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Primary Vote Will Be Thin, Prediction

Oregon's Total May Be About 50 Perct.; Close Senator Races Probable

PORTLAND, May 18—(AP)—Primary election candidates fired the final salvo of their political campaigns today, while political observers forecast a thin vote in tomorrow's primaries.

James W. Gleason, Multnomah county registrar of voters, predicted that only about half the state's 495,909 registered voters—would turn up at the polls. Campaign managers were unagreed, however, as to which candidates would gain by the thin vote.

Interest centered chiefly on the republican primaries, with the write-in for presidential candidate and two closely-contested races for senatorial nominations.

A zero-hour campaign to capture Oregon's 15 convention delegates for Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota continued with direct-mail letters and distribution of leaflets. Advertisements appeared urging voters to write in the name of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Cordon Speaks Tonight

Sen. Rufus C. Holman and his opponent, Wayne L. Morse, wound up a bitter campaign here today. Political circles expected a close race between them, and also between Ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague and Sen. Guy Cordon, candidates for the short senatorial term. Cordon, who has been in the Senate during the last campaign weeks, will deliver a final election speech from Washington, D. C., tonight.

Interest in the democratic primary, where many offices are uncontested, was at a lower ebb. Registered democrats in the state number 229,305; republicans, 260,785.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DISPATCHES from Italy indicate that our job there is to DESTROY THE GERMAN FORCES rather than to advance swiftly. They add that our RESERVES have not yet been committed—indicating that we are making reasonably satisfactory progress.

THE Germans are fighting back stubbornly and skilfully. They still hold bloody Cassino, but we are reported to ne now in position to flank it and British tanks are said to be moving in for what may be the flanking movement.

Cassino is the German bastion that guards the Liri valley route northward to Rome. So far we have taken only 3,000 prisoners, indicating no demoralization as yet among the German defenders.

Unrest and tumult are reported throughout Italy, with half a million Italians fleeing northward toward already-crowded Rome and guerrilla bands operating from one end of the country to the other.

ALLIED air activity from British bases is reported to have been on a GREATLY REDUCED SCALE for the past 60 hours. The dispatches add: "It appears to be a grim pause for more new crushing blows."

When it resumes, it may be the final pounding that will signal the start of invasion. Or it may not be.

We outsiders have no way of knowing.

THE Germans broadcast to the French populace from the Paris radio that all arms must be surrendered by May 20, with death the penalty for failure to comply with the order.

THE Germans strike again at Britain's southern coast with 300 planes. Portsmouth and "four other coastal towns" felt the weight of the raiders' bombs.

The Germans say their bombs

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Air Medal, Leave Given "Bob" Insley

News-Review engraving.

George R. (Bob) Insley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Insley, Happy Valley, pictured above as he received his air medal from Colonel Fred R. Dent, somewhere in England, has completed his combat missions over Europe and is en route home on leave, according to word received by his parents. He has served overseas for the past year as a pilot of a Liberator bomber and recently as squadron leader. He has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain.

The exact number of missions he has completed has not been learned, but he is believed to have participated in more than 40 bombing raids over the continent.

He was cited for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe; the courage, coolness and skill displayed upon these occasions reflecting great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Hints of Illegal Campaign Donations, Strike Issue, Negro Demands for Votes Mark Latest Political Developments

(By the Associated Press)

The recurring issues of organized labor in politics and Negro voting in the south combined today to add some tartness to a 1944 campaign distinguished chiefly so far by the steady accumulation of democratic convention votes for a fourth term for President Roosevelt and a long lead for Governor Dewey of New York, in the republican nomination contest.

In Washington, Representative Smith (D.-Va.) proposed yesterday that the house of representatives investigate campaign expenditures and contributions to political campaigns by individuals, corporations or labor unions.

Such an inquiry, he said, might "open the eyes" of Attorney General Biddle, who recently said he had found no illegal action by the CIO political action committee.

And Representative Shafter (R.-Mich.) introduced legislation to outlaw the organization of foremen's unions, saying it was prompted by a "disgraceful and unwarranted walkout" involving supervisory employes in the Detroit area.

