

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.,
May 12.
Temperature:
Maximum 65
Minimum 33
Precipitation11
Forecast: Rain tonight and
Sunday.

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FIVE CENTS

Yanks Batter Okinawa Defenders

Sales of E Bonds Will Be Emphasized As 7th War Loan Drive Opens Monday

The 7th war loan campaign will get under full headway Monday, following several weeks of preparations, with an overall objective of sales aggregating \$964,000, of which \$741,000 will be in E bonds.

The county war finance committee has distributed supplies to each of the community units, and Mrs. George W. Decker, chairman of the La Grande unit of the women's division, announced plans for her unit's participation and chairman of various groups who will serve in various phases of the sales.

Nelson Resigns as President's Aide In Foreign Lands

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP)—President Truman today accepted the resignation of Donald Nelson as his personal representative to foreign governments.

He appointed Edwin A. Locke, jr., Nelson's assistant, as his successor.

Locke has been deputy to Nelson since the former Sears Roebuck executive served as chairman of the Donald Nelson war production board.

In submitting his resignation, Nelson wrote the president that he would be glad to return at any time to tell President Truman what he had done under President Roosevelt.

President Truman accepted the resignation reluctantly. He noted that since May 1940, Nelson has been in Washington "at great personal sacrifice, rendering patriotic and effective service in helping to build the vast war machine which has finally spelled victory in Europe for the cause of decency."

Nelson had served as a special representative for President Roosevelt on economic missions to Russia, England, China and Australia.

Manpower Control To Stand on Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12 (UP)—War manpower commission controls on the west coast will be relaxed only after victory in the Pacific, the regional war manpower commission official announced today.

Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles and San Diego areas, were placed in group I as critical labor areas by F. W. Hunter, regional office chief. The San Francisco Bay area was classified in group II last month.

"Relaxation of controls on the west coast will be gradual and progressive as more labor is made available," Hunter said.

Russia Soon to Start Making Autos

LONDON, May 12 (UP)—The Moscow radio said today that within a few days the production of automobiles will begin at one of Russia's big tank factories.

Senate Balks at Expense Account Voted By House

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP)—That \$2,500 tax-free expense account house members voted for themselves is running into opposition from some senators who fear it may give Congress a "black eye."

The expense account was adopted Thursday by an overwhelming vote in the house. It applies only to representatives. Indications today were that the senate may not only refuse to approve a similar increase for itself but may refuse to let the house go through.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D. Colo., declared that the boost was a blow "at the integrity of our hold the line policy."

"How can we hold the line for other folks if we give ourselves an increase?" he demanded.

Women Will Aid Ration Board On Sugar Allotment

Issuance of Canning Supply Starts Tuesday

Through the community service panel of the OPA, Mrs. Walter A. Bean, a member of the panel, has arranged with women's organizations in La Grande for volunteer workers to assist at the rationing office during the rush period when canning sugar applications will be accepted, beginning Tuesday.

To work Tuesday are the following members of the city council of parent-teacher associations: Mrs. George Rotner, Mrs. Leonard DuMars, Mrs. Horace Williams, Mrs. Hollis Hetrick, Mrs. Roy Hitchison and Mrs. Charles Carlson.

Mrs. Bert Hanson, president of the YWEA, is arranging for workers from that organization for Wednesday. Mrs. Lee Thomas, president of the American Legion auxiliary, appointed Mrs. Eugene Millering chairman of that organization's work day Thursday. The other members are Mrs. Jess Rosenbaum, Mrs. O. B. Maxam, Mrs. John Lane, Mrs. C. J. Shorb and Mrs. S. H. Burleigh.

The auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, with Mrs. Ernest Briggs, president, will assist Friday. Volunteers in that group are Mrs. Vivian Dotson, Mrs. Nellie King, Mrs. Jack McGeehan, Mrs. Gertrude Happersett, Mrs. Ella Mae Theilen, Mrs. Julius Clausen, Mrs. Dick Hunter and Mrs. L. F. Carroll.

On Saturday a group from the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary will work. Mrs. R. H. See. See CANNING... Page 3

Stalin Is Mum On Arrest of 16 Polish Leaders

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP)—Authoritative sources revealed today that Premier Josef Stalin has failed so far to answer an Anglo-American request for details of the recent arrest of 16 Polish democratic leaders.

These sources said, however, that Stalin has communicated directly with President Truman on the Big Three dispute.

State department officials declined to confirm or deny reports that this message from the Soviet premier advised President Truman that further discussion of the Polish question was useless on its present basis.

At the same time, acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew officially denied a newspaper report which said Stalin had said "no comment" to reports that Stalin had said he would not continue the Polish discussions on their current basis.

This was the substance of Grew's denial, but official sources added that Stalin has communicated with the White House recently in a message which "dealt solely with the Polish government question."

