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Forecast: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Saturday. Scattered thunder storms in surrounding mountains.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 100.5
Lowest this morning 53

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BRITISH GAIN EDGE IN CRETAN WAR

Kelly's Comment

From Washington
Site Sought for Munitions Depot
Government Bans Export of Seed
Need for Wool Takes Big Jump

By John W. Kelly
Washington, D. C., May 23.—Rigid requirements for a temporary munitions depot may prevent such a base being located on the Columbia river. War department has been scouting around the Columbia river and on Puget sound looking for exactly what is wanted and, at this time, nothing has been found that meets all of the plans and specifications. A temporary base is where munitions from the big base at Hermiton can be transferred to ships, either navy craft or transports.
In the first place, the army wants a site which will not endanger any lives or property. On rubber heels, a representative of the war department has scuttled around the Columbia river from Vancouver to Astoria. He found one likely site on the lower Columbia, back in the brush, of many thousands of acres of cut-over land, but there was this handicap: To reach this site (a short railroad would have to be built from the site to the river) the munitions would be compelled to cross the Columbia river highway and the Astoria railroad. War department wishes to avoid highways and railroads if it is possible.
Another military officer browsed around the north end of Portland harbor looking for a suitable place but found none. There were industries present or potential near the terminals and further downstream the situation was not appealing.

THOUGHT was given (and still is) to anchoring a vessel in some deep pool somewhere between Vancouver and Astoria, then bringing the munitions barge to the ship and transferring the explosives. Such an arrangement eliminates the purchase of a site, railroad construction, docks, etc. Bringing a barge of explosives down the Columbia river from Hermiton, through the locks at Bonneville dam, raised the question as to what would happen if a barge-load of explosives struck against the Bonneville sealock and went bang!
If munitions were hauled by train to somewhere on the lower Columbia the train would have to pass through a section of Portland, involving a risk, although railroads are carrying

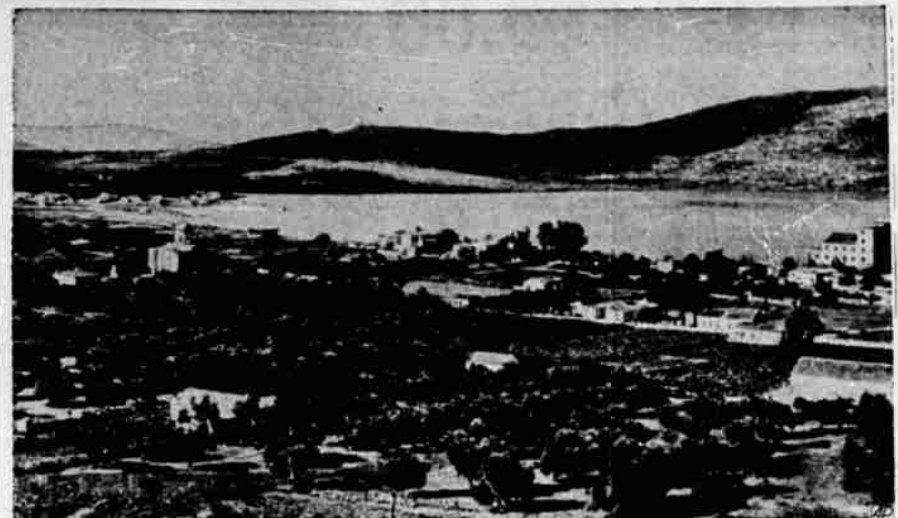
HEAVIER SPENDING BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IS REVEALED BY POLL

Eugene, Ore., May 23.—(AP)—University of Oregon students spent \$2,072,200 during 1940-41, nearly \$300,000 more than during the previous school year, according to a survey made by an economics class under Dr. Beatrice Aitchison, instructor, it was announced here today.
The figures were arrived at through a questionnaire submitted to a representative 8 per cent of the university student body.
Other results revealed by the survey:
Men are 51 per cent self-supporting, and women 16 per cent.
During the school year, students earned \$391,800, and brought back last fall with them \$370,000, making their total year's earnings \$761,800.
Male students earned \$626,000, almost five times as much as the \$135,000 earned by the women students.
Expenditures included tuition and fees, which amounted to \$294,105 for the year.
Tacoma, May 23.—(AP)—Kidnapping charges were filed last night against Mrs. Muriel Babcock of Tacoma, shortly after she ran from the courthouse with her four-year-old child, after hearing a superior judge award the custody of the child to a former husband.

