

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with occasional showers. Little change in temperature. See page 4 for statistics.

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SUEZ CANAL

If the axis forces reach that vital waterway in their present African campaign, it would spell disaster for Britain, to whom the U. S. is preparing to speed aid. NEWS-REVIEW news will be unusually important within the next few days.

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AXIS ARMY PIERCES TOBRUK DEFENSE UNIT

Park-Pool Project Gets \$13,325 Allotment

Work to Wait, However, On Airport Task

Defense Project Here Expected to Absorb All Available WPA Labor

Definite assurance that work will be started on the proposed park and swimming pool project for the city of Roseburg, probably in the late fall or early winter, was received here today by Mayor A. J. Young.

Announcement of the approval of the allocation was received from Senator Rufus C. Holman, who informed Mayor Young that the start of the project will be at the discretion of the state WPA administrator.

Due to the fact that a project for improvement of the airport under a WPA appropriation of \$81,451 recently was approved, it is expected that the entire list of available workmen will be utilized during the summer months in that task, expected to start within a few days.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY (Tuesday) the island of Crete is the hot spot to watch. Tomorrow, of course, it may be somewhere else.

At any rate, there's a tale on the wires that the Germans are preparing an attack on Crete (only 75 miles from the southern tip of Greece) that will be a full dress rehearsal for an attack on England.

The idea is that in attacking Crete over 75 miles of water they would learn things that would be of value in attacking England over 20 miles of water.

TALE No. 2 on the wires today is to the effect that the Germans may by-pass Turkey entirely by attacking French-mandated Syria.

At this point, you'll have to get out your map if you want to keep things straight. Your map will show you that Syria lies just south of Turkey and between the Mediterranean and oil-rich Iraq, which is becoming quite a hot spot in the speculations as to the future.

THE island of Crete lies in the sea path of such an enterprise. So does the British island of Cyprus. Before tackling Syria, the Germans would have to take both Crete and Cyprus, as they couldn't afford to leave strong British naval bases in their rear.

THERE'S another tale on the wires today—a reported battle between British and German speed boats off the southeast coast of England. The Germans claim to have come out ahead. (They usually make that claim.) There is speculation as to whether that is another rehearsal.

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SHIP SOUND-UP ANSWERING ROOSEVELT'S URGE

Douglas Men Answer Call to Pacific Naval Jobs



A group of 12 Douglas County young men were included in a group of 72 men recruited in southern Oregon, who left Grants Pass the first of the week on a long trip to Midway and Wake islands in the Pacific ocean, where they will engage in naval construction work.

Alcatraz Prison Probe Demanded

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—(AP)—A federal court jury which last night convicted Henri Young, 29, of involuntary manslaughter in the killing of a fellow convict at Alcatraz, today asked Washington officials to investigate conditions at the island prison.

Paul Verdier, San Francisco merchant and foreman of the jury, said the six men and six women on the panel declared in the petition they were "convinced that conditions in this federal prison are unbelievably inhuman."

The verdict against Young, Spokane, Wash., bank robber charged with the murder of Rufus Roy McCain, another bank robber from Oklahoma City, carries a maximum penalty of three years.

Fellow convicts testified in support of Young's testimony that guards brutally beat men in isolation cells.

The convict witnesses, among them Harmon M. Walev, kidnaper of youthful George Weverhaeuser of Tacoma, and other notorious criminals, told of being beaten and placed in straight jackets.

L. F. Allen Named Liquor Administrator of Oregon

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—L. F. Allen, Portland, became secretary and administrator of the Oregon liquor control commission today.

Supervisor of liquor stores since 1939, he was named yesterday to replace the late Joseph J. Haue. He had been acting administrator since Haue's death.

Formerly Allen served two terms as state representative from Union and Walla Walla counties and for six years was mayor of the city of Walla Walla.

"Gin Marriage" Law's Repeal Gets First O. K.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 1.—(AP)—Repeal of California's "gin marriage" law today held the silent blessing of the assembly judiciary codes committee.