Grew's denial and the authoritative report that Stalin had contacted President Truman came shortly after the White House had said "no comment" to reports that Stalin had said he would not continue the Polish discussions on their current basis.

No End Seen To Strike of Miners

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP)—Prospects faded today that 72,000 striking Pennsylvania anthracite miners would return to work Monday. A government official here said he doubted "whether much hard coal would be mined all next week."

Negotiators for the operators and United Mine Workers did not meet yesterday and have no meetings scheduled today. Both parties were reported still waiting for a call from Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes to discuss a proposal to break their deadlock over a new contract.

Court in Enterprise

Circuit Judge R. J. Green will go to Enterprise to preside at the periodical motion day in the Wallowa county court.



CHECK JAP PILLBOX ON BORNEO — Soldiers of the Australian Imperial forces cautiously check a Jap pillbox as they advance toward Djoeita oil field on Tarakan island off Borneo. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme Photographer for War Picture Pool.

Organization of Devotees of Rod, Gun is Speeded

Organization of the rapidly expanding La Grande Sportsmen's club received new impetus last night when more than 200 members met at the Odd Fellows hall at a dinner meeting presided over by Ernest Walden, president.

Featured speaker was Circuit Court Judge R. J. Green, introduced by Walden as chairman of the newly formed four-county sportsmen's council. Green told of the principles and objectives of the new organization, which includes sportsmen's groups from Umatilla, Baker, Wallowa and Union counties.

"We need recognition from the game commission of the necessity of restocking and maintaining the sports facilities in eastern Oregon, sports center of the state and perhaps of the northwest," he said. "We need this recognition not only for the benefit of such sportsmen and women as are sitting in the room tonight but for the benefit of our returning service men and women."

Walden and John Garity, secretary of the organization, welcomed the women present. Garity urged the women to invite other women sport followers to join the organization.

Gerald Pierson, chairman of the dinner and entertainment committee, spoke briefly, declaring that plans are underway for a similar affair during the summer months in the outdoors, time and place to be disclosed later.

Walden introduced members of the board of directors, including Bruce Morehead, Fred Lanzler, Nate Zweifel, Chauncey Walker and Frank Flanery.

A reading given by Jerry Clark was well received and dinner music was provided by a group of high school musicians.

Yanks Recover Looted Treasure

U. S. 7th ARMY HQDTRS., May 12 (UP)—U. S. Seventh army officers have uncovered four large caches of art treasures systematically looted by the Nazis from France and other occupied countries.

No estimate of the value of the art treasures was made.

One huge cache was discovered in a long tunnel at an unspecified point in the Austrian Alps. Another great collection was found in Neuschwanstein castle in Bavaria. It includes famous paintings from the Munich museum, old royal regalia and private collections of the Bavarian royal Wittelsbach family.

Riding on Sidewalk Leads to Arrests

Hugh E. Percy, route 1, La Grande, and Alvin L. Matheson, Perry, were arrested by city police last evening on a disorderly conduct charge, and were released on posting of \$50 bail each.

The police report said they were riding horses on the sidewalk on Depot street and rode into a local cafe.

They were scheduled to appear in the municipal court this afternoon.

Former Prisoner Says German Atrocities Worse Than Japs'

The cruelty and atrocities of the Japanese toward prisoners and civilians in occupied areas have shocked the civilized world, but in deliberate viciousness they do not approach those perpetrated by the Germans.

This is the opinion expressed by George W. Weedon, formerly of La Grande, who was imprisoned in the Japanese camp at Cabanatuan on the island of Luzon for two years and nine months, and who is now visiting in the city.

"The Germans systematized their atrocities and cruelty," he said, "but with the Japanese it was largely spontaneous and was due chiefly to their ignorance and circumstances."

Goering To Face Many Charges As War Criminal

LONDON, May 12 (UP)—A member of the United Nations war crimes commission said today that Hermann Goering had been indicted on at least eight separate counts and "we have an airtight case."

"I would like to prosecute him myself," a commission member said in revealing that the evidence already compiled against Goering as a war criminal filled several volumes.

All but one of the counts against the reichsmarschal, now in custody of the U. S., seventh army in Bavaria, arise from his alleged responsibility as a minister of the reich for the criminal government laid down by the German police.

The remaining indictment charges Goering with specific responsibility for the forced labor and slavery programs in Germany, which violated the articles of the Hague convention.

Indicted with Goering are three men who assisted him in administering the program. They are Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, plenipotentiary for the war effort, R. Walther Darré, one time minister of agriculture, also under arrest, and Fritz Sauckel, manpower director.

A Paris radio commentator said today that "preferential treatment" given Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering by United States army officers has caused indignation and concern in France.

CBS correspondent Charles Collingwood said in a broadcast from Paris today that gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler "is now reported to be in our hands."

