

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Mild temperature.

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BLITZKRIEG SHATTERS DEFENSE OF GREECE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BRITISH, Australian and New Zealand troops in Greece, today's (Monday's) dispatches inform us, are withdrawing skillfully in the face of overwhelming German forces pouring into the plains of Thessaly—retiring in good order, the dispatches report, avoiding German attempts to outflank them and holding their losses comparatively low.

There will be no rout of the tough British, in Greece or elsewhere.

THE story of this British adventure in Greece is slowly coming out.

It appears to have been agreed to not as holding military possibilities but as MAKING GOOD BRITISH PROMISES to small allies.

Military defeat in Greece was risked (along with the grave consequences following loss of military prestige) in order to uphold Britain's plighted word.

IT was against all the ancient, cynical rules, which unhesitatingly sanction treachery and faithlessness as instruments of national policy. Machiavelli must be turning over in his grave.

Let's pause a moment before uttering the criticism that hindsight so clearly suggests.

Britain (with her back admittedly to the wall) is defending her position as ruler of the world. If the world MUST HAVE A RULER, who wouldn't rather be ruled by one with a sense of honor that balks at treachery to

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Proposed Tax Boosts Facing Opposition

Schedule Hitting Lower Income Brackets Object Of Special Disapproval

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(AP)—The first evidence appeared today of developing opposition to the treasury's drastic plan for collecting from two to six times as much income tax from taxpayers in the low and middle brackets.

Part of a program to raise \$3,600,000,000 in new federal revenue, the treasury proposal would impose on everyone who pays a penny income tax.

The plan, if adopted, would have the effect of putting a rate as high as 16.5 per cent on the \$2,000 bracket of taxable income, compared with the present rate on this bracket of 4 per cent, plus 10 per cent of that tax added as a special defense levy.

In figuring the normal, or basic, income tax of 4.4 per cent earned income credit is allowed. But in computing the proposed 11 percent surtax on the first \$2,000 bracket, no earned income credit would be deductible.

The first tax applied in the \$2,000 bracket, therefore, would be 12.1 per cent (11 per cent surtax plus 10 per cent defense levy). The 4.4 per cent normal tax would become effective on amounts exceeding the earned income credit, to make the total tax on the remainder of the \$2,000 come to 16.5 per cent.

One Example Given

For example, a childless married couple with a net income from salary or wages of \$2,500, would have a personal exemption of \$2,000, leaving \$500 taxable. The surtax would be 12.1 per cent of \$500, or \$60.50. The normal tax would be 4.4 per cent of \$250 (\$500 minus earned income credit of \$10 per cent of \$2,500) or \$11. The total tax, which includes the 10 per cent defense levy, would be \$71.50.

Under the present law the tax

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Voted American Mother of 1941



Mrs. Dena Shelby Diehl, Danville, Ky., is the American Mother of 1941, selected by American Mothers' committee of the Golden Rule foundation as "representative of the best in motherhood." Mrs. Diehl, mother of four daughters and great-granddaughter of the first Kentucky governor, is a speaker, writer and teacher.

Accident Series Hurts Five Persons

Five persons were treated for injuries suffered this morning in as many accidents, three being hurt sufficiently to require hospitalization. In the hospital were Mrs. Ora Wright, Cleo Davis and James F. Walden, all of Roseburg. Less seriously hurt were Allen Shirley of Roseburg and W. R. Merchan, Camas Valley.

Mrs. Wright suffered a badly shattered right ankle when she fell at her home at 514 S. Pine street.

Walden was sent to the hospital for observation after being struck on the head by a flying timber, while employed at the Roseburg Lumber company mill. He was knocked unconscious and may have suffered a skull fracture, it was reported.

Davis was struck by a falling tree while employed in the logging woods and suffered a broken collarbone and shoulder.

Shirley, employed by the Douglas County Farm Bureau exchange, suffered a fractured and dislocated wrist in a collision near Tye between his car and an automobile driven by Roy Fisher.

