

Fire Hits Dance Hall in Canada; At Least 4 Die

HAMILTON, Ont., Wednesday, May 24 (AP)—A flash fire swept through a crowded dance hall here at midnight last night and two hours later hospital attendants said they believed "at least four or five" were dead, with more bodies probably still in the ruins.

About 60 other persons were in the general hospital—where virtually all the injured were taken—and it was said a number were "in very grave condition."

It seemed the death toll would be higher.

Firemen searching through the still smoking remains of the building, said they feared the number of dead might be as high as ten.

All the injured were identified as Hamilton residents.

Scores of persons were reported to have jumped from second or third story windows as the blaze swept through the Moose dance hall at the corner of Wilson and Cathcart streets while some 100 dancers were in the building.

Many were badly burned before they managed to get out. Others suffered broken bones in their leaps to safety. Still others suffered from the effects of smoke.

Dr. M. G. Brown, medical superintendent at the General hospital termed the blaze "the worst disaster this hospital has ever had to cope with."

Not a bed was empty at the hospital before the fire, crowded through normal illness among Hamilton's war-swollen population.

The frame hall was destroyed by the blaze, which broke out at midnight and spread so quickly that by 1:30 a.m. only embers remained.

Texas Demos Split in Two

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Johnson, however, conferred frequently with pro-Roosevelt leaders during the off-shoot session.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey, meantime, picked up still more delegate support for the republican presidential nomination.

Maryland's 16 plumped into the Dewey column of pledged or claimed votes when the state republican convention adopted a resolution recommending that the delegation support the New York governor.

Technically, the delegation will go unpledged since this was the decision of the voters in the presidential preference primary in which Dewey was not a candidate.

Maryland's 16 raised the Dewey total to 373 with 530 convention votes required to nominate.

A factional republican fight developed in Georgia, resulting in two separate conventions yesterday and rival delegations to the national convention.

One group instructed 14 delegates for Dewey. The other chose four uncommitted delegates-at-large. The issue between the groups was reported to be solely the question of control of the state party.

Texas republicans, in convention, voted to send an uncommitted delegation of 33 to the national convention, and the delegates in caucus agreed to depart from the unit rule.

Prospects were that in the earlier national convention balloting the vote would be split between Dewey and Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, a speaker at the Texas convention.

Big Changes Set for Radio

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swer radio speakers who raise political or public issues.

3. Limit radio stations to the use of 50-000 watts for broadcasting, except for experiment.

4. Prohibit stations from collecting for time allotted to discussion of religious, educational or public controversial issues.

HOLLYWOOD Starts Tonight

LANE **"Blues in the Night"**

FIELD **"The Secret Service"**

ON the HOME FRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

The lads in the statehouse press-room are worried about the apparent duplication of special "days." What they really want to know is this: Are the kids going to buy them neckties for Poppy day and again for Fathers day?

Nazis Gloomy On Invasion

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passenger trains were cancelled as time tables throughout the country were put on a virtual day-to-day basis to facilitate movement of troops.

Invasion was mentioned in the house of commons as being imminent, although it was done in the restrained language of officialdom.

Asked about the clothing to be provided discharged soldiers, War Secretary Sir James Grigg replied that all such matters had to be planned "consistent with preparing for future operations which are now imminent."

The English channel again saw pre-battle skirmishing, the Germans reporting two attacks by British motor torpedo boats on German ships, and the nazis continued their almost nightly spy-raids on British coastal areas.

The tightness of Britain's defenses was reflected by last night's toll of six German planes.

While Gen. Eisenhower has appealed to Europe's patriots to be ready to act as guides for allied troops, the German radio revealed today that the only road signs left in France are in code.

"France," the radio said, "is like a steel hedgehog now, with fortified villages, barricaded roads and soldiers everywhere."

Chinese Cut Burma Road

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north the Chinese reported continued attacks on enemy forces surrounded at two points north of the Burma road — at Chalkungang and Tainangta, where Japanese supplies were described as "critically low."

