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### Keep On Buying

The 5th war loan is over but the war isn't. Don't wait for the 6th drive. Steady, continuous buying of bonds means less on the national quota when the next call comes.

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**DODGES JAPS 31 MONTHS**—Chief Radioman George R. Tweed, 42, who was rescued after more than 31 months of dodging Japanese in the hills of Guam since the island fell Dec. 11, 1941, enjoys a bit of watermelon with his aunt, Mrs. Harry M. Minard, in her Portland, Ore., home. Tweed's wife and two children live at San Diego, Calif.; his mother lives at Beaverton, Ore., and his father, whom he has not seen for 20 years, is a resident of Ada, western Lane county, Oregon.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The B-29s are at it again. One group, flying from the already known base in China, hits Nagasaki, in the Jap homeland. Another—coming apparently from a NEW base that is shrouded (necessarily) in the mists of censorship—smacks Palembang, in Dutch East Indies Sumatra.  
Palembang is Japan's GREAT-EST source of oil.

In these raids incendiary bombs were used for the first time against the Japs. Great fires were started. Three of the big ships are so far unaccounted for and one descended in friendly territory (presumably China).

MAC ARTHUR begins night bombing of the Philippines, hitting Davao, in the southernmost Philippine island of Mindanao.  
If the standard MacArthur pattern is followed, day attacks by fighter-escorted bombers will follow as we gain nearer bases and then (in the fulness of time) the landing barges will head for the shore.

OUR theory, as hinted at in recent dispatches, is that it will be cheaper to hit the Japs HARD NOW than to string it out over a longer time.

WHAT is happening in France is still hidden by censorship. This is our most definite news as these words were written: "Supported by tank-busting planes, American forces battling on the approaches to Paris are REPORTED to have cut due north toward the Seine, apparently in a GRAND-SCALE sweep aimed at trapping large German forces in Normandy."

GET out your map and turn your imagination loose. You'll come to the conclusion that we're probably striking to GET BEHIND the Germans who have

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**Knifing Sends 2 Seattle Ball Players to Hospital**

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14—(AP)—Two Seattle baseball players were taken to a hospital with knife wounds early today after reporting to police that they were cut by two assailants on a downtown street corner.  
Officers reported that William Derflinger, 24, center fielder, and Gene Holt, 23, southpaw pitcher, said two negroes approached them as they were laughing and talking. The ball players said the negroes made some remark about "objecting to 'idiotic,'" then slashed them with knives and fled.  
Holt was treated for a four-inch laceration of his left arm and Derflinger for a similar wound of his left arm. They received other small cuts and Derflinger incurred a leg wound.

### Impending Victory In Normandy Not Enough for Peace

By MERRILL MUELLER (Representing the combined American Networks)  
GEN. EISENHOWER'S ADVANCED COMMAND POST, Aug. 14—(AP)—The destruction of the German 7th army is about to take place in the present battle of France.  
Gen. Eisenhower, supreme allied invasion commander, predicts this coming week will be one of the most momentous in the history of this war—a fateful week for us and a fruitful week for the enemy.  
Peace cannot come with the major victory we are about to accomplish, because three German armies remaining in France are not engaged.  
Only a political collapse within Germany—another attempt by Hitler to succeed—could possibly deliver this war to an armistice within the next week. There is a slight chance that a political collapse may show its first manifestations on either the Russian or the German army fronts with the German army's effort to rid itself by revolt of its new Nazi commanders. But even so, our troops still are in conditional surrender and clear roads to Berlin.

### P. C. Crum Elected Head Of Oregon Legionnaires

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14—(AP)—P. C. Crum, Hood River, chairman of World War II liaison committee, was unanimously elected commander of the American Legion department of Oregon, at the closing session of the 26th annual convention here Saturday.  
When voting began, there were two candidates, Crum and Victor Micelli of Roseburg, but when a fourth of the 370 votes had been cast, Micelli asked to withdraw and requested that the ballot be cast unanimously for Crum.  
Neil Moffit, Astoria, defeated Earl R. Goodwin, Portland, for vice commander. The convention renamed Thomas D. Stoughton, Portland, as finance officer with-out a record vote. Lt. Col. Georges Monballiu Bailey, Pendleton, was named chairman.

