

Space in Public Cemetery Sought for Body of Man Who Once Aspired to Be Caesar

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Milan, May 1 (UP)—Casket No. 167, a plain wooden box containing the patched-up corpse of Benito Mussolini, lay in a Milan morgue today while officials hunted for room to bury it in the public cemetery.

"Mussolini will be buried in the Milan cemetery, wherever there's a place for him," said an official. He added that the dead dictator would be accorded neither special honors nor special insults.

Partisans said the funeral of the man who loved pomp and ceremony so much would be a simple one. It was scheduled tentatively for today.

The brain had been removed from Mussolini's body, and criminologists were examining it to see what made him tick.

Undertakers did their best to repair the damage done Mussolini's corpse, which had been stoned, kicked, spat upon, and shot at by the Milan mob in two days of unparalleled crowd hysteria.

They built up his face so that it had regained some of its old-time arrogance. His mouth was stuffed to hide the loss of his teeth which had been kicked out by the mob. A routine autopsy was performed yesterday because no doctor had attended the dictator's death before a firing squad. After examination, his body was sewed together roughly.

Rests On Sawdust
Fittingly, the body of the "sawdust Caesar" rested on sawdust, loosely thrown in the bottom of the coffin. He was nude and his blood-soaked uniform was tossed on top of him.

In casket 165, still next to him, was the body of Clara Petacci, covered by the crimson-stained skirt and white blouse in which she had died. Her clothes had been partly torn off while her body and Mussolini's were hanging, heads down, from the rafters of a burned-out gasoline station.

Casket 166 bore the remains of former fascist party secretary Achille Starace, who was executed yesterday in Loretto square in view of the dangling bodies. The partisans asked Starace whether he wanted to be shot in the front or back. He replied in the front. They promptly shot him in the back.

Prison Stormed
With the bodies of Mussolini and his mistress out of reach of their fury, the Milan mob stormed Vittore prison, howling for the life of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, fascist minister of war and commander of the Italian fascist army still resisting in north Italy.

However, partisans turned Graziani over to Col. Norman Fiske, of Portland, Ore., of the allied commission. The marshal was taken to fourth corps headquarters outside Milan to be held as a war criminal. Fiske also accepted the surrender of 150 to 200 SS troops, including their general, who had been barricaded in the Hotel Regina since the partisan uprising

Tanks Herald the Assault



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President Knows 'Small Business'



Photo above is an interior view of the Truman and Jacobson haberdashery in Kansas City, Mo., a post-World War I business venture by the President, Edward Jacobson, a sergeant in Truman's battery was co-partner until the "firm went broke" in 1922. In the picture are President Truman, Francis Berry, former corporal in the 126th Field Artillery, and Mike Flynn, former lieutenant in Battery D, of the President's old outfit.

Children First on May First

(The following has been contributed by the Deschutes county Health department.)

May day is traditionally children's day. Time was when its significance was measured only in the beauty of maypoles and graceful dancing on the green. But with the passage of years, growing concern for the health of the children who danced—and the children who weren't able to—brought about the celebration of May day as Child Health day.

May day became Child Health day in 1923. Its importance was officially recognized in 1928 when the congress passed a joint resolution requesting and authorizing the president to issue an annual proclamation designating May 1 as a day on which all groups interested in bettering conditions for children might unite and rededicate themselves to help build "better children for our nation; a better nation for our children."

May day programs have emphasized many facts of child health. Immunization against diphtheria and smallpox was featured in 1942. Safeguards for the health of young workers was the theme in 1943. Teen-agers themselves met on May day 1944 to explore possibilities for improving health conditions in their own communities and homes. For 1945, the Child Health day spotlight swings to infants and babies again. It highlights the importance of—"A Birth Certificate for Every Baby in the U.S.A."

A birth certificate is a mighty important scrap of paper. It makes known who you are, and when and where you were born. It is the first step in planning and organizing child-care programs. It signifies our country's desire to protect the rights of every single human being born within our boundaries. Its presentation is the most satisfactory and convenient way of proving that you are the proper age to go to school, to work, to marry, to hold office, to claim social-security benefits. It is the easiest way of proving citizenship upon application for a passport. It is the simplest method of showing

family relationship when claiming servicemen's dependents allowances. A birth certificate is a "first citizenship paper," possession of which is a fundamental right of every child born in the United States. It entitles him to all the privileges and protections of citizenship.