ACK-ACK GUNNERS TAKE HEAVY TOLL OF AERIAL FORCES

Sixteen German Junkers Transports Downed in 3 Days — Heavy Fighting
By the Associated Press
British anti-aircraft gunners were reported today to have shot down at least 16 German Junkers troop transports in the first three days of the four-day-old battle of Crete, and the British further reported that allied defenders of the island have now gained a definite edge over the Nazi aerial invaders.
The bigger-type German Focke-Wulf transports carry from 50 to 75 men each. The Junkers planes are somewhat smaller.
The fiercest fighting in the conflict was said to be developing around the Malemi airport, 10 miles south of Canea, the Crete capital.
Two Spots Cleared
British headquarters said Nazi air-borne detachments at Candia, in central Crete, and at Retimo, about half way between Candia and Canea, had been accounted for, killed or taken prisoner, in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.
Prime Minister Winston Churchill reported yesterday that the Germans had occupied Candia, the old-time capital of Crete and largest island city.
Military sources in Cairo, headquarters of the British Middle East command, said British naval guns were shattering German attempts to land troops by sea.
On the Mediterranean isle itself, the British said, the Germans had gained only a single "decent" foothold in the Malemi sector. Elsewhere, the trend was pictured as slowly turning to Britain's advantage despite new swarms of Nazi 'chutists and other aerial troops dropping from the clouds.
Fleet Main Guard
As long as the British fleet can ward off sea-borne landings, it was said, there is a chance that the invasion will fail.
Virginia Gayda, fascist editor, said in the Rome newspaper Il Giornale d'Italia that the British warships engaged in the defense of Crete included at least five big battleships, two aircraft carriers and a powerful group of cruisers and destroyers.
DNB, official news agency, asserted that three more British destroyers and five speedboats were sunk and two other destroyers damaged by Nazi warplanes today, and that two cruisers were left aflame by bomb hits.
Despite the fact that Crete is now undefended by fighting planes, at the mercy of incessant bombing by the Luftwaffe, the BBC reported that Greece's King George II still was on the island.
In a dramatic side phase of the Mediterranean struggle, the London admiralty announced that British submarines torpedoed and sank a 9,000-ton troopship and a 7,000-ton tanker attempting to reach axis forces in Libya, North Africa.
In addition, the admiralty said, an Italian destroyer was probably sunk, and a large ammunition-carrying schooner was sent to the bottom.
Cairo dispatches said crowded boatloads of Nazi troops trying to reach Crete had been "blasted to bits" by British naval guns amid a developing battle between the British fleet and the German Luftwaffe's Stuka dive bombers.
Heavy damage was said to have been inflicted on a 30-boat axis convoy and Italian ships were seen picking up survivors.
Klamath Falls, May 23.—(AP) Private Robert Paugh was seriously burned as the 68th artillery brigade broke camp here this morning.
His condition was reported serious at a local hospital where it was reported he was badly burned on hands, arms, face and back by a gasoline explosion. Details of the accident were not known.

Suda Bay Site of British Cretan Base



A view of the Suda Bay land area and anchorage on the island of Crete, site of a British naval base, is shown. Germans attacking Crete dropped 3,000 parachute and glider troops in the Suda bay region in a single operation. Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons in London.

PROBLEMS FACED IN CANTONMENT TOLD C-C GROUP

A straight-from-the-shoulder talk regarding the projected army cantonment and the problems it would involve, if constructed, was given at a luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce today at the Hotel Commerce by Myron Hunt of Pasadena, Calif., who is the cantonment architect in charge now engaged in drafting the preliminary plans.
Mr. Hunt having built several other army cantonments, as well as being a student of city planning in relation to them, pulled no punches in his presentation, laying special emphasis upon local needs in the direction of better highways, better housing, added educational and sanitary facilities. In case the money for the cantonment is appropriated and construction carried out, according to present plans, the speaker expressed his personal view that this money would be forthcoming and actual construction would probably start before the summer ends.
Mr. Hunt also suggested a special cantonment committee, not too large but highly competent, be selected with various sub-committees to take single vital problems in charge, and also a committee be named at once to visit the army cantonments already in operation, particularly in California, and learn first hand what the major problems have been, how they can be met and solved here in southern Oregon.

Germany Drives at Crete



Three thousand more German troops were reported to have landed at night on strategic Crete (1), as the Germans continued their aerial offensive. British military men said Crete must be held "at all costs" because its capture would give the Germans another base to attack the British fleet at Alexandria (2), fill in the Aegean sea gap to the Dodecanese islands and shield the movement of axis troops from Italy to Africa. An attempt on Cyprus (3), was foreseen.