### Bob Hope, Troupe Unhurt In Clipper's Crash Landing

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 14—(AP)—Comedian Bob Hope and his troupe of soldier-entertainers escaped injury today in the crash landing of a Catalina flying boat near Lauriston, New South Wales, Australia.  
The plane, also carrying Frances Langford, the singer, developed engine trouble as it came from Guadalcanal and landed on a sand spit near the fishing hamlet.  
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### Don Helliwell Named District Chief of Lions

Don Helliwell, Roseburg, has been appointed deputy district governor of Lions clubs, according to an announcement made by Robert M. Fischer, Jr., Eugene, recently named district governor. The new district officers are now active, having taken over their duties following the international convention in Chicago last week.

## AIR BOMBING OF PHILIPPINES, OTHER ISLES SPEEDS WAR CLOSER TO JAPAN

### Scythe-Like Sweep Made By Americans

Final Victory May Not Require Invasion of Japan, Nimitz Declares

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 14—(AP)—The fourth bombing of the Philippines in five days and new air blows north and south of Japan were portents today of a war moving west so fast that Adm. Nimitz may have to advance his headquarters to catch up with it.  
Underscoring this tempo of offensive, Nimitz told a press conference the war may be won without invading Japan—although occupation "would be necessary to insure a winning peace" and mentioned the possibility of American warships bombarding Nippon.  
Fighting was carried again to the Philippines Saturday. Gen. MacArthur announced today, by New Guinea-based Liberators which sank a 3,000-ton freighter in Davao Gulf.  
It was carried within 600 miles of Tokyo Friday by Marianas-based Liberators which bombed the airfield and a cargo ship at Cihchi Jima in the Bonins, south of Japan.  
Striking within less than 500 miles of northern Japan, Aleutians-based Liberators sank a patrol vessel and damaged another near Paramushiro in the Kuriles Thursday.  
The aerial arm swung like a giant scythe along more than 3,500 miles of Japan's inner defense wall of islands, adding a 3,000-ton ship, a 1,000-ton freighter and a coastal vessel to the shipping disaster befalling the enemy in the Halmahera-Talud defense zone for the Philippines.  
Guam Natives Loyal to U. S. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of

### 8th Army Takes 2 More Italian Towns

ROME, Aug. 14—(AP)—Eighth army troops have captured Frontone, 27 miles inland from the Adriatic coast in the Apennines, in the only major advance along the Italian front, headquarters announced today.  
Sniping died down in Florence, enabling allied military government officials to supply the stricken city with food, water and other necessities.  
Employ, the Arno river city west of Florence, fell to the Eighth army without a fight yesterday.  
Mediterranean allied air forces, hammering at German defenses in southern France, struck at Rhone river bridges and coastal installations yesterday. Objectives in north Italy also were hit.  
Gen. Alexander's headquarters said a pamphlet issued by Nazi Marshal Kesselring threatened stringent retaliation against Italian civilians for attacks which jeopardized Nazi supply and communication lines behind the front.

### Five Persons Flee From Oregon Institutions

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 14—(AP)—Five persons who escaped late Sunday from the state training school at Woodburn, the state prison, and the state home for feeble-minded persons were still at large today.  
Donald Lyons, 11, Portland, and Walter Smith, 18, address unknown, escaped from the feeble-minded institution.  
Robert W. McCaren, 50, state prison trusty, walked away from the prison. He entered the prison in 1937, to serve 20 years for arson in Klamath county.  
Richard Kauffman, 14, Eugene, and Alvin Dahl, 15, St. Helens, escaped from the training school.

### Real Estate Agency Is Opened by A. P. Allen

The Valley Real Estate agency was opened in Roseburg today by A. P. Allen, who for the past six months has been associated with the Dimmick agency. Mr. Allen has established his office in the lobby of the Grand hotel. A resident of Douglas county for the past six years Mr. Allen was engaged in farming near Yoncalla, prior to moving to Roseburg six months ago.

