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Weather News

Max. (May 21)	83	Min.	40
Precipitation last 24 hours	.19		
Stream year to date	10.21		
Normal	10.80	Last year	7.70
Forecast: Occasional showers.			

COUNTERBLOW BEATEN BACK BY MARINES

Leathernecks Suffer Heavy Casualties On Okinawa

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Battered Japanese defending the southern ridges of Okinawa are nearing the breaking point, American commanders said today after U. S. marines suffered heavy casualties in throwing back a vicious counterattack on the west flank.

"The Japanese courage on Okinawa is the courage of desperation," said Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner as he confidently predicted "We will capture this island in the comparatively near future."

"If the weather doesn't impede us," said Maj. Gen. Roy Geiger, "I think we will break Jap resistance soon."

Red War Seen
In Washington, Rep. Mansfield (D-Mont.) predicted Russia will join the war against Japan. He said in a house speech that unless China is unified soon such a development might split China into two separate states.

If China is not unified, Mansfield declared, "it is quite possible that we will shift our plans for beachheads on the China coast to a direct assault on the Japanese home islands themselves." Mansfield served recently as a personal observer for President Roosevelt in the India-Burma-China theater.

Japan appeared to be more concerned about propaganda phases of the war. Citizens were ordered to turn in propaganda "paper bombs" dropped by B-29s, and Procurator-General Namiaki Nakano called for the arrest of "peace agitators."

Counterattack
Attacking through a varicolored screen of phosphorus smoke, 500 Japanese tried to retake the blood-covered crest of Sugar Loaf, strategic Okinawa island hill, in the most concentrated engagement reported today from Pacific fronts, in all of which allied troops made small gains.

Half of the attacking force, many of them in marine uniforms, were killed by sixth division devildogs who have taken the crest 11 times. A simultaneous barge-borne attempt to land in back of the U. S. lines above Naha on the west coast was broken up by naval guns. The actions were fought at night under the light of U. S. naval star shells.

The same night five U. S. ships off Okinawa were damaged by Japanese planes, 26 of which were shot down. Tokyo broadcasts said the five included a cruiser and two transports sunk.

School Children Top Bond Quota

School children of the seven elementary buildings exceeded their 7th War Loan quota by \$11,000, it was announced today. A request that every store in town decorate their windows in keeping with the "Mighty 7th" theme, on May 30, was made by the war loan committee.

Members of the U. S. marine corps, attached to the Marine Barracks, will report their war bond show which they recently took on tour to the western part of the state, from 8:30 p. m. to 7 p. m. Wednesday over KFJL.

Raymond Enouf Killed On Iwo

PFC Raymond La Verne Enouf, United States marine corps, was killed in action on Iwo Jima March 17, according to word received Monday by the youth's mother, Mrs. Pearl A. Foster, 734 Plum.

The 19-year-old marine was first listed as missing on April 26. Confirmation of his death was announced by the war department.

Raymond was born in Klamath Falls, attended school here and enlisted in the marines in October, 1942. He went overseas in March, 1943, and participated in the Guadalcanal campaign, returning to the United States in December, 1943. At his request he went overseas a second time and was attached to the 5th division, medical battalion. He left July, 1944.

Memorial services for the youth will be held from Ward's chapel, 925 High, Sunday at 5:30 p. m. with Rev. Victor Phillips of the First Methodist church officiating.

BRIDGE AUTHORIZED
WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—The senate approved yesterday and sent to the house a bill authorizing the Oregon-Washington bridge board to construct a toll bridge across the Columbia river at Astoria, Ore.

Fantastic Jap Balloon Attack Brings Warning

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—The war and navy departments reported today that the Japanese have made a "fantastic effort" to bomb the western U. S. mainland with "free" balloons.

The long-range balloons, made of paper and carrying small bombs, are unexploded. Some of them are known to have landed or dropped explosives in isolated sections but there has been no damage to property, the joint statement said.

This was the first time that the public generally had been told of the balloon attacks, although they were known to many newspapermen and others.

The joint statement said the disclosure was being made so that a public safety campaign could be undertaken to prevent possible damage or injury from the balloons.

There is always a possibility, the statement said, that unexploded bombs may be found in isolated spots, concealed in wooded areas or buried beneath melting snow.

With the approach of warm weather and the end of the school season, the statement added, "it is desirable that people and especially children living west of the Mississippi river be warned of this possible hazard and cautioned under no circumstances to touch or approach any unfamiliar object."

The army and navy said they wanted to reassure the nation that the balloon attacks are so scattered and aimless that they do not constitute a military threat.

"No Alarm"
"They should not be viewed with alarm," the statement said. "Due to the large areas of the United States and the variable nature of the winds, the possibility of a hit in any specific area is remote."

"The chances that any given place would be hit by these attacks is only one in many millions." The armed services said they took the position that the possibility of saving even one American life through precautionary measures would more than offset any military gain which the enemy might make from the mere knowledge that some of the balloons had arrived on this side of the Pacific.