Negroes Denied Delegates

The issue of Negro voting came up pointedly yesterday in South Carolina where the democratic state convention flatly rejected a request that the progressive (Negro) party be allowed eight of the 18-man convention delegation. The progressive party had announced that, if refused, it would contest the seating of the all-white delegation.

In other actions, the South Carolina democrats named an uninstructed delegation; defeated an anti-fourth term candidate for state chairman but recommended that the tenure of a president be limited to two four-year terms.

The Arkansas democratic convention chose 20 uninstructed convention delegates, but adjourned without taking action on changing party rules to permit Negroes to vote in local and state elections.

On the republican side, a nine-man uninstructed delegation was chosen in Vermont, but there was much support reported in it for Dewey.

Today Illinois republicans choose nine delegates-at-large to round out their delegation of 59, District of Columbia republicans choose three in convention and Vermont democrats select six in convention.

Ford Offers Alibi On Wrong War End Forecast

DETROIT, May 18—(AP)—Henry Ford, who said in a copyrighted interview with the Atlanta Constitution on March 19 that he believed the war would be over in two months, said today:

"I had information at that time that led me to believe the war would or could be over within two months. I am sorry, as a lot of other people must be, that it is not over."

He made no further comment.

State Function Retained In G. I. Bill of Rights

WASHINGTON, May 18—(AP)—States will not be deprived of their supervision of educational facilities for veterans under the "G. I. bill of rights" measure, Rep. Angell (R.-Ore) declared.

Angell said that although the bill provided for centralization of federal control in one agency it protectd the rights of the states.

Charges Denied Here by Two Canyonville Men

Pleas of innocent to charges brought in indictments returned Wednesday evening by the Douglas county grand jury were made in circuit court by George J. Mellow, accused of larceny in a dwelling, and Robley Hopkins, charged with malicious and wanton injury to an animal.

Mellow was accused by the grand jury of theft of a pistol from the home of Helen Booth at Alpine lodge near Canyonville, while Hopkins was alleged to have shot and wounded a collie dog belonging to Ermil Briggs of Canyonville.

The two cases will be heard by the circuit court jury at the term beginning Monday, being preceded by one civil action.

Further Release of Food To Civilians Predicted

SEATTLE, May 18—(AP)—The government soon will announce plans to release stock piles of food supplies for civilian consumption, H. Wayne Clark, president of the National Food Brokers' association, predicted here yesterday.

Clark said that he had been assured by War Food administration heads in Washington, D. C., that these stores soon would be turned into civilian channels.

"Only that food will be held for which the government has commitments to the armed forces or lend lease," he said.

WLB Denies Wage Boost In Lumbering

Decision Affects 130,000 Employes in Northwest; Union Reaction Feared

SEATTLE, May 18—(AP)—Wage increases to 130,000 employees of the northwest pine industry and Douglas fir logging, sawmill and plywood industry have been denied by the National War Labor board.

Proposed wage increases, they claimed, would immediately have to be matched by a boost in ceiling prices.

The West Coast Lumber commission some time ago denied the increase and the dispute was handed to the War Labor board.

Seventy-seven cases, involving more than 1,000 establishments in Washington, Oregon and parts of Montana and Idaho were involved in the action.

The Lumber commission yesterday announced the NWLB's decision, reached Tuesday.

Both CIO and AFL labor union leaders here and in Portland expressed grave fears today as to the possible reaction of their memberships to the rejection.

Industry leaders have maintained that, while they have experienced manpower difficulties, the proposed increase would not sufficiently aid in resolving them to warrant a break in the "hold the line" order.

Pay Boost No Solution

Present basic wage in the industry is 90 cents an hour. The AFL petition requested an increase to $1.05 an hour, with corresponding increases for more skilled craftsmen. A bonus of $1 a day was asked for men in continuous employment more than 90 days, as an incentive to remain in the industry.

The CIO asked for a basic wage increase to 95 cents an hour.

