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By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy, with occasional showers tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature.

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BRITAIN, DEFEATED IN CRETE, WINS IN IRAQ

Strikes Draw New Action By Government

Plea to Patriotism Looms At Shipyards; Summons Sent to Loggers' Chiefs

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—(AP)—Al T. Wynn, secretary of the Bay Cities Metal Trades council, indicated an "important announcement" would be made today in the bay area shipbuilding strike, which has tied up more than \$500,000,000 in defense orders.

The nature of the purported announcement was not clear, but some quarters mentioned the possibility of a "patriotic appeal" from Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Philip Murray, president of the CIO and a member of the defense mediation board, joined C. A. Dyskstra, board chairman, today in summoning leaders of Pacific coast striking CIO lumbermen to the capital after board officials said they had "received no evidence" that their appeal for settlement of the strike had been brought to the attention of the union membership.

The strike, involving 12,000 men in the Puget Sound area, is the first in which the mediation board has cited President Roosevelt's proclamation of an unlimited national emergency.

Ralph T. Seward, executive secretary of the board, said that "there is no chance in the world that the board will back down. It is standing on its telegram of May 28. There will be no compromise."

The telegram of May 28 was signed by Dykstra and it was the one which cited Mr. Roosevelt's proclamation.

The strike, against 52 logging camps and other lumbering operations in Washington, began May 9. The union presented a number of demands, among which was one for an increase of 7½ cents an hour in wage rates.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S (Thursday's) dispatches indicate that Italian forces have been landed on the eastern end of Crete, thus putting the British-Greek defenders between the jaws of a vise.

The Germans are reported to have captured Suda Bay harbor, giving them a landing place for troops and heavy equipment such as tanks.

A REPORT from Italy asserts that hundreds of little Greek sailboats loaded with German troops have been safely escorted to Crete under the guns of Italian warships, indicating (if true) that the British fleet had been driven from the Cretan waters.

This indication is strengthened by a dispatch from Alexandria yesterday saying that a part of the British fleet had arrived at the base there.

BARRING a miracle (and miracles have been few and far between in this war) Crete is lost to the British. What remains is merely a matter of time and detail.

HOW did it happen?

It is the same old story, beginning in Poland and running through all the German conquests since:

The Germans had ALL THE AIRPLANES THEY NEEDED and their opponents didn't.

THIS writer, having no inside sources of information, can only guess. But this seems a fair guess as to what has happened in Crete:

The British, lacking air strength, undertook to defend Crete with their Mediterranean

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Federal Employees Pledge Allegiance to "Old Glory"



Opening the second annual convention of the state department of the National Federation of Federal Employees here today, delegates and visitors responded to the pledge of allegiance at a ceremony conducted by local Boy Scouts. The pledge to the flag was led by Jackie Weaver of the local American Legion Scout troop. A small portion of the group at tending the convention is pictured above participating in the ceremony.

21 Americans On Zamzam Detained

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, near the French frontier, May 31.—(AP)—A group of 119 American survivors from the German-sunk Egyptian liner Zamzam crossed the frontier into Spain today but 21 others, American ambulance drivers, were held by the Germans at Biarritz, in Nazi-occupied France, with no explanation except "diplomatic reasons."

Two of the ambulance drivers, Charles McCarthy and Langford Harris, were among the freed survivors of the Zamzam who reached Spanish soil.

Their passports were marked "student" and it was said the Germans did not realize that they also were ambulance drivers. The corps was headed for service with General Charles De Gaulle's "Free French" forces still warring against Germany.

The men who crossed into Spain were compelled to leave all baggage behind. The women were allowed to bring hand luggage.

In the group reaching here were six American women who were pregnant.

One of them, Mrs. Lillian Dandelson of Lindsay, Kas., said she and her six children were thrown into the water when a lifeboat from the Zamzam capsized, but that all were picked up by a German ship.

W. H. Edwards and his wife, missionaries from Detroit who were on their way to a Belgian Congo post, also were aboard the British liner Athenia when that ship, first sea victim of the war, went down the night of September 3, 1939.

Charles Murphy of Fortune magazine declared there was no reason for the Germans to sink the Zamzam.

"The only possible criticism which could be made of the Zamzam's conduct," he said, "was that the ship ran without lights."

