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Forecast: Cloudy with showers tonight Thursday, partly cloudy with showers. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 59. Lowest this morning 41. Precipitation to 5 a. m., trace.

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Big Three in Pre-Conference Session



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The delicate question of Polish representation at the San Francisco Conference was the foremost topic of this meeting in Washington between Anglo-American and Soviet leaders. Left to right: Anthony Eden, British Foreign Minister; Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius; V. N. Pavlov, of the Soviet Foreign Ministry; and V. M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar.

Delegates From Far Corners Of Earth Open Meeting To Seek Enduring Peace

By Lyle C. Wilson United Press Staff Correspondent San Francisco, April 25 (U.P.)—British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden arrived today to join representatives of the 46 United Nations who meet here at 4:30 p. m., PWT, determined to create an enduring peace.

The delegates meet this afternoon in the opening plenary session of the United Nations conference on International Organization. Their objective of making the post-war world safe for peace-loving peoples is the same at which the world shot after 1918—and missed.

Favorable Day A beautiful, sunny California day furnished a favorable augury for the opening of the conference and greeted the hundreds of delegates as they awoke on this fateful day which may mark the opening of a new chapter in world history—a chapter of international peace.

Eden, the last of the top delegates to arrive, stepped from a plane at suburban Mills Field shortly after 2 a. m. and went immediately to his hotel. He declined to discuss the conference or his week-end talks in Washington with American and Russian officials on the ticklish Polish questions.

The delegates gathered here on the shores of the Pacific do not intend that the world shall miss-fire on its goal, as it did after World War I. This time, they meet with war still raging.

Mixed Group The hundreds of delegates, experts and aides are as mixed a

AMERICANS SEIZE IMPORTANT HILL NORTH OF NAHA

By United Press American troops broke through Japanese defenses in southern Okinawa today to seize an important hill feature north of Naha, the capital, while marines occupied three more nearby islands.

Radio Tokyo meanwhile admitted "nothing seems possible now to stop extermination of the Japanese nation."

The broadcast disclosed that American Superfortresses had destroyed 770,000 homes, making 3,130,000 homeless at Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe, and Nagoya.

4 B-29s Missing During the attack the Americans shot down 13 Japanese fighters and probably destroyed 18 others. Four Superfortresses were missing.

The break-through on southern Okinawa ended a six-day deadlock. A terrific naval bombardment blasted a path for the seventh army troops who battled across hilly terrain to reach the new position west of Ishin village.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced that marines had landed on Heanza Island east of Okinawa's Katchin peninsula and on Kturi and Yagachi north of Motobu peninsula. The only draft board members wounds received while meeting an Ashland sidewalk yesterday.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE San Francisco, April 25—(U.P.)—Here is the tentative schedule for the plenary session officially opening the United Nations' conference today: 4:30 p. m. PWT—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., accompanied by Gov. Earl Warren of California and Mayor Roger Lapham of San Francisco, appear on the stage of San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House. 4:33 p. m.—Stettinius speaks briefly and introduces President Truman. 4:35 p. m.—President Truman speaks from Washington. 4:46 p. m.—Stettinius introduces Gov. Warren for brief address of welcome. 4:50 p. m.—Stettinius introduces Mayor Lapham for brief address. 4:54 p. m.—Stettinius addresses session briefly. 5 p. m.—Adjournment.

group as ever is likely to gather. Almost all the world's languages are spoken here today. There are men from the desert, men and women from great cities, spokesmen of poor nations and spokesmen of the rich. But they have much in common. They know that men of anti-Axis armed forces are being killed or wounded as they sit down together and talk today.

They call this the United Nations conference on International Organization. The first session will be brief. It takes place under the shadow of a stubborn Big Three dispute over the status of the Russian-sponsored provisional government of Poland.

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., chief of the American delegation, will open today's session and introduce President Truman who will broadcast a 10-minute opening address from Washington. Local officials will deliver messages of welcome. Stettinius will speak again and the opening session will end.

Mourn Roosevelt It is 23 years since the United States was host to a great international gathering such as this: That was the occasion of the Washington Arms conference which undertook in 1922 to start a war-weary world toward disarmament.

