

# RETURN OF FOOD RATIONING CONSIDERED

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### The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

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### Mysterious Sickness Hits Texas Cities

Public Gathering Places, Schools Closed After 4 Deaths in 15 Cases Occur

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 13.—(AP)—Drastic precautionary measures both here and at Corpus Christi, 175 miles to the south, were taken today by public officials in a battle to halt the spread of a strange, polio-like sickness that already has claimed four victims.

Fifteen cases already have been reported in this military personnel-swollen city and four persons have died. At Corpus Christi, four cases have been reported and one victim is in a critical condition.

In Nueces County, of which Corpus Christi is a part, the city and county health boards closed all schools, churches, theaters, night clubs, parks, playgrounds and swimming pools for two weeks and prohibited public gathering of more than five persons.

In San Antonio, an earlier city order closing schools in half the city was extended yesterday to include all schools, public and parochial, and university and college classes were ordered curtailed.

Dr. Edwin Sulkin and Dr. Charles L. Wiseman, Jr., of the Southwestern Medical College bacteriology department at Dallas, arrived here yesterday and began testing cultures taken from victims.

Dr. Sulkin said he is going on the assumption that the epidemic might be both poliomyelitis and encephalitis in nature. He explained that poliomyelitis, of which infantile paralysis is one form, attacks the spine, while

encephalitis attacks the brain.

That, at least, is some progress. We need coal.

LEWIS lets go this typical blast: "This action (the truce) is the contribution of the United Mine Workers of America to our nation's economy which is being imperiled by the stupidity and selfish greed of the coal operators and associated financial interests and by demagogues who have tried to lash the public mind into a state of hysteria rather than grant justice and fair treatment to the men who mine the nation's coal."

THAT is a fast one, in the best Lewis style, but it is hard to escape the conclusion that it is an offensive-defensive maneuver designed to mask the fact that the

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### Surrender Not Unconditional, Nippon Attorney Contends at Trial of Top War Criminals

TOKYO, May 13.—(AP)—Argument that Japan did not surrender unconditionally and does not have to obey every Allied command was presented today to the Far East Military Tribunal by the chief defense counsel for Japan's major war criminals.

Attorney Kiyose's challenge that the court lacks authority to try the 28 defendants on 55 counts was taken under advisement as the tribunal adjourned until Tuesday.

The Allies' chief prosecutor, Joseph B. Keenan, labeled Kiyose's argument as the "height of absurdity" and offered documentary evidence that Japan's surrender was "utterly without condition."

Kiyose said that in giving the tribunal jurisdiction over crimes against peace and crimes against humanity "General MacArthur is exercising authority which he does not possess, and the Japanese people are not bound to obey that order."

Japan's top statesmen, Kiyose said, agreed to surrender in the belief they would not be prosecuted as war criminals.

Potsdam Edict Cited

The attorney declared that in the surrender last September Japan recognized that she would obey orders and directives of the Allied powers but only those in



ROSEBURG GI EASES TEDIUM OF PATIENTS—Pvt. Guy Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cox, Rt. 1, Box 109-A, Roseburg, Oregon, busily engaged in checking his motion picture projector prior to displaying full-length features to ward patients of Brooke General Hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Cox, a patient at the Brooke Convalescent Section himself, spends his off-duty hours displaying full-length features to bed-ridden patients at the Center.

### Conference of British, Hindu, Moslem Leaders on Planned India Independence Fizzles

SIMLA, India, May 13.—(AP)—The British cabinet mission, admitting failure of an eight-day conference with Moslem and Hindu leaders on independence for India, made it plain today that it still had hopes of solving the Indian problem.

The conference ended in a complete breakdown yesterday, thus dealing a severe blow to the hopes of those who had expected a quick transition from British control to Indian self-government.

The communiques issued after the breakdown—one jointly by the cabinet mission, the Moslem League and the Congress party; the other by the cabinet mission alone—gave no reason for collapse of the negotiations.

It seemed apparent, however, that the conference had floundered on demands of the Moslem League for an independent Moslem state (Pakistan). These demands have been bitterly opposed by the Congress party, which favors an India unified at least insofar as foreign affairs, defense and communications are concerned.