In refusing the increase, the commission reported, the board did not deny the existence of a labor problem but indicated there was no conslusive evidence it would be effectively solved by the wage increases. Labor members dissented in the action, which was voted 8 to 4.

The employees were represented by the northwest council,

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Fire Destroys Only Food Store at Powers

POWERS, Ore., May 18—(AP)—Powers was left without food supplies as fire of undetermined origin razed the town's only grocery store early this morning.

Volunteers, aided by chemical equipment rushed from Myrtle Point, kept flames from spreading to nearby buildings. The fire broke out in a meathouse back of the two-story structure.

Emergency food trucks may be called into service to provide groceries for the area.

Air Hero Retired Because Only 16

Grounded and facing retirement from the U. S. air force since the army found out he is only 16 years old, Sgt. De Sales A. Glover of Pittsburgh, Pa., sits on a bomb at an English base and ponders his fate. Enlisting at 14, he has served as waist gunner and holds the Air Medal.

Mrs. Ethel Bailey Heads Rebekahs of Oregon

PORTLAND, May 18—(AP)—The 58th annual Oregon Rebekah assembly, which elected Mrs. Ethel Bailey, Roseburg, president, yesterday, will close today with installation of officers.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Marion Wilson, Bandon, vice president; Mrs. S. Comstock, Baker, warden; Mrs. Louise Smith, Baker, secretary; Mrs. Ida Knight, Canby, treasurer; Mrs. Bertha McCullem, Portland, retiring president, representative.

Wholesale Prices For Potatoes, Onions Fixed

PORTLAND, May 18—(AP)—Charges which wholesalers may make on potatoes and onions were announced here today by the district OPA.

Both primary and secondary wholesalers may add to the base price 30 cents a hundredweight of potatoes, and 20 cents for a 50-pound sack of onions.

Child Toddles Into Open Cesspool and Drowns

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 18—(AP)—Toddling from the back porch into an open cesspool, Allen Gumaer, 2, drowned here yesterday. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gumaer. His mother said he was alone for about 20 minutes on the porch.

North Burma Base of Japs Under Siege

Airdrome at Myitkyina Also Taken; Foe Dealt Repulse in Honan Area

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 18—(AP)—In a surprise attack climaxing a spectacular forced march over rugged terrain, American and Chinese forces yesterday captured the Myitkyina airdrome and now are besieging Myitkyina city, major Japanese base in northern Burma, allied headquarters announced today.

Capture of Myitkyina is essential to the success of Lt. Gen. Stilwell's drive to link the new Ledo highway with the old Burma road, thus opening a direct overland supply route into China. It appeared likely that Myitkyina would fall into his hands before the coming monsoon season bogs down major operations.

Brig. Gen Merrill's jungle-wise American Marauders played an important role in the capture of Myitkyina airdrome, a feat which probably will take its place in history as an epic of the war in the Asiatic theater.

The airfield was taken in good condition, enabling gliders and transoprt planes to land there almost immediately with American engineers and Chinese reinforcements.

Mogaung, the enemy's other principal base in northern Burma, situated about 40 miles west and slightly south of Myitkyina, is menaced by a second Stilwell column moving down from the north along the Mogaung valley.

Battle front dispatches yesterday said the Japanese were in a tough spot in northern Burma and prospects were bright for reoccupation of the whole area.

Japs Give Ground In Honan

Far to the northeast in Honan province, Chinese field dispatches said a Japanese spearhead thrusting westward from Loyang below the Lunghai railroad had been halted, and then forced to give ground.

Fighting in the besieged city of Loyang itself was said to have been extended beyond the outskirts, indicating the Chinese were pushing out some of the invaders who broke into the stronghold.

Chinese advances in the offensive west of the Salween river,

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Triplets Born to Salem Couple Doing Well

SALEM, Ore., May 18—(AP)—Triplets—two boys and a girl—were born here yesterday to Mrs. William F. Thompsan of Marquam.

Dr. Charles D. Wood, who delivered the babies, said all are doing well. They weighed 4½ pounds to 5 pounds 12 ounces. The father, who works in the Oregon shipyards in Portland, took a few hours off.

