



BACKED BY TANKS, UN soldiers are cleaning out North Korean prisoner compounds on Kojé Island, segregating POWs into smaller groups. These prisoners are being guarded preliminarily to transfer to smaller compound after defiantly flying Communist flags. (International Soundphoto)

May Weather Said 'Nearly Average'

Weather conditions during May were "nearly average," according to the Medford weather bureau's monthly review, published today.

Only exception was fairly heavy precipitation during the first of the month. Total monthly rainfall was 1.27 inches, or .17 of an inch above normal. The greatest rainfall on any day was .61 of an inch on the 7th.

The latter part of the month was dry and warm, which served well for hay curing, but caused unirrigated pastures and lower ranges to suffer, the report said.

A hailstorm was reported on the 12th, causing some damage to young fruit, although the storm was not general over the valley. Light orchard heating for "very short periods" was necessary on the 8th and 13th, the report stated.

Warmest temperature was 92 degree on the 27th; coldest was 35 degrees on the 5th.

Since World War II, coffee imports for Great Britain are handled by the Ministry of Food.

Air Ambulance Has 64th Patient

The Stinson air ambulance operated by Mercy Flights, Inc., carried the firm's 64th patient today. The plane left here at 8:20 a. m., and was expected to return this afternoon. Jack Edmonds was the pilot.

The patient was a woman being taken to Chico, Calif., for possible surgery. She was accompanied by members of her family.

A subscriber to the non-profit firm's pre-paid plan, the patient had let her subscription expire May 31. However, she was carried without charge today because the officers of Mercy flights have declared a 15-day grace period for expiring subscriptions.

Those which were due to expire May 31 will remain in force until June 15. About two-thirds of the subscriptions expiring in May have been renewed, it was reported.

Early Indian inhabitants of the "sky city" of Acoma, in Western New Mexico, carried earth from the plain 357 feet below to the 70-acre mesa top, planting peach trees about their homes.

Portland Woman, 30, Killed in Accident

Klamath Falls — (UP) — Mrs. Rose May Wilson, 30, of Portland, was killed and five other persons were injured when her north-bound car struck a trailer under tow of a south-bound transport truck Wednesday.

Her four-year-old son, Glenn, was taken to a Klamath Falls hospital in serious condition with a head injury. Her husband, James, 30, and three other children, Fred Mason, 2; Linda Mason, 3; and 15-year-old Charrett Easley of San Francisco also were hospitalized but were not seriously injured.

The accident occurred on highway 97 about 50 miles north of here.

The driver of the truck was not hurt, although his vehicle

TRACK RECORD DISALLOWED

Oconomowac, Wis. — (UP) — Joseph Sydow, 23, did the mile in about two minutes flat on the cinder path at Roosevelt field. He was fined \$5 for doing it the wrong way — driving his car on the track.



Tourists Being Given View Of Infamous Paris Sewers

Paris—(UP)—Intruders are descending again into the sewers of Paris, fabled underground haunt of French cut-throats, grave robbers and inspiration of literary creations such as "The Phantom of the Opera."

They are the vanguard of thousands of visitors who annually peek at the dank rivers of death during half-hour tours conducted in the summer months.

The chief characteristic of sewer visitors is that they turn up their noses.

This is an evil world hiding misdeed and tragedy in 1,000 miles of tunneling, sporadically lighted by the flicker of torches as flat bottomed boats move slowly through the lowest stream of life.

The price of admission is ten cents.

Sewer Lore Fantastic

The keepers of the sewers are some 800 inspectors who double as guides. Their collection of sewer lore is grisly and fantastic. Many of the strangest stories they tell are borne out by police records dating to before the French Revolution.

Until about 80 years ago, the sewers were hideouts for some famous criminals. There they lived and fought among themselves. Gangs of cut-throats crept out by night, committed their deeds and then silently disappeared.

Grave robbers and murderers at one time terrorized the city by tunneling from the sewers into the vast Pere-Lachaise cemetery. There are recorded cases

of persons disappearing and their bodies showing up later in supposedly empty tomb vaults. During the uprisings of 1870 a group of commune soldiers fled into the catacombs and sewers and were never heard of again.

Rats a Menace

One of the major worries of the guides is that some reckless member of a party will become separated from the group and fall prey to rats. During the Middle Ages, hordes of the rodents came out of the sewers, spreading disease and attacking animals and humans during famine years.

Tours enter the sewers at the Place de la Concorde, right at the spot where the guillotine chopped heads during the French Revolution. The exit is a manhole alongside the Madeleine church.

For the most part, principal sewers follow the streets above them and are marked with the same names, like the Rue de la Paix and the Champs-Elysees.

"We have more sights underground than they do 'up there,' but tourists can't visit most of them," claimed one of the guides proudly. "We have a pit twice as deep as the Eiffel Tower is high and over on the left bank are the catacombs with 5,000,000 skeletons."

Scientists estimate that the earliest Indian occupation in the San Francisco Bay region may have been about 3500 years ago.

State VFW Official Will Visit in Valley

W. J. Ashworth, Portland, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will visit in the Rogue valley next week. Local VFW officials said today. He will be accompanied here by his wife, who is state president of the VFW ladies auxiliary, and Paddy Moran, Portland, VFW hospital coordinator.

They are scheduled to attend a meeting of District 7, VFW, Sunday afternoon at the Rogue River VFW hall. Monday the state officials will visit the veterans domiciliary center at Camp White, and on Tuesday Ashworth will attend a regular meeting of Crater Lake post No. 1933 at the post's Medford club rooms.

Posts taking part in the District 7 meeting Sunday at Rogue River will include Medford, Ashland, Shady Cove, Central Point, Gold Hill, Camp White, Rogue River, Grants Pass, Glendale, Cave Junction and Brookings.

CARS COLLIDE

Cars driven by Allan E. Wytcherley, 33, route 1, box 514, Talent, and Betty Lee Reedy, 26, of 981 Park street, Ashland, collided near the Talent junction on Highway 99 yesterday afternoon, state police reported. Both cars received considerable damage, but no one was injured, the police report said. It added that Wytcherley was cited for driving with a revoked driver's license.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 3:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday ads.



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