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Mussolini Shot to Death by Italians

17 Fascist Heads, Mistress of Ex-Dictator Also Die Before Rifles of Vengeful Patriots

Bodies Spat Upon, Cursed by Angry Citizens of Milan

MILAN, April 30—(AP)—The execution of Benito Mussolini touched off a purge today of fascism's chief leaders which reached Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, who was reported to have been convicted and executed.

MILAN, April 30—(AP)—Spat upon and cursed, the body of Benito Mussolini was the object today of the vengeful wrath of the Italian people whom he had promised a place in the sun, but had led instead to defeat and misery. The former Italian dictator, his beautiful young mistress, Cigaretta Petacci, and 17 fascist leaders were shot to death by Italian patriots at Giuliano de Mezzegere, near Como, Saturday.

Taken prisoner was Mussolini's war minister, Rudolf Graziani. Mussolini and his followers were attempting to flee to Switzerland. Graziani declared he sought to give himself up.

There was no formal trial and after the executions the bodies were piled into a truck and brought to Milan for public exhibition.

Yesterday the corpse of the 61-year-old former dictator was hung by the heels in the Piazza Quindici in Milan. By his side was the body of his mistress, blood smeared across her breast. Flanking them on both sides were the bodies of five other fascist leaders.

Angry Milan citizens pushed and shoved the partisans guarding the bodies. Some succeeded in breaking through and spitting upon the bodies. One man emptied a clip of his automatic.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE air is full of rumors as this is written.

Himmler is said to have offered to surrender to the Americans and the British if we'll leave the Russians out of the deal. The correspondents promptly questioned Churchill about it, and the guarded nature of his answers indicates that it is probably true.

There is no equivocation, however, in Churchill's statement as to what will be done. Only unconditional surrender to ALL THE ALLIES, he says, will be considered.

THE nazis, of course, WOULD make this last desperate effort to split us off from the Russians and start a fight among us at the moment of victory. It costs them nothing to try.

If they fail—well, they have failed anyway, and nothing can worsen the mess they are in.

THERE are rumors of revolt in Munich.

New voices on the Munich radio's wave length shout: "The

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Fight Against Referendum on Fish Bill Planned if Request To Withdraw Petitions Fails

Plans to combat the efforts of Siletz river commercial fishermen to petition for a referendum on HB 378, the so-called coastal streams fishing bill, passed at the last session of the state legislature, were discussed Saturday at a meeting in Eugene. Representatives of both commercial and recreational fishing interests from all parts of western Oregon were in attendance. Douglas county had the largest delegation, members including Frank L. Taylor, N. Cannon, Andy Anderson, Reedspott; State Representative Carl Hill, Days Creek; Earl Sumner, Ray C. Bartley, Canyonville; L. E. Sullivan, Vernon M. Orr, Harold J. Hickerson, Charles V. Stanton, Roseburg.

Commercial fishermen were present from Umpqua, Siuslaw, and Alsea rivers, and from Tillamook bay, while representatives of recreational interests attended from Grants Pass, Coos Bay, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Salem, Tillamook, Portland and other points.

Meetings with the Siletz fishermen sponsoring the fight against the bill will be held as the first step. Commercial fishermen present at the meeting declared that the attempt to invoke the referendum does not represent the majority opinion of fishermen on coastal streams. In several localities, it was stated, commercial interests have refused to circulate petitions. It is hoped that by conferences with the Siletz group,



Benito Mussolini



Gen. Achille Starace



Marshal Rodolfo Graziani

VENGEANCE VICTIMS—Shot to death by Italians whom he betrayed with false promises, Benito Mussolini is shown at the top while at the zenith of his power. Lt. Gen. Starace was one of the 17 former fascist party leaders executed with Mussolini. Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, war minister in the puppet north Italy government, was captured with Mussolini at the Swiss border.

withdrawal of the petitions can be arranged. Prepare For Fight

In case the bill is referred to the people, however, the group meeting at Eugene determined to wage a vigorous campaign to inform voters of the state of the need for conservation in order to gain support for HB 378 which, it is contended, will be an effective measure in preserving fish life.

