INETY-FIRST YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, April 15

Price Sc.

Island Troops First Aid— The Grand Successful In Revelation Raids on Ener

Ambush Trucks on Mina. ao, Strike Positions on Luzon; Cebu Continues Resistance

WASHINGTON, April 14-(AP)-The army reported Tuesday that an American-Filipino raiding party had ambushed a Japanese truck column on the island of Mindanao and inflicted heavy casualties with no losses to itself.

At the same time, it said small bodies of troops in northern Luzon had conducted successful raids against "lightly held enemy positions in the mountains." Luzon is the principal Philippine island, on which is located Manila and Bataan peninsula. Mindanao is far to the south. The army communique also dis-

closed that an American motor

torpedo boat which sank an ene-

my cruiser near the central island

of Cebu last week ran a gauntlet

of enemy fire to do so but es-

caped unscathed. Repeated salvos

still meeting vigorous resistance

The communique told of con-

An early-day communique

had disclosed that fighting con-

tinued on Cebu, with defending

forces heavily outnumbered but

offering a stubborn resistance.

Some 12,000 Japanese troops

were landed on the island last

The fourth area of resistance

was Mindanao, where, in addition

to the ambushing of the truck

reported, but details were not

As for Bataan, the famed last-

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Four Lost in

Two Sinkings

Eight More Missing

NOFOLK, Va., April 14 -(AP)

Four seamen were lost and eight

others were missing after two

medium sized merchant ships

were torpedoed off the Atlantic

coast last week, the fifth naval

Fifty nine survivors from the

The first of the two attacks,

occurring Thursday, set the

cargo ship aflame, and surviv-

ors said the vessel was still

burning and settling by the

stern when they were picked

up by a rescue vessel. Two of

the crew, Third Mate Nowall

Sweeney and Ordinary Seaman

Richard Lyons, were lost when

they leaped overboard after

their lifeboat caught fire. The

other 32 crewmen were landed

at Morehead City, where five

were hospitalized. Lyons' body

district announced Tuesday night.

two vessels were landed at More-

head City, NC.

From Torpedoed

Merchant Ships

"sharp skirmishes" were

tinued artillery battles between

of the cruiser.

enemy guns ashore.

Plan Includes **All Groups**

Committees Named on Recreation Survey For Assistance

Every organization in the city in the Philippines. of Salem is to be contacted for assistance in a defense recreation program, members of the new the island fort of Corregidor and committee named last week by Mayor W. W. Chadwick decided at their organization session at the chamber of commerce Tuesday night.

A survey in which every patriotic, service, women's, fraternal, business and church organization in the capital city is to be asked what facilities it can offer, what services it will provide, gets underway tonight when O. E. Palmateer presents to the executive committee of the Federated Patriotic Societies of Salem blanks to be taken back to the 19 organizations they represent for information and volunteered aid.

The questionnaires, to be mimeographed today, are modeled on those in use elsewhere, brought prisoners including 15 generals to the Tuesday meeting by Don Orput, federal security agency representative.

Each organization or group of organizations is to be asked to name a defense recreation committee through which the central steering group may work in securing cooperation for various projects.

Establishment of a temporary service club in the Hollywood business area for army men stationed here looms with appointment of what was termed the "nucleus of a committee" for such a project. Miss Helen Barrett. Mrs. James H. Nicholson, jr., and Mrs. T. J. Brabec were appointed to select others to serve with them for immediate development of such a center.

Tom Armstrong, Rev. S. Raynor Smith and O. E. Palmateer were named to select a finance com-

Frank Bennett was appointed public relations chairman.

Bulletins

MOSCOW, April 15-(Wednesday)-(P)-Yugoslav guerrillas have routed a German punitive expedition of 5000 troops, and are besieging the cities of Sarajevo and Valjevo, the Moscow radio said Wednesday.

One surrounded Italian garrison is starving to death, the announcer said.

VALLETTA, Malta, April 14 (P)-Three German planes were shot down and four more were damaged over Malta Tuesday as the island remained under a day-long alert with the third attack still in progress Tuesday night, the high command an-

The harbor area and air fields were bombed and there was some civilian property damage and some fatalities.

STOCKHOLM, April 14-(P) The Swedish-American I in er Drottingholm, under charter to the United States government or an exchange of axis and Imerican diplomats, is sched-iled to leave here Wednesday ith some 200 non-official mericans going home.

