

Weather
Partly cloudy today and Monday with local showers over mountains today; mild at coast. Max. temp. Saturday, 70, Min. 50. Southeast wind. River -4 feet. Rain .02 inch. Cloudy.

Iraq Is Seen as Next Great Battle Front

Council to Face Big Issues

Parking Meters, Alarm System, Engineer up

Controversial issues which were pigeon-holed at the last council session for fear of confusing the electorate before the special city election at which the voters approved a \$200,000 bond issue are expected to make their appearances Monday night.

The major issues expected to come before the council are:

1.—A resolution, introduced earlier but laid on the table, authorizing the city recorder to advertise for supply and installation of parking meters.

2.—A resolution, prepared for introduction two weeks ago, but held up, authorizing calling of bids on a fire alarm system to be paid for from the special 2-mill fire tax.

3.—Selection of an engineering firm to act as consultants during construction of Salem's sewage disposal plant from five engineering firms which have submitted sealed proposals.

Because some legal work is not yet completed the council probably will not have before it an ordinance, now being prepared, for sale of the \$200,000 in sewage disposal bonds authorized at the May 20 election. It is probable that a special council meeting will be called during the coming week for action on the bond matter.

The parking meter resolution calls for installation of the penny-nickel machines on specified downtown streets. The meter proposal, rejected once before, has been opposed by some downtown merchants.

The fire alarm system proposed in the resolution prepared by the fire department committee would provide between 20 and 25 fire alarm boxes to protect the downtown area and city schools and three police alarm stations.

Alderman Ross Goodman, chairman of the fire department committee, said cost of the system would be around \$30,000, which he said could be handled in the regular budget from fire tax funds.

Two more engineering firms, Stevens and Koon of Portland and D. Arthur Lowe and son of Salem, have submitted proposals on the engineering of the sewage disposal plant to the council's sewerage and drainage committee. The proposals are to be opened along with those previously received.

Also before the council Monday is final action on a revamped zoning ordinance, which includes a special restricted zone surrounding the built and proposed state capitol group.

One alderman was reported Saturday seeking backing for a resolution which would provide leaves of absence for city employees wishing to obtain jobs in national defense works, but several others doubted whether sufficient backing could be obtained for the proposal.

Wreck Kills CA Soldier

SEASIDE, Ore., May 31.—(P)—A head-on collision at a curve killed Bert Peterson, Fort Stevens soldier in Battery G of the 249th coast artillery, on the coast highway near here Saturday night. Peterson's automobile collided with another driven by Victor Lewis Genovese, Portland. All in the Genovese car escaped injury.

US Shifts Salem Man

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—Ivan B. White, Salem, Ore., was designated first secretary of embassy and vice consul at Rio de Janeiro by the state department Saturday. He is now in the state department.

Our Senators

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—Appointment to the Officers' Reserve corps has been accepted by John William Cattrell, Salem, second lieutenant engineers' reserve.

Retained



Kennell-Ellis photo
DR. RAY M. WALTZ

Fairview Home Aide Selected

Salem Doctor to Take Over Position Left by Dr. B. L. Titus

Dr. Ray M. Waltz, Salem physician and surgeon, has been retained to succeed Dr. Bruce L. Titus on July 1 as assistant superintendent of Oregon Fairview home, the state board of control disclosed Saturday. Dr. H. G. Miller is superintendent of the institution.

Dr. Titus, formerly connected with the Marion county health department, submitted his resignation early last month with the announcement that he planned to study in the east before returning to private practice.

Board of control records show that Dr. Waltz is 54 years old, a native of Spokane, Wash. He spent 13 years in private practice at Brownsville after being graduated from the University of Oregon medical school. He moved to Salem in 1930 after spending a year in special studies in the east and in Vienna, and has practiced his profession continuously since that time.

The assistant superintendency carries a salary of \$215 a month and an additional \$50 a month as physician for the state girls' industrial school.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

One of our department store scouts relates to us an incident which recently happened at one of Salem's larger emporiums.

It appears, so our scouts say, that a man and his wife came in to the store to buy some garden hose.

