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Weather Forecast

Increasing cloudiness followed by occasional light rain over north-west Oregon late today, spreading to south and east portions tonight. Snow above 4,000 feet.

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Secret Tunnel Used by Nazis To Aid Cassino

Troops Moved Through Underground Passage; Situation Is Critical

Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 21 (UP)—German shock troops lashed back savagely at attacking allied forces around Cassino's gutted Continental hotel today and allied spokesmen revealed that reinforcements were being dispatched to the embattled Nazi garrison through a secret 1,200-yard tunnel leading to an ancient Roman amphitheater outside the town.

Front reports said a brawling, hand-to-hand battle raged all around the hotel and it was indicated that the New Zealand infantrymen who broke into the building yesterday and captured almost 200 prisoners had been hurled back into the streets.

The hotel itself, which the Germans had converted into a brilliant strongpoint, was described as a no-man's-land, under heavy fire from both sides.

Situation Critical
(BBC reporter Michael Reynolds reported from advanced 5th army headquarters that the allied forces inside Cassino are in a "critical and rather grim situation." While the New Zealanders hold practically all of the town, he said, they are under constant artillery fire from the surrounding hills and may have difficulty in holding on to their gains.)

Fighting across huge heaps of rubble that provided perfect cover for the defending Germans, the New Zealanders were forced to attack each Nazi position frontally, under a murderous fire from enemy machine guns, mortars, and hand grenades.

Official information reaching headquarters traced the strong German stand to the existence of a hitherto unsuspected tunnel running from the Roman amphitheater almost three-quarters of a mile southwest of Cassino.

Tunnel Is Used
German panzer grenadiers, it was revealed, have been slipping through the tunnel into Cassino under the guns of the unsuspecting allies to bolster the band of paratroopers who had been holding the southwestern end of the town since the record allied aerial and artillery bombardment last Wednesday.

Almost 200 paratroopers, who had boasted they would stay in Cassino "indefinitely," quit when the Maoris broke into the Continental hotel yesterday, but it was indicated that the Nazi resistance had stiffened immeasurably with the arrival of the grenadiers.

Lions Club Pays Tribute to Bears

Bend high school's Lava Bears were the center of attention at the regular noon meeting of the Lions club today at the Pine Tavern, after the group voted to express a "jug" of Tumalo water to Pvt. Richard F. Lyons, club member now stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., who is seeking a "drink of good Bend water."

Glenn Gregg, who was in charge of the program, introduced Coach Claude Cook, who led the team into second place in Oregon's basketball kingdom this year, and the following players: Bob Rines, captain; Harold Smith, Bill Higgins, Bob James, Bill Wood, Phil Brogan, George Rasmussen, Howard Smead, Don Halligan, Doug Wirtz, Dennis Moore, and Roland Brick, team manager. George Murphy was unable to be present.

Support Appreciated
Coach Cook expressed appreciation to the Lions club for its organized support of the high school sports program and stated: "This is the nicest group of boys I have ever worked with and I believe Bend has an excellent opportunity to return to the state tournament in 1945."

R. E. Jewell, principal of the high school and Lions member, pointed out that the 1944 Lava Bears cage team is the second team in 14 years to rate the state tournament. "Claude Cook played every game 24 hours a day," Jewell said, "and it is through his untiring efforts in developing athletics that has given Bend high school such a fine team and the runner-up trophy for the entire state."

Brief reviews of all games in which the boys participated were given by Jerry Brannaman.

FDR HAS COLD
Washington, March 21 (UP)—President Roosevelt is suffering again from a head cold and will remain in his room today, the White House announced.

70 Foot Wall of Molten Lava Obliterates Town

By ELEANOR PACKARD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

On the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, March 21 (U.P.)—A 70-foot wall of molten lava obliterated the village of San Sebastian, on the upper slopes of Mount Vesuvius today, only a few hours after allied military authorities had removed its 6,000 inhabitants.

