

Five American Armies Storm Rhine and Saar Defenses

Weather

Forecast: Mostly cloudy with occasional light rains tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 64
Lowest this morning 33
Precipitation past 24 hrs. .02

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GREYHOUND SAYS LOCAL LOADS NOT ENOUGH FOR TWO

Bus Concern Says Splitting of Patronage With Local Concern Is Not Feasible.

Trip figures taken from the Medford-Ashland local run of the Greyhound Bus company tend to show that neither the Greyhound company nor the Rogue Valley Transit company can survive on a purely local load service according to M. C. Fralley, San Francisco, general traffic manager for Greyhound who testified this morning in the hearing by the state Public Utilities commission on the transit company's application for a permit to offer intermediate service on a route from Medford to Ashland by way of Talent.

Both the transit company and the protesting firm completed testimony this morning, no closing arguments were offered and simultaneous briefs are to be offered by each side April 10 for the commission's consideration.

Terminal Planned

Fralley outlined Greyhound development plans and said that a new terminal is to be constructed in Medford and would be in use in the late summer. Fralley said his firm would take care of Camp White at any time the camp was left without public bus service.

W. S. Egger, Portland, superintendent for Greyhound, also testified for the firm this morning. The protesting firm called a number of public witnesses who said they patronized Greyhound between here and Ashland and intermediate points and thought the present service adequate. Among these were Mrs. Julia Messman, Red Arrow Auto court; Mrs. Juanita Tomerlin, Ashland and Medford; Joseph A. Harrison, Mrs. Belle Skeeters, Mrs. Marcia Turpin, Mrs. William Fox, Mrs. May Newlin, Mrs. Mildred Parr, all of Talent; and Dwight C. Horton, H. C. Burnett and Mrs. Maxine Riley, all of Medford.

Trips Listed

Testimony was introduced at various times to show that the Greyhound line now has 14 northbound trips and 15 southbound trips daily between Medford and Ashland, of which six are local Medford-Ashland runs added to the schedules since the middle of last November.

Testimony yesterday afternoon was to the effect that service on the Ashland-Medford line might be discontinued under an ODT ruling unless travel could be increased by re-routing buses through Talent and that the transit company was now losing money on the Ashland-Medford run. Schneider said that it was his understanding that the Camp White hospital was to be put to increased use in the near future and that the firm would be willing to take losses for a time with the expectation that travel would increase but that they were threatened with the ODT ruling in the meantime.

Following Schneider many witnesses, representing civic and business groups and the valley's various industries testified to the good service offered by the transit company, generally declared that the service offered by Greyhound prior to establishment of the competitive service was inadequate and painted a picture of the value of the proposed route which it was declared would serve some 1800 residents residing near the old highway and in the area surrounding Phoenix and Talent not now served by any public transportation.

Appearing yesterday afternoon were Raymond Reter for the Rogue Valley Traffic association; Robert Norris, vice-chairman of the Fruitgrowers League; Anton A. Laumann, representing all the major lumbering and lumber manufacturing firms of the county; Lt. John Nice, Camp White traffic officer; A. W. Lingess, representing the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Lloyd Selby, Ashland Chamber of Commerce; Ralph Kooser, Medford; Clarence A. Meeker, Medford mayor.

Others who testified in favor of granting the application were Lloyd Lacey, Talent, for the Talent Grange; Ralph Billings for the Bellview Grange; Lyda

Nine Times Wed



(Acme Telephone)
Mrs. Virginia Jorgensen Nelson, blonde who the FBI said was nine times a bride and rarely a divorcee, held in San Francisco on charges of fraudulently obtaining service allotment checks for sailor husbands Nos. 6, 7 and 9.

TWO MORE ISLES TAKEN IN PACIFIC

By United Press
Continued allied successes in the Pacific, including the seizure of two more islands in the Philippines and the practical conquest of Iwo, evoked an order from invasion jittery Japan for evacuation of all unnecessary civilians from its largest cities.

A Nazi broadcast said the Japanese evacuation order applied to all persons not important to war work in Tokyo, Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya, and Osaka. Iwo, stepping-stone island at Japan's front door, was officially declared captured, although marines still were hacking at two shrinking enemy pockets.

Official reports estimated 20,000 Japanese dead on Iwo.

The Stars and Stripes were raised over the tiny island at a formal ceremony yesterday morning.

American troops meantime secured the southern approaches to the main shipping channel through the Philippines with the seizure of Romblon and Simara Islands in the Sibuyan Sea, southwest of Luzon.

Although there was no official information on the subject, it was believed the next group may include former Bilibid prison inmates.

SEVEN DIE IN CRASH OF NAVY TRANSPORT PLANE

San Francisco, March 15—(U.P.)—Seven persons were killed and 16 were injured when a twin-engine naval transport crashed on a ridge near San Carlos, Cal., last night, 28 minutes after circling the Oakland airport, the 12th naval district announced today.

