

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Fair tonight. Friday cloudy.
Little change in temperature.
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BRITAIN

Can she prevent a nazi conquest of Crete? Today's dispatches from the war scene indicate that the outcome is in doubt. If the British lose, what will follow? Let the NEWS-REVIEW keep you posted.

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NAZIS GAIN CAPITAL IN BATTLE OF CRETE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TWO developments today (Tuesday):

1. The Germans launch an attack on Crete.
2. The French come farther out of the bushes in their support of Germany.

NEITHER is unexpected:

The Germans must have the islands of Crete and Cyprus if they are to get an adequate army into Syria and Iraq and supply it without Turkish co-operation. They NEED these island bases, Turks or no Turks.

When the French government threw up the sponge and holed up at Vichy instead of retiring to Africa and carrying on the war from there, it was apparent that sooner or later what was left of France would fall into Hitler's lap.

THE attack on Crete is launched from the air, after a typical blitzkrieg bombardment of strategic points such as air-dromes and roads.

Churchill announces that 1500 Germans in New Zealand battle uniforms landed by parachute, GLIDER and air troop transport. They captured a military hospital, he says, but lost it in a counter-attack. Dispatches as these words are written say they failed to capture the British air-base at Maleni.

Churchill says this (Tuesday) morning that the military situation is "in hand." (Better not jump to conclusions. Wait a day or so.)

USE of gliders (planes without engines) is new, but for some time the Germans have been reported as practicing with them. They are towed behind a plane, like cars behind an engine, and are cut loose near the spot where a landing is to be attempted.

They can be landed more swiftly and more accurately than a parachute. Each carries several men, fully armed and carefully trained in special parachute tactics.

THE Germans WANT AND NEED Crete, which in British possession bars the sea lane to Syria. The attack on it will also serve as a useful rehearsal for the great project of attacking England.

THE French air minister is reported to have arrived in Beirut to direct the defense of

Labor Board Again Tackles Coal Strike

Pay Differential Barrier To Peace; 3 of 11 Struck Shipyards Reopened

OAKLAND, Calif., May 22.—(AP)—The navy took over today in an attempt to reopen strikebound shipyards on San Francisco bay.

More than 40 navy and marine corps vehicles were mobilized at the labor temple and carried some 800 shipyard workers to the Moore drydock plant, and others to the General Engineering shipyard.

By the Associated Press
The national mediation board prepared today to act for a second time in the soft coal wage controversy, while in some other labor disputes tension appeared to be easing.

Contract negotiations between the CIO United Mine workers and the southern Appalachian operators were broken off in New York yesterday, with both sides issuing sharp public statements. In newspaper advertisements, the southern mine owners charged that John L. Lewis, UMW president, was attempting to become "dictator of this country" by gaining a "death grip" on the flow of bituminous coal to industries. In answer, K. C. Adams, spokesman for Lewis, called the southern operators "mock patriots."

The union and southern operators were to appear before the mediation board at Washington tomorrow, and the northern operators and the union Saturday. After a general work stoppage throughout the industry in April, the northern operators agreed to increase wages from \$6 to \$7 a day, and the southern entered a temporary agreement to raise the basic wage from \$5.60 to \$6.60, but were unwilling to eliminate the 40-cent sectional differential as the union demanded.

Three Shipyards Reopen
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Wheat Allotment Area Cut by 7 Million Acres

WASHINGTON, May 22.—(AP)—Secretary of agriculture Wickard today established a national wheat planting allotment of 55,000,000 acres for the 1942 crop. This was a reduction of 7,000,000 acres from the 1941 allotment.

The secretary said a reduction in production was necessary because of a mounting surplus and loss of export markets.

The 55,000,000 acre allotment is the minimum allowed by corn control legislation.

Announcement of the smaller allotment was made as the agriculture department prepared to hold a grower referendum May 31 on marketing quotas for this year's wheat crop. Quotas require the approval of two-thirds of the farmers voting.

Division of the 1942 allotment among wheat-producing states included Oregon 756,281.

Ar Cyclist Hurt in Collision



Private Ralph F. Kraber, 209 Co., 7th Infantry, was critically injured yesterday in a collision near Canyonville. Kraber's motorcycle, pictured above, crashed head-on into an automobile occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Mack of Prescott, Mich. Kraber was reported today to have a good chance of recovery. He was said to have suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries. He was brought to the veterans hospital here. Mrs. Mack was treated at Roseburg for face and head cuts suffered when she was thrown into the windshield by the impact, but her injuries were not of a serious nature.