The great stream of lava, spewed out of the volcano's cone in its worst eruption of modern times, moved down the northwest slope with inexorable force and by mid-afternoon had traveled 500 yards beyond San Sebastian to cover three-quarters of the neighboring town of Massa di Somma.

When I last saw Massa di Somma earlier today the lava flow was circling around the ancient granite wall of the village church, and it appeared doubtful that anything would be left of the village by nightfall.

Lava Moves On
The force of the flow showed no signs of slackening, although it was cooling rapidly as it spread over the mountainside, resembling a huge pile of slag spilling out red-hot coals as it advanced.

After more than 200 military vehicles, starting work at dark last night in the ruddy glow of the volcano, had completed the evacuation of the two towns in 10 hours, authorities began moving the population of the village of Cercola, which is lower down the slope.

The flight of bombers from Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo., army air base came in answer to an appeal from Gov. Sam C. Ford for emergency relief to the stricken city after the swollen river overflowed its banks and flooded a residential district, leaving more than 300 persons temporarily homeless.

As melting snow-fed waters continued to pour into the ice-choked Yellowstone and threatened further flooding of the city, army pilots planned their strategy of dropping the big bombs on "key points" in the ice jam. Engineers explained that a break-up of the ice gorge would permit the heavy volume of water to move down the river.

Two square miles of the city's residential district were inundated yesterday, forcing 300 residents to evacuate their homes and causing an estimated property damage of \$50,000. The river stood three feet over the flood stage and about 15 feet higher than normal today and formed a lake more than a mile wide in one portion of the city.

About 150 homes were flooded, some to a depth of three feet. No lives were lost and no injuries were reported.

Mary Griffin, 79, Taken by Death

Mary Ellen Wilson Griffin, 79 year old native of Breckenridge county, Kentucky, and a resident of Central Oregon since 1913, when the family homesteaded in the Brothers community, died in Bend this morning at her home at 931 Ogden. Death followed an illness of three weeks. Mrs. Griffin had made her home in Bend for a number of years, since moving here from Brothers.

Surviving are two sons, Elmer Wilson, Portland, and Charles Robinson, Omaha, Neb., and two daughters, Ollie Carman, of Kentucky, and Mrs. Virtie Gull of Illinois.

Funeral services will be held from the Niswonger & Winslow chapel Thursday at 2:30 p. m., with Rev. Dan Hager of the First Baptist church in charge. Burial will be in the Pilot Butte cemetery.

Officers Receive Aid Certificates

Certificates showing the successful completion of both standard and advanced courses in Red Cross first aid have been issued to the following members of the city and state police forces: Frank Bill Chapman, Floyd Chestnut, Loy A. Cole, Ken Gulick, R. J. Hafstad, Robert Houtchens, Earl G. Huff, Dale McMeen, Glenn Ray, Garold A. Reid, Kenneth L. Roach, and Walter W. Smead.

The courses were under the direction of John Mogan.

Stassen, on Duty With Navy in South Pacific, Outlines His Position in Political Campaign

Washington, March 21 (UP)—Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, has notified Secretary of Navy Frank Knox that while he will not seek the republican presidential nomination he will accept if nominated.

Knox told reporters today that Stassen made his position clear in a letter which came through official channels from the South Pacific where the former governor is now serving on the staff of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., commander of the South Pacific area.

Stassen's letter to Knox follows: "In recent weeks there have been numerous questions by representatives of the press in the South Pacific as to my attitude toward the current inclusion of my name in the presidential nomination discussions. I will frankly and directly state my position.

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Airmen Smash Nip Convoy, Kill 1500 Japs

Two Loaded Transports Fall Prey to Americans In Air Blow at Wewak

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, March 21 (UP)—American bombers and fighters, smashing a Japanese convoy attempting to reinforce the battered enemy garrison at Wewak, New Guinea, sank two loaded transports and three armed corvettes, killing an estimated 1500 Japanese troops, it was disclosed today.

