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2 Senate Contests Hold Spotlight In Oregon's Primary

Sen. Holman, Morse Fire Final Salvos

GOP Choice Between Stassen, Dewey Will Be Expressed via Write-In

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—Oregon nominated candidates for two U. S. Senate seats and recorded presidential preferences today in a primary commanding national attention chiefly because of the fight involving Senator Rufus C. Holman.

The contest in which Holman faced Wayne Morse, former public member of the War Labor board and Oregon Law school dean, wound up in new charges—by Holman that Morse was an inexperienced professor back by big money; by Morse that Holman was a dangerous isolationist and incompetent.

In campaign speeches, Holman, 66, assailed Morse, 43, as a new comer—Morse having come here from Wisconsin 12 years ago. Holman spoke of a Morse "slush fund" and replied to Morse's assertion that Holman was an isolationist: "I am an isolationist if that means putting this country first."

Without mentioning Holman by name, Morse said in his final statement:

"We must have no taint of isolationism in the senate now." He said senators who voted against pre-Pearl Harbor military defense measures "sold our country short and let our soldier boys down."

Dewey vs. Stassen
The presidential preference balloting offered:

1. Another test of strength between Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Lt. Commander Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, Oregon's 15 republican national convention delegates will be pledged to the one receiving the most votes.

2. An opportunity for Oregon democrats to write in the name of Vice President Henry A. Wallace—or another—as their choice

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the Western world as this is written, the shooting is pretty largely concentrated in Italy. Elsewhere there is a jittery lull while allies and Germans alike await the striking of the momentous first blows that will touch off the greatest battle since the world began.

IN Italy, the Gustav line appears to have been smashed including its stubborn Cassino bastion. With Cassino out of the way, the Liri valley, which is the road to Rome, is left RELATIVELY open.

(Note the word "relatively." There will be plenty more hard fighting before Rome is reached. The Germans in southern Italy are fighting like cornered wolves.)

DISPATCHES from the front lines assert: "The allied commanders appear to have won the chance at which they aimed—DESTRUCTION of the German forces in Italy."

THE air war, after raging thunderously for a month, is strangely quiet—on both sides; the Germans didn't even attempt another night foray against our massing invasion forces in the south of Britain.

Experience tells us that such a hush is apt to precede a storm.

THE Paris radio (German) says: "We are about to witness the

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Local Balloting Brisk, but Light Farm Vote Looms

Douglas county voters were participating today in Oregon's primary election, voting being fairly brisk at city precincts during the morning hours. Observers predicted a heavier percentage of votes in the towns, as compared with strictly rural districts because of good weather. Farmers are reported to be behind with their seasonal work because of continued rain, and it was expected many would remain at home to do badly needed work instead of taking time to go to the polls.

Local interest centered principally in the two republican senatorial nomination contests and in the fair grounds proposal appearing on the special county ballot.

Election returns will be furnished tonight by the combined facilities of the News-Review and its radio station, KRNR.

First returns are expected soon after the closing of polls at 8 p. m., as a light vote is anticipated and precincts with counting boards are expected to be able to complete their tallies within a short time.

The radio station will remain on the air until election trends are fully established, broadcasting county returns as tabulated by the News-Review and summarizing state-wide reports from the News-Review's Associated Press wire.

Germans Slay 47 RAF Officers for Break From Camp

LONDON, May 19.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Eden disclosed today 47 RAF officers had been shot by Germans after a mass escape from a war prison camp near Dresden on March 25.

Seventy-six officers participated in the break, Eden told the house of commons. Fifteen were reported captured alive, and 14 still at large.

Some were shot resisting arrest and some in the course of a new escape attempt after they were captured, Eden said.

It was the first such episode of the war.

"The government is profoundly shocked by this news and I have urgently requested the protecting power (Switzerland, through which notification of the deaths came to the relatives and the air ministry) to demand from the German government a full and immediate report of the circumstances in which these men met their deaths, and an explanation of its failure to report the facts at once to the protecting power," Eden said.

International law sanctions shooting in attempts to halt escapes, but provides that after recapture, if there is no resistance, the most severe penalty can only be imprisonment.