Nips Want Data
The enemy would like to know the exact time the balloons arrived, the locality and their effect, the statement said, adding:

"Such information would permit him to evaluate the results (Continued on Page Four)

STETTINIUS PLANS TALK WITH TRUMAN
By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22 (AP)—Secretary of State Stettinius leaves the United Nations conference today for a hurried trip to Washington to confer with President Truman on mounting war-end crises in Europe.

His departure from the conference, at which he is official host, follows trips homeward by Russian Foreign Minister Molotov, British Foreign Secretary Eden and French Foreign Minister Bidault. There is some talk that Foreign Minister Padilla of Mexico also may depart soon.

Unlike the others, however, Stettinius plans to return within a few days. In the meantime, leadership of the American delegation falls to Senators Connally (D-Tex.) and Vandenberg (R-Mich.).

Work Remains
Today finds the conference moving at top speed toward an early June finish, but with the prospect that agreement here on machinery to secure future peace will leave an enormous amount of work to be done on (Continued on Page Four)

City Schools To Begin Vacation
This is the last week of school for the 1038 boys and girls of the seven city schools, and the student body of Klamath Union high school.

Elementary and junior high students will attend classes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, full time, a morning session on Thursday, and return for their report cards at 1 o'clock Friday at which time they will assemble in their individual classrooms.

Klamath Union high school students will attend regular classes the first three days of the week and on Thursday make-up work will be completed by those finding it necessary. The staff will be on full duty that day. Friday morning the high school will be in session.

Sun Gives Way To Colds
With the quick exit of warm weather and the perennial siege of spring fever, residents of Klamath county now find themselves plagued with an even more annoying malady—the spring cold. Following the brief period in which King Sol made a pleasantly surprising appearance, the rains came, and with them, the aforementioned ailment.

Perhaps the most common cause of the spring cold is improper clothing, according to Dr. Peter H. Rozendal, Klamath county public health officer. During the time when vitamin D was in plentiful natural supply every member of the female sex was seen sporting about in anything from shorts and halters to cool summer cottons. Not wishing to give up without a struggle, despite the sudden advent of wet weather, these same women cursed themselves with a healthy case of the sniffles.

It is of prime importance to take especial care when struck down with the unfortunate infirmity, Rozendal said. A liquid diet is usually prescribed, and bed is the best place if you have an overload of time on your hands. In the event that the spring cold is accompanied by a fever, the family doctor should be called in.

The best suggestion is just not to catch one of the nasty things.

BILL TO ANNEX CITY SUBURBS FOUND INVALID

Legislature Measure Changes Ruling On Procedure

A second attempt to annex part of the southern suburbs to Klamath Falls was called off today, when it was found that a law passed by the 1943 legislature has invalidated the procedure followed in calling an annexation election here for June 22.

City Attorney Henry Perkins disclosed that he has written a letter to the mayor and council, advising them of the technical irregularity in the election procedure, and the annexation issue was eliminated today from the June 22 ballot. Three other measures, however, will appear on the ballot as scheduled.

Area Involved
Area involved in the proposed annexation is a triangle along the west side of South Sixth street, extending to the Midland road. This annexation was before the voters at the general election in November, and was defeated in the area by a narrow margin. After the election, several electors of the area appeared before the council and said they did not find the annexation issue on the ballot in their precincts, or they would have voted for it.

So the council decided to place the matter again on the ballot at the June 22 special election. Under the old law, this was possible by action of the council alone, without petitions from the people in the proposed annexation area. The council proceeded under that law, initiating the action April 8.

Finds Data
After last night's council meeting, however, Councilman (Continued on Page Four)

Regrets Rejection
The prime minister expressed regret that the socialists had turned down his proposal to continue the coalition government until the end of the war against Japan and said that continuation of the coalition short of that period "might soon weaken the country before the world" because of "hickering" within the government.

Churchill's letter did not, however, name a specific date for the voting nor did tonight's official London Gazette contain any notice of dissolution for parliament. Consequently the exact date for the election remained undetermined but most observers believed it would be July 5.

Swift Approval
The 1100 labor party delegates meeting at Blackpool at the party's national convention gave swift approval to the platform which virtually meant the opening of the political campaign.

Political circles predicted the election would be set for July 5—provided Churchill acts by Thursday—or July 11 if he delays until May 30.

Montgomery To Head Occupation
LONDON, May 22 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill announced today the appointment of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery as commander in chief of British forces of occupation in Germany and the British member of the allied control council in Germany.

The text of the announcement: "By command of the king, the prime minister announces that Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, KCB, DSO, has been appointed commander in chief of the British forces of occupation in Germany and British member of the allied control council in Germany. His chief representative for control questions will be Lt. Gen. Sir Ronald Weeks, KCB, CBE, DSO, MC."

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Sgt. Don Newsom Dies In Germany
Sgt. Don Newsom, 30, former sales manager with the California Oregon Power company and later affiliated with the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission, died in Germany on April 6, the war department advised Mrs. Newsom Monday night.

In a letter dated April 6, and written by a Red Cross assistant from a hospital in Germany, Newsom advised his wife, the former Ruth Johnson, that he was injured but not through enemy fire. His death apparently occurred the same day. Mrs. Newsom is also employed at Copco as a bookkeeper.