The Japanese personnel losses were believed to be the largest of any sea engagement in the southwest Pacific since the first battle of Bismarck sea a year ago this month.

Destroyer Damaged
United Press War Correspondent Ralph C. Tattersall reported from an advanced air base in New Guinea that a Japanese destroyer and other ships were damaged by more than 100 U. S. planes which smashed the convoy Sunday in a running 150 mile battle from north of Wewak to Hollandia.

A communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said heavy and medium bombers hit the Japanese ships in a low-level attack that apparently carried them barely across the masts as the enemy vessels attempted to flee under forced draft.

The troop-filled transports, of 6,000 and 4,000 tons, were believed carrying reinforcements for a last-stand fight by the Japanese at Wewak, which allied planes have been pounding almost continuously for the last month.

Few Planes Lost
American fighter planes also added to the destruction, sinking an enemy troop-laden barge and a coastal vessel off shore from Wewak, while bomber forces showered the town with 113 tons of bombs. A heavy gun battery at Moem was silenced, the communique said, and numerous fires were started in supply areas.

Only three American planes were lost in all the operations in the Wewak area, although a spokesman at MacArthur's headquarters estimated that more than 280 bombers and fighters had taken part in the various assaults.

The latest haul included two transports, two tankers, and 11 freighters.

This brought to 642 the total of Japanese ships hit by our submarines—492 sunk, 36 probably sunk and 114 damaged.

The sinkings were disclosed in a communique released by Knox at his news conference.

Supply Problem Acute
Knox said that there was no doubt that the question of supply is getting to be "an extremely acute one" for the Japanese.

Concerning that the Japanese have increased their skill in anti-submarine operations—Knox observed that the skill of our submarines also has improved—perhaps at a relatively greater pace. Furthermore, he pointed out, we have a larger number of submarines in the Pacific for the enemy to shoot at.

Patch Replaces General Patton
Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 21 (UP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton has been replaced as commander of the American seventh army by Major-Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Jr., it was announced today.

Patch formerly commanded the U. S. army troops who moved into Guadalcanal to relieve the marines and initiated the offensive that drove the Japanese from that island.

The new seventh army commander received the distinguished service medal and the navy cross for his part in the southwest Pacific campaign.

General Patch was commanding general of the IV corps maneuver in Central Oregon last year.

Red Cross Funds Far Over Quota
Total funds contributed in the 1944 Deschutes county Red Cross war fund have now reached over \$26,500, the committee revealed today. The county's quota of \$22,250 was reached March 14, only a week after the drive got underway officially, and credited Deschutes county with being the third area in the state to make its mark. To date, only four counties have attained their goals in Oregon.

House Approves Senate Bill 250
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This bill passed the senate last year. Minor amendments were made in the house.

The bill now goes to the senate for approval.

Miss Umbarger Full Fledged Wave
Martha Leigh Umbarger, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Umbarger, Rt. 2, Box 64-A, Bend, is now a full-fledged Wave, according to Walter F. Patrie, navy recruiter here, today. Patrie disclosed that Miss Umbarger successfully passed all tests at the Portland Wave headquarters, and shortly will go to Hunters College in New York for training. Her brother is a gunner's mate in the navy, stationed somewhere in the south Pacific.

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Hitler Sets Up Puppet Rule in Balkan Capital

Budapest Is Isolated From Outside World; Horthy Loses His Post

By Edward W. Beattie
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, March 21 (UP)—Hungarian sources said today that the Germans, swiftly completing the occupation of Hungary, have set up a Nazi puppet government at Budapest and removed Regent Adm. Nicholas Horthy, Premier Nicholas Kallay and Foreign Minister Jenoe de Ghyzey to Germany.

Though the Germans cut all Budapest communications with the outside world, roundabout reports reaching London said some 150,000 German troops occupied all strategic points in Hungary in a weekend coup designed to forestall a Hungarian peace move and prepare for a last-ditch stand behind the Carpathians against the approaching Red army.