BERLIN (from German adcasts), April 14-(A)-The Italians announced in Rome Tuesday that departure of Unit-

ROCHESTER, NY, April 14 P)-Examiners of a Red Cross first aid class whistled softly in appraising results of a written test-for adults.

"Some of the answers," said Roy V. Benson, director of water safety and first aid, "are, to say the least, surprising." "Surprising," Benson felt,

were these: For dog bite-"Put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered then kill it."

To avoid auto-infection-"Put slip covers on the seats and change them frequently and always drive with the windows

For fracture-"To see if the limb is broken wiggle it gently back and forth.'

Respiration was described "as a handy thing to know how to do-especially if you live far from a doctor." To prevent head colds-"Use

an agonizer to spray nose until it crops into your throat." Without going into too great detail, a description of circulation of the blood, stated simply: "It flows down one leg and

were fired by a destroyer which 8 Slowdowns attempted to come to the rescue The raids in northern Luzon Are Revealed brought to four the number of points at which the Japanese are

up the other."

Knox Advises Against Suspension of 40-Hour Week

WASHINGTON, April 14-(AP) The development of "slowdowns" in eight plants with important navy contracts was reported Tuesday by Senator Byrd (D-Va) on the basis of information from the office of the assistant secretary of the navy.

that in five of the plants the re- founders of Social Justice. ported slowdown was attributable entirely to labor and that in the other three management was

partly responsible. In one of these stand peninsula where American plants alleged "inefficient manand Filipino forces were finally agement" was cited, in another crushed last week, there was no some available machines were word, except an announcement said to be unused, and in the third from Tokyo claiming that 40,000 the difficulty was attributed partly to "continual changes in specification by prime contractors." Production losses ranged from 25

"I am startled and dismayed by a navy department report on slowdowns in industries engaged in vital naval production," Byrd declared in a statement. "If anything is more reprehensible than a complete halt of work on war production, it

must be a deliberate slowdown." Byrd said the report was for the week ending April 11 and that similar weekly reports previously had made no mention of slowdowns. The report was signed "C. W. Fisher, Rear Admiral United States Navy," director of shore establishments, T. M. At-

kins, by director." Meanwhile Secretary of the RAF Blasts Vavy Knox told the house naval committee that he "wouldn't be committee that he "wouldn't be surprised" if President Roosevelt At France in issued an executive order defin-

would be evolved - either by executive order or congressional action - as a result of "this present confusion" over the labor (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Monday's Weather Weather forecasts with held and temperature data delayed by army request. River Tuesday, -.1 foot. Max. temperature

Million Miles Away Was Closest-to-Earth Comet four British and four German

Tuesday that latest calculations of the path of a new celestial obthe body probably came within a million miles of the earth—a near record for visitors from spaceefore receding.

two Berkeley, Calif., astronomers concerning the first computation of a "probable path" for an object originally sighted more than a month ago, the Harvard astronomers said that if the postulated positions were correct, the object approached closer to the earth

And they added that only one other large celestial object—

close at one million miles from ject which is either a comet or the earth before it started to re-

20-mile-a-second clip.

The available evidence suggests, the astronomer declared, that the object is a comet, with material diffused over a large area, but said there also was a possibility that it might be an asteroid, or "minor planet" having a diameter of about 500 feet, The closest any previous comet

16 times larger than the postulat-ed size of the new object, and during the time of the Hermes visitation astronomers estimated and navy air corps were prepared

Barred From Mail, Defense Alleged Seditious Pushed **Father Coughlin Founded Michigan** Magazine Declared Attacking War Effort of Nation; Hearing Set

'Social Justice' Is Burmese

Foreign Buying

Wallace Heads Group

WASHINGTON, April 14-(AP)

handed to the board of economic

warfare, headed by Vice-President

Henry A. Wallace, sole responsi-

bility for waging the war with

A sweeping executive order,

cutting into authority previously

held by the Reconstruction Finance

corporation and other federal

Previously Wallace's organiza-

and recommend, while RFC

and at least six other agencies

had fingers in the actual policy

making and purchasing of rub-

ber, and other critical supplies.

The decree, one official source

said, created a "foreign Donald

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FDR Says

Plan Coming

For Combatting

Inflation

gressing.

necessary.