With no comment other than a "do pass" recommendation, the committee yesterday reported out a bill to eliminate the three-day wait now required between the time of application for marriage licenses and the time they are issued.

Mrs. Roosevelt Criticizes Lindy On Hitler Medal

EUGENE, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh was criticized by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt here last night for keeping a medal from the German government.

"If I had received a medal from Hitler, as Lindbergh did, I would have returned it long ago. Of course what Lindbergh does with his medal is his affair," she told newsmen.

Mrs. Roosevelt also defended the president's comparison of Lindbergh to Civil war "copperheads."

"When someone says that the democracies cannot possibly win this war, anyone has a perfect right to compare that person with certain factions in American history," she remarked.

Reporters also were told that it was "highly improbable" a U. S. expeditionary force ever would be sent to Europe. Military difficulties of such an action were pointed out.

LONDON, May 1.—(AP)—R. A. Butler, undersecretary of foreign affairs, declared in commons today that Charles A. Lindbergh had "consistently, always used his influence to prevent effective action against Germany."

Butler said that the American flier's views on the strength of the soviet union about the time of the Munich pact in September, 1938, were considered of "no undue significance" by the British government.

The house cheered this declaration. Butler refused to answer Laborite Ellis Smith's query whether Lindbergh had used his influence "along with a well-known lady member of this house."

Inter-American Highway Fund Asked by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked congress today to authorize a \$20,000,000 appropriation for construction of an inter-American highway as far as the Panama canal.

He sent to congress a report by Secretary Hull, along with a draft of legislation, proposing that the United States pay two-thirds of the cost of construction of the road through the Central American countries. Among other things, Hull said the highway would be valuable for defense.

Wildlife Experts Dated in Roseburg

Local sportsmen who attend the meeting of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club Friday evening are expected to enjoy an unanticipated treat, according to Forest Supervisor V. V. Harpham, who received word today that H. L. Shantz of Washington, D. C., is expected to be in attendance.

Mr. Shantz is head of the division of wildlife management in the office of the national forester, and is now on a speaking tour of the Pacific coast area.

He has an open date between speaking engagements, and is planning to accompany Glenn E. Mitchell, of the division forestry office, to Roseburg tomorrow. Mr. Harpham was informed. Mr. Shantz is reported to be an excellent speaker and is expected to give a brief talk on national wildlife activities. Mr. Shantz is former president of the University of Arizona.

The program, which is being arranged by Supervisor Harpham, will feature the talk by Mr. Mitchell, game supervisor for the northwest division of the forest service, and will include several reels of motion pictures.

Naval Appropriations Bill Sent to Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The senate sent to the white house today a \$3,415,521,750 naval appropriations bill containing \$1,515,000,000 to speed the construction of 729 vessels of all types under way in the two-ocean fleet program.

Congress wrote into the measure a provision for the purchase of Argentine canned beef and other foreign products by the navy where domestic articles of satisfactory quality could not be obtained at reasonable prices.

Embezzlement Charge Hits Vale Postmaster

ONTARIO, Ore., May 1.—(AP)—A charge of embezzlement of government funds was placed against Carl K. Feghtly, Vale postmaster, yesterday, U. S. Commissioner George K. Alken said.

Feghtly, who has held the position for eight years, was released on \$3000 bonds. Arthur H. Bone, Malheur Enterprise publisher, was named acting postmaster.

Strike Taboo Asked of U. S. Labor, Chiefs

Defense Interruption Decried by Chamber; Tax Raising Plan Criticized

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—The United States chamber of commerce called on the nation's "patriotic labor and industrial leaders" today to declare a moratorium against all strikes which would interrupt defense production.

Approving a resolution proposed by its resolutions committee, the chamber declared it to be "intolerable" that anyone should threaten to interrupt defense production "for purposes of coercion" and added that "such acts are offenses against the public safety, and offenders should be subjected to the penalties of the laws they violate."