The plane, a Douglas transport bound from San Pedro, Cal., to Oakland crashed on a spur of the coast range three miles west of San Carlos at 8:12 p. m.

Cause of the crash was not immediately determined.

EUGENE MEDIC DIES

Eugene, March 15—Dr. William H. Dale, who practiced medicine in Oregon for 40 years, died Wednesday at his home here following a lingering illness. He was 66 years of age. He came to Oregon in 1904.

Davis, Ashland; Loyal Bates, for the Talent city council; Mrs. B. R. Talbot and Mrs. A. T. Newman, Talent.

ADJOURNMENT BY SATURDAY IS AIM OF LEGISLATORS

House and Senate Grind Through Stack of Legis- lation; Pass Appropriations.

Salem, Ore., March 15—(U.P.)—The heat is on in the Oregon legislature today.

Both houses had well-filled calendars on the 67th day of the longest legislative session in Oregon's history. Every trick in the book was being put into use to finish and adjourn by Saturday at the latest.

The house and senate both ploughed through a stack of legislation, both important and trivial, yesterday. The house completed action on 35 measures, the senate on 25.

School Funds Voted

The four measures designed to grant an additional \$17,000, 000 to the schools and colleges of the state during the next two years were in the governor's office for signature today, after rapid passage by the senate, and equally rapid concurrence in amendments by the house.

The governor received also two measures to create a 31st senator and a 25th senatorial district, the house having concurred in senate amendments. The one creating the new seat will go before the people for a vote a year from November.

The senate passed a bill calling for the periodic inspection of cattle for Bangs disease and tuberculosis, but the house refused to concur in amendments which changed the indemnities paid to owners of condemned cattle, and a conference committee was appointed.

Kill Responsibility Bill

A bill which would require evidence of financial responsibility before a person could get a motor vehicle operator's license was defeated and indefinitely postponed in the house.

The house killed a bill to construct a psychiatric hospital in Multnomah county, when it adopted a majority committee "do not pass" report; and refused to take an anti-Japanese memorial out of committee where it had been lying, with no intention on the part of the committee to bring it out.

More than 87,269,461 track ties stabilize the 30,551 miles of rail line, siding and yard tracks maintained by the Canadian National Railways in Canada and the United States.

Armed Services Have Fleet of 36 Hospital Vessels

London, March 15—(U.P.)—The Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dag-Bladet published a wholly unconfirmed report today that Adolf Hitler made a peace offer to America and Britain early this month and it was rejected.

A British foreign office commentator said he had no information regarding the Stockholm reports of a Nazi peace gesture. The Dag-Bladet dispatch was written by Arvid Fredborg, the newspaper's former correspondent in Berlin. He said a Nazi emissary made contact with "English and American circles" in Stockholm to advance Hitler's peace proposal.

WAR CASUALTIES SHOW DECREASE FOR PAST MONTH

Washington, March 15—(U.P.)—Army combat losses fell sharply on the western front during February's intensive preparations for the climactic battles now going on.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson revealed today that the ground force casualties on the western front during February were 34,468, less than half those of December and 27,494 fewer than January's.

The secretary disclosed also that the enemy in the Philippines is suffering losses about five times greater than the Americans. U. S. army losses on Leyte and Luzon now total 31,221, including 6,889 killed, 354 missing and 23,978 wounded, he said.

Japanese losses, however, include 150,278 counted dead.

Total U. S. ground force casualties on the western front since D-day on June 6, Stimson said, are 425,007, including 70,414 killed, 297,547 wounded and 57,046 missing.

Total army combat casualties in all theaters since Pearl Harbor, as compiled through March 7, are 748,457.

Added to 91,132 navy, marine corps and coastguard casualties announced by the navy, this brings total U. S. combat casualties since the war's start to 839,589. The overall total represents an increase of 15,957 over a week ago.

Hollywood, March 15—(U.P.)—Her attorneys said today that Mayo Methot will leave for Nevada "within a few days" to divorce Screen Star Humphrey Bogart. It was understood that a property settlement has been reached although terms were undisclosed.

CHURCHILL SEE ALLIED VICTORY DURING SUMMER

Germany Faces Unconditional Surrender or Being Beaten Into Ground, Word

London, March 15—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that victory in Europe may come before the end of summer "or even sooner."

The quickening progress of the war means Germany will be forced into unconditional surrender or "beaten to the ground in chaos and ruin," he told the annual conference of the Conservative Party.

Optimism Reigns

Churchill's prediction that the war in Europe may end within six months coincided with a wave of optimism throughout Britain and on the Western Front.

