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Weather Forecast
Mostly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday. Occasional light rains in the western portion, with afternoon and evening showers in the eastern portion. Little change in temperature.

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Britain Ready To Break Up War Cabinet

Churchill Says Time Is Past When 2 Groups Can Work in Proper Manner

London, May 22 (UP)—Prime Minister Churchill brought the breakup in his coalition cabinet to a head today when he served notice on the labor party that the time was past when laborites and conservatives could work together in the government.

A formal announcement by Churchill dissolving the wartime coalition and setting the date for a general election early in the summer was expected at any time.

Churchill, in a letter to labor leader Clement R. Attlee, acknowledged the widening breach between the political factions in the government. He said the "tolerable conditions under which we could work together" no longer exist.

Whichever step was taken would result in the formation of an interim government, probably in time for presentation to the house of commons when it reconvenes next Tuesday.

Churchill began with an expression of regret at the laborites' rejection of his proposal to work together until the defeat of Japan. Attlee proposed in return that the coalition be maintained until a general election in October.

"This would mean," Churchill wrote, "that from now until October outside the government and even within it we should be continually preparing for election."

"For my part," Churchill continued, "I am sure that continuation of the uncertainty and agitation would be harmful to the whole process of recovery of our trade and changeover in industry."

He deplored the "aspersions with which you have darkened this correspondence" and concluded with reminders that the mechanics of political procedure after the war already had been discussed in private.

Merchant Marine Casualties High

New York, May 22 (AP)—Merchant marine casualties rose to more than 6,000 shortly before V-E day, Vice Admiral H. F. Leary, commander of eastern sea frontiers, said today at a national maritime day rally.

"Today we salute the greatest—and the bravest—merchant marine this country has ever known," Admiral Leary said.

He disclosed that of more than 6,000 casualties, 767 were dead and almost 5,000 missing. He added that "I do not have to underline that last figure—to tell you in how many cases the word 'missing' means 'dead' when it is used of men who go to sea."

Frank J. Taylor, president of the American Merchant Marine Institute, also spoke at the custom house ceremonies. He said that "where one ship was necessary in the European area, three will be required to attain the same effect in the Pacific."

Prineville Marine Reported Killed

One Central Oregon sailor has been killed, and a soldier has been wounded, it was revealed today by the office of war information.

At the same time the OWI released the name of a Culver soldier who had been liberated from a German prison camp.

Cpl. Donald P. Fender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Fender of Prineville, and a member of the marine corps, is dead, the OWI reported.

2 Boys Escape Death in River After Fishing Boat Overturns

Smaller Lads Play Major Role in Rescue From Stream; Life Preserver Saves One Youngster

Timely arrival of three persons probably saved the lives of two Bend boys late yesterday when they were thrown into the waters of the Deschutes after their boat had capsized a short distance above the Newport avenue bridge.

Pulled from the water after they had reached the point of exhaustion were Wilfred Officer, 15, of 1127 Federal street, and Fred Barnett, 15, of 786 Newport avenue.

Heroes of the occasion were Bruce Longballa, 13, of 107 Drake road; Kenny Burton, 15, 1605 Awbrey road, and Murel Nehl, 1519 Awbrey road.

The accident was said to have occurred when one of the boys, who were trout fishing, stood up in the boat to cast.

The Longballa and Burton boys were playing ball in Brooks park, when they heard cries for help. Seeing the overturned boat and the victims in the water, the boys stopped playing ball, ran to where a boat was moored upstream and rowed to their aid.

Barnett boy reached the overturned boat and pulled the youngster from the water. The other boy was rescued by Officer and Burton.

The incident stressed the importance of leaving life preservers on the bridges and at strategic places in Drake park, Mayor A. T. Niebergall declared. He recalled with regret that recently preservers had been thrown into the river, and would not have been available for such an emergency.

While there had been a few life preservers along the river for as long as ten years, it took the drowning of John Anthony Garske, 6, off the rock point in Drake park four years ago, yesterday to bring about the installation of additional ones, according to City Manager C. G. Reiter.