The communique by the mission said the conference had not "led to any agreed plan between the leaders of the Congress and the Moslem League."

It added, however, that the breakdown "does not in any way bring to an end the mission with which we were charged by his majesty's government and the British people."

### Hundreds Inspect Veterans Hospital

Approximately 350 persons availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the invitation of Dr. George E. Melvin, manager, to visit the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Roseburg Sunday.

The public visitation was arranged by Dr. Melvin in observance of National Hospital Day. Visitors included persons from nearly all sections of Oregon, with several from outside states including California, Minnesota, Idaho, Washington and Texas.

Tours were arranged by Niels Jensen, supervisor of attendants, and John Whalen, head attendant. Nurses and attendants acted as guides for groups which numbered 15 persons. Dr. Kenneth W. Kenney, clinical director, and Miss Winnifred Williams, chief nurse, arranged speakers in each department to explain the work and purposes of each unit.

A special tour was arranged last Wednesday for a group of 29 sophomores from Drain, who, under the leadership and supervision of Mrs. Hugh Whipple, visited the hospital, county offices and industrial plants in Roseburg.

### Aged Man Suffers Head Injury in Fall on Walk

Lafayette Mears, 85, was in fair condition with little improvement at Mercy Hospital today, where he was taken after he slipped and fell on the sidewalk on Jackson Street, near the Douglas County Creamery, Friday afternoon. He suffered head injuries.

### Policeman Kennerly Quits

Dan Kennerly has resigned from the Roseburg police force and has gone to Pennsylvania to engage in business, Chief of Police Erwin Short reports. No replacement has been obtained to date to fill the vacant spot on the police force, Short said.

### John P. Gregg Named to U. S. Tariff Commission

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—President Truman today nominated John Price Gregg of Oregon to be a member of the U. S. Tariff Commission.

At the same time he nominated Paul A. Walker of Oklahoma for reappointment as a member of the Federal Communications Commission and Charles I. Lafayette of Atlantic City, N. J., for reappointment as comptroller of customs.

Drunken Driver Fined; Jail Term Suspended

Clarence L. Mabey was fined \$100 for driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, his 40-day jail sentence was suspended upon payment of the fine, and his driver's license was revoked one year after he pleaded guilty to the charge in city police court, City Recorder A. J. Geddes reported Saturday.

### 58 Nazi Camp Operators to Die in Noose

DACHAU, Germany, May 13.—(AP)—A general military court today sentenced 58 operators of the notorious Mauthausen extermination camp to hang. Three others were given life terms.

The 61 defendants were sentenced after the American court found them guilty of murdering thousands of victims imprisoned by the Nazis in persecution campaigns.

August Elgruber, Gauleiter of the upper Danube region and dictator of much of upper Austria during the Nazi regime, took his sentence without emotion.

Other defendants turned white. Some had to be helped from the courtroom by guards.

Completing the 38-day trial the court said it had found an "irrefutable record of death by shootings, gassings, hangings and regulated starvation" which made

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### Five Bodies Taken From Plane Wreck in Montana

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 13.—(AP)—The bodies of five men killed in the crash of an Army C-45 transport last Sunday were found here for identification today following their removal from the wreckage of the plane on Lebo peak in the south central Montana.

The sixth passenger on the plane before it crashed was not found and there was speculation that he may have parachuted from the plane as did Sgt. Frank Avry of Youngstown, Ohio, who was to assist in identification of the victims.

The plane crashed 8,000 feet up on the side of the 13,000-foot peak about 15 miles from the point where Avry bailed out. Army authorities feared the missing passenger would have slim chances for survival if he did jump because of blizzard weather prevailing in the mountains.

### China War Continues as Marshall Tries for Peace

PEIPING, May 13.—(AP)—Newspapers here reported today continuing small-scale attacks by Chinese Communists on North China railways and stubborn defense by Communists holding Szeching and Pengshih in Manchuria.

Meanwhile, Gen. Marshall faced the job of peace-maker with a new weapon. Washington reports said he had an absolute veto over a \$500,000,000 American loan to China, considered a potent source of power in dealing with the Chinese.

