

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

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Does the cabinet collapse mean a stronger pro-axis policy or a renunciation of commitments and a revision of the "new order in Asia" program? For the answer, keep your eye on NEWS-REVIEW news.

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NEW NAZI SALIENT SMASHED, SOVIET SAYS

Japanese Cabinet Resigns Suddenly

Action Due To "Confusion" Of Problems

Speculation Divided on More Pro-Axis Policy or Severance of Pledges

TOKYO, July 16.—(AP)—The cabinet of Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye, which put Japan in the axis line-up and bound her in a neutrality accord with soviet Russia, resigned suddenly today.

Its resignation, a palace announcement said, was to strengthen the government's policies in facing the situation at home and the confused problem abroad.

Konoye presented his government's resignation on bloc to the emperor and, as usual in such circumstances, received an imperial command to remain in office until another government is organized.

Foreign Minister Matsuoka, who was influential in involving Japan in the two major pacts which now are keystones of her policy—the axis alignment and soviet neutrality treaty—was among those who went out.

Still ill in bed, Matsuoka was not present at an emergency meeting of the resigned ministers but submitted his resignation to Konoye earlier.

Resignation of Premier Konoye and the entire Japanese cabinet led to speculation that Japan might be planning a more pro-Germany policy—despite her new pact with Moscow—or possibly

Quits Japanese Post in Crisis



Prince Konoye, above, who today resigned as premier of Japan. All members of his cabinet did likewise. The resignation came exactly a year after Prince Konoye was entrusted with the formation of a government which was to deal with grave issues arising from the war in Europe.

Work of WPA In Douglas Is Cited

During the five and one-half years the works progress administration has operated in Douglas county, workmen employed through that agency have laid down over 205 miles of highways, roads and streets within the county, according to a report from the office of E. J. Griffith, state administrator. This figure includes new, reconstructed or improved work. Eight bridges and viaducts were constructed along with 177 new culverts and 17 reconstructed ones. Thirty miles of new ditch and pipe road drainage were put in and more than 65 miles improvement or reconstructed. The WPA made and erected 1,818 traffic signs in the county.

Three public buildings were improved or reconstructed and two recreational buildings were erected and one improved.

The program also resulted in more than four miles of water mains and distribution lines; four miles of storm and sanitary sewers; 91 sewage service connections; 442 sanitary toilets were constructed; more than 250 linear feet of retaining walls and revetments were installed and some 430 square yards of riprap laid.

Days Creek Youth Faces Charge of Wood Theft

David LaChance, 19, Days Creek resident, was under arrest today on a charge of petty larceny, according to Sheriff Cliff Thornton, who said LaChance was accused of selling 18 tiers of wood belonging to Lewis Weaver. LaChance had contracted to cut 50 tiers of wood for Weaver and had taken groceries in payment, the sheriff said. He had an opportunity to sell 18 tiers and, being in pressing need of money made the sale, the officer said he was told by LaChance.

Woman Leaps to Death From Spokane Bridge

SPOKANE, July 16.—(AP)—Officers searched the Spokane river today for the body of a woman tentatively identified as Mrs. Julia B. Marks, who leaped to her death from the Monroe street bridge yesterday. Identification was made through a purse found on the bridge. The purse contained 1 cent. Her death was the second from the bridge in less than a month.

Lightning-Set Fires, Umpqua Area, Halted

Additional Blazes Occur In Other Oregon Regions; Heat Ouster Promised

Twenty-three fires, started on the Umpqua National forest last night by lightning, were reported under control today as emergency organizations were swung into action this morning in preparation for storms anticipated tonight.

The Bohemia and Diamond lake districts were principally affected by last night's electric storm, which followed a day in which the mercury reached 102 degrees at the Roseburg weather bureau station. Twelve fires were set in the Bohemia area, eight in the Diamond lake district, two in the North Umpqua district and one in the South

Fire Hazards Close 16 Forests in Oregon

SALEM, July 16.—(AP)—Acting Governor Dean H. Walker issued a proclamation yesterday closing 16 national and state forests, including the Willamette and Mt. Hood national forests.

The proclamation, he said, was necessary because of fire hazards.

Umpqua district. All fires were spotted and quickly extinguished, according to the report from the local forest service headquarters.