The man asked for 50 feet of garden hose and the clerk, after a little dithering between one grade of rubber and another, sold him a roll of hose.

So the man took his hose, crammed the sales slip in his pocket and started for the door, but he didn't quite get there.

Just as they were stepping out on to the street the man's wife grabbed the sales slip.

"Henry," she said, "Let me look at that hose."

Being a dutiful husband, he let her look at the hose.

She inspected the coiled hose closely and then, her lips shortened in suspicion, she said:

"Henry, they cheated you. They've only given you 25 feet of hose and we paid for 50 feet. We've got to have 50 feet, so you march right back in there and get our other 25 feet."

So the man marched right back in, our scout says, and approached the section head. He explained what had happened.

"Why that's 50 feet of hose," he said. He pointed to a smaller roll of hose on display. "That's a 25 foot roll over there. May I see your sales slip?"

The man pulled the crumpled slip from his pocket and the section manager studied it.

"Hmmm," he hummed. "That clerk did make a mistake. I'm glad you discovered it for us. You got 50 feet of hose and he only charged you for 25. That'll be two dollars more, please."

Our scout says the man's wife hasn't been the same since.

Before the Associated Press teletypes start beating out the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Accepts Appointment

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US Wheat Quotas Win Easy

Marion County Vote 181 to 19; US Margin 78.2

Marion county wheat farmers approved by an overwhelming majority Saturday the proposal for rigid marketing quotas on their 1941 crop. Official total returns tabulated by the county agent's office were 181 for to 19 against, all ten districts reporting a margin of approximately 90 per cent.

Those eligible to vote in the county totaled 281. Saturday night 21 ballots were contested because the voters who cast them were not on the eligibility list in that district. They will be checked Monday.

Gov. Charles A. Sprague, who voted on the proposal, stated earlier he favored it.

Vote by districts was:

	Yes	No
Cervais	12	1
Central Howell	41	1
Jefferson	13	0
St. Paul	12	0
Salem	17	2
North and South Silverton	18	1
Sayre	12	1
Woodburn	21	1
Turner	13	4

CORVALLIS, Ore.—Complete tabulation of the vote in the 30 wheat-growing counties gave 4581 votes for and 210 against, a margin of almost 96 per cent.

Officials said that 1091 votes were challenged and were not included in Saturday night's tabulation but would be added later. The votes would not change the outcome.

The challenges came because eligibility was changed a few days ago, and it has not been definitely (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Typos Refuse AFL Return

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—(P)—Woodruff Randolph, secretary of the International Typographical union, said Saturday night that members of the union apparently had rejected a proposal to return to the American Federation of Labor.

This was the last day for mailing returns from a referendum May 21. An official canvass will start Monday at International headquarters here. Randolph said the result would be made public before next weekend.

He reported unofficial returns from 149 of 850 locals showed 16,840 members for and 21,957 against reaffiliation.

Clothes Cut By British

LONDON, May 31.—(P)—War-time rationing hit the wardrobes of all Britons today with the clamping down of severe restrictions on virtually every article of wearing apparel from neck to foot.

The secretly-planned and unexpected step, announced by the board of trade, a government department, applies to all apparel—except hats and infant clothing—and also to cloth, footwear and knitting wool.

British Writer Dies

LONDON, Sunday, June 1.—(P)—Sir Hugh Walpole, British novelist, died today.

Cook Classes Open Wednesday

New foods and how to prepare them in the most modern ways are features of The Statesman's Happy Kitchen cooking classes scheduled for the Salem armory on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week from 2 until 4 o'clock.

Barbara Miller, home economist in charge, will stress new menus, budget ideas and new products for kitchen aid.

Miss Miller, who proved a popular demonstrator at previous Oregon Statesman, has many new ideas for preparing recipes. She has gained information on the constantly changing methods of using electric appliances, since her fall show in Salem.

