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### Weather News

April 30	
Max. (April 29)	73 Min. 45
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
Stream year to date	8.28
Normal	10.15 Last year 7.31
Forecast: Slightly cooler Tuesday.	

### ITALIAN WAR NEAR END AS NAZIS FALTER

#### Reds Hammer Final German Pocket In Berlin

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE  
Associated War Press Editor  
Ninth army Americans joined the Russians in a new place west of Berlin today, and the virtual end of the bloody conquest of Italy was proclaimed by Gen. Mark Clark.

Nazi Germany's once-unex-celled military machine was collapsing amid rumors of imminent peace.

Russians hammered in on the final, melting Nazi pocket in Berlin. Five allied armies won

#### PEACE RUMORS

MALMO, Sweden, April 30 (AP)—Free Danish press reports said Count Folke Bernadotte, reputed peace intermediary, had conferred with Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler today at Aabenraa on the German-Danish border. The report was circulated as two Swedish foreign office officials and a Swedish military traffic expert boarded a special plane at Malmo for Denmark, shortly after their arrival by train from Stockholm.

or entered the citadels of Munich, Milan, Genoa, Turin and Venice in a swift, powerful squeeze on the Germans' southern redoubt.

#### Widen Corridor

Americans of the ninth army met Russians south of Magdeburg on the Elbe, widening the corridor splitting German arms to perhaps 80 miles.

German armies in Italy have "been virtually eliminated as a military force," Clark asserted, with 25 enemy divisions shattered in the 22-day British-American offensive. The Nazis "can no longer effectively resist our armies," the 15th army group commander said.

As little as 125 miles separated the allies in Italy and Americans in the Bavarian Alps. The bullet-riddled body of Mussolini, vain glorious modern "Caesar," was cursed and kicked in a square in Milan.

#### End in Sight

A dispatch from supreme headquarters said the indications were that hostilities in Europe would continue only a matter of days. Moscow called on Germans to surrender.

Red army men battled over the burning wreckage of Berlin only a half mile from the reichs-

### Crowd Expected At Dinner Here

Six hundred Klamath residents and visitors will attend the 25th anniversary dinner of the chamber of commerce to night, and will hear an address by Governor Earl Snell.

Chamber officials stated today that many who sought reservations were disappointed because of the record demand.

Among visitors who will attend the dinner are members of the governor's party, and Tom Stanley, former secretary of the Klamath chamber, who is now secretary-manager of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association, with headquarters in Redding, Calif.

### Prentice Yeomans Killed in Action

Lt.-Col. Prentice Yeomans, 42-year-old commander of a task force attached to the 3rd armored division spearheading the 1st army toward Berlin, was killed in action April 18, according to word received Sunday by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose M. Poole, 400 Conger.

The colonel's wife, Mrs. Ellen Yeomans, was advised of her husband's death by Mrs. Poole. Mrs. Yeomans is, at the present time, serving as executive secretary of the AWVS in New York City.

Col. Yeomans, known in military circles as "Iron Mike," was under the immediate command of the late General Maurice Rose, killed by a Nazi tankman in Germany. Yeomans was a graduate of West Point, class of 1926. He was born in Syracuse, N. Y., and in addition to his wife, Ellen, is survived by his mother, a brother and sister. In a letter to Mrs. Poole dated April 13, Yeomans said he was "deep in Germany" and commented on the necessity for alertness day and night as civilians were planting mines and sniping at the military. Col. Yeomans was stationed in Hawaii at the outbreak of the war. Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans were married in Omaha, Neb., in 1940. Since Col. Yeomans has been overseas, Mrs. Yeomans has served with the AWVS in New York.



Lt. Col. "Mike" Yeomans

### Governor Snell Inspects Troops At Marine Barracks



Shown here are marines being inspected by Governor Earl Snell and Colonel George Van Orden, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks. The governor visited the post this morning, getting a thorough understanding of the training program which fits troops afflicted with tropical diseases for full duty status. Snell will be main speaker at the anniversary dinner of the chamber of commerce tonight.

### Duce's Execution Touches off Purge Of Fascist Heads

MILAN, April 30 (AP)—The execution of Benito Mussolini touched off a purge today of fascism's chief leaders which reached Marshal Rodolfo Graziani who was reported to have been convicted and executed.

In a last melodramatic gesture before he died, Mussolini offered to buy his life with "an empire," the Milan communist newspaper reported today in a stark interview with the Duce's executioner.

Mussolini's body swung from its heels against the rusty steel framework of a half-finished gasoline station in the center of Milan. The 61-year-old former dictator, along with his mistress, Claretta Petacci, and 17 other fascist leaders, was shot to death by Italian patriots at Giuliano de Messegere near Como Saturday afternoon.

Graziani went on trial here this morning, a few hours after the bodies of Mussolini and the other topflight fascists were removed from public display at the Piazza Loreta where they were dumped from a van Saturday.