### Caps Illahee Soldier Prisoner of Germans

Corporal Donald Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wright, Caps Illahee, who was reported missing in action following the Normandy invasion, is a prisoner of war, mandy in word received by his parents. Official notification has been received by the parents that Corporal Wright is alive and unhurt in a German prison camp. He was serving as an army paratrooper.

### Word of Japan Can't be Trusted, U. S. Must Control North Pacific Circle, Roosevelt Says After Tour

BREMERTON, Wash., Aug. 14—(AP)—President Roosevelt gave his solemn assurance here Saturday that never again would the Japanese empire be given the leeway to start another Pacific war.

The president spoke after a destroyer had brought him from Alaska on the last leg of a Pacific tour of inspection that had taken him from California to the Hawaiian islands, up to the Aleutians, through the fringe of what the Japanese call their "sphere of influence," and back down to the Puget sound navy yard here, where he made his report to the people.  
Through the radio, the world could hear him when he declared: "The word and honor of Japan cannot be trusted."  
Throughout the speech ran the thread of determination that the defenses of the United States and of all the Americas must be so strong in the future that no would-be aggressor dare attempt to disturb the peace of the continent from the Antarctic to the Arctic circle.  
The president outlined the struggle for the Aleutians, invaded early in the war by the Japs, and the building of the bases there, adjacent to the shortest (Great circle) route from Puget sound to the coast of Alaska.  
"It is an unfortunate fact that other nations can not trust Japan, it is an unfortunate fact that years must pass before we can trust Japan and before we can classify Japan as a member of the society of nations which seek permanent peace and whose word we can take."  
The President assured his hearers that "the war is well in hand in this vast (Pacific) area."  
"But," he added, "I can not tell you, if I knew, when the war will be over either in Europe or in the far east or the war against Japan."  
"It will be over sooner if the people of this country will maintain the making of the necessary supplies and ships and planes."  
The President digressed from his prepared address to pay a compliment to the press and radio of America, which kept the secret of his Pacific tour until it was ended, though the press associations and many newspapers had known of the trip from its start.  
"A modern miracle" he termed the fact so many groups and organizations would work so closely under a purely voluntary censorship code.

### Mystery General Of France Fights Alongside Yankees

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 14—(AP)—The second French armored division, commanded by the mysterious Gen. Jacques Le Clerc of African fame, is fighting in France alongside American forces, supreme headquarters announced today.  
This was the first disclosure of the recent whereabouts of the mysterious general, one of the first to rally to Gen. Charles de Gaulle.  
At the time France fell he was governor of the French Cameroons and a year later he had organized a small force and was fighting the Italians in Libya.  
The following year he was the organizer of a daring 2,000-mile march from his base at Lake Chad in which fighting French forces made harassing raids on Axis forces in Libya.  
Once more his forces appeared in the climactic battle of North Africa in 1943, appearing as a menace to Marshal Rommel's south flank when Gen. Montgomery began his drive.  
Gen. Le Clerc's forces joined the Eighth army in the battle that ran the Germans from Tripoli, then participated in the showdown struggle for Tunisia.  
The general assumed the name of Le Clerc, and his true name has been hidden from the Germans to prevent reprisals on friends or relatives in France.

### Dewey Silent on Dates, Subjects of Speeches

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 14—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, republican presidential nominee, arrived in Albany today with the preliminary drafts of several speeches.  
The subjects, places and dates of his campaign talks were not disclosed. He will make a western swing sometime during the campaign.  
The campaign has been kept carefully under wraps all summer to permit state and national leaders to devote most of their time to organizing, getting voters registered and arranging to transport them to the polls.  
Republicans make no secret of the fact they are counting heavily on organizations in 26 states where there are republican governors.

