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MAULED GERMANS REEL BACK TO THIRD DEFENSE WALL

Allies Smash Hitler Line's Strongholds

Great Stores of Booty Enveloped, More Than 5,500 Prisoners Taken

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 20.—(AP)—Allied troops have seized a string of the strongest fortifications in the Hitler line and in vigorous advances are driving the nazis back along the entire lower half of the Italian front to yet a third defense wall, it was announced today.

Headquarters declared the Germans now were "being forced back upon the switch line" running southwest from Pico in the center to Terracina on the coast—a pullback that would make a wide swing of the southern nazi front to the southwest from Pico as a hinge.

(The German high command announced the loss of Campodimele near the center, 41 miles south and slightly west of Pico, and within a few miles of the "switch line" itself.)

Assaulting the sagging Hitler line, Americans on the south won Itri and Gaeta, the French punched deeper in the middle, and the Eighth army on the northern flank shook the Hitler line even in the Liri valley by putting under shattering attack the town of Aquino and the mountain stronghold of Pontecorvo—already in effect outflanked by the French.

Huge stores of booty were enveloped by the allies, and more than 5,500 nazis have been captured in this offensive, which is smashing ever closer to the Fifth army forces on the Anzio beachhead.

Terracina on the coastal end of the switch line is 20 miles west of Formia, which had been the southern anchor of the Hitler line.

The Americans captured both the vital road junction of Itri on

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GREAT news comes from Burma.

In a surprise attack after a spectacular forced march over rugged country, Stilwell's Chinese-American forces CAPTURE MYITKYINA AIRDROME and are now BESIEGING Myitkyina city itself.

A dispatch from southeast Asia headquarters adds: "It appears likely that Myitkyina will fall into Stilwell's hands before the coming monsoon bogs down major operations."

THE Myitkyina airdrome was taken in GOOD CONDITION, enabling our gliders and transport planes to land ALMOST IMMEDIATELY with American engineers and Chinese reinforcements.

General Merrill's AMERICAN Marauders (carefully trained in this country and sent to India under such extreme secrecy that no one was allowed off ship at any port) played an important part in the capture of the Myitkyina field.

WAR SECRETARY STIMSON tells his press conference: "There is now at least the possibility of linking the Ledo and Burma roads to open a new avenue of supply and military aid to China."

IT'S high time. The Japs are out to destroy China before we can get effective help to her. If we lose our China toehold, the job of defeating Japan will be made tragically harder and longer.

IN Italy, CASSINO FALLS TO US. We by-passed it and scooped.

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Fair Grounds Proposal Wins, 2 to 1

Allied Smash in Italy Nets Many Prisoners



German prisoners of war, some wounded, pass truckloads of other captured Germans in the Castelforte area, Italy, during the fierce battle for the town. Large numbers of nazis troops were killed in the final clash that broke through Cassino and the Gustav line; more than 1500 taken prisoner. Photo by Acme-NEA Photographer Charles Seawood for War Picture Pool, radioed from Algiers.

Recreation Plans Call for \$1,600 to Qualify for Grant

Sponsors of the community recreational program being set up jointly by the Roseburg school district, city and chamber of commerce report that approximately \$1,600 will be required in the form of individual contributions to qualify for a federal grant of about \$9,000, Harold J. Hickerson, chamber of commerce secretary, said today.

Portland officials of the War Public Services, organized to assist with recreational programs in communities which have experienced abnormal growth thru influx of essential war workers, have informed the chamber that with a recreational program budget of approximately \$12,000, as outlined for Roseburg, application should be made for a federal grant of 75 per cent of that amount.

The Roseburg budget committee has recommended 1,400 for the fund and an additional \$1,600 will be needed from other sources to raise the community's share. Several individuals already have signified their willingness to contribute toward this program, Hickerson stated. Any interested persons desiring further information are invited to contact the chamber of commerce office.

Accidents in Oregon Claim Three Lives

(By the Associated Press)

Traffic mishaps in Oregon claimed two lives and a logging accident another, coroners' records showed today.

Four-year-old Donald W. Houghan, Portland, was killed by a milk truck late Friday. Deputy Sheriff Dan Stephenson said the boy hung on to the rear of the vehicle while it backed up 50 feet before falling off under a rear wheel.