Ray Hampton, fire assistant at the Roseburg office, went into the Diamond lake region this morning with a specially trained, five-man suppression crew, while a similar crew, headed by M. M. Nelson, assistant forester, was dispatched to Bohemia. Extra precautions are being taken because of reports of forest look-outs that additional storms are threatening. It was stated in the forest service report.

A violent storm set scores of lightning fires Tuesday night, sprinkled parched Oregon with a few drops of rain, and held out a promise of cooler weather

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Deferment Miffs Father of Twelve

PITTSBURGH, July 16.—(AP)—Samuel Howard Isenberg, 35, the father of 12 children, was disappointed today over receiving quick deferment from army service because of his long list of dependents.

"It gets a fellow down sometimes when you gotta be around here all the time with all these kids," he said. "I really would have liked some army training—I figured it would give me a little bit of a vacation."

Selective service board members in McKees Rocks stared at him when he turned in his questionnaire. To list all his dependents, he had to attach an extra sheet of paper to it—and write small at that.

"They couldn't believe I had that many children," Isenberg chuckled. "But I finally convinced 'em. After all, I had proof at home."

He said the board reacted like this:

"Wow, you've done your duty. You're excused—deferred." Isenberg, a \$190-a-month railroad employee, got married when he was 16 and his wife, Stella, 15. The oldest of their brood is 18, the youngest 17 months.

Russian Air Force Match For Invaders

Morale High, Nazi Planes Bested, British Advised; Supplies Inexhaustible

LONDON, July 16.—(AP)—An informed source said tonight that the British mission in Moscow had reported the morale of the Russian air force high and its fliers holding their own in the vast struggle with the Luftwaffe.

Soviet pilots have shown no reluctance to tackle the best the nazis can send at them, according to this information, and have attacked fiercely and successfully.

A high British source described the Russian air arm today as a powerful fighting force, very much intact, and said soviet fighter planes had done well.

One Russian request through the British mission, this source said, has been for more fighter planes.

Supplies Inexhaustible

Russian Ambassador Ivan Malsky said today that even if Moscow should fall to the advancing Germans, the soviet union's widely dispersed industries would be able to keep the red army in the field "fully supplied."

"Should Moscow fall, a catastrophe which I do not believe will occur, we will fight on supplied by factories and growing industries hidden in the Urals," Malsky explained.

Although the Leningrad industrial region is threatened by German forces striking through Narva and Pskov, the ambassador declared that area was not vital to soviet war production.

"The British have a song, 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary,'" Malsky observed. "Well, it's a long way to the industries which will maintain the red army against Germany, a long hard way by air or land."

Air observers here said proof of Malsky's words lies in the al-

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Corvallis Gets Cantonment If Funds Allotted

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—The war department announced the selection today of sites for possible new army camps, to be built if the armed forces are expanded to require new training facilities.

The approved sites, for which no funds are now available and for which congressional authority has not been granted, include:

Bastrop, Tex.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Corvallis, Ore.; Marysville, Calif.; Paris, Tex.; West Yellowstone, Mont.; Waco, Tex.; and Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

The army said most of the camps would be planned to accommodate entire divisions or anti-aircraft training centers.

The locations were chosen at this time, the army said, only in order to permit the construction division of the quartermaster corps and other army agencies to perfect building plans if the land forces are enlarged later.

"Every state in the union was given consideration in these selections," the announcement said. "Availability of labor supplies for construction, transportation facilities and similar factors were considered in making the selections. Recreational and training facilities were also taken into consideration."

CORVALLIS GETS OFFERS OF AID FROM OTHER CITIES

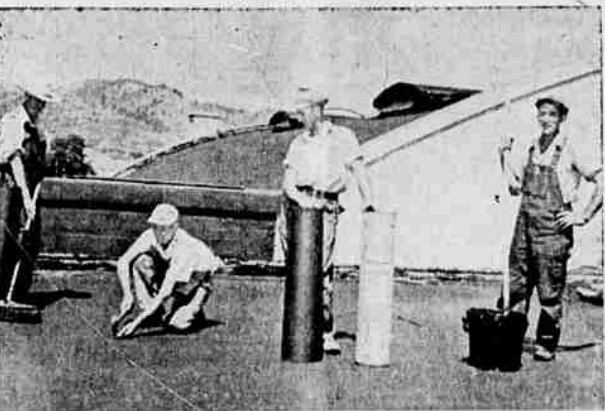
CORVALLIS, July 16.—(AP)—Offers of aid in any necessary developments came to Corvallis officials today from Albany, Eugene, Salem and Portland, as well as other smaller valley communities following word that Corvallis had been chosen by the war department as the site for an army cantonment, if congress gives approval.