This conference, conceived by

Nazis Expected To Be Well Versed In Organized Whining

London, April 25. — (U.P.)—Brendan Bracken, minister of information, said today that the allies can expect the Germans to be as adept at "organized whining" after the war as they had been at organized fighting.

When the question arose in commons whether the majority of Germans were ignorant of concentration camp atrocities, Brocken issued a stern warning to beware of future Nazi propaganda.

He said the successor to Joseph Goebbels, reich propaganda minister, undoubtedly would attempt to capitalize on the propaganda that the majority of the German people did not know what was happening.

SLAVS IN FIUME London, April 25 — (U.P.)—Yugoslav troops have crossed the old Yugoslav-Italian frontier and are fighting in the outskirts of the Adriatic port of Fiume. Marshal Tito's communique said today,

the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, meets in sorrow caused by his death. But the 300-odd delegates find an inspirational text in the late president's words on the occasion of his last public appearance on March 1. He then told a joint session of the congress:

"The structure of world peace cannot be the work of one man, one party or one nation. It must be a peace which rests upon the co-operative effort of the whole world."

In that spirit these delegates approached the differences raised among them. Their goal is to prepare "a charter for a general international organization for the maintenance of International Peace and Security."

The United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China jointly on March 5 invited the 41 other members of the United Nations to meet here today for that purpose. Last autumn in the Dumbarton-Oaks conference, the sponsoring powers devised a tentative charter for the World Security Organization. It is the basis upon which the delegates begin their work today.

RETAIN OF PETAIN FORMALLY DENIED

Paris, April 25—(U.P.)—The ministry of justice today issued a formal denial of a French News agency report that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain had crossed the border from Switzerland into France.

The AFP agency said in an Agency dispatch that Petain had returned to France after a day's stopover in Switzerland, which yesterday granted him admission as a transient on the way to France.

Paris, April 25—(U.P.)—The Swiss government refused permission to Pierre Laval to follow Marshal Henri Philippe Petain through Switzerland to France, it was learned authoritatively today.

Laval, premier of the Nazi-controlled Vichy government, asked to be allowed to surrender to French authorities despite the fact he already has been sentenced to death "in absentia" by the French high court for treason.

NAVY AUTHORIZED TO SEIZE SF WAR PLANT Washington, April 25—(U.P.)—President Truman today authorized the Secretary of Navy to take over the plant of the United Engineering Co., Ltd., of San Francisco, where wartime shipbuilding had been upheld by a labor jurisdictional dispute.

The White House said that this was the first time the navy had recommended to the president seizure of an industrial plant under such circumstances.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Marian Farrell declaring that her stunning new hat could be duplicated with a few paper napkins and a little shellac.

Bob Fowler getting a laugh with a two-word speech.

"Hap" Gillette remaining in "I-A" even after showing other draft board members wounds received while meeting an Ashland sidewalk yesterday.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY PROPONENTS PLAN SCHAUPP ANSWER

Advantages of 99 Over 97 Will Be Presented Oregon, California Road Heads.

Data setting forth the advantages of highway 99 over 97 as an inter-regional highway and a link of the proposed highway system, were prepared at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce here today attended by representatives from Oregon and California Chamber of Commerce, county courts and others interested.

Ralph E. Koozer, Ashland, president of the Pacific Highway association, stated at noon that the material would be presented by a committee which would attend the next meeting of the Oregon highway commission, May 12, and that similar material from a California angle would be presented by Californians at the next meeting of the highway commission of that state. The briefs will set forth comparative facts on the tonnage carried over both highways, the weather conditions, scenic attractions and industries and populations of the districts adjacent to each road, Koozer stated.

Due July 1 Today's meeting was called by Koozer after Arthur Schaupp, Klamath Falls, member of the Oregon commission, proposed that 97, from Eugene to Klamath Falls, be designated as the main inter-regional highway. The commissions of the western states have been asked to recommend to the federal bureau of roads their main inter-regional highways and the connecting points with other states and these are to be in the hands of the federal bureau by July 1, Koozer declared.

A. R. Trombly, Portland, chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce committee on roads and highways and a director of the Pacific Northwest Trade and Commerce association, attended the meeting and stated that completion and modernization of highway 99 is an important part of the general highway program for the state of Oregon adopted by the board of directors of the Portland chamber. Trombly, identified with highway legislation and projects for many years, spent the past three years in Washington, D. C., and while there worked closely with Oregon and Washington senators and congressmen on matters concerning the highway systems of the far-western states and aided them in securing priorities permission for improvement of 99 and a Washington coast highway, in the army strategic highway designation, to remove "bottle-necks."

