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Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy today and tonight. Light rain along coast beginning Saturday, spreading inland during day. Slightly warmer today.

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British Force Japanese Back To Imphal Hills

One Invading Column Retreats Thirty Miles As Imperials Attack

Allied Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, April 21 (AP)—Allied armored forces, counter-attacking furiously in an effort to smash the siege of Imphal, have driven a Japanese invasion column into the hills 30 miles northeast of the city, a communiqué said today.

A number of enemy strong points in the hill area were captured by the attacking British imperials yesterday and "our advance continues," the communiqué said.

Strike Over Trail
The allied units apparently were striking over a hill trail linking Imphal with Ukhrul and the communiqué indicated they had penetrated to within about 10 miles of that town.

There was no word of further action southwest of Imphal, where allied and Japanese troops had been battling for control of a hill position overlooking the Diphshpur-Silchar road.

Southeast of Imphal, however, tanked Japanese forces were repulsed in an attempt to break through the allied lines on the Tamu-Palei highway.

Sixty miles north of Imphal, fierce fighting continued for the town of Kohima and the communiqué acknowledged that the Japanese had succeeded in reinforcing their troops in that sector.

British Temporarily Trapped
Front reports said the enemy broke into the southern end of the town more than a week ago, hemming the British defenders into a hilly residential section of the northwestern end.

Indian troops dispatched from Dimapur were reported pouring into Kohima, however, and the communiqué indicated that the main relief column was moving swiftly down the road, disposing of enemy blocks.

At least 400 Japanese have been killed in the recent fighting around Kohima, the allied communiqué said.

On the north-central Burma front, the Chinese 38th division fought down the east bank of the Mogaung river to within 25 miles of Mogaung, an important enemy base.

Stimson Favors Labor Draft Law

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Congressional leaders remained generally cool to national service legislation today despite a new administration warning that it is urgently needed to protect war production against draft calls expected to take 1,400,000 men this year.

Typical reaction was that of Rep. John M. Costello, (D, Calif.), chairman of a military affairs subcommittee on draft matters, who said the administration already had enough authority to "accomplish what is necessary" if it would only choose to use it.

The plea for a limited national service or labor draft law came from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, and Maritime Commissioner Emory S. Land after meeting with representatives of the U. S. chamber of commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

They favored legislation authorizing voluntary recruitment as a preliminary measure but invoking draft principles if and when needed to provide manpower for essential industries.

Germans Observe Great Activity in Britain As Final Invasion Preparations Are Made

London, April 21 (AP)—The German radio said today that the greatest concentration of shipping since the Dunkirk evacuation has been assembled in British waters, presumably for an invasion of western Europe.

The royal navy is being concentrated in home waters, along with units of the American, French and Italian fleets, the broadcast said.

"Troops are leaving London," it added. "Every day now, troop trains are leaving London stations taking men to ports."

Germany has moved reinforcements of crack SS elite guards in to her Atlantic wall defenses, said a Stockholm dispatch, and Nazi broadcasts reported that 300,000 men now stood ready to repel any allied invasion.

"All preparations to counter

GOP Keynote



(NEA Telephoto) Governor Earl Warren of California, selected by GOP convention arrangements committee to deliver keynote address at Republican national convention in Chicago, June 26.

Nippons Open Fierce Drive At Chenghsien

Big Campaign Looms In China As Japanese Close in on Vital City

Chungking, April 21 (AP)—Japanese spearheads of a force now estimated at 60,000 troops today attempted to storm the immediate outskirts of Chenghsien in northern Honan province in an attack Chinese military spokesmen predicted would develop into the first large-scale battle in China since Changteh.

Other Japanese columns, apparently bypassing Chenghsien, were advancing west in the general direction of Kunkhien, described by Chinese spokesmen as the "first city of strategic importance west of Chenghsien."

Rail Line Crossed
One enemy column crossed the Peiping-Hankow railway bed 30 miles southwest of Chenghsien and was attacking in the direction of Migsien.

Another column was advancing westward from the southern end of the Yellow river.

Maj. Gen. C. C. Tseng said Chenghsien, though formerly a vital railway juncture, had lost its military importance since the Chinese tore up both railways touching the city.

He said he believed the westward advance of the Japanese indicated they were aware of Chenghsien's lesser importance.

Fleet in Action
Supporting the Japanese land advance to the west, an enemy fleet, unchallenged by either Chinese or American airmen, bombed two cities in southern Shensi province. In the absence of reports of Chinese or allied air resistance, it was assumed the Japanese had achieved air dominance in the battle area.

Japanese planes also bombed and strafed ferries on the Yellow river and railway stations on the Lunghai line, west of Chenghsien.