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Fire Kills Aged Woman  
CLATSkanie, Ore., Aug. 14—(AP)—Fire killed Mrs. Marian C. Hughes, 87, and leveled her home here early yesterday. It also virtually destroyed an adjoining plumbing shop and damaged a tailor shop.  
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### Reds Mass For Big Smash at East Prussia

MOSCOW, Aug. 14—(AP)—The zero hour hour for an all-out Soviet assault on East Prussia appeared to be approaching rapidly today as Russian armies massed in a great threatening arc before the borders of that German province.  
Russian units to the south were 15 to 17 miles from the East Prussian frontier, while to the east other Soviet forces were seven to 10 miles away and to the north from 30 to 35 miles.  
Great tank battles continued west of the Vistula in the Klece region about 100 miles south of Warsaw and within 35 miles of Krakow, the last great Polish bastion guarding industrial centers of German Silesia 75 miles from advanced Russian elements. The Germans were counter-attacking vainly.  
Virtually no news came from the siege of Warsaw itself where the Russians were planted just outside the Polish capital on the eastern side of the broad and swift Vistula. Marshal Rokossovsky still was forging tanks, supplies and reserves and building communications.  
Red Gains Continue  
Since Friday the Russians between Warsaw and East Prussia have bitten deep into German lines, capturing 530 settlements and forcing three rivers. Progress here was one of the major strategic victories of the summer campaign, for the Germans had

### Squirrels Face Ouster for Dropping Nuts on Babies

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 14—(AP)—Mrs. Catherine Stewart complained to the state fish and game department that squirrels annoyed babies which she tended in her day nursery by dropping nuts on them as they slept in bergeries in her yard.  
So the game department set a trap, baited it with peanut butter.  
The first squirrel has been caught and the trap is reset. The squirrels are going to Coeur d'Alene, northern Idaho city which said it would be glad to provide a home for them.

### Chinese Try to Regain Hengyang From Japanese

(By the Associated Press)  
Japanese forces today still held Hengyang against assaults of Chinese trying to recapture the vital junction of the Hankow-Canton railway. Tokyo broadcast that Japanese units there "now are preparing the next stage of operations."  
Yunnan to the southwest Chinese gathered for assaults on Tengchung and Lungling, enemy-held bases on the Burma road. The British met only light opposition in their chase of the Japanese fleeing from India.

### Botulinus Blamed For Death of 2 Vacationists

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 14—(AP)—Botulinus poisoning is believed to have caused the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Snoddy, middle-aged Hanford couple, stricken Sunday while on a week-end outing in Naches. Investigation is being made by Dr. W. H. Banks, coroner, who expressed the opinion death was due to botulinus.

### Annual Highway Program For Northwest Outlined

PORTLAND, Aug. 14—(AP)—Five northwest governors have outlined plans for a \$68,000,000 annual highway program in their states, and will press congress for appropriations to pay for the work.  
Reports at the week-end meeting here indicated the total cost of completing all the planned highways in the five states will be \$720,000,000. The governors decided to bring pressure on congress to enact H. R. 4915, which calls for annual state-federal expenditures for three years after the war ends for highway construction and maintenance.

### Car Pooling Necessary To Get Extra Gasoline

Due to difficulties in the heavy program and the limited amount of gasoline available, the local OPA office has received instructions to rigidly enforce car pooling wherever possible. Supplemental gasoline on a 30-day period will be allotted on condition that pools be formed during the rationatory period. If proof is given of formation of a car pool, supplemental rations will then be granted for the normal three-month period.  
Deas, Coyotes Take Toll  
BEND, Aug. 14—(AP)—Wild dogs are taking a heavy toll of deer in the Upper Deschutes basin and coyotes are making costly inroads on domestic fowl and livestock in Central Oregon, Sam Shaver, government trapper, reports.



**NAVY'S AIR ACE**—Just returned to this country is Lt. Alexander Vraciu, Jr., above, after a solid year of Pacific combat, during which he downed 19 Jap planes, destroyed 18 on the ground and sank a 7000-ton enemy transport to become the navy's leading fighter pilot. The 25-year-old flyer, from East Chicago, Ind., returned with the famed Air Group 16, credited with downing 135 enemy aircraft.