He said Himmler is "understood" to have been held under arrest in the Flensburg area by Admiral Karl Doenitz who "is now believed to have turned him over to British forces in that area."

Yanks Will Go To Famous Colleges

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP)—G. I.s in Europe will get a chance to study at some of the world's most famous universities—Oxford and Cambridge in England, the Sorbonne in Paris and the University of Rome—while awaiting shipping or plane space for their exodus from Europe.

Foreign universities will stand on the top rung of a ladder of schools to be offered to doughboys still in Europe. At lower levels will be all kinds of instruction from literacy training up through grade school and high school, as well as technical and vocational training.

Gains Are Made at High Cost; German Remnants Surrender

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE
United Press War Editor

Four American divisions hammered at the Japanese lines across the southern tip of Okinawa today in a general offensive designed to crush the remaining 45,000 defenders of the strategic island.

Marines of the sixth division battled in the outskirts of Naha, only about 500 yards from that capital and principal town. The 77th army division won high ground overlooking the key position of Shuri, second largest town on Okinawa, in a costly advance of several hundred yards. The 96th division on the east coast fought toward Conical hill covering the port of Yonabaru, right wing anchor of the stubbornly held enemy positions.

The offensive was in its second day, having started at 7 a.m. yesterday after a heavy artillery, air and naval bombardment. The attackers were making slow but steady progress with tanks, flame throwers, tommy guns and bayonets in fighting as tough as any the island has yet seen.

The other focal point of ground fighting in the Pacific was on Mindanao, second island of the Philippines. There the Japanese defenders were broken up into small isolated pockets for annihilation after a new American landing in the north. Fortieth divisions troops advanced four miles inland from Macajalar Bay without opposition to within 47 airline miles of 31st division troops advancing from the south to cut the island in two.

Wisconsin Man Is First Discharged Under New Plan

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP)—The first of an eventual 1,300,000 veteran soldiers who will be released under the army's post V-E day demobilization plan picked up their discharge papers today and returned to civilian life.

About 2,500 men were to be released during the day at 17 separation centers in all parts of the country. Most of them are overseas veterans home on furlough when victory in Europe was proclaimed.

They began filing through processing lines at the separation centers in the early hours of the morning. W. S. John M. Grant, 24, Omro, Wis., was handed his discharge at 9:20 a.m. (EWT), at Fort Sheridan, Ill., only 24 hours after he learned he would be released.

"It was the best surprise I ever had," he said.

Grant said he intended to get a job in a war plant.

The beginning of demobilization at home came on R-day, the day on which the nation officially began redeploying its 8,300,000-man army against Japan.

German Leaders, Jap Diplomatic Staff Captured

SEVENTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, May 12 (UP)—Three more ministers in Adolf Hitler's government and 130 Japanese diplomatic personnel, including Ambassador Ken Hiroshi Oshima, were in Seventh army custody today.

Between 150 and 200 top Nazi government officials were rounded up by Seventh army patrols scouring Austria and Bavaria villages. In the latest batch were: Dr. Walter Funk, minister of economics and president of the reichsbank; Dr. Hans Heinrich Lammers, chief of Hitler's reich chancellery; minister without portfolio and SS general, and Dr. Wilhelm Ohnesorge, post minister.

In addition to Oshima, Japanese caught in the 7th army net were the ambassador's wife, Lt. Gen. Mitsushiko Komatsu, military attaché to the Berlin embassy; Maj. Gen. Osamu Otani and Yoshikada Michima of the foreign office; Mideo Kojima, naval attaché, and four newspapermen.

The Japanese party included embassy staff members and personnel from Berlin, France, Italy and the consulate-general at Vienna. They had moved to southern Germany from Berlin at the suggestion of the Hitler government.

Doctor Declares Quisling Insane

OSLO, May 12 (UP)—A police physician said today that Maj. Vidkun Quisling, ousted puppet premier of Norway, is mentally deranged, but not sufficiently so to escape trial for his life for treason.

The doctor, who examined Quisling in jail yesterday, withheld full details of his findings from the court which will try him on charges of high treason, assisting the enemy and ordering the unlawful execution of Norwegian citizens.

Quisling was believed suffering from Megalomania. Ever since his arrest, he has complained constantly of insufficient consideration of his high rank and his "services" to Norway. He still considers himself the "leader" and "president" of Norway.

Bowman Trial Is Set For June 11

Trial of Albert Forrest Bowman of North Powder on a grand jury indictment charging him with the murder of his father Albert F. Bowman, has been set for June 11.

Bowman entered a plea of not guilty after waiting time for arraignment following the overruling of a defense demurrer by Circuit Judge R. J. Green.

He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff in lieu of \$7,000 bail previously set by the court.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
New York		7 10 1
Cleveland		3 8 1
(Tie) called at end of 7th, rain.		
Dubiel and Crompton; Bagby, Kleiman and Steiner.		