This and other policy statements were adopted without discussion as the chamber acted on the proposals of its committee.

Another resolution, on "federal finance," called for a \$2,600,000,000 reduction in non-defense expenditures and for tax increases in unspecified amounts which should be "limited in duration to the period of the emergency with the burden fairly distributed."

Tax Method Criticized.

The resolution did not comment on the administration's \$3,500,000,000 defense tax program, but Ellsworth C. Alvord, chairman of the chamber's finance committee, in a speech, described the methods by which the treasury would

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Supplies For Britain Will Be Speeded

Fifty Tankers Lead Off in Response; Seized Foreign Vessels Will Be Used

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(AP)—In quick response to President Roosevelt's request for ships for this country's "all-out aid to the democracies," the maritime commission made plans today to place 50 American tankers in the service of the British within the next few days.

All operators of American tankers of over 5,000 gross tons are being called on for aid in the program.

The tentative plan does not call for a transfer of registry of tankers to the British, but for their use outside the war zone for the direct benefit of the British.

Under the proposal the tankers would be operated from oil-producing countries along the north coast of South America to British tankers for the remainder of the trip.

Seized Ships to Be Used. The commission was asked by the president last night to begin rounding up 2,000,000 tons of shipping to carry cargo abroad "vital war materials."

President Roosevelt, himself, was reported ready to order the prompt requisitioning of refugee vessels in United States ports as one of the first steps toward the objective.

Requisitioning of 69 axis and Danish vessels aggregating 300,000 tons would provide—as a starter—approximately 15 per cent of the 2,000,000 tons the president called for "at the ear-

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Intensified War in Africa Threatens Egypt, Suez Canal; Britain Sees Invasion Signs

In the 3-weeks-old siege of the British garrison at Tobruk, 80 miles inside Libya on the North African coast, British headquarters at Cairo acknowledged that axis troops penetrated the stronghold's outer defenses this morning.

German and Italian infantry attacked "in some strength, escorted by tanks," it was said.

"Fighting is continuing," a British communique said. Informed military circles in London freely predicted that a grand-scale nazi assault on Egypt and the Suez canal, by way of French-mandated Syria and Palestine, would break within 10 days.

At the same time, these sources said, other axis columns striking from Libya would join in a giant pincer movement. Premier Mussolini's high command asserted that axis scouts had put the British to flight and seized armored equipment in the region of Salum, Egyptian frontier post, just over the Libyan border.

British naval units have carried out "a successful bombardment" of axis troops and supplies in the Ain El Gazala area of Libya, the admiralty at London announced today.

The sector is about 30 miles west of beleaguered Tobruk, where a British garrison has held on for about three weeks despite a German-Italian drive past beyond the Egyptian border. One side of Tobruk's outer defenses, reported today to have been penetrated by axis infantry and motorized forces, reaches almost to Ain El Gazala.