By today at least 11 families had been notified by the Swiss government of fliers' deaths. The first reports last night had listed 17, including Squadron Leader Ian Cross, 26, who won the distinguished flying cross for his role in the battle of Britain and who was rescued by the Germans from the North sea after bombing the battleship Scharnhorst. Another man shot was Flight Lt. R. C. Stewart, who bailed out of a bomber over Essen and crashed through a rooftop, but was unhurt.

Child Expires of Burns Suffered at Fireplace

PORTLAND, May 19.—(AP)—Susan Marie Ball, four-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wendall Ball of Tillamook, died at a hospital here yesterday. The child was severely burned last week when her clothing caught fire from a open fireplace in front of which she was sitting.

Labor Front Of U. S. Still In Muddle

Idle Thousands Include Seattle Mill Workers; Federal Action Urged

(By the Associated Press)
More than a dozen labor disputes in widely scattered sections of the country continued today, keeping an estimated 15,000 workers away from their jobs, as added support for enactment of "work or fight" legislation came from three high ranking government officials.

Controversies at some plants reached the stage whereby employees immediately returned to work, others were to resume their jobs Monday, while new disputes halted operations at other industries when workers walked out.

In Michigan, where disputes in Detroit and other cities had slowed production in war plants, operations were returning to normal. A threatened general strike of 45,000 members of Detroit locals of the AFL teamsters union was averted yesterday, following the end of the strike of the Independent Foreman's association of America on Wednesday.

There were 1,400 idle at the Buick motor division aluminum foundry in Flint, Mich., after a strike of 24 metal pourers.

In Birmingham, two separate disputes caused 2,200 employees to leave their jobs. About 1,200 workers of the Pullman Standard Car Mfg. Co. walked out, virtually stopping production of freight cars at the Bessemer plant, while approximately 1,000 miners walked out of four Birmingham mines.

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Lumber Workers Defiant

At least 700 of Seattle's 3,000 sawmill workers walked off their jobs today protesting the National War labor board's denial of wage increases to the 130,000 employees of the Pacific Northwest Pine and Douglas fir industries. It was announced by John M. Christensen, president of the northwest council of Lumber & Sawmill Workers (AFL).

Christensen said he pleaded in vain at a mass meeting last night that the men remain on the job in the industry which has been classified as a critical war production. "They just told me to go places," he added. "They said that was just the old mullarky I've been giving them for the past 16 months."

He said he had been assured for more than a year, by various federal agencies, that the requests for an increase from 90 cents to \$1.05 in minimum pay would be

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Dental Fee From Men In War Illegal, Ruling

SALEM, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—The state board of dental examiners has been acting illegally in trying to force Oregon dentists now in the armed forces to continue payment of their annual state fees, Attorney General Neuner ruled today for the board.

Neuner pointed out that the 1943 legislature passed a law exempting men from such fees.

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Berlin Pasted Anew by U. S. Air Armada

Brunswick Area Also in Targets; Nazis Report Planes in Big Battle

LONDON, May 19.—(AP)—American Fortresses and Liberators and fighter escorts, probably numbering up to 1,500 planes, resumed the allied aerial offensive after a five-day lapse today and struck at targets in the Berlin and Brunswick areas.

The attack, coming less than 24 hours after Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of U. S. army air forces, had declared Germany had not yet seen the full weight of allied air power, precipitated a running air battle right across Germany to the sky over the German capital, a German broadcast indicated.

The ensuing bombardment—the U. S. air force's 10th attack on the Nazi hub and the third on the capital this month—was so heavy that it disrupted German news broadcasts.

France, Belgium Also Hit
While the American "heavies" were smashing at Berlin and Brunswick, other formations attacked unspecified objectives in northern France this morning.

As the armada swept across Europe the Vichy radio said another air assault on northern France and Belgium—a likely resumption of the attack on the enemy's anti-invasion railroads and airfields—was under way.

The Germans said heavy air battles were being fought as the

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Japs' East Indies Base Raided, Isle Of Wakde Invaded

(By the Associated Press)
Allied bombers this week smashed twice at the powerful former Dutch naval base at Soerabaja in the Netherlands East Indies, Tokyo radio reported today, simultaneously with a land offensive that brought the Wakde area of Dutch New Guinea under allied control.

