

THE BEND BULLETIN

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Weather Forecast
Oregon — Increasing cloudiness today with light rain west of Cascades; today and tonight. Cloudy with scattered showers, warmer tonight but cooler Friday.

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Bedridden Vet Discovers Talent



(NEA Telephoto)
Sam Francis, 23, Palo Alto, Calif., found inspiration that has kept him busy and happy, though bedridden and forced to spend 18 hours daily on his stomach, strung up on a frame as result of AAF training plane crash and following tuberculosis of the spine. At Fort Miles Veterans' Hospital, San Francisco, he does paintings which astonish the critics, although the first time he handled a brush was a year ago when a Gray Lady conducted a "drawing contest" in a hospital ward and Francis won first prize. He had completed a pre-med course at U. C. before the war but plans to give up medicine for an art career.

Gen. Mac Rules That Homma, Perpetrator Of Death March, Must Die Before Firing Squad

Gen. Douglas MacArthur today ordered an allied firing squad in the Philippines to execute Lt. Gen. Matsamuro Homma, conqueror of Corregidor, because of his responsibility for the Bataan death march and other wartime atrocities.

MacArthur confirmed the death sentence passed on the 61-year-old Homma by a military court. The Japanese general has no further appeal.

"If this defendant does not deserve his judicial fate, none in jurisdictional history ever did," MacArthur said in his decision.

MacArthur directed Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer, U.S. commander in the Philippines, to execute the sentence against Homma with a firing squad. The announcement did not indicate where or when the execution would occur.

Fate More Heroic
Homma's fate, according to Japanese belief, is a more heroic one than death by hanging. Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, the "tiger of Malaya," was hanged in a cane field near Manila Feb. 23. Homma stood up when his sentence was announced, declaring dramatically that he was "glad to die before a firing squad. It is an honorable death."

Besides permitting the death march MacArthur's review held that Homma was responsible for the bombing of Manila after it was declared an open city and for the torture and murder of Americans and Filipinos.

Crime Defined
"There can be no greater, nor more heinous, nor more dangerous crime than mass destruction under the guise of military authority or military necessity, of helpless men incapable of further contribution to the war effort," MacArthur said.

Procedure Explained
The failure of the law process to punish such acts of criminal enormity would threaten the very fabric of the world society. Human liberties, the fundamental dignities of man and his basic freedoms whereon depends the very future of civilization—all would stand in peril and hazard."

National Cancer Month Set Aside
Pointing up interest in national cancer month, April 1 to 30 inclusive, a group of posters is displayed this week in the window of Donnor's flower shop. Mrs. Grace Donnor, chairman of the drive, which is sponsored by the Bend Soroptimist club, said today that Deschutes county's quota is \$1,222.

Mrs. Phil Buckingham is chairman of the solicitation committee, which also includes Mrs. Alma Holst, Mrs. Cliff Goodwin, Mrs. Verne Shultz, Mrs. A. A. Symons and Mrs. Dan Sullivan.

HIRT REJOINS ARMY
San Francisco, March 21 (AP)—Sgt. Frank Hirt, recently acquitted of espionage conspiracy charges, re-enlisted today in the army.

Security Group To Meet On Schedule

Early Morning Fire In Bend Claims Two Lives

Inquest Called For Friday; Details Sought

Woman, Man Perish as Stove Explodes; Small House Is Tragedy Scene

Two persons were burned to death and two others miraculously escaped with their lives when a fire early today nearly razed a two-room dwelling at 24 1/2 Norton avenue. Cause of the fire had not yet been determined, although police and firemen believed it might have started from a faulty oil circulating heater in one of the rooms.

Police tentatively identified the victims as Jean Muriel Petrie, 35, said to be the wife of George Petrie, proprietor of a store at Millican, and James Fitzgerald, said to be between 45 and 50 years old and a resident of Prineville. Fitzgerald was burned beyond recognition.

Dan Murphy Owner
The home belonged to Dan Murphy, proprietor of the Pastime on Bond street, and who escaped through a mass of flames with Martin Holmes, 76.

Details of what led up to the tragedy were vague as Murphy was under the care of a physician in the Downing hotel, and unable to be questioned, and Holmes, found several hours later at his home at 427 1/2 Riverfront was in an incoherent condition.

