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Partly cloudy today and Saturday; cooler with higher humidity Saturday. Max. temp. Thurs. 86; min. 49. North wind. River 1.4 ft.

US Trucks Guarded By Marines, Break Dock Picket Lines

Shipyard Workers at Oakland Are Taken to Defense Jobs Through Jeering but Quiet CIO Strikers

OAKLAND, Calif., May 22-(AP)—Bluejackets and marines manned navy trucks Thursday to haul about 600 AFL shipyard workers through CIO picket lines at two of the 11 shipyards and repair docks tied up by striking machinists.

CIO machinists on the picket lines jeered and threw copies of strike bulletins at the fleet of navy conveyances, but there was no violence.

The struck shipyards, closed for 13 days, hold contracts for about a half billion dollars worth of defense construction and repairs.

Last Friday Acting Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal said "the navy department is shocked at the failure of the machinists in the San Francisco bay area to accept the west coast zone standards." He declared the navy was "requesting the commandant of the 12th district . . . to give every assistance . . . to correct this most unfortunate situation."

Thursday the uniformed enlisted men and marines showed up with navy trucks. They carried no weapons.

The Alameda County CIO Industrial union council, of which the machinists are members, dispatched indignant telegrams of protest to President Roosevelt, Secretaries Knox and Stimson and others against "this unprecedented high-handed action," and urged immediate steps "to restore fundamental rights now being violated by this strike-breaking act."

The speaker in a cruising CIO sound truck, present when the trucks were being loaded, declared "we cannot tolerate the breaking of strikes with the use of the armed forces of the United States. It is undemocratic and setting a dangerous precedent that we will not tolerate."

PORTLAND, Ore., May 22-(AP)—Columbia basin loggers and CIO woods workers, attempting to beat the deadline for settlement of their dispute by the federal mediation board May 28, met all day Thursday.

Federal Conciliator Charles A. Wheeler said some progress was made and that there was a possibility of local settlement. Employer spokesmen said the principal stumbling block was a demand for a union shop.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 22-(AP)—Petitions were circulated here Thursday among members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's association local 1-8, demanding a referendum vote on the recently amended constitution.

Members charged that Matt

Airport Work On Schedule

Work on the Salem airport is proceeding on schedule, James Craughn, construction superintendent for Edliefsen-Weyandant company, said Thursday, and crews are expected to start placing blacktop for runways in about three weeks.

Heavy equipment has been working on the eastern section of the field and Craughn said leveling of that portion will be completed in two or three days. That section can then be used by student pilots.

Work on the airport project is expected to reach its peak when laying of the runways is started.

Work to Start On Sewer Line

Workmen are scheduled to start today breaking paving on South Commercial street near Ferry for a change in sewer flow direction of a small section of sewer running from Ferry and Commercial to Bellevue street.

The line is to be connected with the Bellevue street line, which will drain into the Ferry street sewer instead of the river.

The project is one of a number of small sewer jobs being done preliminary to construction of the main intercepting sewer to the planned sewage disposal plant. Work is being done by WPA under supervision of the city engineering department.

Our Senators Lost 9-6

British Smash Nazi Transports 'Battle to the Death' On Crete

Cut Asked In Wheat Acreage

Lack of Storage Said Reason for Restrictions

WASHINGTON, May 22-(AP)—Confronted by the prospect of having to pile new wheat on the ground for lack of storage facilities, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard asked farmers Thursday to cut planting for the 1942 crop by 11 per cent.

Acting under crop control legislation, the secretary established a 1942 planting allotment of 55,000,000 acres, the minimum allowed by law. This is a reduction of 7,000,000 acres from the 1941 allotment and compares with a record planting of about 81,000,000 acres in 1937.

The national allotment will be apportioned among farmers under a formula set up by law. While producers are free to abide by or ignore their allotments, only those who comply are eligible for maximum benefit payments and crop loans authorized under federal farm programs.

Wickard said that surpluses and this year's prospective bumper crop would give the United States about 1,250,000,000 bushels of wheat for the coming season, or enough to supply the country for nearly two years.

The surplus reflected, the secretary said, losses in export markets as a result of the war. Foreign sales this season are expected to be less than 35,000,000 bushels. They averaged around 200,000,000 in the 20's.

The department's announcement of the reduced allotment said that the United States was not, however, retreating from world markets.

PULLMAN, May 22-(AP)—The state land use planning committee, asserting that shortages of farm labor would become acute this summer, developed a nine-point program Thursday with a view to correcting the situation.

J. M. Whitney of the Yakima state employment service office told the committee high wages in defense industries, plus the selective service program, had taken men from farming areas and decreased the supply of migratory labor.

The committee's suggested program:

1. Appointment of regional representatives of the US bureau.

ST. LOUIS, May 22-(AP)—The Rev. Herbert Booth Smith, pastor of the Immanuel Presbyterian church of Los Angeles, late Thursday was elected moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America.

The retiring moderator is the Rev. William Lindsay Young, of Parkville, Mo., president of Park college.

A major matter to be discussed will be the status of the conversations looking toward union with the Protestant Episcopal church, the Presbyterian church in the United States and the United Presbyterians.