#### Commanded Fascists

It was reported unofficially at national liberation committee headquarters that Graziani had been convicted and executed. He was commander of the few troops in northern Italy who had remained loyal to Mussolini.

For 48 hours the people of Milan jammed the Piazza and reviled the body of the one-time dictator as it lay with the head across the breast of his mistress. In his hand was a staff bearing the fascist emblem.

#### Mistress Screams

The communist newspaper, describing Mussolini's last hours, said his mistress threw her arms about the Duce's neck at the last moment and screamed, "He must not die."

The executioner who gave the account was described only as a member of Communist Garibaldi brigade No. 51.



Benito Mussolini, former Italian dictator, was executed by his countrymen in an execution which touched off a purge of former fascist leaders.

### BRITISH ARMOR NEARS RANGOON

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

British armored forces set the pace in the Pacific war again today, rolling 26 miles through southern Burma to within 36 miles of Rangoon.

American infantrymen captured Baguio, strongest Japanese redoubt in the Philippines; began closing in on Davao, most strongly held city remaining to the enemy in the archipelago, and seized the northern half of the heavily mined Machinato airstrip in a slow but general advance on Okinawa.

#### Attack Shipping

Tokyo radio reported Japanese suicide planes were attacking American shipping off Okinawa this morning for the fourth successive day as Superforts raided their bases in southern Japan for the fifth straight day.

Suicide plane attacks Friday and Saturday damaged the brightly lighted American hospital ship Comfort, inflicting 63

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### Betty Cook Given 5-Year Sentence

Stating that he had no other alternative, Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg this morning sentenced Betty June Cook, 21-year-old stick-up girl, to five years in the Oregon State penitentiary.

The trouser-clad girl appeared before Judge Vandenberg in circuit court at 10 a. m. She admitted to serving more than three years in California institutions, including a sentence lodged against her here, assault armed with a dangerous weapon. The girl was arrested last Tuesday by city police after she held a gun on Augustus Clauson, Klamath avenue secondhand store dealer.

Miss Cook will be moved to the state penitentiary immediately. At the present time she is in the Klamath county jail.

### Geese Raid Klamath Crops

Open season on crops! That seems to be the slogan of thousands of geese flying this area this spring. Making stopovers on their northern raid to raid newly-seeded acres, myriads of wild birds are causing extensive damage.

Seven or eight calls a day are being received by the county office from outraged farmers, whose grass and clover crops are endangered by the devouring hordes. Young clover planted last fall is enticing the wild geese from the skies and new spring-planted peas and spring-seedling is also menaced by the ravenous air force. The county AAA commission has been allocated a small quantity of ammunition for use against predatory animals, and scattering and frightening the crop pillagers. Ammunition distributed judiciously where the menace is greatest.

### Man Injured in Altercation

Lasaco Mendez, 40-year-old Southern Pacific section hand, is in Hillside hospital suffering from head injuries and Rafael Alberes, 42, also an SP employe, is in the Bly jail as the result of an altercation which took place early Sunday morning in the Beatty section camp.

Attending physicians said Mendez' condition was good. He suffered from an injury to the right eye, cuts on the head and a broken facial bone. Alberes has cuts on the face and a six-inch cut on the left side of the body, according to Special Inspector Willis Pankey at Beatty. No charge has been filed against Alberes. The injured man was brought to Klamath Falls by the Klamath Ambulance service.

### Clothing Drive Fills Warehouse

Twenty trucks manned by Lions club members made a city-wide pick-up of clothing for the national United Nations clothing collection Sunday.

Truck operators combed residential and suburban sections, starting at 9:45 yesterday morning. When they had deposited their loads at 1415 Main, the salvage warehouse was piled almost to the ceiling with usable clothing.

Contributions to help clothe unfortunate war victims will be shipped directly from here to distribution points, after garments are separated and baled.

Poundage received in the Klamath county drive for the national collection was not yet determined by Monday noon.

### North Bend Hit By Earthquake

SEATTLE, April 30 (AP)—The little mountain town of North Bend this morning was busy sweeping up rubble in the wake of a temblor that rocked the Pacific northwest shortly after 1:15 p. m. yesterday. The quake was described by University of Washington geologists as probably "local" in origin.

At North Bend vendors of bottled goods suffered heavily. Bottles in the state liquor store tumbled from shelves and were smashed, and Carl Edgerly, a druggist, said a considerable quantity of his stocks toppled to the floor and broke. A number of chimneys cracked, and grocers found their stores littered with canned goods dumped by the quake. Elsewhere in the northwest, no damage was reported.

### DISPUTED NATIONS INVITED TO CONFAB

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 30

(AP)—First reports from a closed meeting of the executive committee said today that invitations had been approved for Argentina, White Russia and Ukraine to join the United Nations conference.

These reports did not specify what, if any, disposition had been made of the Russian argument that the Warsaw government of Poland had fully as much right to an invitation as Argentina.

The action of the executive committee of 14 countries, including the United States, Britain, Russia and China, amounts to a recommendation to the steering committee of all 46 nations here.