Gustav Line Demolished by Allies, Now Smashing Hitler Line Blocking Route to Rome

(By the Associated Press)

Cassino and Formia, two German strongpoints in central Italy, were captured today by allied troops who were storming steadily ahead toward Rome on a violently erupting 25-mile front.

British troops captured Cassino, where the nazis had repulsed allied attacks for five bloody months. They had virtually encircled the city in conjunction with a Polish corps which stormed hill 593, northern anchor of the Adolf Hitler and the Gustav lines. The British had cut the Via Casilina two miles beyond the city on the way to Rome.

Formia, southern anchor of the Hitler line, fell to American troops in a five-mile advance. Both Cassino and Formia are 72 airline miles from Rome and around 40 miles from the southern edge of the Anzio beachhead, where the enemy said allied troops were attacking. Cruisers pumped 3,000 shells into the Formia area before the doughboys stormed in.

The old Benedictine monastery on a mountain towering above Cassino was captured by the Poles but it was only a ruin. The Germans had turned it into a fortress. A substantial part of the first German parachute division, the dogged Green Devils of the Cassino garrison, were wiped out in the considerable victory, allied headquarters in Naples announced.

"The Gustav line has now ceased to exist, the communique said.

French in the center captured Esperia—a strongpoint of the Hitler defenses which were breached at many points. The mountain fastness is 70 miles from Rome and 48 from the Anzio beachhead.

Another 1,500 nazis surrendered, making the total 20,000 for the entire Italian campaign. The Anzio beachhead was quiet but the Germans said allied artillary fire was intense.

Overhead, 2,500 planes sortied against the foe, pouring a hellish curtain of bombs and bullets and fire into his battle positions. Four ports were bombed in operations costing 15 planes.

With air power to spare, U. S. bombers ranged across the Adriatis from Italy and bombed Ploesti in Romania and Belgrade and Nis in Yugoslavia. All are rail centers. Ploesti is the center of Romanian oil refining.

Hitler Line Strong

Prisoners revealed that the Hitler line had been under construction for the last three months by the Todt organizations, builders

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Mistrial Motions In Sedition Case Studied by Court

WASHINGTON, May 18—(AP)—In an atmosphere of dead calm that contrasted sharply with yesterday's tumultuous session, presiding Justice Eicher injected an element of suspense into the mass sedition conspiracy trial today by reserving decision on two motions for a mistrial after promptly denying numerous others.

One after another defense attorney had put motions to the court, criticizing the opening statement of Chief Prosecutor O. John Rogge as highly inflamatory and designed to "poison the minds of the jurors."

As rapidly as they were voiced, however, Eicher ruled them down until P. Bateman Ennis, court-appointed counsel for Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, moved for a mistrial in behalf of his client. Kunze, national leader of the German-American bund after 1939, is under prison sentences of 15 years and five years respectively, for violation of the espionage act and for counseling evasion of the selective service act.

A short time later, Justice Eicher also reserved decision on a similar motion by William A. Gallagher, attorney for Herman M. Schwinn and Hans Diebel, both of Los Angeles.

Enis, emphasizing that he had no part in yesterday's tumultuous session, offered a general apology for what he said resembled a "Bowery barroom brawl."

He said the "chaotic condition" in the court room prevented Kunze from receiving a fair and impartial trial, and called Justice Eicher's failure to exclude witnesses from the courtroom an "abuse of discretion" and "reversible error."

Strike's End Puts 52,000 Back on Job

DETROIT, May 18—(AP)—Michigan's major labor dispute appeared settled at least temporarily today as the first of 52,000 war production workers made idle by a strike of 3,300 foremen began receiving calls to return to their jobs.

How soon the long assembly lines at 13 affected plants would be moving at full speed remained in doubt, but preparations were being made for an early resumption of production of aircraft parts and other war materials which top army and navy officials have termed vital to maintenance of schedules on the fighting fronts.

The decision to end the three-week strike was reached last night at six separate meetings of the Foremen's association of America, with which the striking foremen are affiliated. The action was taken on instructions from Robert H. Keys, national president of the independent union, after a hearing in Washington.