Promoted



H. B. Glasper, secretary of the state highway commission, received word Saturday that his son, Second Lt. H. B. Glasper, Jr., stationed with the army air corps at Stockton, Calif., has completed a course at the instructors' school there and been notified that he will be made a squadron commander instead of a flight instructor. Squadron commanders carry a captain's rating and have charge of approximately 150 men.

Salem Schools In Final Week

Services and Rites Scheduled for All Educational Units

Baccalaureate services today open the final week of all Salem schools for the 1940-41 term. Commencement and promotion exercises are scheduled for Sacred Heart and St. Vincent de Paul academies, senior high school, Leslie and Parrish junior high schools and Willamette university.

Baccalaureate services for Sacred Heart academy seniors are at 9 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Rev. Daniel O'Connell is to give the sermon. Rev. Theodore Bernards presides.

Bishop Bruce R. Baxter, acting president of Willamette, gives the baccalaureate sermon at First Methodist church at 11 a.m. The university's cappella choir is to sing, and Dean Melvin Geist sings "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Curran. Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor, is to preside.

Immediately following, at 12:15, trustees, graduates and others interested, are to go to the campus for the dedication of Everett Stanton Collins hall, science building added to the campus this year.

Salem high school seniors attend baccalaureate services in their auditorium at 8 o'clock to-night. Rev. W. Irvin Williams of First Presbyterian church is the speaker, on "Insure Your Personality." Program includes professional and recreational played by Carol Cook, anthems by choir, solo by Jean Alice Carlin.

Twenty-one students are to receive diplomas Monday night at 8 o'clock from Sacred Heart academy. The 78th annual commencement, with Rev. Augustine A. Meyer of Medford as speaker, features several musical numbers by students. The public is invited to the exercises in St. Joseph's hall.

The Sacred Heart grade school graduates 18 eighth graders in private exercises Monday morning.

A program of musical numbers is planned for the nine eighth graders (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Cook Classes Open Wednesday

She will feature new kitchen gadgets, too. For instance there is a handy flour sifter that almost does the work of sifting flour by itself. There is a fine new bleach for use in the kitchen and laundry, which she will demonstrate. Cleaners and other household aids will be shown.

There will be many food products featured, including many new ones, new ways of preparing familiar ones will be shown. Among those demonstrated will be flour, chocolate, macaroni products, and salad dressing. All practical foods to feature in summertime menus. The daily shows are free, but best seats go first, so it's a good plan to come in plenty of time to be sure of choice of view seats.

BARBARA MILLER
Home Economist

Winant to Take Aid Plan Back

Hurried Return To US Seen as Secret Move

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—Informed Washington opinion is that Ambassador John G. Winant's hurried visit to this country is not so much for the purpose of bringing information to President Roosevelt, as of carrying highly important and secret information back to London.

The timing of his visit would suggest that such was the case. It followed immediately upon Mr. Roosevelt's Tuesday night speech, an address which stated American policy toward England and the war in positive terms and spoke vigorously but mysteriously of new measures to be attempted upon the Atlantic.

At a press conference the next day, the chief executive made it more than clear that he considers his plans for the assuring the safe delivery of American supplies to England a military secret of the most important character. When asked what he proposed to do, he told a reporter that that was what Adolf Hitler would most like to know.

It is hardly unusual for ambassadors to act as messenger boys, particularly in times of crisis. In days such as these there naturally must be exchanges of information so confidential in nature, and so valuable to Germany, should the Nazis by any chance obtain it, that it cannot be entrusted to coded cables or diplomatic mail pouches.

Obviously falling into this classification is what the president intends to do to implement this statement that all necessary measures will be taken to see to it that American munitions are carried safely through the Nazi submarine, surface raider and airplane blockade. The president's press conference statement shows that he, himself so considers it.

The next two days, it was said, Winant will spend compiling a report and "checking on certain information he must obtain over here." Then on Tuesday he is to see the president at the white house, when, according to the prevalent view he will be given the information he is to take back to Winston Churchill.

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Rain in May Over Average

Rain on 18 of May's 31 days reached a total of 3.83 inches, according to official computations of the airport weather bureau—a figure 1.71 inches above the 2.12 average for that month.