John William Hatcher, 40, Sweet Home, died of injuries suffered Thursday night when his logging truck struck a truck trailer on the South Santiam highway near Foster.

A falling tree killed Frederick Guldenzopf, 38, in the Fish creek logging area above Estacada.

Proposal to Join PUD Turned Down By Lower Umpqua

Reedsport, Gardiner and Winchester Bay rejected a proposal to join the Central Lincoln county Public Utility district by a vote of more than two to one, Fred M. Wright, editor of the Port Umpqua Courier, who has waged a vigorous and apparently successful fight against the proposal, reported to the News-Review today.

Smith river area, also voting on the proposal, was reported to have favored inclusion. Unofficial tabulation of the vote was lacking, as it was necessary to divide some regular precincts causing complications in compiling exact totals.

The area is buying power at the present time from the Lincoln county PUD, but opponents to the inclusion propose setting up a separate district for western Douglas county rather than uniting with the Central Lincoln county unit, Editor Wright said.

Burglary at Grand Hotel Charged to Prisoner

A complaint charging burglary has been filed against William Bitzer, Roseburg, now under arrest at San Francisco, Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported today. A hold warrant has been furnished the San Francisco authorities and Bitzer, reportedly arrested in the California city on a misdemeanor charge, is to be held for extradition, Morgan stated.

The complaint charges Bitzer with entering a room at the Grand hotel and stealing checks, money and personal property, Morgan reports.

Perishables' Exemption From Price Rule Sought

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—A proposal to exempt perishable fruits and vegetables from price controls is contained in legislation being drafted by Rep. Landis (R-Ind.) chairman of the republican food study committee's fresh fruits and vegetables branch.

Landis said grapes, berries, cherries, peaches, pears, plums, apricots, melons, lettuce and tomatoes would be mentioned specifically.

Labor Situation Eased, but 24,450 Still on Strike

(By the Associated Press)

The nation's wartime industrial production remained on a somewhat uneven level today as thousands of workers in numerous lines of endeavor continued to stay away from their jobs as governmental agencies sought to settle the diverse labor controversies.

However, the picture on the labor front appeared brighter as hundreds of workers, obeying War Labor board directives, resumed their tasks and settlement of some of the disputes were reported imminent.

An estimated 24,450 employees were still out. The disputes affected 17 industries from the eastern seaboard to the Pacific coast. In Detroit meetings were planned, on order of the WLB, between the Chrysler corporation and officials of the CIO United Automobile Workers' union, to seek return to work of about 10,000 employees who left their jobs five days ago.

The settlement of the Chrysler labor controversy would bring to a virtual end the recent numerous walkouts in Michigan war industries.

Lumber mills were closed at Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., after a walkout and Kenneth Gordon, district business agent of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union, said at Tacoma the union's 4,000 members in the district might remain away from their jobs. The workers are protesting a recent WLB denial of wage increases.

The labor troubles affected coal miners in Birmingham, La., and Trinidad, Colo., and the first work stoppage in the Butte, Mont., mines in 10 years was reported yesterday when 200 miners walked out at Anaconda's St. Lawrence copper workings.

Train Hits Farm Truck; 4 Sent to Hospital

EUGENE, Ore., May 20.—(AP)—Four Creswell and Saginaw residents were in a hospital here today after their farm truck was struck by a southbound freight train.

They were Lyle Gordon, driver of the truck; his wife, Lucille; his sister, Mrs. Goldie O'Neill; and his father, Charles A. Gordon.

Jap-Held Base At Soerabaja Hammered

Three-Way Team Work Of Allies Deals Heavy Blow to Installations

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, May 20.—(AP)—Strong carrier-borne forces from the Nimitz-MacArthur-Mountbatten commands united for the first time in this war to inflict heavy damage Wednesday upon Japan's principal Dutch East Indies base at Soerabaja.

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced that carrier planes attacked and damaged important oil and dock installations and struck at 35,000 tons of shipping sheltering in the great Java harbor.

The attack was the first water-borne assault against Soerabaja, an important base the allies were forced out of two years ago, and it was the first in which the flyers and seamen under Adm. Nimitz, Adm. Mountbatten and Gen. MacArthur had joined forces in strength. Mountbatten is the southeast Asia commander, Nimitz commands the central Pacific and MacArthur the southwest Pacific.