Assault Guilt Admitted By Austin Pendergrass

Austin Pendergrass, recently arrested on a charge of assault and battery filed by his wife, Violet Pendergrass, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a district attorney's information filed in the circuit court. Imposition of sentence was postponed.

Trucker Admits Polygamy Guilt In Local Court

Charles H. Wyatt, 24, 8808 N. E. Halsey St., Portland, pleaded guilty in circuit court at Roseburg today to a charge of polygamy. Wyatt, driver of a freight truck on a regular run between Portland and Roseburg, maintained his legal wife and two small children in a home at Portland, while living at Wilbur with Marie Butler, whom he introduced as his wife and to whom a son was born last January, District Attorney J. V. Long told the court.

Wyatt, the district attorney stated, recently took a vacation from his regular employment, spending one of the two weeks' absence from work with each of the two women.

Wyatt, after pleading guilty to indictment returned by the grand jury, requested only that he be given an opportunity to enter military service rather than serve a penitentiary sentence.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly postponed imposition of sentence until determination is made as to whether the defendant has any previous criminal record.

Fair Grounds Proposal Backed by Eagles Lodge

Unanimous support for the fair grounds proposal, appearing on the Douglas county primary election ballot Friday, was voted by the Roseburg aerie of Eagles lodge at its regular meeting Tuesday night. The lodge has been active in endorsement of the project, and participated with two entries in the parade last week.

Levity Feet Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

No matter if Douglas county tomorrow experiences a blizzard, hail storm, cloudburst, cyclone, tornado or mid-summer heat—make it F-A-I-R weather so far as your vote is concerned. Opposite No. 300 on your ballot mark X Yes for recre-AYE-tion without federal aid.

Strength of Germans' Western Defense Wall Revealed by Photos During Attacks

LONDON, May 18—(AP)—Photographed bit by bit during the steady allied aerial hammering of the invasion coast, the German west wall has been found to be a series of strong points embedded in concrete in a maze of minefields and barbed wire.

The reconnaissance photographs, showing the enemy fortifications gun-by-gun and mile-by-mile, now have been assembled into a giant map against the forthcoming day of invasion, an attack that the controlled Vichy radio asserted last night may be expected "any moment now."

The map, which provides Gen. Eisenhower and his command details on the potential battlefields, shows defense installations in camouflaged concrete clusters in staggered lines back from the mined European coast.

The defense clusters all hide big guns. From some protrude long barrels of hugh sunken batteries. From others rocket guns are set to fire toward the channel.

Relying heavily upon camouflage, the Germans have placed virtually all the defense system underground and have used canvas extensively in an attempt to keep completed installations away from the prying eyes of allied airmen. But the photographic eyes of allied air forces have kept track of the digging step by step.

While bombers and other allied aircraft drummed these installations as high priority targets in weeks of night and day attacks, other reconnaissance planes, each equipped with three to six cameras capable of shooting 180 pictures apiece, have been uncovering the secrets of the west wall.

STIMSON WARNS OF NAZI PROPAGANDA AS TO D-DAY

WASHINGTON, May 18—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson warned the public today that current nazi propaganda on the forthcoming invasion of Europe is designed only to confuse the allied peoples in the hope of impeding military operations.

The secretary called attention particularly to the setting of invasion dates by the enemy, so that when the dates passed without action the enemy could claim the allies did not dare attempt the invasion.

"The day will come, but it will not be the one which the nazis have selected," he added, asking that the public "remain cool and patient during this trying period of waiting for D-day."

His statement said in part:

"The primary concern of the American people at present is the success of our forthcoming military operations, and especially of the great operation in Europe which is now being organized. During this period of preparation we cannot risk the disclosure of our plans or actions to the enemy, and accordingly must observe secrecy as to what we are doing at a time when public interest is intense. * * *

"When the moment for telling of the news arrives, we shall try to tell it speedily and adequately. In the meantime, the American press, radio and public may well be wary of spurious stories told by the enemy to try to create confusion in the minds of our people. * * *."