Merchan suffered a sprained and bruised ankle when he fell while engaged in logging work at Camas Valley.

Three Douglas Road Jobs Listed for Proposals

SALEM, April 23.—(AP)—The state highway commission called for bids today on 18 road construction projects, costing \$1,000,000, the bids to be opened in Portland May 8 and 9. Included were the following jobs in Douglas county:

Grading, surfacing and oiling 4.3 miles of Days Creek-Wright ranch section of Tiller-Trail secondary highway.

Provide 22,700 cubic yards of crushed gravel on Dean creek-Parker section of Umpqua highway.

Grading, surfacing and oiling 2.97 miles and constructing 25-foot concrete bridge on Oak creek-Marks ranch section of North Umpqua county road.

Sentence Postponed in Stolen Property Case

A plea of guilty to a charge of receiving stolen property was made in circuit court Tuesday afternoon by Ted Shellabarger of Roseburg. Shellabarger is accused of having had in his possession tools allegedly stolen from the county warehouse by Louis Hopper, an ex-convict, who is in custody on a charge of burglary. Sentence on Shellabarger was postponed by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly to a later date, and he was ordered continued in custody in lieu of \$500 bail.

Defense Body Moves to End Coal Tie-Up

Operators, John L. Lewis, Union Head, Ordered to Appear as Last Resort

By the Associated Press
The senate defense investigating committee today asked mine operators and President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers to appear before it Friday unless the soft coal mines in the eight-state Appalachian area have reopened.

The committee acted in the interest of national defense, Chairman Truman (D., Mo.), said, as it had been informed steel mills, shipyards and other key industries would have to shut down unless an agreement ending the coal shutdown over a wage dispute was reached quickly.

Negotiations looking toward a settlement of the differences proceeded in New York today as reports came from Youngstown, Ohio, of the shutdown of the fifth steel blast furnace due to the shortage of fuel.

A new threat of a strike against industries with defense contracts came from 18,000 AFL construction workers in southern California.

The AFL federated trades and labor council for the San Diego area informed contractors that the unions' "patience would be exhausted" by tonight unless wage increases were granted. Several million dollars worth of army, navy, marine corps and defense housing contracts might be affected by such a strike.

Contractors and army and navy representatives were to confer today on the union's statement of intention.

Southern soft coal operators resumed their conferences with the CIO United Mine Workers last night in response to President Roosevelt's request for immediate opening of bituminous mines in the interest of national defense.

Pay Differential at Issue
Federal Conciliator John R. Steelman reported the negotiators had "a very friendly discussion and canvassed the general situation" in a two-hour night meeting. Another session was scheduled today.

The union's demand for elimination of a 40-cent sectional wage differential still was the principal point at issue. Some southern operators contend they would be forced out of business if they raised wages from \$5.60 a day to \$7, while northern competitors were making only a \$1 raise to the same new level. Northern operators already have initiated an agreement with the union, but John L. Lewis, union president, has held out for general acceptance of the new scale

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King, Cabinet Flee to Crete as Nazis Pour Through Thermopylae to Athens

Fresh Nazi Blow Falls On Plymouth

Bombs Hit All Classes Of Buildings; British Hurl Ruin on Tripoli

PLYMOUTH, England, April 23.—(AP)—The Luftwaffe smashed at Plymouth during the night with a major raid for the second successive night, piling on death and destruction in an already hard-hit city.

The violent assault left many fires blazing and caused considerable damage.

Although the attack was severe, the government said it did not match in intensity previous raids on this area.

Parachute flares were used at first to light targets. After them, the Luftwaffe poured on bombs of all sizes. Homes, business buildings, churches, hospitals and theaters were hit.

With bombs exploding about them, rescue crews worked hour after hour to release persons trapped in public shelters.

By daybreak, emergency feeding centers were being set up for the homeless, and special convoys of food and supplies began to pour in as the townspeople went grimly about the task of restoring conditions of normalcy.