On the Myitkya front 90 miles to the west in Burma heavy monsoon rains again delayed allied operations aimed at finally reducing the base, the Chinese announced.

On the Mogaung valley Chinese troops repulsed renewed Japanese attempts to reinforce units isolated in Warong, 30 miles northwest of Myitkya.

(In the Imphal area of India, 220 miles west of Myitkya, there were indications that the Japanese had received some reinforcements, especially in the Bishampur sector, and were trying to regain the initiative, said the allied southeast Asia command communique, issued at Kandy, Ceylon.)

County Plans for War Chest Drive

Representatives from different sections of the county met last night at the United War Chest office and organized the Marion County War Chest in preparation for the annual war chest campaign next fall.

The organization will be incorporated with directors chosen from all parts of the county. The plan of campaign will be the same as formerly with local committees or organizations in each district.

Temporary officers named last night are: Ronald Jones, Brooks, president; S. Parzy Rose, Aurora, first vice president; Walter Bell, Stayton, second vice president; H. L. Braden, Salem, secretary; Guy Hickok, Salem, treasurer.

STATE

—OPENS 6:45 P.M.—

NOW! Thrilling Saga of the Sub!



Tyrone Power **"Crash Dive"**

Ann Baxter Dana Andrews

Co-Hit Riding The High Trail!

"Gospel"

Johnnie Walker BROWN

WILL OBERON and His Orchestra

Sidney Toler Charlie Chan **"The Secret Service"**

Community Cannery to Continue

Salem's community cannery, which last year held the state record with cheapest operating cost per canned unit yet produced the second largest pack in the state, will operate again this year. Continuation of the cannery project was voted by Salem school directors Tuesday night in a brief session preceding the school budget meeting.

Four teacher vacancies were filled at the meeting, Jud Beardley's bid of \$934 for re-roofing the east wing of the administration building was accepted, final payment on the 1934 bond issue for Englewood and Highland additions was made, and the list of 368 members of this year's Salem high school senior class was approved for graduation.

A full list of the class members appears on page 7 of today's Statesman.

The board also approved replacement of present acoustical work on the ceiling of Leslie junior high school auditorium with foot-square blocks. Material removed from the auditorium will be used in hallways of the building.

The board authorized the calling of bids on the job and gave the buildings and grounds committee power to act.

Supt. Frank B. Bennett was authorized to attend the National Education association meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., in July.

Assignments of two of the four teachers to whom the board is proffering contracts are still indefinite. Ruth M. Peterson, now at Junction City, and Amanda J. Hargis of Carlyle, Ia., will teach in the elementary schools. In the senior high school, Mrs. Ruth Snyder is to substitute the remainder of the year for Muriel Wilson, who is on leave because of illness.

Mrs. Pauline Cohen, appointed earlier this year to substitute for a teacher on military leave, will continue to teach commercial subjects next year.

Senator Asks If Reds Get Yank Cruiser

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Sen. Bridges (R-NH) asserted today that the Russian government has violated its agreements for international collaboration, and demanded to know whether an American cruiser had been transferred to the soviet as part of our patchwork policy of appeasing Russia.

"Reports have reached me that one or more units of the American navy have been transferred to Russia," the New Hampshire senator told the senate. "I have heard of one particular cruiser and attempts have been made to seek either a confirmation or a denial of this information which has been

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Starts Today!

FROM PARK BENCH TO THE LAP OF LUXURY—IN ONE JUMP!

GINGER ROGERS

in **"Fifth Avenue Girl"**

with Walter Connolly — Verne Tennende Tim Holt — Kathryn Adams

PLUS ACTION CO-HIT

SMASHING action! WHIRLWIND thrills!

TORNADO

Starring **Morris Kelly**

with Bill Henry — Gwen Kenyon — Joe Sawyer — Marie McDonald

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

Allies Launch Twin Drives For Rome

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terns on the ancient Appian Way. Daniel de Luce of the Associated Press wrote from a forward field post:

"Trained especially with tanks for the past month, the doughboys swarmed across the flat, green no-man's land in the wake of scores of Sherman tanks, their guns blasting German foxholes and weapon pits at point-blank range. With a heavy advantage in armor and artillery, the cooped up beachhead troops went into battle vowing they would fight through to Rome before they finished.