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JAPS APPEAR WORRIED. A broadcast Tokyo newspaper dispatch recorded by the FCC said today that the "crisis now confronting Japan appears hopeless."

In the dispatch the Tokyo Shimbun praised the leadership of Russia and said the Soviet Union "has shown us how to surmount these overwhelming difficulties."

Governor of Oregon And Wife Hunt House. Salem, Ore., May 22 (UP)—Gov. and Mrs. Earl Snell are still house-hunting.

The home in which the governor was living was sold recently, and the chief executive has not as yet found a place to live.

"We're following up several leads," he said.

Fathers Over 29 to Get Careful Consideration In Meeting Draft Calls; New Deferments Loom

Washington, May 22 (UP)—Selective service director Lewis B. Hershey today announced indefinite deferment for men 30 or over who are contributing to the war effort or are doing "useful" community work.

Hershey also instructed local boards to review the cases of men in the 18-25 age group who were previously disqualified on physical grounds.

Local draft boards henceforth, Hershey said, should give fathers over 29 "sympathetic consideration" in meeting draft calls. The boards, he said, also should remember the cost to the government in dependency allotments of inducting fathers.

Under the new program, which is effective immediately, drafting of older men virtually will be halted if local draft boards rule that they are engaged in work contributing to national health, safety or interest.

Hershey told a press conference that the monthly draft calls will be reduced to 90,000, starting July 1. This is a drop of 25 per cent under current calls.

Allied Leaders Move Forces To Slav Border

Showdown in Ticklish Situation Seems Near; Friction Being Avoided

London, May 22 (UP)—British and American forces in northeast Italy began moving east toward the Yugoslav border today, in effect infiltrating Yugoslav lines in disputed Venezia Giulia province.

J. Edward Murray, United Press correspondent with the Eighth army, said the western allies gradually were taking over possession of a number of high peaks and other key positions that had not been occupied by the Yugoslavs.

Yugoslav occupation forces, partisans and civil administrators for the most part occupied only towns when they marched into Venezia Giulia, leaving the surrounding country unguarded, the dispatch said.

Showdown Probable. The action may bring a showdown in the ticklish Yugoslav situation. It was ordered by Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean, after Marshal Tito rejected his demand that Yugoslav occupation forces be withdrawn from Venezia Giulia.

The province was awarded to Italy after the last war, but now is claimed by Yugoslavia. Alexander contends that allied troops should occupy the area until its final disposition has been decided at the peace conference.

Murray said the eastward movement of allied troops was designed carefully to avoid friction with the Yugoslavs by the simple expedient of not entering areas held by them.

To Meet As Friends. Should Yugoslav troops be encountered, Murray said, "diplomacy and friendship will be the Anglo-American watchwords."

Today should determine whether the current policy of peaceful penetration will succeed without trouble," Murray said.

He said the troop movements were under way from Udine southward to a point below Gorizia.

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Jimmy Heads East, Kepner Takes Over



Lt. Gen. James Doolittle, above, who led the war's first bombing attack on Tokyo, has relinquished his command of the 8th Air Force in England, and is considered headed for an important command in the Pacific.



Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, above, former chief of the 8th Air Force's Second Bomber Division, is the 8th's new commander, succeeding Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle. The latter was ordered to Washington for reassignment, probably to an important Pacific command.

Jap Balloon Attacks on West States Are Called 'Fantastic'

Washington, May 22 (UP)—Japan for several months has been attacking the western United States with long-range balloon-borne bombs which thus far have caused "no property damage," the war and navy departments revealed jointly today.

They called the Japanese attempt "fantastic" and said the attacks "constitute no military threat."

"During the past several months, Japanese free balloons are known to have landed or dropped explosives in isolated localities," the announcement said.

These balloons cannot be controlled by their launchers, the war department said, and the "chances that any given place would be hit by these attacks is only one in many millions."