Besides the many relationships which birth registration has with infant and child care, the bureau of the census lists more than 50 situations in which birth registration will play an important role later in a citizen's life. For example, evidence of age, citizenship, or family relationships may be required when an individual wishes to:

- Enter school.
- Obtain an employment certificate, automobile driver's license, pilot's license, marriage license, nurse's license, radio operator's license.
- Obtain a permit to carry firearms.
- Obtain an insurance policy.
- Qualify for voting.
- Enlist in army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, merchant marine.
- Enter civil service.
- Qualify for social-security benefits or for pension in private industry.
- Prove age of legal capacity or incapacity, particularly in court cases.
- Qualify for a federal pension.
- Obtain employment in war industry.
- Obtain passport.
- Obtain relief or old-age assistance.
- Obtain exemption from restrictions placed on aliens.
- Obtain entrance to restricted areas.
- Establish right of inheritance to an estate.
- Establish right to receive insurance of deceased person.
- Establish legal responsibility in dependency cases.
- Trace ancestry.
- Establish claim for servicemen's dependents allowances.
- Establish claim for ration books.

Of the births occurring in Oregon, 97.1 per cent were registered according to a nation-wide test made in 1940 by bureau of census; in Deschutes county, 93 per cent; Crook county, 80.6 per cent, and in Jefferson county 100 per cent.

HORSE DROWNS AFTER FIRE
Seboomook, Me. (UP)—After being led from his burning barn by firemen, Irving Hamilton's horse walked off a boat landing and drowned in Moosehead lake.

MAN FEARED DROWNED
Roseburg, Ore., May 1 (UP)—The discovery of his empty fishing boat led officers to believe today that James Mortenson, about 60, had fallen into the Umpqua river while salmon fishing.

Ligurian Army In Surrender, Asserts Radio

Rome, May 1 (UP)—The German-controlled Italian Ligurian army surrendered unconditionally to the allies today.

The fascist Ligurian army has been fighting alongside the Germans in northern Italy under the command of Marshal Graziani, who reportedly was a prisoner of the allies.

Graziani signed the unconditional surrender proclamation ordering his troops to lay down their arms.

Rome, May 1 (UP)—General Mark W. Clark's allied armies in northern Italy today continued to lash through broken enemy ranks toward junctions with French, American, and Yugoslav forces to the west, north, and east.

Fifteenth army group forces were within 139 miles of the Seventh American army on the north, 22 1/2 miles from the French on the west, and less than 50 from the Yugoslavs.

Troops of the 15th army group continued to clash demoralized enemy forces throughout north Italy," said today's communique reporting new gains to the north and east.

Fight For Pass
Fifth army troops, who were meeting the only stiff resistance north of Lake Garda, captured Riva, Tarbole, and Ago. Riva is 110 miles from the Brenner pass, which the Germans were trying desperately to keep open to let their remnants escape into the Bavarian redoubt. Seventh army forces in Austria were within 12 miles of Innsbruck, the northern gateway, and 29 miles from the pass itself.

On the west, French forces slashing across the Italian frontier were reported only 22 1/2 miles from Turin, taken by 5th army troops yesterday.

New Zealand troops of the Eighth army hurled the Piave river and gained 15 miles along the highway toward Trieste, less than 50 miles away.

Germans Battled
A communique from Marshal Tito's headquarters reported that Yugoslav forces still were battling the Germans in the streets of the Italian port city. Street fighting also was reported in Fiume, where Tito claimed the German 188th and 237th divisions were surrounded and in the process of being destroyed.

Tito's communique said that Yugoslav forces had entered Trieste after smashing the German line on a 40-mile front and driving ahead 42 miles. Istria, on the Adriatic coast, was captured.

V.F.W. Fun Group Announces Plans For Public Dance

A public dance will be held Saturday night, May 5, at the Pine Forest garage hall as a benefit for the Veterans' hospital in Portland. It was announced today by Buckley Morgan of the Military Order of Cooties, pup tent No. 8, sponsors of the affair.

Dancing will start at 9:00 p. m., with music by Allingham's orchestra. The local chapter of Cooties, fun group of the V.F.W., is responding to a call by the Oregon Grand Military order for funds to provide cigars, candy, shaving creams and lotions, stamps, stationery and other articles to contribute to the comfort of hospitalized veterans.

Besides helping maintain numerous hospitals, the Cooties also assist in financing the home for widows and orphans at Eaton Rapids, Mich. Pat Gibson, Francis Gates and Earl Birchard are on the committee assisting Morgan with plans for the dance.

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