U. S. Employees to Meet in Roseburg

The Oregon branch of the National Federation of Federal Employees will meet in Roseburg in a state convention Saturday, May 31. Approximately 200 delegates and visitors are expected to be in attendance at the one-day meeting.

The registration headquarters are to be located at the Umpqua hotel, and business sessions, banquet and dance will be held at the armory.

Convention arrangements are being made by the Roseburg local, No. 459. Ted Post is general chairman and heads of other committees are Hugh Cooper, dance; D. W. Smith, banquet; Clarence Rand, arrangements; V. V. Harpham, registration.

Delegates from the Roseburg local are Robert Harvey, president; Melba Lowell, Finley Webb, Hubert Graham and Al Cline.

Slayer, 21, of Wife, 43, Draws Fifty Year Term

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 22.—(AP)—Superior Judge Hall yesterday sentenced Frank W. Turner, 21, to a maximum prison term of 50 years for the second degree murder of his wife, Anne, at their home last December 30.

Turner, son of Maj. Frank T. Turner, of Los Angeles, who has been confined to an army hospital at Denver but who came here for the trial, showed no emotion and made no comment.

Turner, who married the 43-year-old widow in Chicago only a few months before her death, pleaded temporary mental irresponsibility at the trial and said that because of drinking he could not remember her death. The state charged he shot her twice as she lay on a davenport with a towel over her face because of a headache.

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Prison Minimum Set For Ex-Insurance Executive

OLYMPIA, May 22.—(AP)—Hallett R. French, former insurance executive who confessed embezzling premiums on insurance he wrote on the Tacoma Narrows bridge, must serve a minimum of three years in state prison, the state parole board announced.

The prominent Seattle clubman's arrest followed the collapse of the \$6,000,000 structure. He was given a maximum of 15 years.

Ted Ingles, former Spokane county commissioner, was given a minimum term of one year for perjury.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



AN ARMY WRECKING CAR

which struck my fancy. I'd like to have it to carry along with me on my trips, just in case.

It's a Corbett truck with a dual ignition six cylinder continental motor; has a compound gear with ten speeds forward and two in reverse; will make 55 miles per hour and—think of this—consumes a gallon of gas every FOUR miles! It has two gas tanks, each of thirty-five gallon capacity, and carries any number of big drums of gas besides for emergency use.

This big unit is equipped with spotlights fore and aft, and carries its own oxygen and acetylene welding outfit.

"Oh yes, I am a long way from home," Corporal Jimmy Martin, pictured above with Private Flynn, both of the Third Ordnance company, told me. "I live in New York city, but (here he gave me a prodigious wink) that doesn't mean that I don't get a

lot of enjoyment out of seeing the rest of the country!"

Having spent some six weeks once upon a time at Fort Jay, on Governors Island, a stone's throw (if you're an exceptionally good thrower) from the burg of Manhattan, I felt inclined to disagree with him. But then, I reflected, the New Yorkers I'd met couldn't be classed with Corporal Martin. He's tops!

For that matter, so are all the soldiers coming through here whom I've seen and talked with. Who has been crying his eyes out for the past twenty years, saying that the younger generation was going to pot? He's plumb nuts!

With about 200 hard-bitten soldiers enthusiastically marching in columns of four behind her and her drum corps, last evening, Shirley Carter ought to "mark time" from that date for quite a while, don't you think?

Guard's Talk Averts Break At Alcatraz

Four "Lifers" Induced to Yield After Working on Bars, Tying Up Three Men

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—(AP)—Guard Captain Paul Madigan kept four desperate life-termers from cutting their way out of Alcatraz prison, Warden James A. Johnston said today.

The four convicts worked nearly two hours and trussed up three prison officers yesterday in an attempted break from the mat shop at the San Francisco bay island penitentiary.

Johnston said the quartet were: Lloyd H. Barkdoll, Oregon bank robber; Joseph Paul Crezter and Arnold Kyle, brothers-in-law convicted of bank robbery at Los Angeles and additionally sentenced for escaping from McNeil Island federal prison and slugging U. S. Marshall A. J. Chitt, who later died at Tacoma, Wash., and Sam R. Schokley, Muskogee, Okla., bank robber and kidnaper.

