Nazi Newscast Interrupted by ‘End! The End!’
Signoff Signal Given in Midst of Transmission.

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AP).—The official DNB news agency mysteriously signalled the words “Schluss! Schluss! (the end, the end)” tonight in the middle of one of its regular broadcasts.

The words “Schluss, Schluss” were recorded on hellschreiber machines in the Associated Press listening post where German news transmissions are picked up. The hellschreiber machines are teleprinters operated by radio signals from German transmission stations, presumably located in Berlin.

“Schluss” sometimes is used by German broadcasters to indicate the end of a transmission period, but never before, Associated Press listeners said, has it been interjected during a transmission.

The DNB transmission had been interrupted by the American daylight raid on Berlin and had been jumbled when broadcasts were resumed, but when “schluss” came, transmitting facilities appeared to be operating satisfactorily and the signals came clearly.

Situation in Berlin.

Broadcasts from Moscow stated flatly today that panic reigned in many parts of Germany. The press and radio of the Reich, obviously trying to bolster home front morale against an Allied demand for immediate surrender which may come from the “Big Three” meeting of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, cried: “Remember 1918.”

Reports from neutral countries said Berlin, still jammed with refugees, was threatened with famine because of the influx from the east and the loss of food stocks in territory taken by the Russians.

A Soviet broadcast asserted that Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, who had been charged with the defense of Berlin by Hitler, had fled to Bavaria, but the Nazi-controlled Danish radio said Goebbels would speak today to the people of the capital on the Municipal Broadcast System. This is a means of communication which would limit his address to the Berlin area.

Spanish correspondents wrote that Nazi relief organizations and members of the Home Guard were having difficulty controlling the refugees and keeping them moving through Berlin to points farther west.

Munich, said a Swiss correspondent, is “hourly becoming more and more the capital of the Reich.”

A dispatch from Stockholm said that Berlin’s entire population, including old men, women and children, was being armed to defend the city and that prisoners in jails were being shot.

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