Many Attend Attending the meeting were Mr. Trombly, Portland; H. E. Eakin and A. W. Helliwell, Cottage Grove; H. C. Wells, Harold J. Hickerson, P. H. Croft, H. B. Roadman, D. N. Busenbark, and J. Ross Hutchinson, Roseburg; W. A. Johnson, C. H. Demaray, Franklin J. Smith, Dan McGregor and Lucius Robinson, Grants Pass; Ralph E. Koozer, Earl T. Newbury and Frank Van Dyke, Ashland; W. T. Davidson, Fort Jones, Calif.; Fred C. Burton, Dr. G. C. Kleaver, W. B. Hibbard, Albert Wedin and O. G. Steele, Yreka; Gordon Jacobs, Hornbrook, Calif.; T. R. Douglass, Mt. Shasta; and Paul B. Rynning, Joe E. Earley, Frank Hull, C. A. Meeker, E. P. Leavitt, C. E. Gates, William Perry, A. E. Powell, Frank Rogers Mark A. Goldy and Herb Grey Medford.

AXIS MEMBERS DENIED REFUGE

London, April 25—(U.P.)—Like rats deserting a sinking ship, axis "small fry" clamored vainly for sanctuary in Switzerland today as allied armies engulfed Germany.

Switzerland refused entry to all known nazis and fascists ranging from a son of Benito Mussolini to a local gestapo chief.

Thousands of other refugees, mainly slave workers and allied prisoners of war, were flowing across the border from Germany, however. A Swiss broadcast said 13,040 had entered the country between April 18 and 22.

YOUTHS CHARGED WITH CAR THEFT

Jack Sparks, J. W. Pemberton, Rosemary Olem and Lucille Sparks, who allegedly stole an automobile belonging to Ernest White, 26 South Orange street, Monday night and later wrecked it on the Siskiyou highway, are held in the county jail in lieu of \$500 bail each for further investigation. They appeared this morning before Judge W. P. Tucker in justice court to answer to a complaint filed by White charging them with larceny of his automobile.

The young couples are reported to have taken up residence in Medford after hitch hiking here from Toledo, Oregon, and are said to have stolen the car following a drinking party in a local tavern Monday night.

The girls, who were injured in the wreck, were released from an Ashland hospital yesterday afternoon.

MEDFORD GETS \$561.01 FROM BEVERAGE TAXES

First quarter apportionment of state beverage taxes totaled \$54,198, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell said today. Of the \$806.09 proportioned to Jackson county, Medford's share is \$561.01, a United Press dispatch said.

Six-T Bombs Blast Berchtesgaden; Cornered Nazis Fight Hard in Berlin

"EAGLE'S NEST" TARGET IN RAID BY LANCASTERS

Reconnaissance Pilots Say Fires Burn for Hours After Bombing of Hideout.

London, April 25.—(U.P.)—The royal air force wrecked Adolf Hitler's country house near Berchtesgaden today with a direct hit by a six-ton earthquake bomb. It seemed certain that nobody in the house could have survived, but there was no assurance that Hitler was there. The German radio has insisted for three days that he is leading the defense of Berlin.

London, April 25.—(U.P.)—British Lancasters attacked Adolf Hitler's Berchtesgaden hideout with six-ton earthquake bombs today and American reconnaissance pilots said fires still were burning close to it more than four hours later.

There was no indication whether Hitler was at his mountain retreat when the Royal Air Force's biggest bombers struck at it for the first time, possibly in an attempt on the fuhrer's life. Intense anti-aircraft fire from the batteries around Berchtesgaden led some observers to speculate that Hitler was there. The nazis, however, had insisted he was directing the defense of Berlin.

Three Targets There are three primary targets in the Berchtesgaden area. One is the country home of Hitler. The second is the SS barracks on the grounds. The third is Hitler's mountain retreat, about five miles from the country home, and called "The Eagle's Nest." The "eagle's nest" is built on top of the Kehlstein, a rock formation that towers 1,800 feet. Years ago Hitler ordered that a glass and steel pavilion be constructed on the Kehlstein. An elevator shaft was built up through the solid rock, and it was said that 12 workmen lost their lives in the hazardous job.