Both men, however, were expected to be able to testify before a coroner's inquest scheduled for 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Holmes told Sheriff Claude L. McCauley and Sgt. L. L. Mirtzel of the state police that the oil

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Gen. Ike Advocates Extension Of Draft; Would Release Dads

20 Per Cent Pay Increase For Armed Forces Asked by Officials; Patterson Is Speaker

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, army chief of staff, said today that if the draft is extended the army will be able to release all fathers "by August or early September."

Eisenhower told the house military affairs committee that the draft should be extended indefinitely to help the United States meet its world obligations and to release men who have been in service for a great length of time.

Eisenhower and Secretary of war Robert P. Patterson both urged that, in addition to extending the draft, congress approve legislation giving the armed forces a 20 per cent pay increase.

Patterson told the committee that if the pay increase helped the army obtain a sufficient volunteer strength to match requirements "we would not have to induct any men at all."

Purposes Cited
Patterson said extending the draft would serve two purposes—"It will stimulate recruiting and it will furnish a means of meeting any deficiencies resulting from inability to recruit all the men needed."

Eisenhower said that if congress is willing to extend the draft, the army would be willing to have certain conditions and restrictions included in the act.

He said he would be willing not to induct any more fathers and to set about releasing fathers now in service. He said it would "be perfectly feasible to say that no man shall serve longer than 18 months."

Referring to fathers, he said: "We certainly could meet that instruction and carry it out by August or early September with the assurance that selective service is on the books and is going to stay on the books until the job is done."

12 Servicemen Win Discharges

Different separation centers today reported the honorable discharge of 12 more Central Oregonians, as follows:

Bend—S/Sgt. Frank E. Huston, 630 East Quimby avenue; Sgt. Max L. Weaver, 1715 West First street; Pvt. Armond F. Muller, 1017 Lexington avenue; Wallace R. Edwards, SSM(1) 3/c, 725 1/2 East Marshall street; Charles W. Griffen, Yeoman 2/c, 435 Federal street; Helmer C. Wallan, BM2/c, 1037 East Fifth street and Marion C. Armstrong, Yeoman 2/c, 429 State street.

Powell Butte—T/4 Ora K. Foster. Prineville—Pfc. Roy B. Lanury; T/5 Chris A. Ralph and Sgt. John M. McDougal. Redmond—Albert L. Hassler, RM3/c, Box 117.

Dutch And Indonesian Conferences Held Up

San Francisco, March 21 (AP)—Political negotiations between Dutch and Indonesian representatives in Batavia were under postponement today, it was reported by radio Australia.

Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, lieutenant governor-general of the Netherlands East Indies, was reported holding up further talks pending advice from his government on recently-discussed questions.

U. S. War Cabinet's Plans To Fight Japan Revealed In Diary Submitted By Simpson

By John L. Cutter
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The late President Roosevelt and his war cabinet agreed 10 days before Pearl Harbor that the United States should fight if Japan invaded southeast Asia, it was revealed today.

The decision was reached at a White House meeting Nov. 23, 1941. It was described in a statement filed by former Secretary of war Henry L. Stimson with congress' Pearl Harbor investigation committee.

On Nov. 25 the war cabinet decided that responsibility for conflict—if it came—should be Japan's. Stimson said it was a matter of how Japan could be maneuvered into firing the first shot without too greatly endangering the United States.

Seek Aid For Philippine Widows



(NEA Telephoto)
Brig. Gen. Masario Peralta, Jr. (left) and Maj. Gen. Basilio J. Valdes, two of a Philippine Army mission sent to Washington, D. C., to acquaint proper officials there of pitiful plight of widows and orphans of some 50,000 Filipino soldiers who were killed in line of duty during war, pause in San Francisco. Group will seek relief in form of insurance and pensions and inclusion of Philippine Army soldiers in GI Bill of Rights.

Man Is Accused Of Shooting Child

Joliet, Ill., March 21 (AP)—James F. Lincoln, Jr., 35, son of a wealthy Cleveland, O., industrialist, said today his mind "must have snapped" when he beat a nine-year-old girl with a hammer and shot her four times.

