

NAVY WILL USE CAMP HOSPITAL

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer Friday.
Highest Yesterday 69
Lowest this Morning 51
Precipitation 0.01
To 5 a. m. Today 0.08

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Smoke Billows High From Devastating Hits on Largest Fuel Storage Tanks.

Guam, May 10.—(U.P.)—The mightiest force of Superfortresses ever sent aloft today battled through heavy flak from the last remnants of the Japanese fleet to ignite devastating fires in the enemy's largest fuel storage and synthetic oil producing centers.

Returning crewmen of the more than 400 B-29's which attacked the home islands of Honshu and Shikoku said that clouds of black smoke billowed skyward to 18,000 feet from oil fires at key factories.

Flak Ineffective
They described as "ineffective" the curtain of antiaircraft fire from the guns of warships huddled in Japan's inland sea.

Specific targets included the Otake oil refinery, the Tokuyama naval fuel station and the Tokuyama synthetic fuel factory on Honshu. Part of the huge aerial task force also struck the Oshima oil storage area, Japan's largest known fuel storage area west of Kyushu.

Second Lt. Donald L. Endicott of Portland, Ore., flatly declared that the Otake refinery "has been eliminated as a target. When we left the whole peninsula was a mass of flames and smoke rose to 18,000 feet."

Some of the big bombers staged earlier diversionary attacks on airfields on southeastern Honshu, northwest Shikoku and southern Kyushu.

Steady Raids Due
The raids came only a few hours after Lt. Gen. Barney Giles, commander of army air forces in the Pacific, said American bombers soon would be raiding Japan around the clock on a scale greater even than the assault that crippled Germany.

(A Japanese Domei dispatch recorded by the FCC said 80 B-29's bombed Skikoku at 5 a. m., 40 raided southern Kyushu for an hour at 6 a. m. and 160 struck southern Honshu at 9 a. m.)

(Another Domei dispatch reported by the FCC said Japanese suicide planes sank an allied battleship and set two aircraft carriers afire off Okinawa yesterday.)

Nearly 400 miles to the southwest, 10th army forces in southern Okinawa drove to within 1,500 yards of the west coast city of Naha, capital of the island, the inland town of Shuri and the east coast port of Yonabaru.

Marines on the west coast already could see the ruins of Naha, levelled by air and sea bombardment and apparently deserted.

A communique announced that American casualties for the first 37 days of the Okinawa campaign were 16,425, including 2,684 dead—one American for every 16 Japanese killed.

Rogue Valley Lines Opens Intermediate Service to Ashland

The Rogue Valley Transit company began today operating bus service between Medford and Ashland and intermediate points, in connection with a franchise recently issued by Public Utilities commission of Oregon.

The company will operate eight round-trip schedules daily. Southbound, the route will leave highway 99 at Talent Junction, going through Talent and connecting with highway 99 about a half mile north of Jackson Hot Springs. Northbound schedules will also go through Talent.

There will be no services to Grants Pass as was recently stated in a press release from the Public Utilities commissioner's office.

Stettinius Presides Over UNCIO Steering Committee



Secy. of State Edward Stettinius presides over an UNCIO steering committee meeting in San Francisco's Veterans Building. At table with him are (left to right): Sir Alexander Cadogan, British undersecretary of foreign affairs; V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to Washington; Dr. Guillermo Belt, Cuban ambassador to Washington; Alexr. Hiss, Conference secretary general, and V. M. Molotov, Soviet foreign commissar.

Big Four Agrees To Curtail Veto Power Except Regarding Enforcement Measures

San Francisco, May 10.—(U.P.)—The Big Four powers have agreed to refrain from exercising on any questions short of enforcement measures the veto power which they would have in the security council of the proposed world peace organization, British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden said today.

Eden made this disclosure at a press conference called amid a new drive to speed up this United Nations conference's main job—drafting the charter for a world peace organization. Leaders hope to complete the conference before the end of the month.

Soviet Plan Loses
The conference's steering committee meanwhile voted 33 to 7 against a soviet-sponsored proposal that the new world labor congress be invited to join the conference as an observer.

Eden told the gathering of more than 400 correspondents that he could not now see any solution to the conference controversy over regional arrangements in connection with the proposed world organization. But he added that he thought the

matter could be settled eventually.

Polish Issue Deadlock
On the Polish issue, the foreign minister asserted anew that the problem had been complicated by Russian arrest of 16 former Polish underground leaders. He said the development had made it impossible to continue talks on the matter here, and "we now leave it to our governments to determine what the next step should be."

Of his own plans, he said he planned to "stay a day or two more to do what I can." Other British sources indicated he might leave here Monday. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill said in the House of Commons earlier today that he expected Eden back next week.