Sgt. Newsom has been in the United States army for three years. He has been overseas for one year. His mother is Mrs. Goldie Newsom, Arcade hotel.

China Clippers Via Air Clipper
MIAMI, Fla., May 22 (AP)—Export of false teeth to South America has taken a tremendous upsurge, Pan American Airways officials reported—but don't ask them why.

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INSPECTORS TOUR PARK ON SNO-CAT

A trip over the snow on an ingenious vehicle called the Sno-Cat gave Crater Lake national park superintendents a chance last weekend to make their first inspection of the year of the snow-bound buildings at the rim and at park headquarters.

Tom Parker, Klamath Falls, assistant superintendent of the park, said that the park property has weathered the winter satisfactorily. There has been no damage from snow on the roofs of the numerous buildings.

Others in the party included (Continued on Page Four)

Tito Backs Down In Trieste Attitude; Moscow Hint Seen

Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito appeared today to have executed a complete about-face in his attitude toward the occupation of Trieste and the surrounding area, giving rise to speculation in London that he might have received a friendly suggestion from Moscow to change his stand.

Diplomatic sources close to the British foreign office said the situation was "definitely improved" and there were indications of an early solution.

Titos Withdrawing His Partisan Forces From Southern Austria, one of the points of dispute, and Yugoslav occupation headquarters had been removed from Trieste, although both British and partisan troops remained in the Adriatic port.

The dispute over the occupation appeared ended today at SALT LAKE CITY, May 22 (AP)—George Albert Smith, president of the Council of Twelve Apostles, Monday was appointed president of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) church, which numbers nearly a million members in all parts of the world.

President Smith, who was 75 April 4, succeeds Heber J. Grant, who died May 14 at the age of 88 after the second-longest term—26 years—as leader of the Mormon faith.

The appointment was announced by the council, highest governing body in the church.

President Smith retained Mr. Grant's counselors, J. Rueben Clark Jr., former U. S. ambassador to Mexico, and David O. McKay. Elder Clark is first counselor and Elder McKay, second.

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Cat Takes Visitors To Crater Park Interior



This picture was taken by Assistant Superintendent T. C. Parker of Crater Lake park at park headquarters last weekend, showing a park building and the new snow-traveling vehicle that carried the party into the snowbound interior of the Klamath county recreational and scenic area.

Indefinite Deferments Set For Older Men In 'Useful' Work; More Youths Needed

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—Selective service today announced a policy of indefinite deferments for men over 29 in "useful" work. At the same time it predicted a heavier call of younger men.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft director, said at a news conference that as a result of the war's end in Europe "occupational deferment policy must be liberalized" for registrants 30 through 37.

Review Ordered
The draft director instructed local boards to review at once the files of 4-F and limited service registrants 18 through 25. Where there is reason to believe they may now be qualified for military service, they should be forwarded for re-examination, Hershey said.

For men 26 through 29, the prevailing certification policy of government agencies will be continued for the present, Hershey predicted, however, that "the time is coming" when more of these men occupationally deferred will have to be drafted.

The certification policy, put into effect early this year to protect a "hard core" of key men in war production, will continue in effect "pending receipt of more accurate information concerning the urgency of certain war production programs and services," Hershey said.

Rooks To Head Control Party
PARIS, May 22 (AP)—Supreme headquarters announced today the appointment of Maj. Gen. Lowell W. Rooks as Gen. Eisenhower's representative at Flensburg, and disclosed that allied occupation troops would use the German high command as an intermediary in controlling German troops.

Rooks has been deputy assistant chief of staff in operations at SHAEP. He was named to command a group known as the supreme headquarters control party at Flensburg. The group is composed of British-American representatives of the allied armies, navies and air forces.

WPB Lifts Ban On Lawn Mowers
WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—The war production board lifted its ban on lawn mower production today, on the heels of an announcement that washing machines probably would reach the retail market late this year.

The three-year-old prohibition on mowers of the hand, gang and power types was revoked effective at once but mowers for civilians must be made of idle or surplus materials until July 1 when an unrestricted supply of steel will become available. Householders can expect only a few in 1945, WPB predicted.

The war production board yesterday removed all restrictions on the manufacture of automobile parts and announced a plan for 700,000 household washing machines this year. WPB also said home ironers and driers will be released from all production restrictions and output will be limited "only by the availability of materials, facilities and manpower."

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Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SIGNIFICANT news comes today from the Pacific: Search planes of our Fleet Air Force No. 1, OPERATING FROM OKINAWA, have already picked up 168,380 tons of Jap junk. Okinawa's cost is high, but it beginning to pay off.

DESTRUCTION of her transportation (made possible by first destroying her air force) is what really licked Germany. At the end she had millions of men under arms and mountains of supplies, but her transport smashed she was unable to get men and supplies from where they were to where they were NEEDED.

The same will hold true as to Japan—and THREE-FOURTHS of Japan's transport is WATERBORN.

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URI town and its medieval castle are battered and used, but the Japs hold HIGH GROUND ABOVE. The same goes for Naha. We'll have to get the Japs off their high ground.

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