The veto, however, was seen in Shanghai as a one-sided weapon useable against only the National government. Communists have said the loan would "perpetuate Fascist rule in China" and have actively opposed it.

### Four Hospitalized In Truck Collision

Four persons were sent to Mercy Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering internal injuries resulting from the collision of a logging truck and a freight truck on the Pacific Highway south of Yoncalla. The injured were reported in "fair" condition this morning by hospital attendants.

Driver of the logging truck, which Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police said was "completely demolished," was Walter Frank Nels, Sutherlin, accompanied by Earl Downs, Lakeview, Ore., owner of the truck. Both were hospitalized.

Also in the hospital were Leonard Stovall and Charles Jacobs, passengers in the System Freight Lines truck. Driver of the truck, Charles Smith, escaped unhurt. All are of Los Angeles.

The logging truck was not loaded, Sgt. Morgan said. He was told by Smith that apparently the southbound logging truck was in the wrong lane of traffic, knocking the northbound freight truck into the west ditch of the highway.

### New Altitude-Load Marks Established by B-29

MANILA, May 13.—(AP)—The Pacific Air command's B-29 "Challenger" carried a payload of 34,000 pounds to an altitude of 37,400 feet last week over Guam to establish two new world altitude-load records, PAC headquarters announced today.

The "Challenger's" top altitude automatically became a record. No plane before had ever hoisted such a payload to such a height.

The second record was for weight carried to 2,000 meters.

### Sugar Allowance for Canning to Be Increased

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—The commerce Department estimated today the annual household sugar ration of 15 pounds a person can be maintained this year and that there will be a larger allowance for home canning.

It reported civilian sugar supplies this year will be 341,000 tons larger than the 1945 total. But it said this year's 5,433,000 ton allocation for civilian consumption would have to cover "the greatly increased industrial sugar ration and the addition of 8,000,000 veterans to the number of civilian users."

### Siamese Twin Girls Continue to Thrive

PORTLAND, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—The Siamese twin girls—Carol and Susan Hulse—will be a week old tomorrow.

Portland General Hospital reported today the infants are thriving and continue to improve in color. The blonde girls, born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hulse, Deep River, Wash., had been given only slight chance of living until last Friday when the weaker one began taking nourishment normally.

### COURT RULES HE'S 'DAD' Baby Born 355 Days After Husband Leaves Divorce Suit Issue

NEW YORK, May 13.—(AP)—A 24-year-old Navy lieutenant says he will appeal the ruling of the New York Supreme Court that he is the father of a boy born to his wife 355 days after he left for the Pacific.

Lt. (jg) Robert A. Lockwood sailed for a 26-month tour of duty on April 24, 1944—and a son was born to his wife April 14, 1945.

The couple was married in March, 1944.

The court ruling was made by Supreme Court Justice Peter M. Daly in denying a plea for divorce by the naval officer, who contended that a 355-day pregnancy was impossible and therefore proof of adultery.

"Not impossible," Justice Daly ruled, however, that in "the present state of medical knowledge and belief, it can not be said that it is impossible that the plaintiff is the father of this child."

Daly also said evidence by a Jamaica, N. Y., hospital doctor showed that the delivery was abnormally delayed, and added that "the presumption of legitimacy is one of the strongest and most persuasive known to law."

As precedent he cited a British probate court decision of 1921 upholding legitimacy of a baby born after a 33-day pregnancy.

Commenting on the ruling, Lockwood said: "I wish some one could convince me that he's right."

Mrs. Lockwood said only "The decision tells the story."

In a recent Chicago case, a jury decided that former Chief Petty Officer Joseph Sowa could not have been the father of a baby born to his wife 349 days after his departure. He was granted a divorce.

### Roseburg Drive Scheduled to Aid Victims of Famine

Gifts of money and food for the benefit of famine-stricken people of Europe and Asia, will be asked in a five-day drive beginning next Monday under auspices of the Roseburg Ministerial Association and the women's organizations of Roseburg churches.

Co-chairmen of the local collection campaign are W. O. Stradley and Don Forbes, who are outlining the campaign this week and appointing committees.