BRITISH DRAFT TO CONTINUE DURING WAR AGAINST JAPS

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Washington, May 10.—(U.P.)—Any attempt by "ambitious local interests" to shift the interregional highway route in Oregon from U. S. 99 to 97 will be contrary to the best interests of the state, Rep. Harris Ellsworth, R., Ore., said today.

"Highway 99 carries an enormous volume of year-round traffic," Ellsworth said. "Already a large portion of it has been brought up to most recent standards."

The Roseburg congressman said pressure was being brought on the Federal Bureau of Public Roads to move the official Pacific highway route east of the Cascades by way of U. S. 97 via Eugene and Klamath Falls. The U. S. 99 runs from Eugene to Medford and into California.

Up to Commission
Ellsworth said he was informed no change was planned unless requested by the Oregon Highway Commission. The shift was proposed by Arthur Schupp, member of the Commission from Klamath Falls.

"I hope Oregon's Highway Commission will decline to be swayed from what I feel to be the best interest of the state by some ambitious local interests," Ellsworth added.

Earlier this week, Rep. Lowell Stockman, from Pendleton, whose district embraces part of the U. S. 97 route to Klamath Falls, endorsed the change.

FIRST ON BONDS
Showlow, Ariz., May 10.—(U.P.)—This village today had the distinction of being the first community in Arizona—and possibly in the nation—of exceeding its quota in the still-to-be-started Seventh War Loan Drive.

DR. COUNTRYMAN
Spokane, Wash., May 10.—(U.P.)—Lt. Col. C. W. Countryman, popular Spokane physician, was killed in Cuba May 5, according to a telegram received by his widow here. The telegram gave no particulars of his death.

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There they will be classified geographically and sent to personnel center reception stations throughout the country.

At the personnel center, the returned soldier will be issued required clothing, receive his pay, and have his record put in shape before going home on furlough.

After furlough the men will return to the personnel centers to await discharge or reassignment.

Wherever possible returned troops will be sent to personnel centers serving their home states. The centers and states include: Camp Beale, Calif.—northern California. Fort Lewis, Wash.—Washington, Oregon, Fort MacArthur, Calif.—Southern California.

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The last shots were being fired in Europe today.

The German surrender in Europe was complete except for some units in Czechoslovakia, Austria and Yugoslavia who were not so much fighting the victors as fleeing in disorder toward the American lines to escape capture by the Russians and Yugoslavs.

Premier Josef Stalin announced that the German pockets in Latvia, in the Vistula Delta near Danzig and on the Hel Peninsula above the Polish port of Gdynia had joined in the general surrender.

Islands Surrender
The Germans in the British channel islands surrendered to British troops who landed today. The hold-out French ports having capitulated, that about accounts for Nazi resistance in Europe. A few islands in the Mediterranean remained to be taken over.

German submarines and other vessels still at sea also were giving up. The first U-boat to reach England surrendered at Weymouth, and six others were sighted making for British ports.

The German garrison in the Channel Islands numbered about 30,000. It surrendered without a fight and the terms were signed aboard a British warship.

The islands, just off the French coast, have an area of about 75 square miles and the pre-war population was about 100,000. They were seized by the Germans in 1940 and were useful for channel observation and as torpedo boat bases. The principal islands are Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark.

Round up Traitors
The military situation being in hand, the liberated European countries were mostly busy re-establishing their own countries and rounding up traitors and collaborationists. Czechoslovak patriots, aided by Russians, hunted down scattered Nazi snipers in cellars and on roof-tops.

The roundup was especially vigorous in Norway. The chief villain, Vidkun Quisling, whose name has become synonymous with traitor, was in jail. Josef Terboven, German governor of Norway, and SS Lt. Gen. Wilhelm Redies, Gestapo chief in Oslo, were reported to have committed suicide. The notorious Jonas Lie and others were still at large.

Freed Denmark was slowly returning to normal. A British admiral and 2,000 sailors took over command of Copenhagen harbor after the last German ship except for a few Red Cross vessels had departed.

Japs Slink Around While Moscovites Celebrate Victory

Moscow, May 10.—(U.P.)—Everybody celebrated victory day in Moscow except the Japanese, who slunk around all day trying to make themselves as small as possible.

The victory celebration reached its climax last night just before Premier Stalin's speech, when a million Moscovites swarmed into the center of the city. The spacious Red Square was as crowded as an allied prisoner of war camp.

It was impossible to reach Red Square. The mobs moved in waves through the streets, dancing and singing and shouting. The premier's brief speech, followed by his order of the day, raised enthusiasm to a new high pitch.

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