If true, this is the heaviest raid carried out on the great naval base since the Japanese captured it two years ago. Soerabaja, on the Isle of Java, lies 1900 miles southwest of Wakde. It has been periodically bombed by small forces of bombers from northern Australia.

American Sixth army troops hopped more than 100 miles up the Dutch New Guinea coast from Hollandia for a speedy amphibious conquest of the Wakde area, site of an important air base from which General MacArthur's forces might speed the clean-up of New Guinea and bring the Palau and Philippine islands under air assault.

Latest reports indicated the Americans had pinned the last Japanese defenders of Wakde against the edge of the 4,700-foot coral airstrip and were wiping out determined enemy mortar gun crews.

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Burma Blows Taking Heavy Toll of Japs

Outskirts of Myitkyina, Foo's Base, Penetrated; Loyang Still Holds Out

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 19.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's jungle-fighting American and Chinese infantry, with airborne reinforcements, have penetrated the outskirts of Myitkyina after capturing the town's airdrome, it was announced today.

The airdrome was seized two days ago in a surprise attack. It lies two miles south of the town. While troops poured in to the field by air from other elements of Lt. Gen. Stilwell's forces, another Merrill column occupied the village of Nawraw Sakan and threw a block across the Mogaung-Myitkyina road.

An official announcement said other troops were thrusting toward Myitkyina from the north. Meanwhile on the India side of the Indo-Burma warfare, an Indian army brigade in a sudden slashing attack by circuitous march through the jungle threw a road block across the Tiddim road south of Imphal to the south of the enemy's main position, allied headquarters announced.

This march through the rough eastern flank cut off the Japanese 33rd division which had been attacking Imphal from the south. Jap Casualties Heavy

The communiques said many casualties were inflicted by the Gurkhas making up the brigade which repulsed Japanese counterattacks, and much equipment was captured.

North of Imphal, at the one enemy roadblock remaining between that base and Kohima, allied troops repulsed a series of night attacks, it was stated.

Japanese storming against an allied roadblock by Chinlits 150 miles southwest of Myitkyina were engaged in a bitter 11-hour battle. The enemy suffered heavy losses, including a regimental colonel.

The Japanese also were engaged in struggles along the Myitkyina-Bhamo road where in one instance Gurkhas withdrew from a closing pincers and watched two enemy parties fight each other.

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RHS Students Buy \$800 Worth of War Bonds

Roseburg high school students bought approximately \$800 worth of war bonds and stamps at an auction held Tuesday. The sale was conducted to represent student participation in the Fifth War Loan campaign, which will not open officially until June, which will be after the close of school.

Harold Marr served as auctioneer.

In response to a request by Mr. Homer Grow, chairman of school activities for the forthcoming drive, a number of students registered to serve as salesmen of bonds and stamps during the summer months.

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Three Roseburg I. O. O. F. Members Named Heads of Grand Lodge Departments



Ralph L. Russell

Roseburg Odd Fellows were elected heads of three departments at grand lodge sessions held in Portland this week.

The I. O. O. F. grand lodge Thursday elected Ralph L. Russell, Roseburg, as grand master. Mrs. Ethel Bailey was chosen president of the Oregon Rebekah Assembly and Mrs. Viola Spencer was named president of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Millant.

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Other Officers Named

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Elected as trustees of the Odd Fellows home here are E. M. Bowman, Hillsboro; A. W. Foster, Portland, and Marion Curry, Salem. Ralph Osbold, Portland, became trustee of the grand lodge.

Ray W. Comstock, Baker, retiring grand master, and Grant Murphy, Salem, were elected representatives to the sovereign grand lodge.

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Plane Crashes Into Reservoir; Pilot Missing

POCATELLO, Idaho, May 19.—(AP)—A fighter plane piloted by Lt. Ben F. Fish of Chicago crashed into the American Falls reservoir, west of Pocatello, yesterday. Pocatello air base headquarters listed him as missing. Salvage crews went to work immediately but only parts of the plane were recovered.