Money gifts are to be collected in bottles placed in stores, restaurants, groceries, hotels and banks. Food will be collected in boxes placed in business houses, churches and schools throughout the city. Collections will be made daily by Boy Scouts.

It is specified, Stradley said, that food shall be in cans and not in glass bottles or jars, because of the danger of breakage in shipment overseas. Donations will be stored locally at the Douglas County Flour Mills until sent to the U. N. R. A. for distribution abroad.

Further information about the drive next week may be obtained from Stradley at phone 336, or from Forbes, phone 565-R.

### Oregon Unemployment Decreases During April

PORTLAND, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—Unemployment in Oregon dropped about 500 jobs in upstate communities last month, but Portland has had an increase of job applications, the U. S. Employment Service reported today.

Upstate logging operations absorbed some loss of jobs at shipyards here, the U. S. E. S. reported. Unemployment in the state April 30 was estimated at 70,400. Portland area's jobless total 44,000, the office said.

### With Roseburg's March of Progress



TRACT DEVELOPMENT BEGUN—Pictured today is the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris at the intersection of Eden Lane and the Garden Valley highway in Edenbow. Mr. Harris is opening 15 acres of land he owns there for property development and has named the tract Eden Heights. Eden Lane, Eden Heights, Edenbow—E-den a good job of naming!

### State Dept. Rift Hampers Byrnes' Work

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—A widening split within the State Department may vitally affect American foreign policy on almost every major outstanding issue.

This is one of the main problems which will confront Secretary of State Byrnes upon his return from Paris.

One resignation already has resulted, and speculation is rife among departmental insiders that others either will follow or there will be important reassignments later this year.

First to go was Col. Alfred McFarland, who quit as organizer of a central American intelligence unit because he contended his plans were wrecked by opposition within the department.

Speculation about possible future resignations revolves chiefly around Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson, Assistant Secretary Will Clayton and McCormack's former colleague and successor in the intelligence job—William Langer.

Traditional Split Seen

The struggle appears to be an outgrowth of the traditional fight

### CPA Nod Given for New Homes in Douglas Areas

Approval has been given for construction of three out of 16 residences proposed to be built at Sutherland by the firm of Stenson & Way, the Civilian Production Administration reports. The houses are to be of five rooms each, with wood siding and sheathing, wood interior surfacing, Firsex finish, asphalt roofing, linoleum covered floors, and will have General Electric ranges installed. The homes are to be built for sale in the \$5400 to \$5700 price range.

Approval also has been given Cecil L. Lindley, Camas Valley, Ore., for construction of three homes, each of four rooms, stucco finish over wood framing. Application had been made for construction of five dwellings. The houses will be in the \$6,000 price range.

### Prospect Saved From Two-Pronged Forest Fire

MEDFORD, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—Two forest area fires that threatened the town of Prospect late Saturday were brought under control with little damage to timber, the State Forest Patrol headquarters here reported today.

Several homes were endangered in the Red blanket district when the fires that started near Prospect jumped into the tree tops late Saturday after they were diverted from Prospect.

About 300 loggers joined state and national foresters. The main fire burned a 140-acre tract while the accompanying brush fire burned over about 20 acres, foresters reported.

### Waste Paper Sent From Roseburg Brings \$369.18

A check in the sum of \$369.18 has been received by the Roseburg Recreation committee in return for waste paper recently collected and shipped from Roseburg, Paul S. Elliott, committee publicity chairman, reported today. The paper was weighed in at 52,740 pounds at the paper mill, Elliott said.

### \$500 Million Airport Bill Signed by Truman

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—President Truman signed into law today legislation authorizing \$500,000,000 in federal expenditures during the next seven years for an airport construction and development program.

The civil aeronautics administration has announced that \$356,250,000 has been earmarked for distribution by states but that no funds will be assigned for cities and communities until CAA engineers determine local needs. The law requires that states and municipalities match the federal money.

The apportionment of funds, yet to be appropriated by Congress is on a formula basis, one half in proportion to population and one half in proportion to area of the states.