The convicts had broken the inside detention sash on one of the four small rooms in the shop and were working on the floor-proof steel bars with an emery wheel when Guard Clyde E. Stoops came into the room.

They overcame Stoops and bound him hand and foot, then proceeded with their work on the bars. Next to enter during routine inspection was C. J. Manning, superintendent of prison industries. He was likewise bound, as was Lionel Johnston, work area yard officer, who entered later.

Madigan's Talk Effective

Johnston said Captain Madigan entered the room about 5:30 p. m. and the convicts grabbed him. By that time they had been two hours at work on the bars, with little success.

"Captain Madigan was resourceful and persuasive," the warden said. "He convinced the already discouraged convicts that their efforts would be futile. The convicts, disgusted with their failure, released Madigan and he sounded the emergency alarm. When other guards arrived, Madigan was freed."

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Army Caravans Pick Up Speed in Trek To California; Hospitality Accorded in Roseburg Stay Wins Deep Appreciation

A 3rd division artillery band will play a public concert at the bandstand at Library park at 6:30 p. m. today, it was announced. Officers of the artillery unit arriving here this morning announced that a concert had been arranged in appreciation of the hospitality shown by the city of Roseburg to the traveling troops. The 6:30 hour for the concert was set in order that bandmen might enjoy liberty with other men of the unit during the balance of the evening.

The movement of army convoys over highway 99 was reported by state police today to be picking up speed. Practice already has resulted in eliminating much lost time and a general gain in time spent travelling between overnight stops, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police headquarters at Roseburg reported.

The 15th Infantry and its detachments, which spent last night in Roseburg, cleared this city southbound to Weed, California, by 8 a. m., shortly before the arrival of the 3rd Div. artillery, which spent last night at Salem, and was due to complete the trek to Roseburg by noon today.

The artillery units in Roseburg tonight will be headed by Brigadier General Horace A. Fuller, commanding officer of the 3rd division artillery and one of the high ranking officers of the U. S. Army.

The 15th Infantry which gained the title of the "Can Do" regiment while in service in China, reached Roseburg early Wednesday, travelling in approximately 400 vehicles. The men were given the liberty of the city last night and enjoyed a program at the armory, band and drum corps concerts, a songfest and a street dance, the latter being the very popular event of the evening.

Officers and men of the regiment expressed deep appreciation of the hospitality shown in Roseburg. They were particularly pleased by the courtesy of many individuals who used their automobiles to taxi soldiers to

Summer Vacation Starts May 30 For Roseburg Schools

The Roseburg public schools will be dismissed Thursday evening, May 29, for summer vacation. The next school session is scheduled to open on Monday, September 8.

Activities honoring the ninety-five seniors will keep these members of the class of 1941 busy this week.

Roseburg high school commencement exercises will be held in the senior high auditorium Thursday, May 29, at 8 p. m. Dr. E. W. Warrington of Oregon State college will give the commencement address. A special feature of the program will be the presentation of "Ballad for Americans," by the High School Glee club and Mr. Leroy Hiatt, accompanied by the high school orchestra, under direction of J. D. Gilmore.

Ninety-five students will receive their high school diplomas at the commencement program.

The senior class night program, to be held Friday evening, May 23, will be put on by the seniors and combines a history of the class with prophecy.

Dr. Morris H. Roach will give the baccalaureate sermon at a union service in the high school auditorium Sunday evening, May 25.

The mothers' banquet honoring the seniors will be given Saturday evening.

Ninth grade promotion exercises will be held on Wednesday evening, May 28, in the junior high school auditorium. Rev. Perry Smith will address the class, and the balance of the program will be given by members of the class. 133 ninth grade students will receive certificates of promotion to senior high school at that time.

Allies Unable To Use Planes In Struggle

British Navy Blocks Nazi Sea-Borne Troops, But Foo Keeps Up Aerial Landings

By the Associated Press
Dropping out of the skies by thousands, Adolf Hitler's aerial invaders seized the old capital of Crete today and gained another foothold in the Suda bay region—site of a big British naval base—but British warships smashed attempts to land sea-borne troops on the island.

With the 3-day-old battle mounting in violence, Prime Minister Churchill acknowledged that nazi parachute troops had invaded the town of Candia, in central Crete, the old-time capital.

Pictured by Churchill as a battle without chance of retreat for either side, the struggle went forward with the British and their Greek allies defending the island as best they could without the aid of RAF fighter planes.