Hospital attendants said the child was in critical condition with bullet wounds, bruises and a possible skull fracture.

Lincoln, son of the president of the Lincoln Electric Co., and father of two small children, was arrested late yesterday and confessed that he beat and shot Carol Williams when she refused his advances. He had picked the child up in his automobile on a country road as she was walking home from school, Lincoln said.

Faces New Gule
Chicago police asked Will county authorities for Lincoln's fingerprints and a sample of his handwriting prior to questioning him about the kidnap slaying last January of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan, whose dismembered body was found in sewers and catch basins near her home.

Chief of detectives Walter Storms, however, said that "aside from obvious similarities" there was no reason to suspect Lincoln of the Degnan slaying. Persons arrested for molesting children have been questioned routinely about the Degnan case.

"Your letter of March 9 was given consideration, and what you choose to give as reasons for not coming are found to have no merit. You are aware of the policy of the national war labor board, and you know as well as we that it was your duty, after you were notified by the board, that it had granted the petition for review of the July 2, 1945, directive, to notify the men involved, that the order was suspended pending the final decision of the board.

"Therefore, it has been voted that unless you notify this office (Continued on Page 6)

Soviet Request For New Date Not Approved

New Big 3 Conference Improbable, Asserts Chief; Advice Given

Washington, March 21 (AP)—President Truman emphasized today that the UNO security council will meet on Monday as scheduled despite a Russian request for postponement.

President Truman was questioned at his news conference about the soviet request for a 16-day postponement.

The soviet government made the point that the Iranian complaint to the security council against Russia was "unexpected" and consequently Russia needed time to prepare to answer the charges.

President Truman was asked whether this government favored postponement.

"The president answered with a flat no, adding emphatically that the security council meeting would not be postponed.

Will Seek Action
He further affirmed that the United States will press for action on any disagreement pending before the council.

Asked about the prospects for another meeting of the big three, the president said with some obvious feeling that the UNO was supposed to take over things which would be discussed in big three meetings.

Mr. Truman added that he thought the UNO should take this responsibility if it wanted to preserve world peace.

The president reiterated his willingness to see the big three leaders whenever they wanted to see him, but he stressed that he was not seeking a big three meeting nor were there any plans for such a conference.

Meeting Urged
Several important members of congress recently have urged that another big three meeting be held, with the idea of speeding up solution of major differences among the United States, Britain and Russia.

A reporter wanted to know what was likely to happen when the council meeting begins in New York Monday if Russia insists on a postponement and the United States insists that the meeting begin.

Truman advised the questioner to attend the meeting and find out.

Truman dismissed reports of disagreement on the Anglo-American committee to investigate conditions in Palestine.

Death Message Reaches Major
New York, March 21 (AP)—Harry Whiting, amateur radio operator, picked up the signal of Marsh Redding, Douglas, Ariz., amateur. "Will you deliver a message?" Asked Redding.

"Sure," said Whiting, who, like all "hams," likes to relay messages.

For Mrs. Constant Kerr Scott, 48 Colonial court, West Brighton, Staten Island," said the message. "Sailing March 23 for home. Do not write any more. Will see you and Peter some time in April. Always all my love, Rem."

He telephoned Mrs. Scott's home, then sadly he called Redding back.

"For Major Remington Scott, Okinawa. Mrs. Scott passed away this afternoon."
Mrs. Scott, 47, had died only 10 minutes before. Peter Scott was their nine year old son.

Work at Gilchrist Waits on Weather

Portland, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Workmen in the Gilchrist lumber operations today were awaiting favorable weather before resuming operations, according to Doyle Pearson, executive secretary of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL).

Pearson said the strike, which started last fall, was settled Feb. 11, and he emphasized weather conditions was the only thing which prevented resumption of operations.

Jap Civilians To Get Seats at Trial

Tokyo, March 21 (AP)—Japanese civilians will be permitted to occupy more than 2,000 seats in the balcony of the international military tribunal courtroom during the war criminal trials of leading Japanese statesmen and military leaders, it was announced today.

IRAN SITUATION TENSE
Tehran, March 21 (AP)—A threat of a coup hung over Tehran today as the country celebrated the Iranian new year in a tense atmosphere.

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