Progresses on Ideas

WASHINGTON, April 14.-(AP)-

President Roosevelt challenged

advocates of sweeping cuts in

non-defense spending Tuesday to

show where savings could be

made, and said his over-all plan

for combatting inflation was pro-

He made it plain at the same

time that conclusions drawn from

his studies of the labor situation

would be included. He had not

made up his mind, he said, how-

ever, on a method or date for

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that

taxes over and above those re-

quired by the present law

would be involved, but was un-

certain whether taxes in addi-

tion to those recommended re-

cently by the treasury would be

Making these statements at a

press conference, the president

was asked about the possibility of

reducing non - defense expendi-

He said he was uncertain and was

An old friend, an economist,

wrote him six weeks ago asking

the same question which, Mr.

Roosevelt said, was a generality.

He asked the economist to stipu-

late where savings might be

making the program public.

goods in any world market.

dollars on foreign fronts.

To Wage 'Dollar

War' in World

WASHINGTON, April 14 - (AP) - Social Justice, a reekly newspaper founded at Royal Oak, Mich., by Father Charles E. Coughlin, was excluded from the mails temporarily Tuesday night and a hearing ordered to determine whether it should be barred altogether for alleged seditious

Postmaster General Walker announced that the hearing would be held April 29. Pending the hearing, he directed the oostmaster at Royal Oak to with-

mails until officials at Washington determine its "mailability." Walker acted on the recommendation of Attorney General Biddle. He made public an exchange of letters in which Biddle declared that examination of Social Justice since the war began December 7, 1941, made it clear that "it has made a substantial contribution to a systematic and unscrupulous attack on the war effort of our nation, both civilian

hold the publication from the

and military." "Social Justice reproduces in this country," the attorney general said, "the lines of the enemy propaganda war being waged against this country from abroad. The espionage act of 1917 is designed to defeat this type of attack."

Officials said that the Michigan The navy's compilation, as corporation records showed Fath- agencies, gave Wallace's board made public by Byrd, indicated er Coughlin as one of the original power to direct this country's buy-

It was added, however, that records do not disclose that any stock in the Social Justice Publishing company, publisher of the tabloid, is now owned by the priest. The paper lists E. Perrin Schwartz as editor, and Cora Quinlan as secretary-treasurer. Its weekly circulation was estimated at 200,000.

Father Couglin disavowed any connection with Social Justice last July, at that time disclosed that his parents. Thomas J. and Amelia Coughlin, owned the magazine.

The Michigan Catholic, in an issue of April 2, published a statement by Monsignor Edward J. Hickey, chancellor of the Detroit archdiocese, saying that Father Coughlin had withdrawn from responsibility for Social Justice with the issue of May 27, 1940. The publication was founded in 1936.

The newspaper has been a bitter critic of the administration for a long period.

ing a national war labor policy. Daylight Raid

LONDON, April 14-(AP)-British fighters and bombers ranged over northern France with comparative freedom for 91/2 hours Tuesday in their longest daylight offensive of the year.

From the Boulogne - Calais coastal strip to Caen, in Normandy, airmen bombed and strafed German targets and on their way home engaged in brisk dogfights with nazi interceptors 20,000 feet tures as an anti-inflation move. above the channel.

having a funny time over that Two American pilots tangled with eight nazi fighters in one question. scrap and scored hits on a pair

of the enemy. Losses for the day were even-

CORVALLIS, April 14 -(P) Private Becomes radios during precipitation is being sought by researchers and E. Colonel for Day C. Starr, OSC professor of engineering, has been named national

He began work on the proble ever came to the earth was a several years ago for commercial million and a half miles — Lex- air lines, which sought to end ell's comet in 1770. the interference with or blanking The minor planet Hermes was out of communication between the

bd States diplomats and newspapermen is now scheduled for April 36,

April

Many Jap Planes Ruined in Raids By RAF, Yanks

Jittery Nazis Alter Vichy

By DREW MIDDLETON LONDON, April 14-(AP)-The Japanese invaders, slowly beating back both anchors of the allied line, stood Tuesday night only 20-odd miles from the fringes of the Central Burma oil fields and as the crisis approached in that campaign for Outer India the powerful counter-action of American and British airmen formed the one bright spot amid the general and increasing gloom.