Five Day Forecast

Five-day forecast ending Tuesday night:

Oregon and Washington west of Cascade mountain divide: Light rain except south portion first of period and over all of area latter part. Normal temperatures.

Idaho and Oregon and Washington east of Cascades: light rain north portion first of period and over all of area last of period. Rising temperatures to normal or slightly above Monday and cooler end of period.

Admiral Says Big Fight Due In West Seas

Bagley Holds Nip Fleet Will Be Annihilated if It Faces U. S. Armada

San Francisco, April 21 (AP)—Vice Admiral David W. Bagley, commander of the western sea frontier, declared today "a showdown in the Pacific is in the offing," and promised that the Japanese navy will be annihilated if it makes a stand against resurgent American sea and air power.

If the reluctant enemy high-seas fleet remains in hiding, Bagley said in an address before the Commonwealth club, American forces will proceed by new land and floating bases ever nearer to the Japanese homeland.

"Japan is caught upon the horns of a dilemma of her own making," the admiral declared. "Retreat cannot win; it can only prolong the day of reckoning."

May Seattle Fleet
"It is even possible, if improbable, that the imperial fleet may eventually be scuttled to preserve the quaint myth of its invincibility."

Bagley, in a survey of techniques for what he termed "the Pacific invasion," said the development of "floating bases" by the navy will enable American forces to reach China for the final assault upon Japan without waiting for a fixed base to be completed at every waypoint.

These floating bases—composed of floating drydocks, seaplane, submarine and destroyer tenders; ammunition, supply, cargo and repair ships, all types of landing craft, and other vessels of the "train"—made possible the Japanese debacle at Palau, Bagley said.

Vast Area Covered
They also enabled a Central Pacific task force to cover more than 8,000 miles while shelling Truk and the Mariana islands, and permitted a reconnaissance in force aimed at the Admiralty Islands to be transformed into a successful invasion by supplying necessary landing craft, he declared.

The admiral summarized four reasons for the ability of American forces to become aggressors in the Pacific in their current "war of movement."

1.—"We have demonstrated our superiority over the Japanese in amphibious warfare."

2.—"We have added structural strength and fire power to our fighting ships, concurrent with improvement in their tactical disposition."

3.—"We have perfected the floating base as an extension of and as an important adjunct to our westward-moving system of advance land bases."

4.—"Our maturing experience and offensive power permit broader and bolder operations."

Soldier and Wife Hurt in Accident

Pvt. and Mrs. William Jones, injured when a small truck in which they were riding overturned Monday three miles north of Redmond, today were reported showing improvement at the Camp Abbot hospital.

Mrs. Jones suffered head injuries and a fractured leg, while her husband received cuts about the head and an injured shoulder.

Pvt. Jones, stationed at Fort Lewis, and Mrs. Jones, a member of the Canadian WAC, stationed at Edmonton, Alberta, were married April 15 in Redmond.

LORD SNELL DEAD

London, April 21 (AP)—Lord Snell, 79, died in a London hospital today. He had been a deputy leader in the house of lords since 1940.

Diving Suit Cowboys Ride "Human" Torpedoes



(NEA Telephoto) Broadside view of the tandem crew torpedo used by Allies in Mediterranean with deadly effect on Axis shipping. The two men wear special diving suits, wrap their legs around the slim, explosive projectile and ride it under water until it reaches target. Then they attach its explosive charge with a time fuse to target and ride the propulsive part of the torpedo to safety.

Badoglio Forms Mixed Cabinet

Naples, April 21 (AP)—Premier Pietro Badoglio announced today that he had formed a new Italian government with all six opposition parties participating, including the action party which had previously declined to collaborate. Members of the new cabinet will include five ministers without portfolio.

They are Benedetto Croce, liberal; Count Carlo Sforza, action party; Giulio Rodino, Christian democrat; Palmiro Togliatti, communist; and Pietro Mancini, socialist.

The 73-year-old Badoglio announced the new government when he received correspondents after a meeting with the six party junta at which he reportedly again stressed his intention of regaining the premiership upon the liberation of Rome, coincident with King Victor Emmanuel's retirement in favor of Prince Umberto.

Called Victory
The formation of the cabinet generally was considered a political victory for Badoglio over the quarrelling junta, which when finally confronted with a decision refrained from seizing an opportunity to eliminate him.

Ministers of the army, navy and air force will all be Badoglio appointees. Among other important posts, the minister of interior went to Salvatore Aldisio, Christian democrat, and the minister of industry, commerce and labor went to Attilio de Napoli, socialist.