The proposed site is located north of Corvallis, running from a point five miles north of here to within about two miles of Monmouth along the west side Pacific highway. It runs westward a distance of about eight miles, making a total area of nearly 10 square miles.

It is generally felt that the cost would run about \$22,000,000. At least one full division and probably more would be quartered there.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



IVAN SWIFT, standing at the left above; Gordon Gerretsen, Bill Guenzil and Bob Craig, all members of the Denn-Gerretsen roofing crew, of which Bob is foreman, which is installing a new top dressing on the army. It's a hot job, with the thermometer hovering one hundred degrees.

"We put on five layers of roofing paper of varying weights," Bob informed me, "with a coating of hot asphalt between each layer. The top paper is of an exceedingly heavy slated material. These roofs are made for heavy duty."

Bob, during the past fifteen years in which he has been in the game, has roofed over three hundred dwellings and business houses in Douglas county. If grouped together, these would constitute a good sized town.

Extension Of Draftee Duty Gaining Favor

Senate Approval Of Plan To Remove 1-Year Limit Considered Certain

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—Extended military service for selectees, national guardsmen and members of the army reserve was reported authoritatively today to be gaining substantial support in the senate, now that President Roosevelt has given it his formal and unqualified backing.

Presidential approval of a war department proposal that the present one-year service limitation be removed was conveyed to congress yesterday by Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war. In a letter to Speaker Rayburn, Patterson also asserted grimly that to demobilize about two-thirds of the army in the next few months "would be to court disaster."

A short time later at his press conference Mr. Roosevelt said the issue of holding the men in service beyond the year for which they were called was squarely up to congress. But he added emphatically that he thought it was a simple choice to make, in times like these, whether the army should be disintegrated or not.

In the senate even some opponents of extension legislation said the administration had sufficient votes to assure its passage.

One opposition strategist, requesting his name not be used, said an informal canvass indicated that if sponsors did not press a proposal—which has, in fact, been shelved—for authority to send troops outside the western hemisphere there was little doubt about enactment of the extension legislation.

Not Faith-Breaking.

President Roosevelt asserted that disintegration of the army was at stake and that congress would not be breaking faith if it let the army keep selectees and guardsmen in service more than a year.

The chief executive said that in the original selective service act there was a proviso that if it were necessary draftees could be retained in service either through a declaration of a national emergency by congress or through an amendment to the law.

Men came in for a year, subject to that provision, Mr. Roosevelt said, and therefore it would

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"Bossy" Stages Blitz on Image In Shiny Auto

MYRTLE CREEK, July 16.—Mrs. Fred Neal is, or rather, was, the possessor of a shiny, new Plymouth car. The car still is new, but no longer shiny.

Mrs. Neal recently drove her car—it was new and shiny then—out to the farm home of her cousin, Mrs. Howard Brownson, for a visit.

After the new vehicle had been admired by members of the family, it was left standing in the yard where it glittered beautifully in the brilliant sunshine. An old cow strolled by. Perhaps she was suffering from indigestion, or perhaps she had listened to a news broadcast instead of the soothing music that it is supposed to cause cows to let their milk down more easily. At any rate, when the cow saw her reflection in that shiny, new car she proceeded to stage a bovine version of the German blitzkrieg.

Attack and counter-attack followed until the surface of the car was so badly damaged that it required considerable work to remove the dents, together with a complete new paint job.

First Band Concert Of Season Dated

The Roseburg Municipal band will open its regular weekly concert season at Library park Thursday night, it was announced today by J. D. (Snap) Gillmore, director. The program this year will follow the practice of the past few seasons in which specialty numbers have been interspersed with the straight band selections. Mr. Gillmore states. The director reports that the band will appreciate requests and attempt to play such numbers whenever possible.