Even as this work went on, German planes were reported in the vicinity of two South Wales towns during the morning.

Plymouth is on the southwest coast. A south coast town also

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Republican Wins N. Y. Election for Congress

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 23.—(AP)—Republican John C. Butler, 52-year-old grain elevator chief, has broken the democratic party's 23-year hold on the 42nd New York district's congressional seat.

Victor in a special election yesterday, Butler succeeds the late Rep. Pius L. Schwert in a term ending Dec. 31, 1942.

Defeated in 1938 by Schwert, Butler yesterday won by 1,357 votes over the representative's widow, Mrs. Hattie E. Schwert, democratic and American Labor party nominee.

The GOP national committee chairman, Rep. Martin (R. Mass.) said in Washington Butler's victory "is most significant" in that "it is the same trend which has been in evidence in St. Louis, New York City, Illinois and other mid-western states."

Torpedo Boats to Join U. S. Planes To Aid Britain

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(AP)—Secretary Knox said today that about 20 motor torpedo boats were ready for delivery to Great Britain as a part of the lend-lease program, and possibly were on the way now.

Knox said the boats, capable of speeds of more than a mile a minute, were to be shipped across, rather than undertake the trans-Atlantic trip under their own power.

Other "mosquito" craft, mostly of a type 70 feet long and able to speed 70 or more miles an hour, are under consideration, Knox said.

Knox told his press conference also that the navy was negotiating with Canada for construction in Canada of a number of warships, probably of the new British Corvette type, such as are used to escort convoys.

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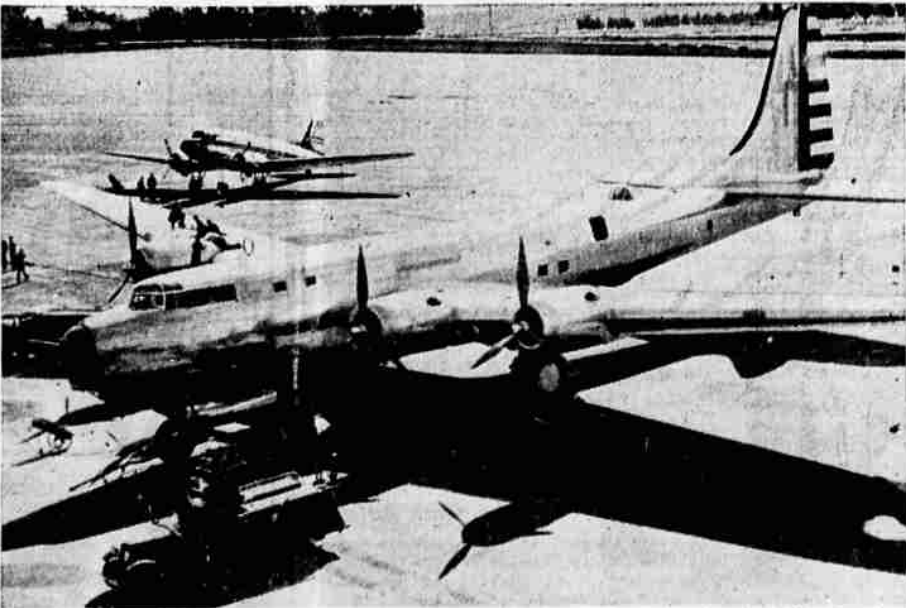
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Auto Drivers Need Not Take New Examinations

PORTLAND, April 23.—(AP)—Persons with drivers' licenses expiring June 30 need not take examinations when renewing permits, Earl Snell, secretary of state, said yesterday.

World's Biggest Bomber Sees Light of Day



Just the biggest thing ever built to sow death and destruction from the air—that's the Douglas B-19 bomber, shown here for the first time since it was removed from its hangar at Santa Monica, Calif. It weighs 82 tons, is designed to fly more than 7000 miles non-stop with a bomb load of some 18 tons. The tail towers 42 feet and her wing span is 212 feet.