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Hotel to Adjust Exits to Abolish Reported Hazard

Fire Chief Glen H. Taylor, to whom the city council at its Monday meeting referred a complaint concerning reported locked doors at night at the Valley hotel, reported today that minor adjustments are expected to be made immediately to correct the situation. Through the office of the state fire marshal, to which the matter was referred by the fire chief for an opinion, it was stated that regulations could be met by installation of night locks which could be opened from the inside without a key or complicated operation.

"Our investigation revealed that there are ample routes of escape from the hotel in case of fire, the chief objection to the present situation being that the two main entrances, with which transient patrons would be familiar, are barred at night by wire screens which enclose the Greyhound office," Chief Taylor said. "The south and east entrances are available at all times to patrons and are sufficient, with only minor changes, to comply with state law. But the transient guest might not be familiar with these escape outlets and, consequently, it is our recommendation that so-called 'panic' locks be installed on all doors accessible to patrons as suggested by the state fire marshal.

"We anticipate compliance with these suggestions in the immediate future, as we have found the management cooperative in all previous recommendations concerning eliminations of fire hazards."

Nazis Suffer Heavy Losses In Equipment

Foe Fires Gaeta Ahead Of Retreat Following Attack by Allied Fleet

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 19.—(AP)—French troops and U. S. tanks broke into the Hitler line at its very center today in a smash toward Sant' Oliva, a front dispatch declared, as the allies hammered all along the front at this new mountain wall manned by the Germans after "a disorderly retreat."

Sant' Oliva—only four miles from Pico on the lone road supplying the Nazi front—is at the tip of a pie-shaped wedge driven into the mountains between Poncorvo and French-captured Esperia.

A headquarters officer declared the Germans had made "a disorderly retreat instead of a mere withdrawal" between the Liri valley and the sea when they fell back from their smashed Gustav defenses to the Hitler line under combined American and French blows.

The Nazis suffered high losses in equipment, and their artillery strength particularly has diminished, he asserted.

Even as the French supported by American tanks threatened Sant' Oliva, U. S. troops struck close to the key Apulian way junction of Itri, menacing the German supply road from the coastal end. British and Polish troops were pushing westward from their victory at Cassino on the northern flank.

Nazi Collapse Imminent

It appeared likely that any breakthrough in the south to the outskirts of Itri would compel the Germans to pull out of the entire southwestern end of the Hitler line and swing their front into the mountain range running southwestward from Poncorvo through Fondi to Terracina on the coast.

But such a line would be vulnerable to flank attack from the Anzio beachhead, where strong Fifth army forces are massed though quiet. It is believed the enemy has not had time to prepare fortifications on the Pontecorvo front.

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Members Boost Roseburg C. of C. Dues Voluntarily

First returns from the efforts of the Roseburg chamber of commerce to secure voluntary increases in membership dues has resulted in an exceptionally pleasing response, Harold J. Hickerson, secretary, reported today.

Twenty-four firms and individuals, responding to an appeal by mail, increased combined dues from a total of \$818 per year to \$1,854 annually, Hickerson stated.

Members included in the list announced by the secretary included Earl Wiley, H. T. Carstens, Morgan Lawson, Jack Farless, Horace Berg, J. C. Penney Co., Umpqua Dairy Products, W. C. Holmes, Dr. E. E. Bowing, Radio Station KRNR, Roseburg Lumber company, Charles Emery, W. J. Mess, Lockwood Motors, Umpqua Hotel, Carr's Variety Store, News-Review, Rose Hotel, Vernon M. Orr, Hansen Motor company, Bob Franks, Board and Briggs, Dr. B. R. Shoemaker and Thomas C. Hartfield.

In the event other members will follow the same pattern as the 24 who have more than doubled their annual payments, the chamber of commerce will have the funds with which to carry out the extensive program that has been outlined, Hickerson stated.

He also announces three new memberships which include The Beehive, stationery stand operated by Tommy Atkins; H. C. Kelly, real estate agency, Oakland, and J. A. Bishop, contractor, located on the Pacific highway north of Roseburg.

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