One front dispatch said reliable non-military sources believed peace possible within six weeks. A former Berlin correspondent now in Stockholm wrote that Adolf Hitler early this month had made a peace feeler through Sweden to the United States and Britain, but had been rejected.

Churchill promised an intense British war effort against Japan.

"No mood of war weariness must prevent us from doing our duty to the last inch and to the last minute," he said.

Japs Face Reckoning

"The scale of the war against Japan is not limited by manpower. That will be readily forthcoming. It is limited by shipping and other means of transport over vast ocean spaces and through steaming jungles."

He said Britain must repay "infamous cruelties perpetrated against British subjects" by the Japanese.

There may be less blood and fewer tears in the months to come, he said, but physical sweat and the united resolve of every man and every woman to give all that is in him will be required "long after the last bomb or cannon has ceased to thunder."

"We have to finish the war against Japan and play our part, not only as loyal allies of the United States and other nations in that conflict, but also to regain, as we are regaining, the territories which the Japanese wrested from us," he said.

It will be Britain's ceaseless endeavor to "hurl our utmost strength into Japan's way," he said.

No Advice Needed

Churchill inferentially told the United States and Russia that Britain has no need of advice on how to run the British Empire, and commonwealth of nations.

Recalling that the entire empire with the exception of southern Ireland rallied behind the mother country "to die or conquer with us in righteous cause," he said:

"Certainly, with this unparalleled record, we have no need to seek advice even of our most honored allies as to how we should conduct ourselves with regard to our own affairs."

"Imperium et Libertas"—Empire and Liberty—is still our guide. Without freedom, there is no foundation for our empire. Without the empire, there is no safeguard for our freedom.

"We mean freedom for all states and nations within the circle of the Crown. . . . We have no use here for totalitarian economies and governments in their various forms."

WOMAN BUYS CIGARETS FOR EIGHTH GRADE SON

Newburyport, Mass., March 15—(U.P.)—A woman in a cigarette line last night told the woman in front of her, "I don't want them for myself. I've given up smoking so my son in the eighth grade can get enough cigarettes."

NANDIE SELLS CAFE

Grants Pass, March 15—F. E. Nandie today announced sale of the Terminal cafe, 622 East 1 street, to Hugo Johnson and Lawrence Warwick, who came here about a week ago from San Francisco. Nandie formerly operated a cafe in Medford.

RUSSIANS POURING OVER ODER BRIDGE IN GREAT WAVES

Zhukov Forces Fused West of River for Push on Berlin Is Report by Germans.

London, March 15—(U.P.)—The German radio indicated today that the Red army had a bridge across the Oder 33 miles due east of Berlin, and men and arms were pouring over it in "massive Soviet attack waves."

London, March 15—(U.P.)—More than 2,000 American warplanes attacked military targets in the Berlin area today in direct support of the Red army and a force of RAF heavies unloaded the new 11-ton super-bombs on a key German railway viaduct at the eastern end of the Ruhr.

Between Frankfurt and Kues-trin, the Nazis said, the Russians were attacking repeatedly in assault waves. Thus Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov appeared to have fused his bridgeheads west of the Oder for the big push against Berlin.

Deep Penetrations

Other German broadcasts admitted that the Russians scored deep penetrations in the defenses of Danzig, Gdynia and Koenigsberg.

Moscow said Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's second White Russian army was storming the suburbs of Danzig and Gdynia. A Nazi military spokesman conceded that the Russians had plunged wedges deep into the German defense area before the two cities, but claimed that they had not yet reached Gdynia proper.

A mass onslaught by seven Soviet armies broke into the German defense front near Koenigsberg, capital of East Prussia, a Berlin broadcast said.

MEXICAN LABOR SOUGHT BY LOCAL ORCHARDISTS

Application for 1000 Mexican Nationals to help harvest the pear and other crops has been made, County Agent Robert G. Fowler reports. Labor recruiting is now underway in Mexico, and until this campaign is completed it will not be definitely known how many will be sent here. Last year, approximately 750 Mexican Nationals were employed in harvest work here. During the winter more than a hundred have been working in orchards, pruning and at other tasks.

Destruction, Slaughter in Manila On Direct Orders From Tokyo, Is Word of Philippines Commissioner

San Francisco, March 15—(U.P.)—The city of Manila was destroyed and her people slaughtered on direct orders from Tokyo, it was revealed here today by Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, Philippines resident commissioner, who said he would indict the Japanese on the floor of congress.

Describing the rape of Nanking as "a picnic compared to Manila," Romulo said he would present congress with captured documents, sworn affidavits and documentary films to substantiate his story of the "systematic, deliberate, wanton destruction" wrought by Japanese imperial marines "on direct orders from Tokyo."

Romulo was re-united March 2 in the Philippines with his wife and four young sons who had been with guerrillas since their separation three years and three months ago. He said he was leaving for Washington today and would present his evidence to congress as soon as possible.