Accidental Shot Kills Noted Oregon Rancher

VALE, May 31.—(AP)—Shotgun wounds proved fatal yesterday to the man who once blocked off the central Oregon highway and charged tolls on the road.

He was A. R. Hollingshead, Little valley rancher, who said the state did not have proper title to the highway. The case, in litigation for several years, finally was settled with Hollingshead giving up his claim.

Coroner R. A. Tacke, who held an inquest today, said the rancher was injured while preparing to butcher livestock on Floyd Gross' ranch. Gross' shotgun accidentally fired, Tacke said.

Memorial Day's Death Toll 161

By the Associated Press

With two days of holiday activity yet to come, the loss of life in the nation's celebration of Memorial day rose to 161 today.

Traffic accidents accounted for 110 of the deaths reported. The national safety council, aware of a rising tide of fatalities which already is 1,500 above the 1940 level, predicted that the deaths for the three-day vacation period would top 400 unless motorists and pedestrians exercised extraordinary caution.

California, with 21 deaths, reported the greatest number of traffic casualties.

In addition to the traffic losses, drowning claimed 26 lives and five persons died in train accidents.

Four men died in one wreck in Connecticut when their auto hit a tree.

Three children were killed at Waynesburg, Pa., when a truck plunged down a 30-foot embankment.

German-American Bund Camp in Jersey Raided

ANDOVER, N. J., May 31.—(AP)—Camp Nordland, where thousands of German-American Bund members and associates paraded in the past four years beneath waving swastikas and photographs of Adolf Hitler, was closed as a meeting place today.

Deputies of Sussex County Sheriff Denton J. Quick raided the 210-acre camp in North Jersey yesterday, dispersed 100 picnicking persons, seized pamphlets, swastikas and pictures of the German Fuehrer, and arrested one person.

Quick led the raid a few hours after serving notice on Bund officers that a bill would be introduced in the state legislature repealing the camp's charter.

The man arrested gave his name as Paul Huissel, 38. Quick said the man, a toolmaker, rushed into a building and tore up a letter written in German. The sheriff said the letter was "very valuable."

Former King Prajadhipok Of Siam Dies in England.

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—Former King Prajadhipok of Siam (now Thailand), who spent \$3,000,000 a year to maintain an elaborate court as the last absolute ruler of the far east kingdom, died of heart disease today at his Surrey estate. He was 47.

The five-foot king, who ruled from 1925 to 1935, had resided quietly in England with his ex-queen since giving up his throne. They had 40 servants and lived off an income from Thailand estimated at \$1,500,000.

Wheat Growers Voting on Quotas

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—The federal farm program met its first nationwide test today in a grower referendum on whether the government should be granted authority to tell farmers how much wheat they might market this year.

Upwards of 750,000 producers in 37 wheat-growing states were expected to cast secret ballots at polling places established by farmer committeemen.

They marked "yes" and "no" to the question of whether they favored marketing quotas designed to keep surplus production of this year's prospective bumper wheat crop off the market until it is needed. The favorable vote of at least two-thirds of those voting is required to make the quotas operative.

Officials of the agricultural adjustment administration expressed confidence that the marketing control proposal would be approved. This confidence was based upon the fact that, under crop control legislation, price-supporting government loans must be withheld in the event quotas are turned down.

Under recently approved legislation, this year's basic wheat loan rate would be about 97 cents a bushel, or about 25 cents more than last year's rate. Officials declared that without the loan program, wheat prices could be expected to drop 35 cents from the present near-dollar level.

Quotas on wheat were proposed for the first time this year because the United States has a prospective surplus sufficient to meet its needs for nearly two years.

Wilbur Woman on List Of Bus Mishap Victims

PORTLAND, May 31.—(AP)—Fourteen persons suffered injuries as a Portland-Eugene passenger bus overturned on the Pacific highway 15 miles south of here yesterday.

The southbound Greyhound stage skidded from wet pavement near New Era and plowed into a soft shoulder. Twenty-four were aboard, but the driver, W. J. Hill, Eugene, and nine others escaped with bruises.