On the heels of the carrier strike, bombers flew in a few hours later and bombed the Soerabaja rail yards and other installations. Their attack Wednesday night took them on a 2,500-mile round trip from a northwest Australian base.

The Japanese airforce and ground defenses put up only minor resistance to nearly 100 allied carrier planes. Fifth airforce bombers from the southwest Pacific followed up the carrier plan-

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French Railways Bombed in Wake Of Berlin Smash

LONDON, May 20.—(AP)—American bombers, possibly 250 strong, blasted three enemy airdromes in northern France and the railroad yards at Reims today less than 12 hours after heavy RAF forces smashed four French railroad centers in night attacks.

Accompanied by "very strong" forces of escort fighters—between 750 and 1,000 Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs—the daylight bombers struck the Orly and Villacoublay fields near Paris and the Champagne field near Reims.

The Berlin radio had indicated earlier that allied fleets also were over Germany today in a fast follow through to the RAF's blows at rail networks in Boulogne, Orleans, Lemans and Tours, all in occupied France.

In addition military objectives on the west coast of France were bombed. Fast Flying Mosquitos also attacked the German city of Cologne.

Seven aircraft were reported missing in the night's operation. The great wave of RAF night bombers followed up the pounding given Berlin and Brunswick yesterday by 1,500 American bombers and fighters, who shot down 125 German planes at a cost of 26 bombers and nine fighters.

A German news broadcast claimed 71 American planes, mostly four-engined bombers, were downed.

The U. S. assault on Berlin yesterday flattened "some of the largest workers' districts of the city," destroying hundreds of dwellings, the Berlin correspondent said, terming it "one of the worst attacks" on the nazi capital. One of Berlin's most historic buildings was destroyed, he added.

County GOP Gives Cordon Huge Margin

Holman Slightly Ahead Of Morse; Atty. General Neuner Gets Large Vote

The proposal to revive the annual county fair was approved by a vote of approximately two to one in the special election held in connection with Friday's primary in Douglas county. The measure authorizes the county court to spend up to \$30,000 in the purchase of land and construction of buildings for fair grounds purposes. The proposal, sponsored by the Douglas County Mounted Police, won approval in the majority of precincts. The vote from Roseburg precincts was approximately five to one in support of the project.

The election brought out approximately 60 per cent of the republican voters and about 40 per cent of the registered democrats, according to the unofficial tabulation made by the News-Review. The republicans favored Ralph Cordon for national committeeman, gave United States Senator Guy Cordon an overwhelming majority; turned in a slight lead for incumbent Senator Rufus Holman, gave a flattering lead to George Neuner, former Douglas county district attorney, for the nomination for attorney general, and gave a substantial complimentary vote to the incumbent county officers, who had the unique position of being unopposed either in their own or the rival party.

Women in Close Race

Democrats favored Clarence F. Hyde for national committeeman with Lew Wallace running a close second, and Latourette a poor third. The unofficial count for Emily F. Edson and Nancy Honeyman Robinson for democratic national committeewoman was

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Communist Party Quits; F. R. Backed

NEW YORK, May 20.—(AP)—The communist party of the United States, in existence for 25 years, voted today to dissolve as a political party. A new non-party organization will be formed.

Earl Browder, the party general secretary, made the motion to disband prior to delivering a national convention keynote speech in which he called for the re-election of President Roosevelt.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Keynoting the convention, Browder, who sought the presidency himself in 1936 and 1940, said in his prepared address that the president's retirement now "would be a disaster for our country."

"Our enemies in the war would be encouraged to new efforts, our allies in the war would have deep misgivings, and our own country would be launched upon an uncharted sea of uncontrolled factionalism," he said.

Local Tire Thefts Point To Operation of Ring

Officers are conducting investigations into the theft of seven automobile tires from the Montgomery Ward company warehouse, Chief of Police Erwin Short reported today. Entrance was gained, he reports, by forcing the lock on a rear door. Several similar thefts from garages have been reported recently. Short states, indicating the existence of an organized group engaged in the theft and marketing of tires.

Both Apparently Winners in Oregon Primary; Dewey Gets State's G. O. P. Delegates

Attorney General Neuner Easy Victor Over Rival For Nomination; Congressman Mott Also Outraces Opponent; Both Democratic Committee Heads Lose

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—(AP)—Winning strong support in his opponent's home city of Portland, Wayne L. Morse, former public member of the War Labor board, appeared assured today of victory over U. S. Sen. Rufus C. Holman for republican nomination for Oregon's six-year senatorial term. Late returns from yesterday's primary gave Morse an ever-increasing lead.