Thousands Massacred

"Manila is gone," he said. "It is only a shell. Thousands of her people were deliberately massacred by the Japanese."

"Nanking was the primeval instinct of the Japanese asserting itself. Manila was studied: systematic!"

Steady Advance



(Acme Telephone)
U. S. First Army forces pound within mile of Ruhr-Berlin superhighway and capture Hoenfel on north flank. There was no confirmation of German report that we had crossed Rhine at Konigswinter.

FILM ACTORS TO VOTE ON STRIKE

Hollywood, March 15—(U.P.)—Eight thousand stars and bit players will vote tomorrow on whether to stay out of the movie studios for the duration of a crippling technicians' strike, the Screen Actors' Guild announced today.

The vote will be on respecting picket lines.

John Dales, Jr., Guild secretary, said ballots were being mailed to all members.

"Ballots may be cast in special boxes at a meeting tomorrow night, or may be returned by mail not later than Tuesday midnight."

Results will not be announced until late next week.

Strike Paralyzes Vital Production

St. Louis, March 15—(U.P.)—Vital war production remained paralyzed in eight St. Louis plants today as a strike of 1,100 foundry workers went into the fourth day.

The critical situation prompted one draft board to announce it was reclassifying men who left their jobs into I-A, eligible for immediate army physical examinations.

SUPERHIGHWAY IN REMAGEN SECTOR CUT, NAZIS REPORT

Newly-Formed U. S. 15th Army Thrown Into Bridge- head Battle, Berlin Claim.

Paris, March 15—(U.P.)—Five American armies were reported storming the Rhine and Saar basin defenses of Germany today in a coordinated offensive along a 200-mile front from Duisburg to the Karlsruhe corner of Alsace.

A flood of German reports and allied front dispatches indicated that a general offensive to crush the Nazi armies in the west was in full swing along the entire southern half of the western front.

Officially it was disclosed that the U. S. 3rd and 7th armies were driving with armored and infantry divisions into the northern and southern corners of the Saar basin.

1st Strikes East

To the north, the United States 1st army struck eastward from its Rhine bridgehead in a power drive that may already have cut the Rhine-Ruhr-Berlin superhighway and split the German front east of the Rhine.

Unconfirmed Nazi reports said the Americans were astride the highway which parallels the Rhine five to eight miles east of the river in the Remagen sector. Late front dispatches, however, said they were fighting from street to street through Agidienberg, less than a half-mile from the road and 6 1/2 miles northeast of Remagen. Rhondorf, on the river bank 6 1/2 miles north of Remagen, was captured after a fierce battle.

15th Joins Battle

Berlin said the newly-formed U. S. 15th army had joined in the battle in the bridgehead east of the Rhine and that perhaps 180,000 American troops were moving eastward in an all-out try for a breakthrough into the Ruhr industrial sector.

The Nazis also reported that the American 9th army had gone over to the offensive from its springboards on the west bank of the Rhine opposite the Ruhr.

The German Transoceanic news agency said shock troops of the 9th army attempted to force a crossing on the Rhine opposite Duisburg but were "smashed" on the river bank.

HARRY BEASLEY DIES IN ACTION

Mrs. Jack Fitzgerald, 234 North Ivy street, received word today from her sister, Mrs. Barbara M. Beasley of Glendale, Calif., that 2nd Lt. Harry M. Beasley was killed in action in England July 21, 1944. Lt. Beasley previously had been reported missing.

Lt. and Mrs. Beasley resided in Medford until about three years ago when he went into service. He was employed by Fluhrer's Bakery while here.

CONSTITUTION CITED IN BRIDGES' DEPORTATION

Washington, March 15—(U.P.)—Harry Bridges, west coast C. I. O. labor leader, told the supreme court today he cannot be deported for "thought, speech or conduct" because their freedom is protected by the constitution's bill of rights.

He made the assertion in a brief filed in support of his appeal to escape deportation to his native Australia. Bridges, head of the Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, has appealed from California federal court rulings denying his bid for freedom on a writ of habeas corpus.

MERCHANT SHIP QUOTA IS NEARLY COMPLETED

Washington, March 15—(U.P.)—The merchant ship building program will be just about completed by the end of the year, Vice Admiral Howard L. Vickery, of the maritime commission, disclosed today.

He added, however, that there will be jobs in equally-vital war work for 821,000 persons now employed in commission yards.

"We now have 170,000 fewer persons in the yards than we had a year ago," he said. "These have all found places in essential industry."

MOLLY McGEE WINS

Hollywood, Cal., March 15—(U.P.)—Molly McGee, of the radio comedian team Fibber McGee and Molly, was sporting a blue ribbon today after taking first prize honors in the southern California spring flower show.