Screaming Germans Drown in Effort to Reach Crete Soil

Alexandria, Egypt, May 23.—(AP)—British naval officers related tonight how thousands of Germans have died, screaming for rescue, as they clung to life-belts and boards from transports smashed by the British fleet off Crete. Not a single Nazi, they said, has reached Crete by sea.
British cruisers and destroyers were unable to pick up the survivors of their attack because of the threat of torpedo attacks from German "E-boats," the officers said.
The captain of one British cruiser which took part in the Crete operations said: "We sank (the German boats) with four-inch guns and pom-poms (anti-aircraft pieces). Cruisers and destroyers rammed them. The sea was full of thousands of Germans clinging to the wreckage and shouting for help."
"The havoc we wrought was so great that no Germans managed to land in Crete that night."

THURSDAY'S HEAT SETS NEW RECORD

Medford's weather bureau reported the temperature as 88 at 2:30 p. m. today.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Frank George and Gene Monaco wondering why it was so torrid when they arrived in Medford from a fishing trip to Diamond Lake, and finally discovering that the heater on their car was turned on full blast.
Jeunesse Butler remarking that Hitler was the reason why she was knitting for the soldiers in world war 2, something she didn't do in world war 1.
Fern Cherryholmes spending her spare time by the highway watching the army lads whizz by.
Ray "Fleetfoot" Johnson cooling off with a strawberry sundae.

NAVY MAY FINISH SHIPS DESERTED BY S. F. STRIKERS

Vessels Will Be Moved to Mare Island Navy Yard for Completion, Statement
San Francisco, May 23.—(AP) The navy stated today that if work were not resumed in strikebound shipyards here on navy contracts, it was possible some vessels nearly finished would be moved to Mare Island navy yard for completion.
The statement from the 12th naval district headquarters said the navy does not plan use of armed forces in protecting workers coming into struck plants.
And, the formal statement said, "no serious consideration has to date been given to use of navy yard machinists in struck plants."
CIO and AFL machinists struck at 11 bay area shipyard and repair docks May 10. The yards hold more than \$500,000,000 in contracts. Some AFL yard workers, other than machinists, have gone back to work. Navy trucks have hauled many of them through machinists' picket lines.
(By Associated Press)
Chairman Emory S. Land of the maritime commission today advocated use of United States forces to break up a strike of union machinists which has tied up work for two weeks at San Francisco shipbuilding yards.
He testified before a special senate defense investigation committee at Washington as the defense mediation board renewed for a second time its efforts to settle a wage dispute between southern soft coal mine operators and the United Mine Workers union.
Land said "the most dire need in the world today" was ships as he explained he believed there was justification "for every possible step up to and including the use of United States forces—be they city, state or national—to take off this picket line."

BASEBALL

American			
Score:	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	7	11	0
Detroit	1	11	1
Lyons and Tresh, Bridges, Thomas and Tebbets.			
(Tie-game, called end 9th account of darkness).			
Boston	9	13	2
New York	9	10	1
Dobson, Dickman, H. New-some, Ryba, and Peacock; Chandler, Stanceau, Breuer, Murphy, and Diekey.			
(Second game)			
Chicago	0	7	1
Detroit	9	14	0
Dietrich, Humphries and Tresh, Dicky; Trout and Tebbets.			
National			
Cincinnati	8	10	1
Chicago	4	4	3
Vandermeer, E. Riddle and Lombardi; Passeau, Olson, Erickson, and McCullough, George.			

DARLAN DENIES HITLER SEEKING FRANCE'S FLEET

Vice Premier Also Denies Colonial Rights Sought — Can Win War Alone
By the Associated Press
Vichy, France, May 23.—Vice-Premier Admiral Jean Darlan told the French people today that Adolf Hitler had not asked France for her fleet in current negotiations and declared firmly: "I will never hand it over."
Nor has Hitler asked for colonial concessions, said the vice premier.
"The chancellor did not ask me to hand over our fleet to him," Darlan asserted in a broadcast. "Everyone knows—and the English better than anyone—that I will never hand it over."
"The chancellor did not ask me for any colonial territory. He did not ask me to declare war on England."
"Why has he acted so?" Can Win Alone
"Germany began the war alone and judges herself able to end it alone against no matter what coalition."
"On the result of negotiations in course," Darlan asserted, "directly depends the future of France."
"It is necessary for her to choose between life and death. The marshal and government have chosen life."
He emphasized that "in June, 1940, the victor could have refused us an armistice, beaten us and wiped France off the map of the world—but he did not do it."
Now, Darlan said, "in May, 1941, the victor has agreed to negotiate with the French government."
The vice premier said he had gone to Berchtesgaden to confer with Adolf Hitler at the fuhrer's request, but said that France "freely chooses the road which she has taken."