A committee was selected to conduct the campaign on behalf of the bill. In the event the referendum attempt is not recalled, Members of the committee in-

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State Cop, Fugitive Killed in Fight

Gun Battle is Staged Near Oregon Border

Two Other Officers, 2nd Bandit Wounded; Pair's Crime Life Begun at 13

WEISER, Idaho, April 30—(AP)—Two men, one an Oregon State police sergeant, the second a fugitive, were killed early yesterday after two fugitives ambushed their pursuers in a schoolhouse basement and then sought to escape across a nearby field with a wounded officer as their shield.

The dead officer was Sgt. Ted Chambers of Ontario, Ore.

The slain fugitive was William Ronald Duffey, 22, address unknown.

Two other officers were wounded in the blazing gun battle which occurred in the basement of the Annex school just across the Snake river from Weiser in Oregon. They were Ted O'Brien, of Ontario, Oregon State police officer, shot in the shoulder, and Chief of Police Clarence Saunders of Weiser, wounded in the arm.

Kenneth Bailey, 26, of Portland, the second fugitive, was shot down and captured.

Gun Fight Described. Deputy sheriff Al Wanters of Washington county said the fugitives opened fire without warning as he, Saunders, O'Brien and Chambers walked into the schoolhouse basement.

"Chambers was killed on the spot, O'Brien was wounded."

"Chief of Police Saunders was shot down there and in the confusion the two men captured him."

Wanters said the two men made a break through the cellar entrance forcing Saunders to walk between them. "But several

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Car Theft Charges Faced by Two Here

Albert E. Pierce, 23, Tiller, and Edward George Williams, 18, Eugene, were in custody in the county jail at Roseburg today on charges of automobile theft.

Williams was in possession of an automobile reported stolen out of Eugene at the time of his arrest in Roseburg Sunday morning. Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police reported. The officer said he received a call from Drain early Sunday that an automobile driver had secured gasoline and drove away without making payment. Acting on the description furnished by the service station operator, state policemen arrested Williams as he drove into Roseburg.

Pierce was arrested Friday night at Canyonville. He was alleged to have stolen a car belonging to the Roseburg contracting firm of Bell and Dunham and to have abandoned the machine at Canyonville where he reportedly was attempting to steal another car at the time of his arrest, Sergeant Morgan said.

Sex Murder of Child Confessed by Eskimo

SEATTLE, April 30—(AP)—King County Prosecutor Lloyd Shorett said today Joe Bill had confessed the slaying of 5-year-old Irma Irene McGough last Sunday.

The Eskimo, sought for nearly a week on a warrant charging first degree murder, gave himself up Saturday.

He told police he had spent the past few days under an over-turned boat in an effort to elude capture.

Law Jolts Drunk Driver Who Topples Phone Pole

REEDSPORT—Nathan Henry Alger, logger, was fined \$100 and costs, his driver's license was revoked and if he is unable to pay his fine he will face an additional 60 days in jail. He pleaded guilty to a drunken driving charge after he had run into and knocked over a telephone pole, Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright reported.

E. D. Kingery, Yoncalla Soldier, Dies of Wounds

Mr. and Mrs. Dare Kingery of Yoncalla have received word from the War department that their son, Elbert D. Kingery, died of wounds received in the battle for Germany, April 11.

Hospital Craft in Targets Of Japanese Suicide Planes; Baguio Captured by Yankees

(By the Associated Press)

Tokyo radio reported Japanese suicide planes were attacking American shipping off Okinawa this morning for the fourth successive day as Superforts raided their bases in southern Japan for the fifth straight day.

Suicide plane attacks Friday and Saturday damaged the brightly lighted American hospital ship Comfort, inflicting 63 casualties; sank a naval auxiliary and damaged a number of other U. S. craft. The Japanese lost 161 aircraft in the two days.

Approximately 6,000 American casualties were reported for last week on Okinawa and in the Philippines. Another 8,561 Japanese dead were counted in the Philippines alone.

Most of the enemy losses were suffered in northern Luzon, where the 33rd and 37th U. S. divisions captured Baguio Friday. Gen. MacArthur said the enemy garrison of 20,000 was virtually annihilated in the three and a half month long drive for the high city. Only a few hundred civilians remained. Thousands of others had been evacuated to American lines by Igorot headhunters.

