County GOP

Record Speed Army's Goal

Wage Rates Are Set; Reservation Takes Form; Budget Voted

(Continued from page 1) job regardless, but I'd rather do

It the nice way." "I don't aim to have any detours," he warned. "Things are going to start happening here Monday; by Wednesday people are going to start trickling in. It's time for you fellows to pull on your fightin' britches and get going."

The cantonment council formally approved an operating budget, totaling \$5500 for a year or \$1832 for the next four months. A revised scheme of allocating costs is to be reported to the 11 members early next week by William H. Crawford, executive secretary of the Oregon Economic Council for the consideration when the Corvallis, Albany, Salem, West Salem, Monmouth, Dallas and Independence city councils and the Marion, Polk, Benton and Linn county courts are asked to give their approval to the necessary appropriations.

The next meeting of the council will be held in Salem on March 13. Question of whether or not the member counties and cities are to agree on employing a coordinator or business manager to serve as liason agent between them and Major Des Islet's office and other federal agencies is expected to be answered at that time.

Information in the hands of the council indicates that \$30,000,000 may be spent on the cantonment. Progress of construction will soon show that the reservation will extend southward about six miles from the east-west Suver road in Polk county and westward roughpiece of land across the Willamette river in Linn county.

Exactly where and how laborers and craftsmen are to obtain employment on the vast project remained unanswered Wednesday, but the big problem will be to get enough men rather than to obtain a job, it was indicated in Corvallis, Union labor representatives asserted it would be wholly a union operation.

vallis and Salem audiences that as follows: wage scales would include \$1.50 an hour for plumbers, \$1.371/2 for carpenters and 75 cents for labor-

During the peak construction period an effort will be made to surpass a recent army construction record of putting up one building every 32 minutes.

Other developments Wednes-

Major Des Islet invited Salem businessmen, city and county officials to join in urging the Southern Pacific company to institute passenger train service from Salem, Albany and Corvallis to the cantonment site to carry workmen to and from the three-shifts-a-day job. Mayer W. W. Chadwick and Pres. Carl Hogg of the Salem chamber of commerce were working on proposals also for a direct Salem-cantonment bus

King Bing Frank Ernest of the Salem Cherrians received notice come cognizant of their loss. This up. that the federal security agency explains the time lag in connechad approved construction of tion with various reports. buildings for use by the USO. soldiers' service and recreation organization, at Albany and Corvallis, but had rejected Salem's application for such a project. He prepared immediately to have the city's request pursued in Washington, DC.

Realignment of the west side Pacific highway through Monmouth south along or through the cantonment was discussed by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, and Charles A. Howard, president of the Oregon College of Education. Monmouth urged that any relocation be not routed across the Monmouth campus.

Lester A. Wilcox of the state department of education reported children of construction workers the enemy." now and of soldiers later in schools surrounding the cantonment area, said Salem's problem had this to say: would not, apparently, necessitate new buildings. He was advised by Major Des Islet that the project would bring in few new school pupils before fall.

B. E. Edwards, representing the new national housing agency, told the cantonment council that the federal government would look first to existing surplus housing facilities for workers' and soldiers' families, second to present structures that could be rehabilitated, third to new private construction and, as a final resort only, to federally-built housing projects.

Major Des Islet estimated that Salem would receive the benefit of \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 a month in payroll emanating from the ment, and predicted that the capital city would attract enemy submarines are believed more soldiers than any other of to have been sunk and one damthe nearby cities.

Wire Censor Office Set up in Portland

As Japs Thrust Closer to Java Flanks



Batavia admitted that Japanese had overrun part oBali (1) and seized an airdrome, but Dutch sources said the Japanese invasion fleet had been wrecked. The Japanese claimed they had driven in Sumaira to north of Telokbetoeng (2). Latest reports indicate the US and Dutch forces have slowed if not halted the Jap push.

Knox Sees Jap Doom

Naval Report Reveals US Forces Have Sunk

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ditions, they added, Japan would have to "make this a quick and fast war."

Although Japan has 23 shipyards with 69 berths for construcly ten miles from the Independ- tion of large craft, her steel reern extension taking in a small facilities are believed to be far beli ence-Grainger road, with an east- sources are limited and building below what would be necessary to make up current losses.