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were warned today to be on the lookout for a forger who has already victimized a number of postoffices in other Oregon cities, and is using VFW identification to commit the crimes.

According to word sent local VFW members from the department of Oregon VFW headquarters in Portland, the man is in possession of a VFW post 81 dues card and VFW button which were stolen from the home of Elbert Strong in Portland. Strong is now in the south Pacific. The card bears number 614896.

The forger, according to the information is 25 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, has reddish-blond wavy hair, hazel eyes, right thumb is stiff, has a tattoo on the upper right arm (eagle tattoo), and is described as "good looking."

The checks are drawn on the First National bank of Portland in amounts of \$15, \$20 and \$25, and are signed either Elbert Strong or Frank B. Adrian. The spurious checks have been passed in Salem, Eugene, Albany and Silverton.

Photographer Dies In Action on Iwo. Washington, May 22 (UP)—Marine Sgt. William H. Gonaust, 38, Minneapolis, Minn., combat photographer who took motion pictures of the epic flag-raising on Mount Surabachi, was killed in action on Iwo Jima March 4, marine corps headquarters announced today.

Pictures he took of the notable episode were used in the film, "To the Shores of Iwo Jima." They also were produced in the press and in Iwo news reels. He was "shooting" the scene beside photographer Joe Rosenthal whose still picture was judged one of the most notable of the war and won him a Pulitzer prize.

2 Marines Lost In Crescent Lake. Klamath Falls, Ore., May 22 (UP)—Parties from the Klamath Falls marine barracks today continued to search Crescent Lake for the bodies of David Van Deest of Des Moines, Iowa, and Corp. Neal Burvis of Independence, Kans.

The two marines have been missing since their canoe overturned during a pleasure trip on the lake last week.

ERICKSEN RITES TOMORROW. Spanish American War veterans will conduct graveside services in Greenwood cemetery tomorrow for George M. Ericksen, victim of a drowning in Wickiup reservoir last Thursday. It was announced today. Regular services will be held at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of the Niswonger and Winslow funeral home, with Rev. Morris A. Thompson in charge.

Reinforced American Troops On Okinawa Besiege Japanese City; Anchor Town Menaced

Admiral Predicts Island Will Be Captured 'In Very Near Future'; New Blows Against Nippon Empire Promised; Patrols Are Active

BY WILLIAM TYREE (United Press War Correspondent)

Guam, Wednesday, May 22 (UP)—Reinforced American troops on Okinawa besieged the Japanese fortress city of Shuri today and threatened to outflank the eastern anchor town of Yonabaru in a new drive southward along the coast.

Vice Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner, commander of U. S. amphibious forces for the Ryukyu invasion operation, predicted Okinawa will be captured in the "comparatively near future." He disclosed Okinawa already was being used as the base for "important attacks" against Japan.

"Every day, at this early stage, we have airplanes from Okinawa over Japan," said Admiral Turner. "Think what it will be like a month from now!"

Siege Are Formed. Marines of the first division and doughboys of the 77th and 96th army divisions clamped a siege arc roughly 1,000 yards outside rocky Shuri.

In a wide semi-circle, the Yanks slid around Shuri along a line approximately 800 to 1,100 yards from the center of the town. The marines fought along the west side, the soldiers along the east. Shuri's main fortifications were pierced in some of the fiercest fighting of the Pacific war.

Patrols of the 96th division were disclosed to have probed completely through Yonabaru, east coast port, in the deepest American penetration on Okinawa.

Patrols Active. United Press war correspondent Edward Thomas, with the 96th, said the patrols reconnoitered Yonabaru and later withdrew.

The 96th plunged west of Yonabaru in a drive that threatened to isolate Yonabaru from inland Japanese defense positions.

Major Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding general of the third marine amphibious corps in Okinawa, said his men were "making good progress." He acknowledged, however, that the Japanese artillery on Okinawa was "the most effective we have run into in the Pacific."