Final Contingent of Ft. Lewis Troops to Bivouac Here Today

Thirtieth Infantry, Well Known to Salem, in Fourth Unit to Camp at State Fairgrounds

Last motorized troop movements south through Salem for June maneuvers on the Heart ranch in California is slated today as approximately 1,000 officers and men arrive this afternoon to take up a one-night stand at the fairgrounds.

Meanwhile, at Fort Lewis, Wash., first of 27 troop trains starts the journey to California tonight. More than 13,000 combat troops are to be moved to San Lucas and San Ardo, Calif., by rail, a two-day trip.

At the Hunter-Liggett reservation (San Simon ranch), Jolon, Calif., the 13,000 will join the 22,000 officers and men who have formed the parade in 3400 trucks down through central Oregon and over highway 99.

There throughout June they will "fight" troops of the VIII army corps, concentrated there from southern parts of the far west in the biggest military "games" the coast country has ever witnessed.

Current plans call for a migration northward early in August for conduct of even larger maneuvers in southwestern Washington, where 100,000 men are to be assigned.

Going home, "San Francisco's own 30th," the regiment of infantry regularly stationed at the Presidio above the Golden Gate, was back on familiar territory bivouacking last night at the state fairgrounds at the north outskirts of Salem.

"Where are the beards?" asked officers and men of the week's fourth military contingent to spend the night here. Many of the 1300 officers and men in this sub-column were stopping at the fairgrounds last year on the occasion of Senator Charles L. McNary's speech accepting the vice-presidential nomination and recall the Centennial facial decorations and garb worn by the city's residents then.

Included in the sub-column are the third division's reconnaissance troops, the 91st observation squadron and the 69th engineers company as well as the 30th infantry, traveling in 302 vehicles (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

MILPITAS, Calif., May 22-(AP)—Two army fliers from nearby Moffett field died Thursday when their training plane crashed in a ranch field near here.

Flying Cadet Ralph V. Nipper, 24-year-old former University of Oregon student from Pocatello, Idaho, was killed in the crash, while Second Lieut. Warren P. Rice, 24, of Dallas, Texas, died several hours later in a San Jose hospital from head and internal injuries.

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STRAW HAT DAY BRINGS HEAT

Straw hats blossomed like spring flowers Thursday as a burning sun sent the mercury shooting up to a new temperature record for the season of 86 degrees.

The second day of the heat wave saw the April 23 record of 85 degrees shattered as though in answer to Mayor Chadwick's proclamation of Thursday as "Straw Hat Day."

Repeal of Neutrality Act Seen

Two Cabinet Men Hurl Criticism; Capital Buzzes

WASHINGTON, May 22-(AP)—Strong criticism by two cabinet officers of the United States neutrality act Thursday caused speculation that an effort to repeal the act might be in the making, and at the same time stirred up a spirited controversy on Capitol Hill.

Secretary of War Stimson told his press conference in response to questions that the act violates "America's most sacred and important tradition of foreign policy, freedom of the seas." Wednesday Secretary of the Navy Knox had called the act a terrible blunder.

The neutrality law, among other things, prevents American ships from carrying supplies to England, which is in a combat zone.

Soon after Stimson made his criticism of the measure, Senator George (D-Ga.), chairman of the important senate foreign relations committee, told reporters cryptically that the much-discussed question of using the American navy to convoy shipments to Great Britain was "not the full, complete or final answer to the difficulties now facing the British empire."

Whether he meant that the answer might include the use of American merchant ships to deliver supplies was not stated, but he did say that if the United States made any change in present policy it doubtless would involve alteration or repeal of the neutrality law.

"I have confidence that the president is thinking the question through with great care," he added.

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) declared that both Stimson and (Turn to Page 3, Col. 1)

War News Briefs

LONDON, May 22-(Friday)—Britain had passed its second consecutive night free of Nazi air raiders today, and London had enjoyed its 12th successive raid-free night. The lack of activity was attributed to continental weather conditions.

BERLIN, Friday, May 23-(AP)—The most destructive blow since the beginning of the war has been delivered to Britain's seapower, Berlin newspapers jubilantly announced today in reporting the sinking of four English cruisers and several destroyers by Nazi air bombs in the eastern Mediterranean.

BOMBAY, India, May 23-(Friday)—General Annibale (Electric Whiskers) Bergonzoni, Italian army leader captured by the British last February at Bengasi, Libya, arrived today in a contingent of 1900 Italian prisoners brought to Bombay for internment.

NEW YORK, May 22-(AP)—The safe arrival in Britain of a convoy of 50 ships carrying more than \$100,000,000 in war supplies was announced Thursday in a cable report to Collier's weekly by Quentin Reynolds, correspondent for the magazine. Reynolds said he believed the convoy was the largest ever to make the Atlantic crossing.

Leads French



Late reports from north Africa indicate that Gen. Charles De Gaulle, leader of the "Free French" forces may be recognized as chief of the government of the French people by the British following a warning to Vichy that attacks on unoccupied France may be expected if military aid is given the Germans under the "collaboration" pact.

Circuit Judge James T. Brand, Marshfield, recently appointed justice of the state supreme court to succeed the late Henry J. Bean, will arrive in Salem early Monday to assume his new duties.