Knox said that since January the navy has made 56 attacks on submarines, with three believed sunk and four believed damaged. In the same period submarines attacked 114 United Nations ships in the western Atlantic. How many of these were sunk he did not say

Battleships: One of the "Konclass" damaged; aircraft carriers, one sunk, one believed sunk; cruisers, two sunk; destroyers, seven sunk, one believed sunk; submarines, three sunk, one damaged; seaplane tenders, one believed sunk; minesweepers, one sunk; gunboats, one sunk; fleet tankers, three sunk: transports, 13 sunk, two believed sunk; supply and merchantmen, 16 sunk; miscellaneous (type unidentified) six sunk, two believed sunk, three

The number of Japanese submarines sunk, three damaged. 'Only those sunk during the heroic defense of Wake island and during the recent raid on the Marshall and Gilbert islands.

"In accordance with the established navy department policy submarine sinkings are never announced until it is reasonably certain that the enemy has be-

"There is evidence, however, of further sinkings of enemy submarines in Pacific waters their announcement will not be made public until full reports have been made to the navy department and absolute surety is determined."

He went on to say that before Japanese merchant marine consisted of three 17,000 ton luxury ships of the Yawata class." One of these, he added, was known

"The United States naval forces "and one aircraft carrier of the same class, leaving only one such plans in hand for absorption of vessel known to be in service with

> Of submarine and anti-submarine activities in the Atlantic, he Vacation "During January, 1942, 22

ships of the United Nations registry had torpedoes fired at them in waters contiguous to the United States. In addition 38 other ships were attacked in the area west of 30 degrees west longitude (which appoximately divides the Atlantic in half). One enemy submarine is believed to have been sunk. Three are believed to have been damaged and 34 additional attacks were inconclusive in evidence of damage.

"In February, up to an including the 24D instant, 23 ships of the United Nations have been attacked by enemy submarines in US coastal waters and 31 additional ships in the area west of 30 degrees west longitude. Two aged in these areas. In addition, 15 attacks have been made on enemy submarines by our forces with inconclusive results."

The day's reports of United PORTLAND, Feb. 25-(A)-The Nations ships sunk included one, portured. Feb. 25 (47) The Nations sinks s radio and cable censor's office some 30 miles to the south of a the charge of Lt. Raold G. Lund Puerto Rico. Twenty five surviling to Dean Luther. d been set up here to control vors were landed on the island Tuesday night and 2 a.m., Wed- adrift in life boats.

Chinese Troops Mutiny Against Japanese

CHUNGKING, Feb. 25.-(AP)-Chinese puppet troops in Suiyuan in North Shansi province, northeast of the Yellow river, mutinied a week ago, killed their Japanese officers and advisors and then At Least 53 Nip Ships joined Chinese forces attacking Japanese positions, a communique said Wednesday.

In southwest Shansi, Chinese forces are attacking south of Hotsin and are inflicting many casualties, the war bulletin said.

Escapes Japs

Australian Chief At Singapore Safe in Batavia After Flight

BATAVIA, NEI, Thursday, Feb. Knox broke down his summary 26-(P)-Maj.-Gen. Henry Gordon Major Des Islet told the Cor- of war against Japanese shipping Bennett, commander of the Australian imperial forces in Malaya, has reached Batavia after escaping from Singapore in a large Chinese junk which required four days to reach neighboring Sumat-

> The assumption before his arival was that he had been captured by the Japanese now in command of the fallen allied bas-

> With him were his aide-decamp, Lieut. Gordon Walker, eight nembers of the Singapore volunteers and seven members of British regiments.

(A dispatch from Canberra officially estimated that 17,000 Australians were among the imperial troops taken prisoner at Singapore. Very few Australians got away and the number of casualties in the last of the fighting there was not known.)

A group of Australian officers decided on a Thursday (date unspecified) that the great base inevitably would have to be given

They decided to attempt to escape, taking General Bennett with them, his aide-de-camp related in an interview after their arrival

Walker said he swam out to one large sampan, rowed it back and the party set out on Sunday At midnight their sampan

bumped into a large sea-going the war began "the pride of the junk with six British officers aboard. Bennett and his group boarded the junk.