### Press Barred

The steering committee went into session immediately after the executive group finished its work. Its doors also were closed to all but conference officials. Reporters were barred from the second floor of the Veterans building where the committee met.

Foreign Commissar Molotov of Russia had warned a meeting of the Big-Four foreign secretaries Saturday night that if the Argentina issue was raised, he would again demand that Poland's soviet-supported Warsaw government get a bid also.

Not Raised  
One delegate reported that Russia did not raise the Polish question before the executive committee. This did not of

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### Governor Earl Snell Views Military Installations; To Speak at C of C Dinner

Governor Earl Snell arrived in Klamath Falls this morning and worked his way through a full day's program, which was to be climaxed by the chamber of commerce's silver anniversary dinner tonight.

After breakfasting with State Senator Marshall Cornett, Snell inspected the Marine Barracks, being met at the gate by an honor guard and the post band. He was shown over the post by Colonel George Van Orden, commanding officer, and to

gether they inspected troops. The governor learned the history of the barracks, its purpose to re-fit men for active duty status, and was told that of 4700 men brought here with tropical diseases, 3100 had been returned to full duty in the marine corps.

The governor and his party lunched at the Bachelor Officers' quarters at the barracks after viewing a training film at the post theatre.

During the afternoon the visitors inspected the naval air station, where they were met by Commander R. R. Darron and other station officers. Accompanying Snell here on his trip were William Tugman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, Herb Gray, advertising manager of the Medford Mail-Tribune and president of the Jackson county chamber of commerce, and Henry Fowler, associate editor of the Bend Bulletin.

### PRISON AT DACHAU SEIZED BY YANKS

By HOWARD COWAN  
DACHAU, Germany, April 30 (AP)—The U. S. 42nd and 45th divisions captured the infamous Dachau prison camp today and freed its 32,000 captives.

Two columns of infantry riding tanks, bulldozers and Long Tom rifles—anything with wheels—rolled down from the northwest and surprised the S. S. (elite corps) guards in the extermination camp shortly after the lunch hour.

Scores of S. S. men were taken prisoner and dozens slain. The American doughboys

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### VETERAN KILLED IN CAR, TRAIN CRASH

A 29-year-old sailor, who saw action in a dozen engagements against the Japanese in the South Pacific, was killed early Sunday morning when a car in which he was a passenger, struck a Great Northern freight at the GN crossing near the Klamath naval air station.

Five others were injured. Dead is S 1/c Andrew Amicucci, resident of Tenafly, New Jersey.

### Civilians Hurt

Injured were two civilians, Herbert Taylor Bigby, 616 Commercial, and Richard Noud, 4249 Bisbee, and three members of CASU 68, Klamath naval air station, including AEM 2/c Hubert Roerig, S 1/c Behrens A. Willbern and AOM 2/c Richard R. Jarvis. Bigby, driver of the car, told the station personnel officer that he met the navy men downtown and offered to drive them back to the base. He said he did not see the freight train until it came within range of his car lights which had been dimmed. Bigby reported that he estimated his speed at between 35 and 40 miles per hour and said as soon as he saw the freight he slammed on his brakes. The driver said he heard no warning from the train.

The men were rushed to the (Continued on Page Two)

### Killed in Action

This is the closest the Nazis yet have come to admitting publicly that the war is near an end. No Nazi transmitter yet has mentioned Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's surrender offer.

### Coal Miners' Contract Okayed

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis today approved John L. Lewis' contract with the bituminous coal operators and granted producers price increases averaging 16 cents a ton to offset the costs.

The Davis action completed government processing of the contract in record time. It was signed April 11, after 42 days of negotiating between the United Mine Workers and the operators.

### Fugitive, Officer Killed In Gun Battle Near Weiser

Two fugitives, both of whom are said to have begun their lengthy criminal careers in Klamath Falls, were involved in a gun battle near Weiser, Ida., Sunday in which a state police sergeant was killed and a bullet ended the life of one of the gunmen.

Dead is Sgt. Ted Chambers of Ontario, Ore. and the slain fugitive is Ronald William Duffy, 23. Wounded were Kenneth Bailey, 26, former Klamath Falls resident, State Police Officer Ted O'Brien of Ontario, and Chief of Police Clarence Saunders of Weiser.

#### Ambushed Officers

The officer and fugitive were killed early Sunday after Bailey and Duffy ambushed their pursuers in a schoolhouse basement and then sought to escape across

a nearby field with a wounded officer as their shield. The battle occurred in the basement of the Annex school just across the Snake river in Oregon. Bailey was shot down and captured after his partner was killed.

#### No Warning Given

Deputy Sheriff Al Wanters of Washington county said the fugitives opened fire without warning as he, Saunders, O'Brien and Chambers walked into the schoolhouse basement. Chambers was killed on the spot. O'Brien was wounded. Chief Saunders was shot down in the confusion and Bailey and Duffy captured him, making a break through the cellar entrance. Officers said Bailey and Duffy were the same ones who had dis-

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