On only four other Mays has the rainfall totaled more than the month just past, wettest being 1895 with 6.23 inches, and others being 1896 with 5.45; 1933 with 4.61, and 1893 with 4.20. Last year's total reached 2.17 inches.

Carol Just Refugee

HAVANA, May 31.—(P)—Former King Carol of Rumania termed himself "a simple refugee" Saturday as he and Mme. Magda Lupescu began their exile in Cuba—where the ex-king said "civil liberties and individual liberties still exist."

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—In new extensions of the defense effort, the administration Saturday placed strict controls on use of copper and established an office to see that needs of both the civilian population and the armed (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Iraq Regent To Return

NEW YORK, Sunday, June 1.—(P)—The British Broadcasting corporation, in a broadcast heard today by CBS, said "an unofficial report from Baghdad that the regent (Emir Abdul Ilah) is expected to arrive in the capital Monday."

The regent was forced to leave Iraq April 4 when Rashid Ali Al Gailani, now fled to Iran (Persia), seized control of the government.

British Admit Defeat In Strange Crete War

State Defense Council Set

Sprague Will Appoint 27 Members; County Units Next Step

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER

Preparing Oregon civilians for the somewhat remote event of war-created local emergencies will occupy the attention of leading state officials, the governor's staff in particular, this week.

The week may, from the publicity its developments will receive, take on the aspects of an Oregon Home Defense week. These developments—announcements of appointments and discussions of home defense plans—will come rapidly.

Gov. Charles A. Sprague said Saturday night that he would announce early this week the personnel of his state civilian defense council. Virtually all the citizens he has in mind for positions on the council have already notified him of their willingness to accept the responsibilities membership will entail.

The state council probably will consist of 27 members. Their duties will be advisory in character, principally to report to the governor and assisting state department heads and to advise them on questions of policy. Key position below the governor will be that of a coordinator, who will be appointed to correlate departmental and local council activities.

Most of the work of carrying out the council-determined defense policies will be borne by existing state department heads. The governor has not listed the heads whose services will be required, but it is considered likely that they will be such as the chief of the national guard state staff, the superintendent of state police, the fire marshal, the highway commission and its chief engineer, and the public utilities commissioner.

With detail work directed by such present paid servants of the state, the council members will not have to meet frequently, probably once a month or less often. They will not be paid for their services.

Steps next will be taken toward forming county defense councils under executive appointments, the governor said. Size of these councils will vary according to the scope of local problems to be met.

The defense movement will not begin to affect the citizenry as a whole until the local councils have been created. Then will start the task of forming the working emergency units, such as airplane spotters, fire fighters, first aid corps and general disaster units.

While the executive department has said little about home defense, its members have been at work on organization problems for many months.

Return of David Eccles, executive secretary to the governor, last week from Washington, D.C., conferences with national agencies dealing with defense, was the signal for a conference at which Eccles, his superior and Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wootton of the national guard staff reviewed all plans.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—The war so far has cost Britain fewer than 5000 military casualties a month, it was announced, and the total killed in all three fighting services during the 21 months since the conflict began was 18,627.

This is a little more than half the number of civilians killed in Britain during the 11 months of heavy German air raids between June, 1940, and the end of April. During that 11-month period, previous government figures have revealed, 35,756 civilians were killed and 47,856 injured.

Noted Librarian Dies

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 31.—(P)—Dr. Augustus H. Shearer, 63, former president of the Bibliographical Society of America, and since 1917 librarian of the 350,000-volume Grosvenor reference library here, died Saturday.

Defense of Island Enabled English To Protect Suez

Darlan Castigates England For Taking French Ships; Sees Famine for France

(By The Associated Press)

The European-African-Middle Eastern conflict once again is a war in search of a battlefront.

With the strange battle of Crete all over except for the German-Italian shouting, the mop-up and Britain's formal acknowledgment of another great defeat, high strategists of both sides, it can be taken for granted, are looking around for the likeliest zone of offense and defense.

In Iraq, by all indications Saturday night, appeared to be "it."