Stassen Rescue At Sea Reported

Madison, Wis., April 21 (AP)—The rescue of Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and republican presidential possibility, from a stalled patrol boat in the south Pacific was disclosed today in a letter from a sailor aboard a submarine chaser.

The incident was reported by William Bornett, 22, sound mechanic second class aboard the sub-chaser, in a letter to his sister, Mrs. Harriet Bartholomew.

Bornett, who has been in the navy for the last two years, said his ship was out on patrol when a small boat was seen stalled near an island.

Passengers Picked Up
"We picked up the passengers," he wrote, "and one of them identified himself as Stassen."

"Maybe," he commented, "we just picked up the next president of the United States."

The letter was received by Mrs. Bartholomew Feb. 17.

Mrs. Stassen said at her home in South St. Paul, Minn., that her husband had not told her of the incident.

Legion to Send Hospital Boxes

Monthly shipment of hospital boxes to the Roseburg hospital will be made by the Percy A. Stevens post of the American Legion and the auxiliary, it was announced today, as a result of a joint meeting of the groups last night in the veterans' room at the courthouse. The boxes, it was stated, will contain candies, cookies and other gifts designed to brighten the lives of military patients at the institution.

An entertaining program and luncheon featured the joint assembly, with hostesses being the Mesdames Margaret Anglin, Jeanette Mulkins, C. A. Boyd and Edith Kostol.

Officers of Bend Association Warn OPA May 'Take Over'

Conference of Taxpayers, Property Owners Called for Wednesday; Sign-Up Is Requested

Warning that the "OPA may still invoke the federal rent control in this area," officials of the newly formed Taxpayers and Property Owners Protective association of Bend today announced there will be an open meeting of the organization next Wednesday evening at the city hall. The conference, according to Mrs. C. A. Sutton, secretary, will begin at 7:30 p.m., and all property owners as well as landlords were urged to attend.

The organization, formed a week ago in an effort to keep the OPA from controlling local rents, has almost completed a survey of all registered properties in Bend, and "has met with wonderful cooperation from all those contacted," Mrs. Sutton said.

She urged that all those who have not registered their apartments, houses or rooms which are being rented, do so at once with George Simerville, executive secretary of the fair rents committee, at the city hall. It was pointed out that there is no charge for registering unless an appraisal is asked, when the fee will be \$1.

Registration Asked
In urging quick registration, and compliance with the aims of the protective association, Seaton Smith, chairman of the group, said "the OPA may still invoke the federal rent control in this area, and it is better that we work out our own problems rather than have the OPA arbitrarily set rent ceilings."

He called attention to a letter recently sent the fair rents committee by Daniel D. Gage, of the rents division of the OPA, following a survey here. In the letter Gage stated his "attention had been focused on auto courts, apartments and rooms," and expressed the wish that the rents committee would be able to bring about satisfactory adjustments without the OPA's aid.

Smith said that the protective association has "other advantages besides adjusting rentals, such as post-war planning and benefits to the property owners and taxpayers."

Urging a large attendance at Wednesday's meeting, Chairman Smith said the purpose of the gathering was to perfect a larger organization and to create bigger committees to make zone surveys of rooms, houses and apartments in Bend.

Machinery Being Built
At the same time it was announced that machinery for the plant is being built in the mid-west, and will reach here sometime next month.

The Western Pine association some months ago decided on the erection of the experiment station here because of the availability of proper woods for use in different experiments designed to improve lumber. The association members are also hopeful that different marketable by-products might be discovered at the plant. However, the by-products will be merely incidental to the major undertaking, that of bettering the lumber produced by the association mills.

Four Boys Seek Service at Sea

Four Central Oregon youths, all 17 years old, today were in Portland taking physical examination for enlistment in the navy, it was announced here today by Walter F. Patrie, in charge of Bend's recruiting station. The boys are:

Paul Gordon Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Bowman, 557 East Norton street; Jack Leroy Hassler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerold V. Hassler, 945 East Second street; Kenneth Homer Hagen, son of Mrs. Catherine Hagen, 144 Colorado street, and Clarence Harold Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Johnston, 503 Nichols street, Prineville.

Redmond Bakery To Be Repaired

Redmond, April 21—Work of repairing damage to the Redmond Bakery, partly wrecked when a boiler exploded and started a fire shortly before midnight Thursday, was begun today, with Joe Shultz, proprietor, expressing belief that the plant would be back in normal operation soon.

Firemen were still attempting to determine cause for the explosion and resultant fire which destroyed considerable material and damaged the rear of the building.