Baguio, 175 miles north of Manila, was the summer capital of the Philippines, a peacetime gold center, seat of the puppet Philippines government, Japanese military headquarters, and highway hub for northern Luzon. The Yanks mopped up Baguio and

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James Mortenson Feared Drowned; Boat Found Empty

Police officers were dragging the Umpqua river about 25 miles west of Roseburg today in an effort to recover the body of James Mortenson, aged about 60 years, who is believed to have drowned while salmon fishing. His boat, anchored in midstream, was discovered this morning and it was believed Mortenson had fallen overboard while fishing alone.

The discovery was made by Earl Powell, Roseburg hardware and sporting goods merchant, and Ray Lyons, city policeman, who went to the Mortenson rapids, between Umpqua and Tyee, early today to fish for salmon. After finding the empty boat and conducting a brief search, they telephoned to Roseburg for assistance in dragging the river.

Deputy sheriffs and state policemen were sent to the scene equipped with grappling equipment furnished by the Roseburg fire department.

Mortenson resided for many years on the farming property adjoining the excellent fishing spot which bears his name. The farm was sold several months ago, but he has been in the habit of returning to the rapids to do his fishing.

Survey Scheduled for Oregon Forest Resources

PORTLAND, April 30—(AP)—A five-month survey of Oregon and Washington forest resources will be started May 1 by the American Forestry association.

John C. Redington, field secretary of the forest resource appraisal committee, said the survey, originally planned to determine the wartime drain on timber resources, was expanded to include postwar factors.

Burt Kirkland, regional association consultant, will direct the northwest survey as part of a nationwide program. It will break down timber acreage in ownership classes and volume of standing timber of various species by counties. It will estimate the potential yield of the next 10 years in terms of sawlogs, pulp wood, peeler logs and other types.

Packing House Workers Granted Pay Increase

PORTLAND, April 30—(AP)—A wage increase of 24 cents an hour has been granted to packing house employees of Armour & Company here, and AFL official said today.

Levie Auzee, secretary of the butchers' local, said the War labor board had notified him the increase was retroactive to December 8, 1943.

Auzee also said that in a Swift & Company case certified to the WLB April 26, the company agreed to an increase of 2 cents an hour, 45 cents weekly for working clothes, and changing clothes on company time.

Berlin's Fall To Reds Said Near at Hand

Battle in Final Stages With Nazi Ranks Cut by Desertions and Suicides

LONDON, April 30—(AP)—Russian tanks have smashed into the Tiergarten, Berlin's central park converted into an underground fortress, the Nazi-controlled radio said today, and Moscow reports said the fall of the capital was imminent.

The newspaper Pravda said the Russians were fighting in the ruins of Unter den Linden, the spacious avenue in the heart of Berlin that terminates at the Tiergarten.

"The chief Nazi radio still broadcasting in Germany, proclaimed that 'the hard battle for Berlin reached its climax today.'"

A wave of suicides and desertions whittled the ranks of the capital's defenders and the Russians squeezed the mauled German garrison into a flame-swept 18-square-mile pocket—all that remained to the Nazis of greater Berlin's 431 square miles.

In the searing heat of hundreds of fires, Russia's Stalingrad veterans climbed over piles of Nazi dead and waded through seas of shattered glass. Moscow reported another 11,000 German soldiers captured—for a three-day total of 54,000.

"The situation in Berlin has

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Italy Campaign Virtually Ended, Gen. Clark Says

ROME, April 30—(AP)—Gen. Mark Clark, 15th army group commander, today announced the virtual end of the long and bloody campaign in Italy.

Declaring that the German armies in Italy have "been virtually eliminated as a military force," he said that 25 enemy divisions have been torn to pieces in the 22-day offensive of the U. S. Fifth and British Eighth armies.

He said the Germans "can no longer effectively resist our armies," but added that scattered fighting may continue.

Clark said over 120,000 prisoners had been captured and that many more were being taken along with tremendous quantities of arms and equipment.

In the past three weeks Fifth army troops have slashed their way to the Swiss border and the Eighth army has reached, if not already crossed, the Piave river and is approaching a junction with the Yugoslavs, 70 miles away.

Three of northern Italy's greatest cities, Milan, Venice and Genoa were in allied hands as the fifth and eighth armies smashed ahead on several fronts in a continuing rout of the Germans.