"Despite scattered clouds and a low mist which combined with the smoke from guns and chemical machines to reduce visibility to less than a mile, allied planes flew in at almost strafing height to bomb the entrenched enemy."

Cisterna is at about the center of the beachhead perimeter and on the Appian Way, main communications route for all German forces in the Terracina area. When today's assault began allied lines were approximately a mile and a half from the town.

Veteran American infantrymen and hundreds of armored vehicles smashed directly at the smoke-shrouded German defenses after massed artillery had laid down a half-hour barrage and light bombers had rained explosives on forward enemy targets.

British tomnies, supported by the fire of American warships offshore, stormed into German positions along Moleia creek, northwest of Anzio and directly toward Rome.

At the first light of dawn flights of Boston bombers swooped low over a large concentration of enemy troops north of Cisterna, showering them with fragmentation and smoke bombs. Later, between 500 and 750 Flying Fortresses and Liberators rained destruction on enemy concentrations at Nemi, nine miles north of the beachhead and 15 miles southeast of Rome, and other vital points in a 50-mile radius of the Italian capital.

Although they started today's big attack only 24 miles apart, a quick junction between the fifth army troops on the beachhead and American forces thrusting along the coastal end of the main front appeared improbable. Between them lie the flooded Pontine marshes, where the going is likely to be very slow, whatever the state of enemy resistance.

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State Agencies Urged to Save More Gasoline

A saving of 40 per cent in gasoline consumption in 1944, when compared with the usage in 1941 was urged upon state agencies at a meeting here Tuesday attended by elective heads of all state departments and two representatives of the federal mileage rationing board.

Representing the federal agency were Ed W. Eggen and J. Jesse McNeil, both of Portland.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the present gasoline saving by Oregon state agencies is approximately 19 per cent when compared with the 1941 figures.

Office of price control officials said the demand for gasoline by the military forces is increasing as the war progresses and that by mid-summer the civilian supply probably will be at its lowest level.

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50 Jaycees Attend Dinner

Close to 50 Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce members and their wives attended a dinner at the Moose hall last night. Following the dinner Lt. (jg) Paul Armstrong, former Salem dance instructor home on leave, and Lee Ryan, Salem dance teacher, pre-

Budget Group Sets Net Levy At \$401,968

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for instruction-supervision work, an increase of \$8,51 over the previous year. This figure includes salaries of principals, office assistants in the schools, supervisors of work in the over-all program, supplies and other miscellaneous items connected with this work.

The instruction item of \$393,827 represents the largest increase—\$27,896 over that of the current year. Practically the whole amount represents increases in salary to teachers, in accordance with the action taken by the school board in March to increase the salary schedule of all teachers approximately \$180.

Maintenance and repairs are set at \$36,509, an increase of \$9,813 over the preceding year. Most of this increase, too, is salary increases to janitors and other employees, to bring their salaries to a par with the minimum wage of the labor scale.

The budget for auxiliary agencies is set at \$34,311—\$8,000 for health work, \$11,535 for transportation needs, \$14,776 for recreation facilities, but nothing for the cafeterias which are self-supporting. The net increase in this item of \$7,191 comes almost wholly from the improved facilities planned for the summer recreation program. The city of Salem matches funds with the school district on this item.

Fixed charges have been allocated \$5,146, a decrease of \$1800 from last year. Capital outlays are set at \$17,904, a decrease of \$4,000 from last year. The emergency fund has been reduced from \$30,000 to \$10,000. Some \$20,000, allocated in the 1943-44 budget for war emergencies, have been omitted from the proposed budget.

Superintendent Frank Bennett estimated that the bonded issues now outstanding would be retired at the end of five years at the current rate.