The program for Thursday's program, starting at 8 p. m., is announced as follows:

March, "El Capitan," Sousa
Overture, "Morning, Noon and Night," Von Suppe
Bugle Calls

By Bugler Betty Wilson
March, "Heroes of the Air"

Sweet Waltz, "Forever Blowing Bubbles," Kenbrovin
Popular, "On the Alamo," Jones
Hill Billy numbers: Carl Busch on the accordion; Jack Wallace, violin.

Idyll, "Simplicity," Lee
Waltz, "Naughty Waltz," Levy
Novelty, "Mary Had a Flock of Sheep," Yoder

Musical, Billy Black and Darrel Cordon.

"Mills Favorites in Review"

Popular, "The Band Played On," Ward
Baton Twirling by Shirley Carter.
Popular, "Amapola," Laclele
Finale, "America, the Beautiful," Ward

Quake in Japan Takes Life and Property Toll

TOKYO, July 16.—(AP)—Five persons were killed and many others injured during an earthquake late last night in Nagano prefecture. Thirty houses collapsed and more than 100 others were damaged. After-shocks continued throughout the night.

Commercial Use of Local Airport to Cease During Improvement Work

The Roseburg airport will be closed to commercial use after July 17, while the large-scale improvement program is in progress, according to tentative plans announced today. The lights will be turned off and pilots will be notified through bulletin service that the field is not in condition for general use. Local light planes will be permitted to fly off the field, using a temporary runway on the west portion.

To speed the work of grading the new runway, the WPA is advertising for use of two heavy type graders, which will be able to move large quantities of dirt. It is expected to have the heavy machines in service within the next two weeks.

Excavation has been completed for the culvert along the wa-

Counter Blow Gives Setback To Blitzkrieg

Nazis Assert, However, Gains Continue, Although Kiev Goal Not Attained

(By the Associated Press)
German panzer columns, knife deep into the Stalin line toward Leningrad, were reported today to have "wiped out" soviet army forces at Bjelaja, 37 miles east of Pskov, but the Russians said their red armies had smashed the new salient and hurled the invaders back to the west.

Soviet dispatches from the front said that a fierce Russian counter-offensive was continuing on the central front, west of the Dnepr river, and that the Germans had been driven back even farther than the 19 miles claimed yesterday.

Adolf Hitler's field headquarters again reported briefly that operations in the 25-day-old invasion were "proceeding favorably" and that "in several places desperate soviet counter-attacks were repulsed with bloody losses for the enemy."

Premier Stalin's high command said heavy fighting continued all night in the Polotsk-Vitebsk sector, just north of the strategic Minsk-to-Moscow motor highway. Elsewhere on the 2,000-mile front, the soviet high command declared, "no large scale fighting took place during the night and no significant changes in the position of troops occurred."

Invasion Progress Slow.

This would indicate that the Germans were making little if any progress in their drive toward Kiev, the Ukraine capital. Hitler's headquarters asserted last Saturday that nazis troops were "directly before Kiev," but a German spokesman today acknowledged that it would be "premature" to assume Kiev was in German hands.

German mechanized spearheads deep in the Ukraine were described by the Russians as "in a difficult situation"—apparently cut off from infantry forces unable to break through to their support.

Lacking reports of spectacular

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Elks Name Georgia Judge Grand Exalted Ruler

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—(AP)—Judge John S. McClelland of Atlanta, Ga., was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks yesterday at the order's annual convention.

He succeeds Joseph G. Buch, of Trenton, N. J.

The convention today selected Portland, Ore., as the site for its meeting in 1942.

The convention is on record as planning to heed President Roosevelt's call to buy more defense bonds.

Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Buch said the national order has already purchased \$150,000 worth of the bonds and is planning to buy "tens of thousands more."

terway which bisects the field and installation of forms will start as soon as form lumber is made available. Cement, gravel and iron are being placed in readiness for the concrete work. A crew of about 60 men now is employed and more will be added as needed.

The work calls for the grading of approximately 3500 feet of runway, which will be given a gravel fill and oil macadam surface. The culvert will be 300 feet in length and will be covered over with a fill. Boundary lights will be changed, the hangar will be moved to a new location and a new entrance to the field will be constructed.

Use of the airport by army bombers and observation planes is anticipated following the completion of the improvement program.