The "eagle's nest" has several rooms where the most confidential Nazi documents are believed to be kept.

Smoke Hangs Low Lt. Richard Brunell, of Riverside, R. I., flew over Berchtesgaden five hours after the British bombers struck.

He said heavy concentrations of bombs had fallen into the area just east of Berchtesgaden and that smoke hung low in the valleys of the wooded, rugged area where scattered fires still burned.

WOMEN COMPLIMENTED

Commissioner Powell complemented the women on their efforts to improve their homes and family living conditions and pointed out that the most progressive nations are those who lay the most emphasis on the home and family life. Commissioner William Perry was also introduced and pledged support of the county court to the extension unit program.

The international theme was further carried out with the introduction of Mrs. H. J. Roemer, Mrs. Gudrun Voglind, Prospect, and Miss Evelyn Byrnes, in European costumes. Mrs. Roemer wore a Viennese dress and the other two were in Norwegian costumes. They were introduced by Mrs. Eudora Bohnert.

Girls Model Clothes Miss Marian Farrell introduced four 4H club girls who wore clothing prizes in the state contest last fall and they modeled clothing which they had made. Introduced were Jean Hamilton, Table Rock; Marian Wisdom, Eagle Point; Dorothy Stanley, Lake Creek, and Pearl Henry, Bellview.

Others introduced at the luncheon were Mrs. Arthur E. Powell, County Agent R. G. Fowler, Earle Josty, 4H club agent; Miss Lois Lutz, specialist in home management from Oregon State college extension service; Dr. James Miller, main speaker for the festival, and members of the county extension committee. The committee includes Mrs. Jason Ottinger, chairman, who presided at the luncheon, Mrs. Al Floyd, Mrs. B. A. Clark, Mrs. A. E. Stevens, Mrs. John Eison,



(Acme Telephoto) Soviet forces battled through the heart of blazing Berlin today, and General Patton's U. S. Third Army pulled a "sneak play" on the Germans shifting main weight from a thrust toward Dresden, to the south, aiming at Hitler's Bavarian Redoubt, with headquarters at Salzburg and Berchtesgaden. He joined U. S. Seventh and French First Armies in the smash toward Hitler's hideout. Juncture of American and Russian troops was unofficially reported near Torgau. Soviets have almost encircled Berlin.

HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION UNITS IN ANNUAL MEET

More than 200 members and guests of Jackson County Home Economics Extension units attended the annual spring festival of the units held yesterday, with sessions at the high school auditorium and St. Mark's parish hall, and exhibits in the girls' gymnasium at the high school. Because of the world security conference now in session at San Francisco, an international friendship theme was developed in both the program and in one of the exhibits.

Main speakers at the luncheon meeting were Mrs. Kay Ethel Lathrop, Oregon state chairman for the Associated Country Women of the World, and Arthur E. Powell, county commissioner. Mrs. Lathrop explained the ACWW, stating that its purpose was to promote friendship between women of the world, especially country women, by means of exchange programs, correspondence between women of different nations and international gatherings.

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Hood River Neisi Gets Silver Star For Leye Action

Hood River, Ore., April 25.—(U.P.)—Hood river—where the American Legion post was spurred by the National Legion into restoring names of Japanese-Americans expelled from its war honor roll—today had a Japanese-American hero.

He was Frank T. Hachlya, technician third grade, Hood River native, who posthumously was awarded the silver star medal for gallantry in action on Leye.

Hachlya's name figured in the news of erasure, but it later developed that his name had never appeared on the honor roll. The roll listed only men inducted through the Hood River draft center, and he had enlisted elsewhere after Pearl Harbor.

Hitler Reported Severely Injured

Stockholm, April 25.—(U.P.)—Wholly unconfirmed press reports said today that Adolf Hitler had been injured severely in a "serious accident" in Berlin.

No details of the supposed accident were available, but the German radio announced earlier this week that Hitler was remaining in the "main defense line" in Berlin.

Washington, April 25.—(U.P.)—The war department today authorized construction of postal concentration center No. 2 at the Oakland army base, California, to cost \$2,000,000.