The group threaded their way through all the islands off Singato have been converted into an pore and across to Sumatra on a 4-day trip in which their only navigation guide was a page have sunk one merchantman of from an atlas showing the souththe Yawata class," he continued, west Pacific on a scale of 240

WU Spring Canceled

"We have decided to eliminate spring vacation this year." Dean Chester F. Luther of Willamette university announced Wednesday night, following a faculty meeting. The holiday had been set for April 4 to 11.

Concurrently, the two summer terms were shortened to five weeks each and their opening advanced one week to June 8. Prof. Herman Clark is director.

The administration is considering having both baccalaureate and commencement Sunday, May 31. Examinations will end May 29.

The action on vacation was taken to give the students longer summer vacation for work and to aid men who will be drafted before the end of the semester. Most other colleges have prevlously taken the step. Shortening terrific toll. of the summer session will re-

LA Wondering Over Air Raid

Knox "False Alarm" Statement Puzzles: CD Officials Riled

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the air raid signal was given, but another official source later reported the planes stayed on the ground because of the danger of being caught in their own antiaircraft fire. He said ground crews saw unidentified planes.

Police recalled that 12, midnight, was the zero hour for Japanese aliens to leave the coastal defense areas.

Flares were reported to have fallen in several sections, on the beaches and far inland, some as late as 6 a. m., when many persons were walking to work because street cars were balked by the blackout. Police authorities in some areas said they were tempted to direct invading pines by use of red, green and white flares.

On the whole, the blackout was government's Harry Hopkins."5 effective, showing the result of careful preparation for just such an emergency.

At Santa Barbara there were repercussions from Monday night's shelling of an oil field by a Japanese submarine, and District Attorney Percy Heckendorf said there was "convincing proof that there were shore signals flashed

Japs Lessen **Bataan Action**

Stalemate in Battle With MacArthur Seen; Bay Action Increased

By CLARK LEE

WITH GEN. MacARTHUR ON THE BATAAN PENINSULA, Feb. 23-(Delayed)-(AP)-Desultory infantry activity and a decrease in Japanese aerial action for the past week have led to the belief that a definite stalemate has settled over the battle of Bataan, at least temporarily. In the meantime, however,

there has been a sharpening of artillery action around Manila bay. The Japanese batteries on the south shore have been pumping shells with increasing rapidity at Corregidor and other fortified islands in the waterway. Hundreds of shells have been hurled against the rocky sides of Corregidor.

The lack of ground and aerial activity may mean the enemy is awaiting reinforcements or planning an assault from new directions. Or, perhaps he is just content to sit and bide the time when, he believes, the tightening of the encirclement of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces will bring MacArthur's forces will bring capitulation from exhaustion of Red Cross food and munitions.

There is a general belief that another major assault may be delayed until the arrival of reinforcements released from action in the Malaya and Dutch East Indies areas. Certain it is that heavy casualties have been inflicted by the American-Filipino forces on the 14th field army of General Homma. Some estimates of the number of Japanese dead or wounded run as high as 30,000.

Two thousand Japanese dead have been buried by the defending forces. They were killed in attempted landings on the west against the west-central section of

There are indications that the wo months ago. Prisoners admit this, saying they are sick of combat. In contrast, the morale of were General MacArthur's men is at high pitch.

Berlin Claims Russ

Hear Leader Woman Chief States People Want to Know War Situation, Facts tary quarters Wednesday night.

to blame for the nation's failure to fortify Guam she declared utterly false, tracing the Guam situation back to the 1918 joint army-navy recommendation for fortification. No measure for its fortification was ever placed before congress, she declared, although a \$5,000,000 allocation for improvement of the harbor and airport, once stricken from a naval appropriations bill by motion of a democratic congressman, was

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"It was this appropriation, not for fortification but for other improvements which took our workmen and marines to Guam in time for the Japanese attack," she maintained.

passed in 1941.

"If President Roosevelt had wanted Guam fortified he had enough rubber stamps to guarantee its fortification. . . it's flattering to think our handful in congress could hold up or pass a measure. . . I, for one, am tired of having the republican party a whipping dog!" Miss Martin declared.