In London it was disclosed that RAF fighters were withdrawn from Crete Tuesday because of the "pronounced disadvantage" of operating from the few air-dromes on the island, under incessant Stuka dive-bombing attacks.

British Fleet Pounded

On their own arms and strong naval support, the allies pitted their hopes of surviving, but nazi warplanes fiercely battered at the British fleet, and the Berlin radio asserted late today that German Stukas had sunk a British cruiser off Crete and severely damaged two others—in addition to eight other British warships reported damaged yesterday.

British middle east headquarters in Cairo coincidentally reported that the German "sky troops" had gained a temporary foothold in the Malemi sector, 15 miles south of Cania, the Crete capital, seat of King George II's

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Venetian Blind Cord Chokes Baby To Death

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 22.—(AP)—The 15-month-old daughter of Mrs. Joe Falk, playing in her bed, released a venetian blind. Later Mrs. Falk found the child dangling from the cord, strangled to death.

Oregon State Librarian Gravely Ill of Cancer

SALEM, May 22.—(AP)—The condition of State Librarian Harriet C. Long, who has been ill several months with cancer, was described by hospital attaches today as "very serious."

Admiral Says Allies Losing Atlantic Battle; Stimson Raps Neutrality Act

SHANGHAI, May 22.—(AP)—Rear Admiral William Glassford, commander of the United States Yangtze naval patrol, declared tonight that the battle of the Atlantic "at this moment is being lost by the allies."

"We are not only facing inevitable defeat of England and collapse of the British empire but also defeat of the United States unless something is done," he added.

Glassford told an audience of Chinese and American business men here that something must be done "to stop the sinking of allied ships in the Atlantic, which are going on faster than they can be replaced."

"Once again," he declared, "it is the United States' job to save England."

"This means ships."

"Once again we are asked to build a colossal merchant marine to carry war supplies to England. We shall do it. But if it is not evident soon, this will not be enough. These ships must get safely across the Atlantic."

Referring to the possibility of convoys, the admiral said "this

is the one real and deadly effective solution, but just how we are to insure safe passage of the Atlantic remains to be seen."

WASHINGTON, May 22.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson assailed the neutrality act today as "a violation of our most sacred and important tradition on foreign policy, freedom of the seas."

Like Secretary of the Navy Knox who yesterday termed the act barring American shipping from war zones a "terrible blunder," Stimson stressed he was speaking as an individual rather than as secretary of war.

Stimson added, however, that what he described as a conflict between the neutrality act and the freedom of the seas principle would have to be "very carefully considered," however, in delivering munitions to Great Britain.

Noting that he had opposed the principle of the neutrality legislation for years, Stimson said "I always prophesied it would bring us into trouble."

"It was abhorrent to our principles to yield to our fears by this policy," he added.

U. S. Not Near War, No Reason To Go Into It, Congressman Mott Declares

WASHINGTON, May 22.—(AP)—Rep. James W. Mott (R-Ore.) said in an interview that he did not believe the United States was near war and that he saw no reason for the nation becoming involved in war. Mott, who guided the administration's naval bill through the house and who has insisted upon a two-ocean navy and a strong army, said he believed the national defense program should be completed in the fastest possible time.

"I do not think we are near war," Mott said. "I have never thought that and I can get our defense program completed, we'll never get into war."

"I do not think and never have thought the President wants to get in war. I think we are doing the thing right now most to our advantage and to the advantage of Great Britain—furnishing 90 percent of our war munitions to Great Britain."

"As time goes on we will increase our production and we can continue to do that as long as we stay out of war, but if we get in we couldn't give Great Britain one-half as much material aid."

"I do not believe Great Britain wants us as an active participant in the war and does not want an expeditionary force. Germany does not want us in the war and Japan is trying to avoid war with us. With this situation there seems no reason for us getting in the war."

"We should complete our national defense program in the quickest possible time and be so strong that no dictator would dare attack us."

Mott said the naval building program was a year ahead of schedule and with completion of a two-ocean navy the United States could not be attacked successfully.

Juvenile Uses Detective Bureau for Loot Cache

PORTLAND, May 22.—(AP)—Police learned of an effective new cache for stolen property yesterday—a room in the detective bureau at the police station.

A juvenile, suspected of taking \$7 and two diamond rings, was questioned without success Tuesday.

Yesterday he admitted that the articles were in the detectives' room. Despite the tip, it took two detectives more than an hour to find the cache.