Those hospitalized included: Charles L. Wood, Jr., Salem, possible concussion, cuts and bruises; Mrs. Mollie Brisbane, Suquamish, Wash., possible concussion, possible fractured arm, injured left leg and arm; Jane Irving, Wilbur, Ore., bruises; Mrs. W. S. Brown, Vancouver, Wash., lacerated ear; Mrs. Clara Allen, Woodburn, injured shoulder; John Mahan, San Francisco, possible fractured leg, face and body contusions; Robert Binkley, Eugene, sprained back.

Federation Of U. S. Workers Meets Here

State Organization Hears Reports of Rapid Growth, Beneficial Legislation

The Oregon department of the National Federation of Federal employees, organized one year ago at Portland, has had a very rapid growth in membership and activities, officers and committeemen reported here this morning at the opening session of the second annual state convention. The one-day state meeting, which opened here this morning, was attended by approximately 100 delegates and visitors.

Following opening ceremonies, the delegates heard reports and listened to brief talks by Oscar W. Dam, Seattle, national vice-president, and Earl R. Hoage, San Francisco, national organizer.

Delegates were told that the federation has successfully sponsored much legislation resulting in more uniform hours and wages for federal employees, extension of civil service to include a greater number of workers, and clarification of regulations pertaining to holiday hours, sick leave and vacations.

The convention was expected to adjourn its business sessions late this afternoon with election of officers and selection of the 1942 convention city. A banquet, program and dance will provide entertainment tonight.

Opening Ceremony Colorful

The convention was called to order at the Roseburg armory at 9 a. m. by Robert F. Harvie, president of Roseburg local, No. 459. Presentation of colors by Boy Scouts, the pledge of allegiance and invocation, the latter by Dr. C. A. Edwards, provided a colorful opening ceremony.

State President L. J. Caulfield, of Portland, was introduced by Mr. Harvie and presided over the balance of the convention program.

In the absence of Mayor A. J. Young, the delegates and visitors were welcomed to Roseburg by City Attorney B. L. Eddy. The response was made by Clarence

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Winchester Bay Plans Dated for Hearing

PORTLAND, May 31.—(AP)—District army engineers announced a public hearing would be held at Reedsport June 11 at 1:30 p. m., to consider improvements on Winchester bay.

Baghdad Asks for Armistice, Pro-Axis Premier in Flight

U. S. To Issue Warning To Vichy Govt.

Acts Rather Than Words To Be Judgment Basis For Claimed Neutrality

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—The United States, it was reported in authoritative quarters today, will notify the Vichy government within a few days that Vichy's future acts, rather than its words, will be basis for American judgment on Franco-German "collaboration."

The note will be in the nature of a reply to a formal communication recently received from Vichy. This communication promised that the French fleet and colonies would not be turned over to the nazis. It also besought sympathetic American understanding of France's position as a conquered, divided and hungry nation.

Secretary Hull is preparing the note, it was learned, on the basis of facts assembled by state department experts on the known extent of Vichy's "collaboration" with the axis powers in contract to France's specific commitments in the armistice pacts.

The American government, it was said, will set forth its views on France's acquiescence to Nazi demands—particularly in Syria, and recommended a future policy which would greatly improve Franco-American relations, now severely strained.

Apprehension Evident

France's action in permitting German warplanes to use Syrian airfields in an aerial offensive against the British in Iraq provides a specific instance, it was said, for fear that the Vichy government will also go beyond its armistice obligations and allow the Germans to make use

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Soldier Killed, Woman Wounded in Shooting

SEWARD, Alaska, May 31.—(AP)—A soldier was killed and a woman injured last night in a Memorial day shooting here.

Police said the soldier was Private Hal E. Emerson, of Fort Richardson, a freight guard here. The woman, June Meadows, was in a hospital with four bullet wounds.

Hungry Britons Sink Teeth Into American Cheese

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—The first shipment of food from the United States under the lend-lease bill has reached a British port.

It included 1,000 tons of flour, 4,000,000 eggs and 120,000 pounds of cheese.

Lord Woolton, minister of food, received the cargo for Britain.

"Cheese," gasped Woolton delightedly as a derrick load dropped at his feet.

A hunk was cut off for the food minister.

"And very good cheese," he said as he snatched his lips.

Within three minutes—to satisfy cameramen—the minister devoured his week's ration.