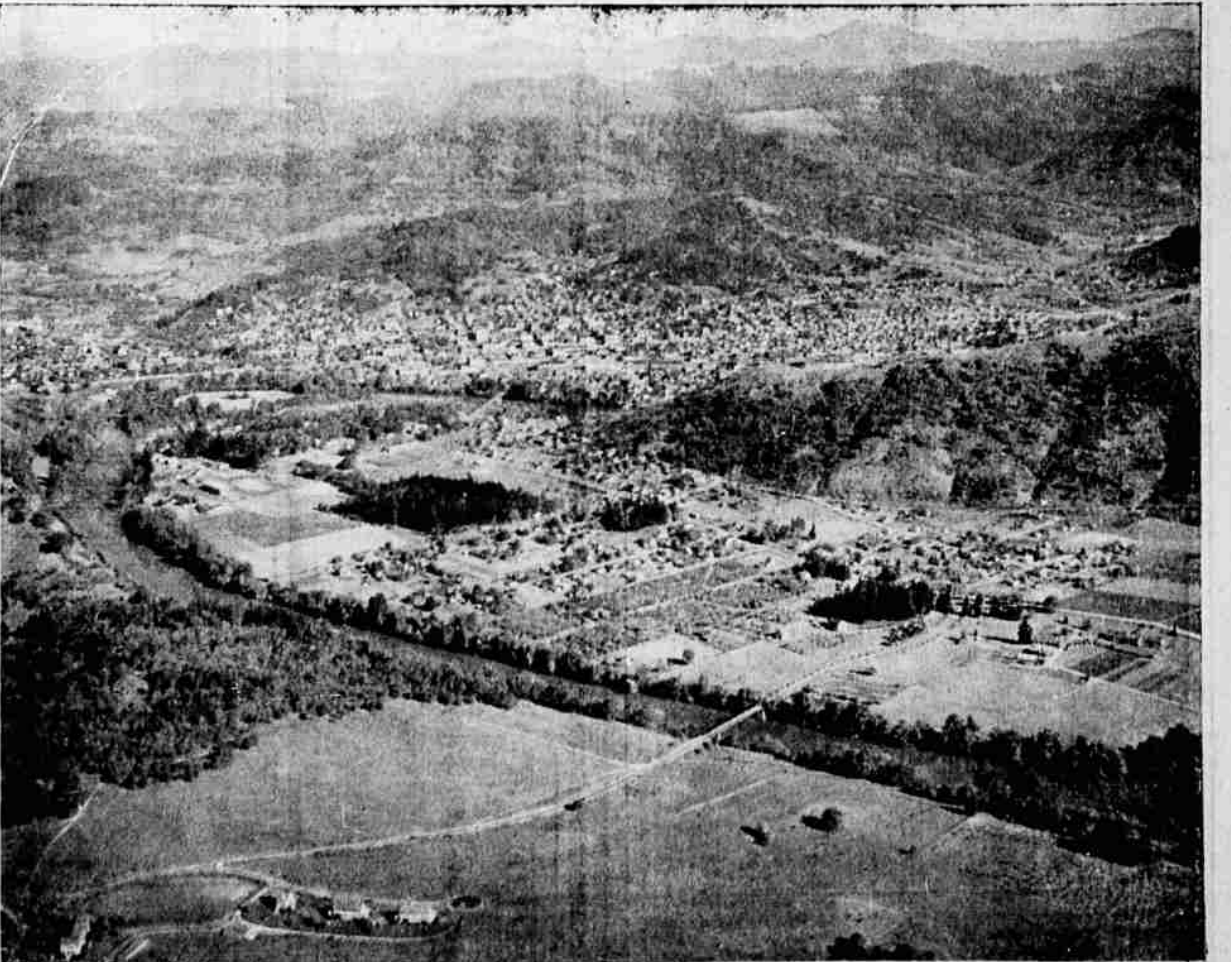
Invasion Signs Seen. Military experts in London noted signs that Hitler now may attempt his long-threatened division of England. They give six points:

- 1. Favorable weather ahead. 2. Mounting violence by the nazi luftwaffe in hitting Plymouth and Portsmouth naval bases in the last fortnight. 3. Increasing activity by German long-range guns on the French coast. 4. Stepped-up operations by nazi U-boats in the channel, including a bold raid along the Dover coast Tuesday. 5. Daylight aerial reconnaissance has been vastly increased. 6. Aid from the United States is now beginning to arrive in

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BEND, May 1.—(AP)—Because it would unsettle the county budget, County Judge C. L. Allen has announced he will not accept a \$50 monthly pay increase authorized by the legislature.

Unusual Aerial View of Roseburg Obtained by Local Cameraman



The above picture of Roseburg is believed to be the most complete aerial view ever obtained of the city. The photograph was made from a height of 9,000 feet by Frank Coen, flying in a plane piloted by Ernest (Red) Sink, local aviation instructor. The view was taken from a point west of the veterans facility, which appears in the center foreground, and looks toward the east. It is to be enlarged and framed for use in the office of the chamber of commerce.