Nazis Lash at Reds in North As Soviets Increase Pressure On Bomb Ravaged Sevastopol

Fall of Big Black Sea City Considered But Matter of Hours; Russian Cruiser Moves In To Bring Docks Under Fire; Destroyer Hit

Moscow, April 21 (U.P.)—The German command hurled hordes of tanks and tens of thousands of infantrymen today against soviet forces massing in Estonia and old Poland for spring and summer offensives, but the Russians held firm and were reported officially to be "slaughtering" the attackers.

The increasingly heavy German "preventive" attacks indicated that red armies may be preparing to strike next in the Narva sector of Estonia in the Baltic states and on the Stanislawow front in the Carpathians as soon as they complete the liberation of Sevastopol, last Nazi stronghold in the Crimea.

The German stand in Sevastopol, Russia's biggest naval base was believed in its final hours as two Russian armies slowly pressed the doomed garrison back through the streets of the city.

Soviet planes blockading the approaches to the port in 24 hours alone sank an enemy destroyer and four transports totaling 15,000 tons, some of them loaded to capacity with fleeing German and Romanian troops.

Docks Under Fire
(A British broadcast recorded by CBS said a heavy Russian cruiser, standing off Sevastopol harbor, was shelling the docks in the German-held city.)

The soviet high command, in its midnight communique, failed to mention ground fighting in the Crimea for the first time since the soviet offensive there began April 8, and it was possible that there would be no further announcement until Sevastopol is captured.

The Germans launched their heavy attack against the soviet bridgehead on the west bank of the Narva river southwest of the Estonian railway junction of the same name after a fierce 90-minute artillery barrage.

As the curtain of fire lifted, large forces of tanks, self-propelled guns, and infantry moved forward, "apparently counting on routing our defense by one blow," the soviet communique said.

Enemy Fleets
Instead, a hail of soviet rifle, machine-gun, artillery, and tracer mortar fire forced the enemy to turn and flee, but later reports said the attacks were continuing on a heavy scale, though without success. Some 2,000 Germans were killed in the initial battles.

Supporting the red army, soviet planes bombed concentrations of military trains at the Latvian railway centers of Rezekne and Gulbene. Many fires and explosions were touched off. A slate refinery at Kivihli, 45 miles west of Narva, also was raided, and the communique reported that "almost the entire area of the plant" was left enveloped in flames.

Tonnage Mounts
With the RAF believed to have exceeded its previous record one-night bombardment of 4,400 tons dropped only two nights earlier, the weight of explosives unloaded on Germany's Atlantic wall defenses and the railway communications supplying and reinforcing them soared to nearly 12,000 tons in the past four days and nights alone.

The allied command long has been expected to order the crippling of Germany's intricate system of military railways in advance of the opening of a western front, which Nazi sources have been predicting will come within the next five weeks.

Press Censored
La Paz, Bolivia, April 21 (U.P.)—The Bolivian government announced last night that it had established censorship of the press.

Big Wasco Ranch Sold to Weigands
Powell Butte, April 21—Purchase of the 20,000-acre James W. Fisher ranch three miles southwest of Shaniko by Weigand Bros., Central Oregon ranchers and stockmen, today was announced here by N. L. Weigand. Already 300 head of cattle have been trucked to the ranch, forming the nucleus of a herd of 700 hereafter, Weigand said.

The big ranch, comprising 30 sections of land, is entirely fenced and is one of the best watered ranges in eastern Oregon, it was said.

Ration Point Values of Pork, Butter and Mutton to Be Cut

Washington, April 21 (U.P.)—Ration point values of lamb and mutton will be roughly halved next month, pork point values will be cut somewhat and the point value of butter will be reduced from the present level of 16 points a pound, probably to 12 points, it was learned today.

The office of price administration, its hand forced by premature disclosure of its plans at the capitol, officially announced that it was planning the sharp cut in lamb and mutton point values. It said the values for these meats effective May 1 will be approximately half of the current values, which range from two points a pound for stew meat and other inferior cuts to 10 points for loin chops and roasts.

Officials, however, denied reports that the point value of butler would be halved, to eight points a pound. Spurred by printed reports that this 50 per cent slash was planned, OPA was understood to have told regional officials this was not so. Officials refused to be pinned down definitely, but indicated that 12 points a pound was a likely guess about the May point value for butter.

May point value charts probably will show some further reductions in pork points, it was said, despite the sharp reduction earlier this year. Most of the reductions probably will be only one point a pound, it was understood, although some might be two points. Some inferior pork cuts already are valued at zero points, while other cuts range upward to six points.

OPA officials said they could not release information on future point values more than two or three days in advance of the effective date without disrupting normal trade channels, and said that for this reason official plans for May will not be released until next week.

But they said they were confirming the lamb and mutton point value cuts because these plans had been made public in semi-official form at the capitol.