### Amusement Park Razed in Series Of Costly Fires

FORT LEE, N. J., Aug. 14—(AP)—Most of Palisades amusement park was a smoldering ruin today after a fire in which 150 or more persons were injured or affected by smoke and a Sunday afternoon crowd estimated at 25,000 was sent stampeding.  
Several spectacular rescues were effected as flames swept the popular resort atop the Palisades opposite 125th street, New York.  
Irving Rosenthal, the proprietor, estimated damage to the park at \$1,500,000 and said it would be closed for the remainder of the season.  
Witnesses said the fire started in the Virginia Reel, a circular ride which was loaded with children. A short circuit under the ride was blamed.  
Meanwhile, three volunteer firefighters were listed as missing in the pier and ship explosion and fire which broke out Friday night in Hoboken on the Hudson river front south of here and continued to smolder today.  
Two other major weekend fires in the New York City-New Jersey area destroyed a block of buildings along the boardwalk at Wildwood, N. J., with a loss estimated at \$250,000 and injured ten persons early Saturday, and destroyed part of Luna Park at Coney Island, New York, Saturday afternoon, with a loss estimated between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

### Alleged Draft Evader Arrested at Reedsport

REEDSPORT, Ore., Aug. 14—Arrested at his parents' home near Florence, by FBI operatives, Frank Medford rests in Reedsport jail here awaiting examination as to his status as an alleged draft evader. Medford, whose home is at Elv, Nevada, was released by his draft board for work in the Nevada mines but several months ago he left without giving notice and was traced to this section by the FBI.

### R. V. Morelock Faces Drunk Driving Charge

Ronald Vern Morelock, 40, was at liberty today under \$500 cash bail, following his arrest Saturday on a charge of drunken driving. State Police Sergeant Paul Morgan reported today. The charge against Morelock was filed in Reedsport justice court before Judge Ward C. Watson.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reiserstein  
Adolf Hitler doesn't believe in changing the "Horst Wessel" (Nazi's national anthem) while crossing a stream.

## Nazi Army of 100,000 Faces Annihilation

Opportunity for Major Allied Victory at Hand, Eisenhower Tells Men

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 14—(AP)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle's French Committee of National Liberation issued a call tonight for a national uprising in France.  
"In the field, in the factory, in the workshop, in the office, in the street—whether he be under arrest, deported or a prisoner of war—each Frenchman can harm the enemy or prepare that which harms him," a statement said.

(By the Associated Press)  
American, British and Canadian closed in with annihilating blows today on a bloody Normandy pocket where upwards of 100,000 Germans had fought and then tried to run a gauntlet of bombs and steel. The major design of destruction of a great portion of the German Seventh army appeared within Gen. Eisenhower's grasp.  
An American Canadian pincer had closed to 16 miles the Nazi escape hatch, flanked by tanks and artillery shells, south of Falaise. The U. S. First army in a lunging offensive at the western end

LONDON, Aug. 14—(AP)—The German radio, asserting that large allied convoys were streaming through the strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean, speculated tonight that landings in the south of Europe were imminent.  
of the bulge had crashed forward seven to ten miles by noon today. Canadians, menacing Falaise, struck ahead two miles. The British Second army on the Canadian right flank bit deeper. U. S. columns which had swept wide at surprising speed in an outflanking drive had come 55 miles up from Le Mans, and surrounded Avranches, only 13 miles below Falaise.  
Nazis Try to Flee Trap  
Between these jaws Marshal von Kluge's men and armor still raced for safety, torn viciously by allied air fleets. Before the trap sprang shut, a dozen German divisions were retreating, still in generally orderly fashion, leaving rear guards for suicide stands.  
Americans who reached Le

### U. S. Seizes Five Machine Plants

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—(AP)—President Roosevelt directed Navy Secretary Forrestal today to take over nominal control of five machine shops in San Francisco where an AFL machinists unit had defied War labor board orders for several months.  
The union leadership had refused to lift a ban on overtime and Sunday work. WLB officials have termed this a "limited strike" because the work week was limited by the union to 48 hours.  
Government seizure automatically places in operation the criminal provision of the War Labor Disputes Act. This will permit the government to prosecute criminally any individual believed to be encouraging the interruption of war production.  
The plants ordered seized include the Federal Mogul corporation, where a complete work stoppage developed recently.  
The others are Back Belt and Tool works, the Link-Belt company (Pacific division), the U. S. Pipe and manufacturing company and the Enterprise Engine and Foundry company.

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