

WIND, RAIN STORM HITS ROGUE GORGE

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 28 (AP)—A violent wind and rain storm swept up the coast last night toward the Rogue river, shearing roofs from houses, raising a wall of water in places nearly seven feet high, over nearly unroofed and into the ground like avalanches. Traffic was halted on the Pacific highway by trees crashing along the storm, worst to occur in area in recent years, para-power service in Grants and Windblown debris was scattered over the city.

Both Grants Pass and areas on the Applegate river were completely blacked out. Crews were still working early this morning to clear trees from power lines and restore electric force of the storm, which accompanied by heavy rain and thunder, hit the area between the city of Rogue and Savage Rapids dam. Casualties were reported.

WOMEN BOOK SHOW FOR FORT LEWIS

CHORD FIELD, July 28 (AP)—An army air base has its own show, and it turned out so well when it played at the base's club last night that it is being booked for two nights in neighboring Fort Lewis next week.

The show, "Snafu Follies of '44," is entirely written, produced and directed by the base's "G. I.'s" and civilian who work at the base.

The director was Sgt. Irvingowitz, 24, of Akron, Ohio, who had some experience in show business. But his cast included men and girls who never before stood in front of a footlight. For instance Cpl. Jimmy Bates Childress, Tex., was a clerk in railroad office before the war. For last night's show he had a chorus of girl stenographers and clerks, and tapped in a duet. Another "G. I.," PFC. Gene Falk, who left school in New York City to join the army, led a chorus of water girls.

Union Session to Decide On Contract

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28 (AP)—Representatives of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union (CIO) in session here to determine whether they will reopen the contract between the union and Waterfront Employers Association of the Pacific Coast.

The union must act before Monday or the contract will be renewed automatically for another year, beginning September 30.

Longshoremen in all coast cities except Vancouver, B. C., Tacoma, Wash., and two other all northwest ports are affected.

The delegates began meeting yesterday and will continue today. Possible points at issue were not revealed.

Reconditioned War-Worn Rifles to Return to Front

FORT LEWIS, July 27 (AP)—Seventeen hundred battered, war worn rifles have been received by the ordnance repair shop at the army service forces training center here to be reconditioned and returned to the front line, Maj. Frank Sillsley, deputy director of maintenance, said today.

Some are clogged with mud and blood. On the stock of one was carved: "Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, Aug. 7, 1942."

Many have notches cut in the stocks. One has 17. Some have been soaked in salt water. Occasionally a metal butt-plate has been pitted to a file-like surface.

"When a Jap or a German gets smacked with one of these he knows it," commented George W. Thomas, shop superintendent.

About 5000 rifles and 200 pieces of artillery pass through the Fort Lewis shop in an average month, Thomas said. In addition to these, the depot repairs optical instruments, air compressors, machine guns, carbines, anti-aircraft guns, field pieces and tanks.

Planes Smash at Germany; Pound Ploesti Oil Center

LONDON, July 28 (AP)—American Flying Fortresses, 1000 strong, smashed at targets in central Germany today under escort of an equal number of fighters, and the Berlin radio reported that great aerial battles raged across the skies as Nazi planes tangled with the raiding armada.

The assaults were launched despite continuation of the cloudy weather which has restricted air operations over the Normandy battlefield, except for one day during the past two weeks, and which forced the raiders over the reach to employ overcast aiming instruments.

The daylight raids followed a night in which home-based RAF Mosquitos pestered Stuttgart for the third time in four nights.

The German radio said Bucharest was bombed last night.

Because weather prevented an accurate assessment of damage, the official announcement described the allied daylight targets only as "military objectives in central Germany."

It was the first time daylight bombers have been over the Reich since they wound up the war's heaviest week-long offensive July 21.

COMMITTEE SETS POWER INQUIRY

PORTLAND, July 28 (AP)—The U. S. senate committee on small businesses will inquire into power, small war plants and their possible post-war utilization at a one day hearing here tomorrow.

Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.), chairman, and Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R., Neb.) are expected to attend, said Scott K. Gray, Jr., committee representative.

The morning session, starting at 9:30 a. m., will be given over to the Bonneville power administration and the department of the interior. In the afternoon session, witnesses for small business will be heard.

Oregon senators and congressmen have been invited to attend, and Gray said Senator Gordon and Representative Ellsworth have accepted.

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SUICIDE ATTEMPT MADE BY IL DUCE

By GEORGE BRIA
ROME, July 28 (AP)—Benito Mussolini slashed a wrist with a razor blade in a half-hearted attempt at suicide only a few hours before German parachutists freed him from the Hotel Campo Imperatore atop the bleak Campo Sasso last September, a reliable informant said today.

This informant, who requested anonymity, said the fallen Italian dictator's "suicide scene" took place as follows:

"On September 12, about 3 a. m., carabinieri who were at Mussolini's disposal and occupied an adjoining room, hurried to the superior officer and told him that Il Duce was almost hysterical. The officer ran to Mussolini's room and found him standing up. One wrist was cut and blood had stained a pajama sleeve. Mussolini held a razor blade in the other hand.

"I am tired of living," Mussolini said. He handed the officer a letter in which he had written that he wished to end his life. The officer treated the cut, calmed the duce and, without much difficulty, persuaded him to return to bed."

Mussolini was said to have expressed fear that he would be turned over to the allies.

POPULATION INCREASE WASHINGTON, July 28 (AP)

The census bureau today estimated the resident population of the Detroit-Willow Run congested area at 2,664,000 as of late June, an increase of 208,000, or 8.4 per cent, since April 1, 1940.

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