Germans in Control
Scattered fighting was reported, but the clandestine radio Atlantic reported that German troops firmly held all important railways, radio stations, telephone exchanges and government buildings.

Hungarian quarters in Stockholm said Franz Basch, German minority leader in Hungary, formed a pro-Nazi government after Former Premier Bela Imredy, leader of the radical rejuvenation party, had refused a German request to appoint a cabinet.

The latest official communication received at the Hungarian legation at Stockholm, Hungarian sources in the Swedish capital said, reported that Horthy, Kallay and Ghyzey had been forced to go to Germany. All previously had been reported arrested by the Germans.

Horthy Believed Seized
Horthy was believed to have been seized while at Adolf Hitler's headquarters, presumably at Lwow. An exchange telegram dispatch from Zurich said a Hungarian diplomat in Berlin informed a colleague that Horthy arrived at the headquarters Saturday with Gen. Helyi Szumbathy, chief of the Hungarian general staff.

The two leaders conferred, the dispatch said, with Hitler, German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, supreme commander of the German armed forces, who demanded:

1. General mobilization of the Hungarian army under German supervision.

2. Reorganization of the Hungarian army on the Rumanian pattern with German liaison officers with each regiment.

3. Hungarian railway and Danube river traffic be placed under a mixed general staff of Hungarian and German officers.

4. Placing of Hungarian food reserves in a general pool for equal distribution of all food supplies to axis countries.

5. Establishment of censorship and press control on the German pattern with a ban on printing or broadcasting news originating with non-axis news agencies.

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Hitler Moves to Hold Balkans



In a move apparently designed to impress the Balkan states and other satellite nations that they must stick with the Nazis in the present crisis, Hitler's army late yesterday swiftly occupied Hungary. The move was made as Stalin's legions threatened to entrap 500,000 Nazis in the Dnieper bend-Black sea region. White arrows point to the goal of the Red's drives.

Mild Winters, Hot Summers Still Mystery

Washington, March 21 (UP)—The weather bureau, taking advantage of a Washington spring morning clothed with a mantle of ice and snow, announced today:

1. That the past winter has been "one of the warmest" on record for the United States.

2. That the "warm wave" of the past few years, consisting of mild winters and hotter summers, appears to be continuing.

3. That after the war forecasts may reveal the weather anywhere from 30 days to one whole year in advance.

The reason for the "warm wave" is a mystery even to the weather bureau, which pointed out that since 1919, all but four winters have been warm—above the 33.5 degree normal—and all but two summers have been hotter than the 72.2 average national summer temperature.

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Road to Tap Big Body of Timber

Prineville, March 21 (Special)—Plans for construction of a new logging road from Prineville to tap a big body of timber in the Pilot Butte-Cadle Butte area to the south were announced today by the Ochoco Lumber company. The project includes 11 miles of new county road to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$30,000 by the lumber company and Crook county and another 10 miles of logging road on private land.

Natt McDougall and Company of Portland are general contractors on the project. Work is to start next week and the road is to be finished not later than June 15.

County to Aid
Under a cooperative agreement Crook county will contribute \$10,000 toward the cost of the new county road, and will also furnish county-owned trucks and other road machinery for 30 days. The new road will shorten by about four miles the haul on an estimated three years supply of timber for the big lumber company and will replace the present Combs flat county road, often impassable in winter, with a year-round route. About five miles of new alignment will be used in constructing the county road on a maximum four per cent grade, and the entire 11 miles will be built 22 feet wide with a 20 foot macadam surface. The new county road will extend from the present pavement end on the Combs flat road just south of Prineville to the gravelled portion of the present road at Eagle Rock hill.

During the periods when the Combs flat road is usable, it shortens the route to upper Crooked river points by about 10 miles as compared to the Crooked river highway, which follows the winding river from Prineville to Post. The new logging