Brand will receive the oath of office in the chambers of Chief Justice Percy Kelly with members of his family and a few close friends witnessing the ceremony.

Del M. King, Myrtle Point attorney, has been appointed circuit judge of the second judicial district to succeed Brand.

Typos Turn Down AFL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 22-(AP)—Reaffiliation with the AFL was opposed 224 to 100 by the Multnomah Typographical union, a tabulation of votes Thursday showed.

Control In Skies Is Lost

Violent Naval Action Rages; French Warned

By The Associated Press

The British navy was reported early today (Friday) to have smashed whole shiploads of Nazi reinforcements off Crete, but it appeared that the Germans were able to land many more paratroopers on the island where they already hold two key points.

The Germans, moreover, claimed that their dive-bombers sank four British cruisers and several destroyers Thursday in addition to nine warships reported hard hit on Wednesday.

British-Greek ground defenders admittedly were at a grave disadvantage without RAF support on the island. The German paratroopers held one of the two airdromes on Crete, and the RAF was withdrawn to save it from annihilation.

London newspapers editorially described the epic air-versus-sea battle in tones reminiscent of that just before the British withdrawal from Greece.

But Prime Minister Winston Churchill said there would be no withdrawal at Crete; in fact he told the house of commons Thursday that neither side could retreat. Thus it was a "battle to the death" on this rocky island 100 miles off the Greek mainland.

Nazi paratroopers drifted down through a shower of anti-aircraft fire. Many were riddled with machine gun blasts before they touched earth, but they kept coming.

Wives of the Cretan hillsmen were said to be aiding in the vast modern guerrilla warfare rocket. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Road Board Awards Work

PORTLAND, May 22-(AP)—The state highway commission awarded contracts Thursday on five projects totaling \$437,000, referred two totaling \$88,000 to engineers and rejected two.

Projects awarded included: Linn county—Grade widening and paving 3.17 miles on Crabtree corner-Lebanon section of Santiam highway, Warren Northwest, Inc., Portland, \$69,336.

The commission voted to widen 9th street in Corvallis on highway 99-W. The cost was estimated at \$30,000.

Crew of Leme Is Indicted

PORTLAND, May 22-(AP)—Twenty-one officers and crew members of the damaged Italian motorship Leme was indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday on charges of sabotage and conspiracy.

Named in the indictment were Captain Giovanni Polonio, most of his officers, two radio operators, the ship's carpenter and a large portion of the engine room force. Coast guardsmen found engines, navigating instruments, the ship's radio and other equipment badly damaged when they seized the vessel here.

Salem Man Reports Progress of Pan American Highway

Good progress is being made toward a Pan American highway in Mexico, Guatemala, San Salvador and Nicaragua, but little has been done in Honduras, while Costa Rica is just starting, Fletcher Johnson, Salem high school graduate now holding a position on the road project in Panama, reported to The Statesman in a letter received this week.

Johnson, a graduate of Salem high, where he was active in minor sports, in 1932 is now in Panama City. San Salvador's roads, Johnson

says, are the best of any Central American country with excellent pavement. Work on the Pan American highway sections will soon be completed.

Guatemala also has fair roads running from boundary to boundary, while the Pan American project is advancing well in Mexico with surveys completed from Oaxaca south to Tehuantepec.

"In Honduras," he writes, "I found no evidence of work on the Pan American highway section. The bull cart trails are very bad and in the rainy season they will be absolutely impassable to automobile traffic."

"Nicaragua has negotiated a \$2,000,000 loan from the United States for Pan American highway work. At present the government is building a road from Mangus, the capital, to Rivas. President Anastasio Somoza said that he hoped to complete Nicaragua's section of the road in three years.

"In Costa Rica a very short section of the road has been completed. The government, however, recently obtained a loan from the United States which is earmarked specifically for the construction of a highway from Cartago south to the boundary with Panama. The public roads administration has engineers making a survey at this time. Machinery has been arriving in Costa Rica for highway work.

President Rafael Calderon Guardia hopes that the Costa Rican section will be completed during his administration. However, I believe that it will take at least eight years to complete that section depending on the

amount of work expended on the project. Naturally, the bill brought up by President Roosevelt will push things through much faster, if it goes through.

"Panama has a good road running all the way from David to the Canal Zone. It is the only highway south of San Salvador that you can drive by night.

"At this time the public roads administration is rushing work on the Trans-Isthmian highway project which will be completed not later than March of next year. The

highway will connect Balboa and Panama City with Cristobal and Colon. Now the only way of crossing the Isthmus is through the Panama Canal or on the Panama railroad. However, in case of emergency troops could be rushed easily from one side to the other due to good trails.

Salem Students Honored by OSC

CORVALLIS, May 22-(AP)—Scholarships of \$86 each for the next school year, announced today by E. B. Lemon of the OSC committee on high school relations, were awarded to 75 high school seniors and 41 Oregon State undergraduates, including Donald Bower and Bernice Smothers, Salem, high school students; Betty E. Smith, Dallas, and Eileen Holden and Eileen Ullman, Salem, undergraduates.