"This is what we want for ministers," he said.

The big voice of a dockery boomed out, "what about us dockers? Cheese has always been on our dinner dish."

His cheese was cheddar from Wisconsin, and Woolton handed over a 20-pounder to the dock workers.

"This is off the ration," he said.

There were 240 dockers, but even at that they got slightly more than their weekly ration.

The eggs were from Nebraska and labelled "strictly fresh laid." Some were chipped but fresh, according to a dockery who sucked two dry.

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—Forty-eight tins of evaporated milk were found in each of three cases of machine tools from the United States sent today by the ministry of supply and ordnance.

Attached to each case was this typewritten slip:

"Employees of the Jones Machine Tool Works at Cincinnati send this box to employees where this machine is sent."

"The milk is intended for your children and has been sent without the knowledge of the purchasers of these tools or any agent connected with same."

SALEM, May 31.—(AP)—Governor Sprague announced the appointment today of S. J. Reed, Nehalem, to the state fish commission for a four-year term beginning June 1.

Reed, chairman of the Tillamook county republican central committee, will succeed Robert Cronin, a democrat, of Wheeler.

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Soldier and Sailor Dead Honored by Comrades



Before a background of massed colors, the uniformed firing squad from the veterans facility at Roseburg fired a volley over the symbolic grave of the unknown soldier at the Roseburg armory Friday, to open impressive Memorial day services here. The ceremony, arranged and in charge of the Disabled American Veterans, was joined by service organizations, Boy Scouts, fraternal orders and the general public. The Memorial day program was conducted by a committee which included representatives of all service groups.

Nazis Strafe Remnants Of Cretan Army

Asia Minor Triumph Gives Britain Chance to Shape Anew Suez Canal Defense

By the Associated Press

With the envelopment of Crete seemingly complete save for formal British acknowledgment of axis victory, Britain won today her war-within-a-war in Iraq and solidified that middle east front for another defense against the Germans and Italians.

The future of the war, the fate of Suez and Alexandria and Britain's last claims to naval dominance of the eastern Mediterranean probably depend on how well and how fast she can re-shape her lines in Iraq.

British motorized forces pressed into the outskirts of storied Baghdad—today a place of riot. The government of Iraq applied for an armistice after less than a month of vest pocket warfare with the British.

Iraq, rich in oil, probably would have been a battlefield by now, had not the German high command decided the sealane island of Crete had to be taken over first from its Greek and British imperial defenders, for it would be a flank threat to the Nazi "drang nach Osten" (drive to the east).

Pro-Nazi Premier Flees

That decision was tough luck for Rashid Ali Al Gailani, pro-axis Iraq leader who gained power with a coup April 4 and started fighting the British May 2, hoping to elect them from their treaty footholds with axis help.

Rashid Ali called for and got German help—but it was only a trickle of warplanes and technicians.

So Rashid Ali's anti-British cause went begging and now, according to British advices, the premier himself has fled into Iran. It also was reported, without confirmation, that Rashid Ali and his aides took with them—perhaps the better to bargain with—the child king of Iraq, six-year-old Feisal II.

Fleeing Allies Strated

The German high command said the pursuit of British and Greek forces eastward over the mountains and coastal plains of 160-mile long Crete was tightening an axis vise on the last, die-hard defenders of the Greek island.

The Germans were reported about to make junction with Italian forces landed on the eastern end of Crete in the last stages of the invasion. Defenders

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Air Fight Victory Claimed by British

CAIRO, Egypt, May 31.—(AP)—Large forces of British and axis warplanes have clashed over the eastern Mediterranean, the royal airforce reported today.

Two of the axis planes were shot down—one by a free French pilot—the communiqué said, and many others probably failed to reach their bases.

"The enemy immediately took evasive action," it stated, "and retired with all possible speed to their bases."

Only one British plane was lost in all air operations, including raids in the Mediterranean area, Iraq and north and east Africa, the communiqué said.

It reported heavy overnight assaults on the Italian islands of Sarpanto and Rhodes and the Nazi-held airport and beach at Malemi, Crete, but gave no details of any damage.

RAF, free French and south African airforce fliers were said to have pounded remaining Italian nests of resistance in Ethiopia.