LOSS OF WHEEL INVOLVES THREE AUTOS IN CRASH

Edward L. Samuels of Arling, Idaho, was given a \$5 suspended fine in city court this morning on a charge of driving a car without an Oregon operator's permit, following an accident shortly before 9 o'clock last night involving his machine and two others.
According to police, the left front axle on the Samuels car broke while he was traveling west on East Main street. The wheel came off, throwing the machine into the path of an eastbound auto operated by Leonard L. Atkins of the Rainbow Auto camp. Following this collision, Atkins lost control of his machine and it swerved to the north curb and struck a parked car registered to Leland Brophy of Medford. The mishap occurred in front of 1206 East Main street.
Nobody was injured in the three-car accident and damage to the cars was not serious.
Samuels' fine was suspended when he explained that he was here on a short visit and planned to drive the locally-purchased car back to his home in Idaho.

BRITAIN TIGHTENS ON JAP SHIPPING

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—Great Britain tightened up on Japanese shipping in the Pacific today with a warning published in Los Angeles that "all disabilities" would be imposed on 11 large Japanese tankers and 81 smaller craft.
British officials here said this represented an extension of the long-standing blacklist of Japanese and other ships which contravened British regulations.
Although such ships face possible seizure, it was indicated that the "disabilities" probably would involve only the denial of British port facilities and other measures hampering their operations.

TWO ADMIT GUILT, GIVEN SENTENCES TO STATE PRISON

Cyrus Hunter, 19, CCC enrollee stationed at Camp Wimer, who pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term not to exceed three years in state prison by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna today.
Ralph E. Peery, 26, who pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl, was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term not to exceed one year in the penitentiary.
Hunter, whose home is in La Pine, Fla., hit John Jacobs, civilian of the Wimer district, with a pop bottle, causing a double fracture of the skull. The attack occurred during a moving picture show at the camp. Jacobs, whose life was despaired of at first, was reported as out of danger by the district attorney.
Hunter, in a statement, was unable to give any reason for his act, except that he had exchanged some words with Jacobs. District Attorney Neilson told the court Hunter was "inclined to be scrappy when he thought his rights were invaded."
Peery was told by the court in passing sentence, "this is the least I can give you under the law." District Attorney Neilson read the two differing statements made by the girl. Chief of Police McCredie also told of procuring a statement from the girl.
Hunter and Peery will be taken to the state prison Sunday.

Nazis Shelled Zamzam While Passengers Still on Board

Vichy, Unoccupied France, May 23.—(AP)—The Nazi raider which sank the Egyptian liner Zamzam shelled her while her passengers still were aboard, American survivors related today, according to reports from Bordeaux.
At about 6 a. m. on April 17, the raider bore down on the Zamzam and opened fire, hitting her eight or nine times. That was in latitude 27 degrees 41 minutes south, longitude eight degrees eight minutes west.
After the shelling, all the passengers and the crew—more than 300 in all—were taken aboard the raider along with some of the ship's supplies.
The attackers then sent the ship to the bottom with an explosive charge which they placed aboard her.
The next day the Zamzam's passengers and crew were transferred to the German motorship Dresden which then began dodging warily through the British blockade and after a long and slow voyage landed the survivors at St. Jean de Luz, in German-occupied France, May 20.

Medford's Co. A Going by Train is Latest Word

Company A, 186th infantry, Medford National Guard, will leave Klamath Falls by train at 11:15 a. m. next Wednesday, May 28, after stopping there for just a few minutes en route from Camp Lewis to June war games in California, according to a letter received here today by Capt. Carl Y. Tengwald from Capt. Weldon H. McBee, Company A commander.
Capt. McBee wrote that Company A, composed of about 100 Medford Guardsmen, would leave Camp Lewis by train next Tuesday, May 27, and make the trip to California in railway cars.
There has been considerable confusion as to when, and by what means and route Company A would pass through southern Oregon, but Capt. McBee's letter is believed to clarify the situation.
London, May 23.—(AP)—Lord Austin, 75, manufacturer of the Austin automobile, died today at his home near Brookgrove.
Herbert Austin went to Australia to serve his engineering apprenticeship after being educated at Brampton college and returned to England in 1890.

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Vichy, Unoccupied France, May 23.—(AP)—Two Americans and one Egyptian were wounded when a German raider shelled the Egyptian motorship Zamzam April 17 in the south Atlantic, it was reported tonight in advices from Bordeaux.
They said two Americans, Ned Laughinghouse of Wilson, N. C., and Frank Vicoarvi of New York, were wounded and are now hospitalized in France. A third casualty was an Egyptian.
The passengers identified the raider as the Tamieses and told this story of the attack:
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San Francisco Butler
San Francisco, May 23.—(AP-USA) Butler: 92 score 38; 91 score 36; 90 score 35; 89 score 34 1/2.