charter through the Senate". As the charter is to be considered a treaty, it will take the agreement of two-thirds of the senators. President Truman's strong friendship with many conservative senators, is expected to swing some doubtful votes to the Administration side, but the outcome of the charter is considered very much in doubt by Washington reporters.

STILL BURNING

Fires are still burning in the industrial areas of Toyohashi and Shizucka in central Honshu and Fukouka in northern Kyushu following the 400-plane superfort raid of Wednesday, according to Jap radio.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday Night, 22 June

1930 - 259th Area, 1st Bn Area
2000 - 261st Area, St Florian, 3rd Bn

6th, 12th Through

With the return of Gen of the Army Eisenhower, the 6th and 12th Army Groups are going to be broken up, according to a SHAEF report, yesterday, and Gen Eisenhower is going to shed the title of Supreme Commander of the ETO.

His new duties will be Commander of the United States forces in Europe and Military Governor of the American zone of Germany. He will also remain a member of the Big Four board governing the entire Reich.

43 65th OFFICERS GIVEN PROMOTIONS

A total of 43 65th Division officers have been promoted as of June 16, according to an announcement, yesterday, by the A/C of S,G-1. Three promotions to major, Capt John F. Ellis, Capt Norman Kelman and Capt Benjamin H. Oehmke, head the list.

Capt to Major

John F. Ellis, MC, Hq 65th Inf Div; Norman J. Kelman, MC, Hq 65th Inf Div; Benjamin H. Oehmke, Inf, 261st Inf.

1st Lt to Capt

David S. Andrews, Inf, 259th Inf; Robert L. Chase, MC, 259th Inf; Robert C. Doyle, Inf, 259th, Inf; Arnold J. Hartmann, AGD, Hq 65th Inf Div; Francis J. Slamon, Inf, 261st Inf; John J. Valentine, Inf, 261st Inf.

2d Lt to 1st Lt

Charles L. Babcock, Inf, 259th Inf; Edwards S. Barnwell, Inf, 261st Inf; Stanley Baskind, Inf, 259th Inf; James F. Beattie, Inf (Armd), 748th Tk Bn; Francis S. Brown III, Inf, 261st Inf; James L. Brummer, Inf, 259th Inf; William D. Burroughs, Inf (Armd), 748th Tk Bn; Robert H. Cardinell, Inf, 261st Inf; John W. Cleary, Inf, 259th Inf; Jacob F. Crim, FA, 869th FA Bn; William V. Cross, Inf, 261st Inf; Allan R. Darrow, MAC, 365th Med Bn; Charles S. Duda Jr., Inf, 259th Inf; William J. Eddy, Inf, 261st Inf; William B. Farrell Jr., Inf, 261st Inf; Stanley Friedenberg, SC, CIC Det; John C. Hamil, Inf, 261st Inf; Paul W. Hanft, Inf, 259th Inf; Vincent R. Haviza, Inf, 259th Inf; Lester C. Hebard, Inf; 259th Inf; Harold A. Hyde, Inf, 259th Inf; Walter D. Johnson, Inf, 259th Inf; Harold B. Lindsay, Inf, 261st Inf; Lee C. Martin, Inf, 261st Inf; Jean W. McDonough, FA, 869th FA Bn; Donald H. Melaney, Inf, 259th Inf; Donald S. Parker, Inf, 261st Inf; Antony J. Pia, Inf, 261st Inf;; Paul M. Rupprecht, Inf (Armd), 748th Tk Bn; Harold E. Russell Jr., Inf, 260th Inf; Norman D. Ruth QMC, 65th QM Co; William J. Sebestik, Inf, 259th Inf; Grant K. Wahlquist, Inf, 261st Inf; Jacob Zwirn, Inf, 259th Inf.

How Hitler Died

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ground about three yards from the emergency exit. Hitler was on his back with his knees drawn up slightly. Eva Braun was beside him lying face downwards. There was a terrible smell as both bodies were burning."

Kernau said all the members of Hitler's bodyguard believed that Hitler intended to take poison rather than fall into the hands of the Russians. His personal servant Linge had orders that his body should never fall into the hands of the enemy.

British intelligence officers who have talked with Kernau say that they are inclined to believe his story is correct.

ARTY CEASES FIRE ON SOUTH OKINAWA

Artillery has ceased firing on Okinawa as the Japs have been split into three pockets at the southern end of the island with the largest of the three being only 1,200 yards square.

The fighting is now centered in the Mabuni Udo area, a vast rocky ledge, and on Hill 81, where three infantry divisions of the US 10th Army and a Marine division are slowly mopping up the enemy in hand to hand combat.

Minesweeper Sunk

In other Okinawa news, the Navy Department announced, yesterday, that the US minesweeper Emmons sank off the island's west coast after being hit by five Jap suicide planes. The report said that 61 of the crew were lost and that 79 were wounded.

The new Okinawa commander, Major General Roy A. Geiger, has been appointed a Lieutenant General in the Marines, according to a Washington report which says the Senate approved his promotion on Wednesday.

Okulicki Gets

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year sentences. All three were convicted of sabotage behind the lines of the Red Army and were sentenced along with 9 others who received sentences ranging from 4 to 18 months.

Three Poles were acquitted and one was held for a later trial as he was too ill to attend this week. The Russian prosecutor, Afensif, before the sentences were made, said that the guilt of the defendents had been fully proved and that Okulicki, Jankowski and Jasiukowice were guilty of crimes punishable by death. "I do not ask for this", however, he said, according to radio Moscow, "because the men are no longer dangerous to the Soviet Union."

In passing sentences the Moscow court also passed judgement on the London Polish Government which it blamed for the activities against the Red Army. Quick to reply was the London Government's ministry of information which said the 16 men tried in Moscow "directed the struggle of the Polish nation against Germany for over five years. "The London statement continued saying that the persons recognized and set up by the Polish people, themselves, and who formed an integral part of the lawful government of the Polish Repuplic have been "tricked into disclosing their identies and are now being tried for their patriotic activities in their own home country".

Aparri Port

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communique said, adding that yesterday's prisoner bag was 447, the largest single days PW total in the history of the Pacific War. Most of the prisoners taken were Formosans.

In yesterday's air war, Manila-based craft hit again at Formosa and reported sinking a merchant ship in the China Sea. The Pacific fleet air-arm was also active ranging north to repeat its Wednesday attack on the Kuriles and striking out into the Central Pacific at the Carolines. The Formosa attack by the Army bombers was joined, yesterday, by Navy forces and between them they dropped 160 tons of bombs on the north island industrial and railway center of Lung.

In another Pacific war announcement, the Navy reported, last night, that US submarines have sunk 11 Jap vessels in far east waters.