Stepping out of her role as executive in a political party, the speaker urged her listeners, who filled the floral room of the chamber of commerce, to fight anti-British propaganda.

"I am convinced," she declared, Washington as to its duration tatives. would indicate that "Mr. Roosevelt will not be the president to make the peace."

Wholehearted support to Donald Nelson, she said, indicates the nation's interest in efficient meeting of the war crisis, and "we have hopes that under new leadership the office of Civilian Defense will settle down to business and do less fan-dancing."

That the nation owes to Mrs. Roosevelt a debt of gratitude for oringing to the spotlight "one great weakness of this administration-the appointing of per-

State and party officials and republican members of the legisla-

ture were presented. Music was provided by Mrs. Gordon McGilchrist, vocalist, accompanied by Mrs. Tad Gordon, and by Miss Margaret Hogg, pianist. At the close of 'ne program

party, state officials formed a receiving line with Miss Martin.

Moves Closer Plan to Trap German Troops Progresses on

Russian Ring

Starava Russ Front (Continued from Page 1)

troops were threatened with annihilation in the savage fighting in the Staraya Russa area, but failed to specify whether all these men were caught in the Russian (Farther south, these reports said other German troops were

vast pocket between Rzhev and Vyazma because it was said the right wing of Gen. Gregory K. Zhukov's central red army was pushing southward from Bely toward Dorogobuzh, 50 miles away. (Dorogobuzh, only 50 miles

in danger of encirclement in a

northeast of Smolensk, has been declared officially captured by Moscow, and Stockholm correspondents said this wing was advancing north to meet the troops anchored at Bely.)

Meets Tonight

Open to the interested public without charge, tonight's annual meeting of Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, is not a dinner session, Olive Doak Bynon, executive secretary of the chapter emphasized Wednesday night. The meeting, called for 8 o'clock

at Salem chamber of commerce rooms, is to be addressed by A. L. Schaefer of San Francisco, Pacific coast manager for the Red Cross.

attempted landings on the west Men, Women! Old at against the west-central section of the front, where artillery took a 40, 50, 60! Get Pep Fool Years Younger, Full of Vim

Losses and Repulses

BERLIN-(From German Broadcasts)-Feb. 25.-(A)-The Russians have lost more than 14,000 killed and several times that number in wounded in fighting southeast of Lake Ilmen (in the Staraya Russa crea) in the past four weeks, it was announced in Berlin mili-

The Germans were declared to have repulsed 387 attacks by strong soviet forces, counter-attacking successfully several times.

Kace Quitted By McSherry

Cancels Plans to Run For State Secretary: May Be Sprague Aide

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of state, has not decided finally against entering the contest, he has indicated, and the name of another member of Snell's force, David O'Hara, veteran chief of the elections division, has been mentioned.

"It's a decision for them to make," Snell said Wednesday when asked what would be his attitude toward his deputies running for office. "It's not for me to say who should and who should not be a candidate for

O'Hara, it is generally understood, has more seriously considered putting his name on the Salem mayoralty ballot than on that it is fifth columnast activity the ticket for secretary of state. designed to separate us from our A prime consideration as to the allies. We're in this war together city contest is whether Mayor W. and must go through it together." W. Chadwick decides to be a can-When the war is done, she main- didate for reelection or to seek tained, the peace can be made, the republican nomination for pointing out that current belief in member of the house of represen-

Mayor Chadwick said Wednesday night he would make his intentions known "within a few

In withdrawing his name from the secretary of state prospect list, McSherry issued the follow-

war. Conditions have changed con-siderably since we entered the war . . . "Any well conducted and contested campaign will cost considerable money.
That means a great share of the funds
used must come from interested

"Generous offers of support have sonal friends, qualified or not, to positions of importance," was the claim of the speaker.

Across the nation, she declared. ment for the men fighting to preserve persons in varying positions have called her attention to a comparison. "seeing in OCD's Mayris and in addition our people are going to be called upon for many donations during the coming years, donations which will mean a great deal nations which will mean a great deal on the comparison and in the comparison of suffering and in the comparison of the compar chaney a likeness to the federal government's Harry Hopkins."