HITLER

With the Balkans now indisputably in his clutch, what will be Hitler's next main objective? And will he use force on Turkey if diplomacy fails to win passage over the Dardanelles? The answers will make big news. Watch for them in the NEWS-REVIEW.

Trapped Greeks Surrender in Debacle; Nazis Bomb Ships to Prevent "Dunkerkque" Escape

By the Associated Press

Greece's army of Epirus surrendered today, King George II fled Athens with his government to the island of Crete, and Berlin reported that Adolf Hitler's blitzkrieg armies had "annihilated" the British rearguard at Thermopylae and swept on through the pass.

Thus, in 18 days of violent assault, the battle of the Balkans appeared to have all but ended in an allied debacle.

Nazi quarters said at least 250,000 Greek troops capitulated unconditionally, caught in an axis trap in their retreat from Albania.

The Germans said Nazi Panzer columns plunging through historic Thermopylae pass, 100 miles from Athens, were relentlessly pursuing the British expeditionary forces in retreat toward the Hellenic capital.

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Will "Survive" Invasion
"There is no doubt that invasion of Britain remains one of the standing dishes on Hitler's menu. But the dish isn't duck soup."

"The blow will be terrifying in its ferocity but Britain will survive it."

"We must think of invasion as a probability. But I also think that the Germans will need air superiority before they dare invasion and I don't see that they will be as near to that superiority this spring as they were last autumn. The reason is simply this—our fighter defensive strength as compared with that of Germany is proportionately greater now than it was then."

He declared "the British commonwealth air training program is a great success."

"Steady flow of pilots, air observers, wireless operators and air gunners last year began its course from Canada to the other side. That stream of reinforcements, all splendidly trained, has increased from week to week until that stream has become a swift-flowing river from our inexhaustible reserve of Canadian youth."

"It is my definite and sincere belief that the results of this empire air training plan may well prove to be the most vital factor in our victory. There is no question in my mind—Germany will not be able to produce the quality of air personnel capable of meeting without defeat such as we will send forth."

Despite the reported Nazi break through the pass of Thermopylae and the collapse of Greek armies in the northwest, the London radio declared that British-Greek forces were still fighting stubbornly and holding their lines unbroken in "new positions."

In Athens, King George II declared bitterly that the Greek troops had "signed an armistice without our knowing it" and that the surrender "in no way binds the free will of the nation."

"The Grecian monarch said that 'under the hard destinies of war' he was moving with his government to Crete—75 miles off the southeast tip of Greece—where 'we shall be able to continue the fight.'"

"Our will, the will of the government and of the Greek people... mean resistance to the end on the part of Greek troops, which have stubbornly fought beside the English allies who rushed to help us and are still fighting on Greek territory..." the king said.

And to the Greek people, engulfed by Nazi invaders: "Have courage—good days will come again."

Two Choices for British
The fate of the British, badly

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Roseburg C. of C. Adds 35 Members

Thirty-five new members have been added to the chamber of commerce rolls in a solicitation conducted since April 1 by Harry Pinniger, who takes over the duties of secretary May 1, according to a report made to the board of directors. Efforts are being made to build up membership in order to carry on a larger scale of activities during the coming year.

Firms and individuals added to the rolls during the month include: J. V. Long, O. L. Johnson, Lula C. Gorrell, H. B. Roadman, Cordon and Bishop, Goldie's Booterie, H. D. Palmer, W. J. Campbell, Roy's Store for Men, A. G. Flegel (Texaco), Perkins building, C. M. Dermott, H. W. Haskins, Marshall Wells, Paul's Market, Lund Radio Service, Cliff Thornton, Radio Music Store, Carl W. Muller, Cass St. Market, Fisher Bros., Deer Creek Dairy, The Club, Hub Clear store, Doyle Bros., W. H. Carter, Kelly Sheet Metal shop, J. B. Hennessey, W. R. Brown, G. W. Mowerv, Levi E. White, Blessing's garage, Dr. J. E. Campbell, Dr. C. G. Van Valzah.