Texas has 26,459 miles of state highways.

Mrs. Richard Tubman and Miss Claire Hanley.

Units Exhibit Participating in the festival exhibit at the gymnasium were the Ashland unit, conserve with the scrap bag; Bellview, needlework; Central Point, color in the home; Eagle Point, furniture upholstery; Gold Hill, food for mailing; Griffin Creek, repairing inner spring cushions; Howard, professional touches in home sewing; Lost Creek, hobbies; Medford, dish gardens and door swags; Oak Grove, party favors and flower arrangement; Phoenix, decorating the home; Prospect, conserve with the scrap bag; Reese Creek, prevention of spoilage and accidents in home preservation; Talent, housework the healthful way; Westside, cookbook; county alumnae committee, Associated Country Women of the World.

Displayed in the ACWW exhibit were articles from Scotland by Mrs. Susie Maust, Mrs. Tom Semple and Mrs. Perl; Russia and China, Mrs. Fred Sander; Norway, Mrs. Alice Anderson Webb and Mrs. M. Voglind; Australia, Mrs. Marmie Olsen; West Africa and South America, Mrs. Ernest Scott; Mexico and Germany, Mrs. Maud Port; England, Mrs. Eudora Bohnert and Mrs. A. T. Lathrop; Austria, Mrs. H. J. Roemer.

REINFORCEMENTS POUR INTO CITY FOR LAST STAND

U.S. 1st and 9th Mass Along Elbe and Mulde; 3rd Opens Assault on Regensburg.

London, April 25.—(U.P.)—Two Red armies completed the encirclement of Berlin today, snapping a trap on its fanatical Nazi defenders and dooming them to surrender or stand and die without hope of reinforcement.

By United Press Cornered Nazi troops fought savagely in the ruined streets of Berlin today as the Russians battled into the center of the capital from the north, east and south.

Soviet forces held from one-half to two-thirds of the doomed city, but instead of trying to escape the Germans poured in reinforcements through the narrow gap remaining to the west for a death stand. At the same time, Nazi officials were reported fleeing by air and Moscow reported panic spreading in the city.

Allies Mass West and southwest of Berlin, the American First and Ninth armies were massed along the Elbe and Mulde rivers for the final sweep of northern Germany alongside the Russians.

In southern Germany, American Third army troops rolled up to the Danube on both sides of Regensburg and opened the assault on that citadel. The American Seventh and French First armies streamed beyond the Danube in a combined drive toward the Nazi Alpine stronghold, with advance Seventh army units barely 40 miles from Munich.

Near Climax The battle of Berlin appeared to be roaring, toward its climax. Moscow press dispatches said Soviet Assault units were smashing block by block to the center of the city and German machine gunners were emerging from subway tunnels for their last fanatical resistance.

The capital was almost encircled and a Moscow dispatch said for all practical purposes it was isolated. The troops which had been pulled in before the gap could be closed and rallied by stories that Adolf Hitler, Paul Joseph Goebbels and other Nazi leaders would fight with them to the end had little chance of escape.

Nazi Leaders Flee The Luxembourg radio reported that these valiant leaders now were flying to safety from one or two airfields still in Nazi hands.

If they were headed for the "national redoubt" in the south, they were fleeing toward a shrinking stronghold. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army was racing for the Austrian border and the Salzach valley passageway to Berchtesgaden only a little more than 80 miles away, overwhelming thousands of crack Nazi troops in their path.

More than 19,000 German prisoners were taken by the Third army in an advance that swept forward as much as 28 miles in 24 hours along an 85-mile front. Third army columns were little more than 30 miles from the Austrian border and were rolling rapidly southward along the Czechoslovakian frontier to isolate that country.

Pour Over Danube The Seventh army on Patton's flank poured men and machines across the Danube through seven bridgeheads. The French First army rolled eastward along the German-Swiss border around the shores of Lake Constance and were clearing out thousands of Germans from three pockets behind its lines.

In northern Germany, tanks and infantry of the British Second army fought through the streets of the great port of Bremen, whose burning center was being blasted by heavy guns.

ARCHITECTS ELECT Atlantic City, N. J., April 25 (U.P.)—James R. Edmunds, Baltimore, Md., was elected president of the American Institute of Architects today at the annual conference here.