The citizens' committee is composed of Frank Spears, William L. Phillips, William Entress and Mrs. Elmer Berg.

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LIBERTY

OPENS 6:45 P.M. NOW SHOWING

TARZAN'S MOST EXCITING ADVENTURE

TARZAN'S New York Adventure

CO-FEATURE! Ray Crash Corrigan Max Terhune "Cowboy moods" Com.

NO. 6—"PERILS OF THE NORTHWEST MOUNTED"

Stolz Funeral Will Be Today

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today from the Clough Barrick chapel for Richard M. Stolz, native of Salem and son of a long-prominent Salem family, who died Sunday in a Portland hospital.

Born June 2, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Stolz, he was graduated from Salem high school and attended University of Washington, where he became affiliated with Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

After the death of his father in January, 1940, he became manager of the soft drink bottling firm founded by his grandfather, Gideon Stolz, in 1879. He was a member of the Salem Elks lodge and the Baptist church.

Survivors include the widow, Elizabeth Merriam Stolz, whom he married in Spokane in July, 1931, and his mother, Mrs. Walter T. Stolz, and his sister, Mrs. Willard Marshall of Salem. He was a nephew of the late US Senator Charles L. McNary and the late Federal District Judge John H. McNary.

Lumber Strike Grows in NW

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working concessions by both CIO and AFL unions.

SEATTLE, May 23 (AP)—The number of lumber mills closed in the Pacific northwest passed the 50 mark today and another serious threat to a general shutdown of the entire billion-dollar vital war materials industry loomed tonight.

Boom men—workers handling logs going to mills by water—walked off their jobs at Tacoma to join the estimated 15,000 mill workers who quit in protest against the war labor board's denial of wage increases.

One lumber mill executive forecast a complete logging shutdown in the Puget Sound area by tomorrow night. This automatically would shut down logging camps shipping the logs to mills.

OPA Requests New Helpers

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cery stores, restaurants, shoe repair establishments and women's ready-to-wear concerns, have been conducted and the next survey in line may be of some services, price control personnel explained.

Volunteers may appear in person at the board offices, corner of Chemeketa and Liberty streets, or may telephone to offer their services, it was said.

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MATINEE STARTS DAILY AT 1 P.M.

NOW PLAYING!

Against a Savage
Foe They Lead
The Way For
All Women Of
The United
Nations

Volunteers! They Loved Life ... and the Some Man!

MARGARET SULLAVAN · ANN SOTHERN · BLONDELL

CRY 'HAVOC'

WITH FAY BAINTER · MARSHA HUNT ELLA RAINES · FRANCES GIFFORD DIANA LEWIS · HEATHER ANGEL DOROTHY MORRIS

A METRO-GOLDWYN-PICTURE Directed by RICHARD THORPE

Screen Play by Paul Osborn

Based Upon the Play by Alan R. Knicker

Directed by RICHARD THORPE

Produced by EDWIN KNOFF

SHINE ON HARVEST MOON

SIZZLING CO-FEATURE!

Hot Rhythm

Dona DRAKE Robert LOWERY

Plus Lowell Thomas With the Latest News! ... Invasion ... Bombing ... Scenes from Anzio ... P-51 Crosses Country in 8 1/2 Hours

ELGINORE

HURRY! LAST TIMES TONIGHT!

A New High in Hilarity! ... "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" with Eddy Bracken and Betty Hutton

Co-Feature: "NINE GIRLS" with Ann Harding and Anita Louise

Tomorrow! The Nifty of the Nineties!

The girl who made the moon turn RED!

SHERIDAN DENNIS MORGAN + JACK CARSON + IRVING MANNING

WARNER BROS.

SHINE ON HARVEST MOON

Color Cartoon "Meadow Fly Day"

Latest News of the Day

Companion Feature: The Screen's Newest Screw Sleuth ... Battles Sabotage! ... Bewilders Nazis! ... Bewitches the Ladies!

THE GIRL CASE

Spine-Tingling Thrills! Rib-Tickling Gales!