Sen. Guy Cordon, appointed only two months ago to succeed the late Sen. Charles L. McNary, appeared to have won republican renomination over ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague for the four-year term.

Returns from 1,006 precincts gave Morse 39,363 to Holman's 33,032 votes.

Cordon, carrying Multnomah county (Portland) by a slight margin and winning in his home district of southern Oregon overwhelmingly, had 36,736 votes in 1,006 precincts, to Sprague's 33,547.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York captured Oregon's 15 delegates to the republican national convention with an 8 to 1 victory over Lieut. Commr. Harold E. Stassen, ex-governor of Minnesota. Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio ran third.

In 804 precincts, Dewey had 16,071, to 2,033 for Stassen, and 1,027 for Bricker.

Simplified Tax Bill Rill Gets Senate's Approval

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—The senate passed today the house-approved bill streamlining the income tax to relieve some 30,000,000 tax payers of the necessity of computing their individual obligations and simplifying returns for the 20,000,000 others.

The measure now goes back to the house for consideration of senate changes which finance committee chairman George (D-Ga.) described as "purely technical."

Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) withdrew a proposed amendment to cut the new cabaret tax from 30 to 10 per cent receiving assurance from George it would be accepted as part of a pending bill to raise the national debt limit from \$210,000,000,000 to \$240,000,000,000.

McCarran declared night clubs are "closing all over the country" because their business has been hard hit by the tripled federal tax in the current revenue bill, and that the treasury actually would get more revenue from a 1 per cent than a 30 per cent rate.

The streamliner's big break for the estimated 30,000,000 taxpayers is contained in a section providing that, effective next January 1, the present 20 per cent withholding system against wages and salaries will be revised to deduct the full tax liability for persons earning up to \$5,000 a year.

Under this plan, the taxpayer would simply mail the internal revenue collector the essential data on his income, withholding and marital status and the government itself would figure out whether the tax withheld covered the bill.

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The Morse-Holman contest, in which Holman termed Morse a "new deal carpet bagger" and Morse called Holman a "dangerous isolationist," was the hard-fought race of the primary.

Morse said: "If the present trend continues, it means as I see it that the voters want a senate that will write a lasting peace; one that will not repeat the mistakes we made after the last war."

The Dewey victory raises to 352 his pledged and claimed total. Major Luther Felker, who conducted Dewey's Oregon campaign, said "Dewey is beyond stopping now. It's part of a nationwide trend."

Edgar W. Smith, member of the state board of higher education won the democratic nomination for the full U. S. senatorial term, and will oppose Morse in November.

Willis Mahoney, former Klamath Falls mayor who is making his third attempt to get in the senate, was unopposed in the democratic race for the four-year senatorial term, and will oppose the winner of the Cordon-Sprague contest.

Ralph H. Calk, republican national committeeman who managed Wendell Willkie's presidential nomination campaign, easily won reelection.

Democrats, on the other hand, rejected both their national committeemen and committeewoman, Howard Latourette, national com-

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Cordon "Happy" At Victory, Hopes For Party Unity

PORTLAND, May 20.—(AP)—Sen. Guy Cordon telephoned from Washington, D. C., today that he is "happy at having been chosen as a republican candidate for the balance of Senator McNary's term."

(Latest tabulation of returns from the primaries at 10:30 a. m. gave Cordon 39,363 votes and Sprague 33,032, an apparently safe lead of 4,233 for the senator.)

Senator Cordon continued: "The large vote given to Governor Sprague clearly shows the high esteem in which he is held by the people of Oregon and in which I am happy to join."

"I am particularly gratified that the campaign was conducted to its end without leaving any scars. I hope that the republican party, now that the party contest is over, will show a united front at the November election."

"As for me, I shall continue to try to justify the confidence shown in me. I am particularly grateful for the devoted efforts of a host of friends throughout the state who made for me the campaign which my duties made it impossible for me to make for myself."

Levity Fact Rant

With the seasonal epidemic of labor strikes on, union leaders are in no danger of being rotated out of their offices by soldiers, on federal orders, at least until the presidential election in November.