The American Fifth army captured four generals. They are Maj. Gen. von Behr, along with his staff; Maj. Gen. Leyers, Maj. Gen. Vehrigh, and Maj. Gen. Edling.

Truman Joins in Prayer For Quick War Victory

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30—(AP)—Prayers for quick victory in Europe and for the success of the San Francisco conference were joined in yesterday by President Truman.

He attended Foundry Methodist church with Mrs. Truman and Federal Judge Lewis B. Schellenbach, former senator from Washington state, and occupied a pew that was draped in black and surmounted by a black cross in memory of the late President Roosevelt.

New Reedspott Census Shows 1,975 Residents

REEDSPORT—Five enumerators to take the census of Reedspott under the new law passed at the last session of the legislature completed their work Friday and were checked in by Deputy Secretary of State H. F. Phillips. The records showed that they had listed 1,975 residents of the city, which will be an increase of 554 names over the 1940 government census, which listed Reedspott as having a population of 1,421. The 1920 census listed 1,178 persons and the 1930 as 850.

When the lists are come over at Salem, some duplications may be found that would reduce the above figures slightly.

Second Linkup Occurs South of Magdeburg; U. S. 7th Locked in Combat With Nazis at Munich

PARIS, April 30—(AP)—The Ninth army established contact today with Russian forces west of dying Berlin, widening the corridor between the shrinking northern and southern redoubts to perhaps 80 miles.

The Ninth army had been waiting impatiently on the Elbe for two weeks, while the Russians proceeded with the grim task of reducing Berlin, 45 to 50 miles west.

The junction released American forces for other duties, AP Correspondent Kenneth Dixon said.

Five divisions of the American Seventh army, probably 70,000 men in all, were engaged in a stiff battle in the fringes of



CELEBRATE HISTORIC JUNCTURE—It's a real occasion for Lt. William B. Robertson of Los Angeles as he greets Lt. Alexander Syvashko of the Russian army in the historic meeting of Russian and American armies at Torgau, Germany. Robertson (left) led the American patrol that made the formal juncture with the Russians.

Munich, where Hitler had staged his abortive putsch in a beer hall back in 1923.

The nazis resisted with a curtain of steel, hurled from batteries of anti-aircraft, levelled as field artillery. Five armored divisions bored into the Bavarian capital from the north and west despite the murderous fire.

The Ninth army met the Russians south of Magdeburg. The First army previously had linked up with Marshal Stalin's forces at Torgau and Reisa on the Elbe in the Leipzig-Dresden area to the southeast.

Himmler, Swede Confer on Peace Proposal, Rumor

MALMO, Sweden, April 30—(AP)—Free Danish press reports said Count Bernadotte, reputed peace intermediary, had conferred with gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler today at Aabenraa on the German-Danish border.

The reported conference was said to have been the second in two days. Himmler was said by the Free Danes to have talked with Bernadotte Sunday at Aabenraa during which the Swedish count was supposed to have turned over the allies' rejection of Himmler's capitulation proposal.

The Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet printed a rumor that Himmler was in Stockholm for direct contact with allied representatives. There was no confirmation from any source.

Rev. Len B. Fishback Resigns as Pastor Here

The Rev. Len B. Fishback, pastor of the Roseburg Christian church for the past three years, tendered his resignation at the regular morning service Sunday and announced that he has accepted pastorate of the Christian church at Bend, Ore. He will leave for Bend June 1.

During his pastorate in Roseburg, the Rev. Mr. Fishback has been very active in Boy Scout work and also has taken a prominent part in the work of the Kiwanis club.

A. F. Flegel Now Heads Willamette Iron Corp.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30—(AP)—Austin F. Flegel, Jr., executive vice-president of the firm since 1940, has assumed duties as president of Willamette Iron and Steel corporation.

He succeeds the late Amedee M. Smith, Flegel is a graduate of Willamette University, Salem, and the University of Oregon law school.

The corporation, one of Portland's chief war industries, employed 13,000 workers with an annual payroll of \$35,000,000 at the production peak.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Rosenblatt

Exception of mutton alone from meat ration points in May is likely to see consumers giving literal demonstration of "The RAM-parts we watch."