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Weather News

May 31, 1944
Max. (May 30) 87 Min. 47
Precipitation last 24 hours .17
Stream year to date 7.88
Normal 11.05 Last year 10.38
Forecast: Rain.

Japs Stiffen Biak Isle Defense



Mortally Beaten
Clad only in a man's shirt, Mrs. Ruth Evans (above) 31-year-old film studio employee, was found beaten on a residence porch in Hollywood. Police quoted her as saying before she died that she had been to a party in a nearby house where investigating officers said they found the door open, a radio blaring and Carl Bedford, bartender, asleep.

KLAMATH ROADS WATCHED FOR 2 ESCAPED NAZIS

Mountain roads in the Klamath area were being watched Wednesday as law enforcement officers sought two German prisoners of war who escaped from a Camp White detail late Tuesday afternoon.



Husband Brings First Spanking
Harold E. Quincy in Kansas City told police he gave his 14-year-old daughter, Lorene, the first spanking of her life when she brought home a husband. The husband, Marl O. Carlson, 19, (left), is shown with Lorene as they left the Quincy home.

ENEMY PUSHES CHINESE RAIL LINE CAMPAIGN

MacArthur Men Meet Fiercest Fight In Months
By J. B. KRUEGER
Associated Press War Editor
In new bursts of power the Japanese are strongly resisting Americans invading Biak island off New Guinea and are developing swiftly their offensive to seize China's Hankow-Canton railway, allied announcements revealed today.



Melon Queen
Pretty Jackie Ward proved to have just the right sized head for a queen. The crown for "Watermelon Queen" in a melon eating contest at Miami Beach, Fla., was her size. So she was awarded crown and title—without having to eat the most melons.

DOG-CATCHER FIGHT BRINGS \$15 FINE

Robert Russell McClintock, 1124 Owens, paid a \$15 fine in police court Wednesday morning when he entered a plea of guilty to a disorderly conduct charge. The action resulted from an argument between McClintock and Amos Fields, city police officer and pound master, when Fields attempted to pick up a stray dog at about 8:30 a. m. Tuesday.

War Prisoners Flee From Camp White Tuesday

Reports reaching here early today told police that the pair were last seen on the Dead Indian road. As a result the Lake o' the Woods area and the old Weyerhaeuser Camp 2 road were checked throughout the day.

Refugees Spend Nine Hours On Rafts While Nazi U-Boat Chiefs Discuss Torpedoing

PHILADELPHIA, May 31 (AP)—A German submarine stopped the Portuguese passenger liner Serpa Pinto carrying refugees in mid-ocean last Friday, took two American citizens prisoners and threatened to torpedo the vessel, the fourth naval district announced today.

LUMBERMEN BEGIN RETURN TO JOBS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31 (AP)—Lumber began rolling out of stalled northwest mills again today, as members of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union heeded the call of their northwestern council to return to the job.

Flood Damage Board Ends Job

The board named to survey damage caused by the break in the main government canal near the Shasta way bridge on Monday, May 15, completed its findings late Wednesday and prepared to leave for home.

Extension Voted Kimmel Trial

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—A senate judiciary subcommittee voted today to extend the time for court martial proceedings against Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short to December 7, 1944—exactly three years after the Pearl Harbor harbor catastrophe for which they were criticized.

Klamath Navy Money Okayed

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—The navy has approved \$70,500 for a synthetic gunnery training building at the Klamath Falls naval air station, Rep. Lowell Stockman said he was informed today.

TULELAKE JAPS ATTEND FUNERAL

TULELAKE, Calif., May 31 (AP)—Thousands of Japanese and Japanese-Americans, by permission, halted non-essential work at the nearby relocation center today for the funeral of Shiochi James Okamoto, 30, of Garden Grove, Calif., who died May 25 of wounds incurred during an altercation with a military guard.

Senate Okays Debt Limit Hike

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—The senate passed a bill raising the national debt limit from \$20,000,000,000 to \$280,000,000,000 today after adopting an amendment reducing the call rate tax from 30 to 20 per cent and exempting uniformed service people from payment of the levy.

Germans Capture Correspondents

LONDON, May 31 (AP)—The Germans have captured two news correspondents and two photographers who recently reached the headquarters of Marshal Tito to cover news of the Yugoslav army of liberation, it was announced tonight.

Probe of CIO Political Action Committee Demanded by Butler, Sparked by Spangler

By The Associated Press
A senatorial investigation of the CIO political action committee was demanded today by Senator Butler (R-Neb.) as a result of charges by Harrison E. Spangler, republican national chairman, that the union organization is guilty of "flagrant and bold violation" of the corrupt practices and Hatch acts.

Prisoners Hurt In Truck Crash

FORT LEWIS, May 31 (AP)—Ten German prisoners of war were injured, four of them seriously, when a truck in a convoy of 15 vehicles overturned on highway 410 about 20 miles east of Enumclaw this morning, one of their American guards was badly hurt.

Radio Hearings Cancelled

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Chairman Wheeler (D-Mont.) announced today that he had cancelled hearings by the senate interstate commerce committee on proposals to redraft the federal communications act, including a suggestion of his own for banning commercial sponsoring of news broadcasts.

BOMBERS BASH RAIL CENTERS; FIRE OIL FIELDS

By RICHARD McMURRAY
Associated Press War Editor
Britons crawled through dense minefields to a point just south of Pescara Nuova 14 miles from Rome today as the fifth army rammed repeatedly at "strong enemy resistance" in the 25-mile last ditch defense of the Italian capital from Valmontone to the sea.

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FBI Rounds Up 100 Welders For Pay Fraud Conspiracy

BOSTON, May 31 (AP)—FBI agents and deputy U. S. marshals today took 100 Bethlehem-Hingham shipyard piece work welders and counters into custody on charges of conspiring to defraud the government. E. A. Soucy, Boston FBI chief said.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
It looks very much today as if Kesselring will be able to hold the jaws of the trap we've been trying to close behind him and get the bulk of his armies back to Rome.

THE Germans are throwing all their available troops into an effort to hold Valmontone and their line to the south of it, which is reported to be EXCELSIORLY strong—steel and concrete for miles. An unofficial opinion quoted in the dispatches today is to the effect that "only a mighty drive will break it open."

MEANWHILE, the news today reflects a SIGNIFICANT CHANGE in the Pacific war, including China.

IN Chungking, a high Chinese official (corresponding roughly in importance to a member of our cabinet) says:

THE Japs are now only 40 miles from Changsha (which you can probably find on your map). They were 80 miles away at the last report a few days ago, showing the speed of their advance.

Bootleg Gas Ring Uncovered
TACOMA, May 31 (AP)—Possibly the largest ring specializing in the bootleg sale of spurious "C" gasoline ration stamps is operating here and nearby making sales in down-town cigar stores and taverns, was admitted by police today.