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# TOTAL GERMAN COLLAPSE NEAR

BRITISH TAKE  
HAMBURG, LINK  
WITH RUSSIANS

Capture 500,000 German  
Troops—Remnants flee  
for Denmark, Norway—  
Resistance Crumbling.

London, May 3—(UPI)—A BBC front reporter, broadcasting over the army radio, said today that "a general surrender of the German forces facing Lt. Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's British (British Second) army may come at any moment."

Paris, May 3—(UPI)—Hamburg surrendered to the British army today and Marshal Stalin announced from Moscow the collapse of German resistance in the vast northern German area west of Kiel.

Stalin's order of the day said a link with the British had been established along a 60-mile front from

With British Forces in Ger-  
many—May 3—(UPI)—The British  
Second army took an estimated  
500,000 German prisoners in the  
last 24 hours. Many German  
generals approached the British  
to surrender their forces.

the Baltic to Wittenberge on the Elbe after the overwhelming of the last German resistance on the Mecklenburg plain.

Remnants of one beaten German division after another surrendered as the war in Europe drew toward a close.

Denmark and Norway were isolated by the British-Russian junction.

Canadian tactical air force planes smashed in large concentrations against German shipping, vast numbers of military personnel fleeing from small Baltic ports toward Denmark and continued destruction of German land transport going in the same direction.

Death Trap Shrinking

Stalin said the towns of Barth, site of a prisoner of war camp for American fliers, Doberan, Neubukow, Warin and Wittnebogen were captured and a link made with British troops on the "Wismar-Wittenberge" line.

Wismar is on the Baltic and

the Seventh army's previous had announced a link with Wittenberge on the Elbe, northwest of Berlin.

The prospect of many German death traps was shrinking in the south, where Gen. Eisenhower's three-army assault moved close to a planned link with the British in the northern and southern sectors.

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## TRUMAN VETOES FARM DRAFT BAN

Washington, May 3—(UPI)—President Truman today vetoed legislation proposed virtually to ban draft deferment for farm workers.

In time of war it is the pageant of obligation of every citizen to serve his country to the best of his ability," the president said in a message to Congress.

The president said he did not believe that congress really intended in passing the selective service act that agricultural workers "should be given a blanket deferment from the draft."

He added he thought congress had not intended it to be the national policy that agricultural employment should be the sole employment type of employment, including service in the armed forces of the United States in the protection of our country."

The vetoed measure would have

## News Flashes

Washington, May 3—(UPI)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes said today that a presidential order to ban coal mines "might come today." He said his duty was to read it to "P. D. Q."

Washington, May 3—(UPI)—The house appropriations committee today approved a proposal to give house members an additional \$2,500 a year for office expense.

Washington, May 3—(UPI)—Russia is reported here to have agreed in principle to joint Big Three occupation and supervision of Korea and that country is ready for its promised freedom and independence.

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