He declined to make a definite prediction as to when the Shuri defense zone would be broken. But he said any withdrawal from Shuri would force the Japanese to take up positions strung out over a longer line.

Ben Gedney, 33, Marine, Killed. Cpl. Ben O. Gedney, 33, was killed in action while serving with the Sixth Marines in Okinawa, on May 10, his wife, Genevieve, primary teacher in the Tumalo school, has been notified by the war department.

Aside from his wife, Cpl. Gedney is survived by his four year old daughter, Susan.

Cpl. Gedney, who had been in the service approximately a year and a half, was with the marines in their original landing on Okinawa, and recently returned to action following a rest period. No details of the marine's death have been received.

Cpl. Gedney for a number of years was an employee of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company Inc., working in the yard. When he entered the service, he was the owner of an acreage on the Tumalo project.

The marine corporal was in a number of major battles in the western Pacific.

Bend Man's Father In His 96th Year. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer V. Ward have returned from Centralla, Wash., where the Bend man attended a family reunion in observation of the 96th birthday of his father, W. S. Ward, northwest pioneer. Present for the reunion were 23 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, including three sons and a daughter.

Still in fine health, the Centralla pioneer this year is cultivating a victory garden.

General Kills Jap With Garand Rifle. Okinawa, May 22 (UP)—(Via Navy Radio)—Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, Waco, Tex., assistant commander of the 96th division, killed his first Jap on Okinawa today with one shot from a Garand rifle at 500 yards, from an advanced observation post.

Veterans' Affairs Group Organized

Salem, Ore., May 22 (UP)—Gov. Earl Snell today appointed the seven members of the advisory committee of the newly-created state department of veterans' affairs.

The department, authorized by the 1945 legislature, will coordinate all state and federal laws and benefits for veterans of this war. A director will be appointed later to administer the department.

Six of the seven members appointed are nominated by the various veterans' organizations. The seventh is a public member named by the governor.

The men named by Gov. Snell today were:

Harry V. Reed, Portland, Spanish war veterans; Floyd K. Dover, Grants Pass, order of the purple heart; John Walker Jones, Milwaukie, veterans of foreign wars; Eugene K. Oppenheimer, Portland, American legion; F. J. Holbrook, Medford, disabled veteran; William F. Toomey, Portland, world war II veterans, and Carl F. Freilinger, Portland, public member.

Sergeant Bechen Telegraphs Home. S/Sgt. Haarbey Bechen, who earlier this month was reported liberated from a German prison camp, is well and safe, according to a telegram received here today by his sister, Miss Eleanor Bechen, member of The Bulletin business office staff.

"All well and safe. Hope to see you soon. Writing in details," the sergeant's telegram read. It did not reveal the whereabouts of the liberated fighter, who was a member of the Seventh army infantry.

Sgt. Bechen was first reported missing in action last January, and the first knowledge that he was a prisoner of the Germans came in an account in a Portland paper early this month.

1945 Legislature Costs \$195,424.38. Salem, Ore., May 22 (UP)—A record expenditure of \$195,424.38 was needed to hold the 1945 legislature, secretary of state Robert S. Farrell, Jr. reported here today.

This figure does not include the cost of printing the session laws and the house and senate journals.

The 1943 session cost the next largest amount, taking \$179,271.97 for the 59 day session.

The 1945 session lasted for 69 days, longest in history.

Price Specialist Coming to Bend. Coming here by request of the dealers, H. P. Madison, meat price specialist for the OPA in Portland, will be in Bend to meet with retail meat dealers next Thursday at 8 p.m. it was announced today at the offices of the Bend war price and ration board. The meeting place is to be announced later.

Because of considerable misunderstanding and confusion, local meat dealers had asked for clarification of regulations, and Madison is expected to explain all government rules governing the sale of meats.

Pass Snow Survey Nears Completion. Salem, Ore., May 22 (UP)—A survey of snow conditions on the McKenzie pass between Eugene and Bend, should be completed by this week-end, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said today.