The British imperial command knew that and it was an impelling factor in the speed (one month) with which British Middle Eastern forces cleaned up the Iraq war-within-a-war before the axis could, or wished, to give all-out aid to the anti-British dictator-premier, Rashid Ali Al Gailani.

The British campaign in Iraq was capped Saturday by a plea for peace from a Baghdad committee which took the reins of Iraq government upon the flight of Rashid Ali to neighboring Iran.

The British indicated that an armistice had been or would be promptly granted, even as a Palestine motorized force drove into the riot-ridden capital.

A British radio report said that the armistice became effective late Saturday afternoon and that the city of Baghdad was quiet.

Axis aid for Rashid Ali and his military cohorts had been too little and, unless the axis can now turn the tables, too late.

The offensive with which Germany blasted Crete by air and then swamped Greek and British imperial defenders with an unprecedented air-borne invasion virtually had sidetracked the help for which the pro-axis Rashid Ali had appealed.

The biggest crumb of comfort—if any—falling to the British from the battle of Crete is that the die-hard defense of that strategic Greek island, besides costing the Germans heavily in men and planes, may have saved British positions in Iraq.

That land of forbidden desert and scrub country, as rich in Biblical lore as in coveted oil, is a path to the Suez canal.

The problem of defending it now is principally one of swift pacification of native forces and solidification of defense lines before the Luftwaffe, once it has had a breathing spell, can, as the military men say, stage another "vertical envelopment" or before Germany can establish a land army in Iraq.

The future of the Suez canal lifeline link, of the Alexandria naval base, of Britain's remaining naval power in the eastern Mediterranean, may depend on how fast and how well Britain can consolidate her Iraq and adjoining middle east positions.

The axis foothold on Crete—the Nazis have called it an unsinkable aircraft carrier—is a stern challenge to the British fleet and the whole framework of British power in the middle east. It is two hours by air from Suez—the same for Alexandria.

Crete is a potential stepping stone to Italian north Africa, being 200 miles from Libya. If the Luftwaffe can control the air Britain may be compelled to rely on submarines and planes alone to keep heavy reinforcements from axis forces in Libya and Egypt where, on the other flank, they threaten Alexandria and Suez. Britain lost heavily in surface ships in the defense of Crete.

All three of Britain's now pivotal Mediterranean bases, Malta, Cyprus and Alexandria, are within easy Luftwaffe range. Gibraltar, itself the target of an imminent threat from Spain or Spanish Morocco, does not figure immediately in the eastern Mediterranean situation. It would figure, however, once attacked, for it guards the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

War News Briefs

LONDON, Sunday June 1.—(P)—At least two German airplanes were reported authoritatively today to have been destroyed during overnight operations in the air war.

LONDON, Sunday, June 1.—(P)—A Reuters, British news agency, dispatch from Vichy said reports from Algiers, Spain, told of heavy gunfire from the direction of the Mediterranean early this morning. Algiers is just across the bay from Gibraltar.

ST. VINCENT, Cape Verde Islands, Sunday, June 1.—(P)—The 7843-ton British freighter Clan McDougall was reported to have been torpedoed and sunk off this port Saturday. Men from St. Vincent rushed to help survivors.

HONGKONG, Sunday, June 1.—(P)—The Chinese Central Daily News said today two bombs damaged the China Inland Mission and demolished a Chinese newspaper office during a Japanese air raid on Kiangsi province, Friday.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(P)—The French embassy Saturday night said that "all foreign passengers" aboard the French ship Winnipeg, which was intercepted by a British cruiser, were en route to South American countries in transit through Martinique.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, May 31.—(P)—Uruguayan students started street bonfires Saturday with the first issue of the pro-Nazi newspaper Libertad which they seized from newsboys. Several hundred copies were tossed into the flames before police intervened. The authorities also threw up a cordon in front of Libertad's offices to prevent demonstrations.

Bombers Kill Most Britons

LONDON, May 31.—(P)—Nearly twice as many Britons have been killed in bombing raids as in action against the axis, figures issued by the government indicated Saturday.

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