Miss Martin was introduced by Gov. Charles A. Sprague, who served as joint chairman of the program with Mrs. R. L. Wright, chairman of the county party central committee.

State and party officials and re-

candidate for the republican nomina-tion for secretary of state. In what-ever capacity I am called upon, I shall continue to serve the people to the very best of my ability." Student Pilots Killed

ENID, Okla., Feb. 26-(Thursday)-(P)-A Rock Island passenger train ploughed into a busload of army student pilots at a crossing a half mile west of Enid early today. An undertaker said he believed at least seven were killed.

Allied Pilots Down 30 Japs

More Transports Sunk As Invaders Attempt Java Reinforcements

(Continued from Page 1) Off Timor several Japanese transports were aflame.

In Burma the Imperial British line—dangerously breached by the Japanese invader's crossing of the Sittang, the last strong natural obstacle protecting Rangoon and only 60 miles from that all but abandoned city-was reformed along the river's west banks for another and perhaps a final trial of strength.

More than 400 miles northwest of Rangoon, certain areas of the Chittangong district of neighboring India were being evacuated, although the official statement termed it only a precautionary

In Java, Dutch authorities again appealed for considerable reinforcements and more planeswith which, it was said, the thinly spread Japanese invasion forces could be utterly destroyed.

Java's air fields were for the sixth successive day attacked by in the labor department instead apanese raiders. On the Bataan peninsula in

the Philippines, the war department reported in a morning communique, General Douglas MacArthur's American-Filipino assaults won every one of a series of sharp patrol actions all along the front. Delayed dispatches from an Associated Press correspondent with Mac-Arthur's forces, Clark Lee, made it plain that the Japanese were in a period of thorough checkmate, however temporary it might be, and reported that while enemy easualties had not been officially estimated they had already run to perhaps 30,-000 in killed or wounded.

Cripps Sees "We are at war. Every effort should be expended toward the protection of our own land and the winning of the war. Conditions have changed the war. On India

LONDON, Feb. 25-(A)-Sir Stafford Cripps pledged the Churchill government Wednesday to a swift decision on India's political status and, in a forceful and liberal first speech as the prime spokesman, declared it vital that the people of India fight and "act with Britain" in defense of their vast country.

Facing squarely the grave problems in Asia, he blamed the "colonel blimp mentality" of reactionary military and governmental administrators for helping Britain lose part of her colonial empire. The lost lands lands can only be regained and the rest of the empire held together, he said, "on condition that we hold it in the interest of the world and the people who live in those parts."

On the home front, Cripps swore the government to uncompromising measures against "a small and selfish minority." There must, he said, be no

"business as usual" or "pleasure as usual," and he said that steps

would be taken to halt dog racing and "boxing displays."

Of India, Cripps said the government realised fully that it "must do its utmost" to make a

full contribution toward empire unity. Then he promised the government decision on India's political freedom, followed by a commons debate "very shortly."

Like Churchhill before him. Cripps dwelt on the bitter weeks and perhaps months to come, but he declared: "we are no less conguese-part Dutch island of Timor. fident today of our ultimate vic-

Henderson's Wage Stand **Protested**

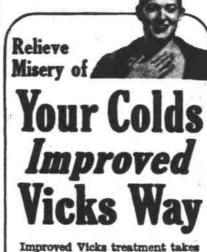
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25-(AP) Leaders of the AFL and the CIO were understood to have protested to President Roosevelt Wednesday that Leon Henderson's recently expressed opposition to general wage increases had injured labor's case for higher

wages before the war labor board. The labor leaders, conferring with Mr. Roosevelt for the second time within a month, also were said to have recommended that the task of directing war-time mobilization of man-power be assigned to a single administrator of to a board as proposed in the so-called McNutt plan.

Alien Hearing Board Arrives

PORTLAND, Feb. 25-(AP)-A congressional committee headed by Rep. John H. Tolan (D-Calif.) arrived Wednesday to conduct hearings on alien evacuation from Pacific coastal areas.

Reps. Laurence F. Arnold (D-Ill) and John J. Sparkman (D-Ala), who accompanied Tolan from San Francisco, will hear testimony here Thursday and proceed to Seattle, where they will be joined by Reps. George Bender (R-Ohio) and Carl T. Curtis (R-



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