### Player Who Broke 'Ike's' Leg Now Teaches Japs

TOKYO, May 13.—(AP)—The man who broke Dwight Eisenhower's leg in a football game is trying to teach Japanese firemen modern methods of fire-fighting.

One-time gridiron star George Angell, while attending Tufts College, broke Eisenhower's leg in a game at West Point in 1912. Angell was on the War Production Board in 1941.

He said a survey of Japanese fire departments disclosed a lack of suitable equipment. Average fire trucks are from 10 to 15 years old and firemen lack adequate training, he declared.

### Step Likely If Situation Grows Worse

Pillsbury Mill Cosed By Wheat Lack; Truman, Hoover Talk on Crisis

WASHINGTON, May 13.—(AP)—The wheat pinch began to hurt at home today with one big flour mill closed as President Truman called in Herbert Hoover for the first of a series of talks that may answer this question:

Will a resort to wartime food rationing—with bread added to the list for the first time in American history—be necessary to solve the world famine crisis?

Those in favor of such a step gained powerful new support with word that Stabilization Director Bowles plans to urge it upon Mr. Truman unless the present dark outlook brightens quickly. Bowles' suggestion, if it is made, will call for action by August, according to a high-placed official who asked not to be named.

While Hoover remained silent on returning from his seven-week, 35,000-mile globe grilling food study yesterday, no one expected his report to Mr. Truman today to cast any optimism on the global picture. The former president made the survey at the chief executive's request. He is honorary chairman of the Famine Emergency Committee.

Millers Feel Squeeze

On the domestic scene, meanwhile, the closing of Pillsbury's "A" mill at Minneapolis stood out as a grim reminder that the shortage of wheat can well make

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### Jap Guard Pleasant When He Beat GIs, Testimony

YOKOHAMA, May 13.—(AP)—Yoshika Yagi, former Fukuoka prison camp guard, was defended at his war crimes trial before an Army tribunal today as a man who treated his prisoners with respect.

An affidavit from Sgt. Harold T. Irving of Holyoke, Mass., described Yagi as a "happy-go-lucky fellow, always smiling," who "did not get angry" while carrying out the camp commandant's orders to beat the captives.

At another war crimes trial, Tomio Yamada, former guard at Umeda prison camp, pleaded innocent and then sat stolidly as a series of affidavits were presented accusing him of "deliberately" killing one prisoner and contributing to the death of another.

### Suspect Held in Mystery Killing of Five Persons

ATOKA, Okla., May 13.—(AP)—Sheriff W. E. Davis of Texasark, Ark., where a phantom slayer is believed to have killed five persons since March 24, said today a man held here is "definitely a suspect."

Sheriff Davis said the man, arrested at Paris, Tex., for questioning in an attack on a rancher's wife here Friday, "is from the part of the country where the killings occurred."

The rancher's wife, Mrs. W. E. Harmon, told officers that a man appeared at her ranch home and demanded food, threatening to kill her. Then, she recounted, he boasted he had slain three women at Texasark.

She was unable to identify the suspect definitely.

### Baby Killed, Nine Other Persons Hurt in Crash

PORTLAND, Ore., May 13.—(AP)—An automobile collision near Tigard last night killed Jennifer Markee, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Markee, McMinnville.

Her parents and three others, all of McMinnville, were treated for injuries. In the other car four persons suffered cuts and bruises. They were Betty Lydon, Chehalis, Wash., and three University of Portland students, Orville A. Shields, Bob Durham and Larry Lydon.

### Tanker Lost in Aleutians; All 44 on Board Saved

KODIAK, Alaska, May 13.—(AP)—The 10,000-ton tanker, Fort Sumner, broke up Saturday, about 720 miles south of Attu Island in the Aleutians but all 44 hands were saved by crews of two merchant ships, the commander of the Alaskan sea frontier reported.

The report gave no details as to how the accident occurred. The boat was bound out of San Pedro, Calif., but its destination was not known.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Kalmstein

Russia might be dissuaded from trying to horn in on Britain's Mediterranean "life line" if the atomic bomb test were held in that area instead of in the Pacific. A show of force would be preferable to forcing a showdown.