Successive communiques from New Delhi reported that RAF bombers raiding the enemy-held Andaman islands - the presumed base in the Bay of Bengal for part of the vast Japanese naval concentration now aprowl in those waters on India's flank - had destroyed or put out of action 13 enemy flying boats, and related other successful allied actions. President Roosevelt Tuesday

In one of these, American Volunteer group fliers turned into a minor disaster for the invader his attempt to assault an allied airdrome in the Shan states of northeastern Burma. for when the fighting was over seven enemy planes had gone down under fierce American

Other American airmen deing of war materials and civilian stroyed three Japanese bombers craft at the Toungoo airdrome, tren had power only to advise The British for their part, aside

attacks on enemy troops above Prome. Two British planes were lost, however, in this foray. Yet another attack was made on Japanese river craft "convey-

ing enemy troops, many of which Tobruk. dived overboard," said the com-

islands accounted for the entire The Andaman raid, centered

on the Japanese base at Port Blair, left one enemy flying boat sinking, two afire and 10 damaged and it was regarded as the possible signal for a general allied aerial counter-offensive against the Japanese in the Bay of Bengal, where an enemy fleet of three battleships, five aircraft carriers and many other warships is known to be concentrated against British naval forces who are greatly inferior numerically.

Despite the cautious hopes thus raised, however, the position afield in Burma appeared to be growing more critical by the hour and the main hope of the British and Chinese now appeared to lie in fighting delaying actions until the start of the rains in mid-May.

Rites Here Thursday

Funeral services for Lena Grossen, 75, who died Tuesday at the Methodist Old People's Home here, will be held in Salem Thursday, followed by graveside services at South Yamhill cemetery, McMinnville. She previously lived in Portland and has a



In Again

PIERRE LAVAL

Axis Column's Ruin Claimed

Rommel's Troops Keep Trying for Strong Libyan Holds

CAIRO, April ..14-(AP)-Virtual destruction of an Italian battalion which was part of the axis columns attempting to establish strong points in the Libyan noman's-land was claimed Tuesday by British military sources while the desert fighting went on in the midst of swirling dust storms.

A South African unit attacked the Italians 12 miles southeast of Tmimi five days ago, it was disclosed, and killed 60 Italians, wounded many and took 165 prisoners, including five officers.

The British were continuing to without loss to themselves in an mel's tanks and artillery which attack on grounded enemy air- are doggedly digging in in an allies and friends, Britain and the attempt to hang on to their new positions. The latest reports said from the Andaman assault, re- British guns had scored direct ported heavy successful bombing hits on a column of tanks, armored cars and artillery in the northern, or Temrad sector, 12 miles southwest of Gazala and about 60 miles into no-man's-land from the main British positions at

It made plain that the 13 flying boats smashed in the Andaman Gov. Sprague **Opens Drive** In Rally Here

Gov. Charles A. Sprague's campaign for reelection was launched Vichy mght give certain conceson the "home front" Tuesday night at a rally in the Salem points as Madagascar and North chamber of commerce Floral room at which more than a dozen speakers expressed their friendship for him as a neighbor as well as the state's executive.

Greetings were brought to the meeting from chairmen of Reelect Sprague committees in Lane, Benton, Linn, Yamhill and Polk counties.

Speakers included T. M. Hicks. Marion county chairman for the governor; Leo N. Childs, Glen Adams of Polk county, Tinkham Gilbert, John Ramage of Woodburn, Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn, J. D. Mickle, Marvin Jordan and Carl Williams of Corvallis, Dr. Frank Brown, Clifford Harrold, Chris J. Kowitz and Claude Murphy. A message from Paul B. Wallace, who was unable to be present, was read.

Tone of the campaign, in which Secretary of State Earl Snell is contending for the gubernatorial nomination, will be "gentleman-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Roosevelts in Apartment After NY Moving Day

first family of the land moved Tuesday and with typical housewifely supervision the first lady of her new neighbors standing made sure every trunk and tro- under the awning of the apartphy arrived in good shape. Getting a jump on other New of them said, "It is a pleasure to

Yorkers, who usually clean house have you for a neighbor." in May and move in October, ing transfer of presidential load of small baggage, household effects from the fash-lonable 60's to the more modest were born at the 65th street Greenwich village.

Sweeping a straggling lock from her forehead, Mrs. Roose-velt arrived at the entrance to 29 Washington Square, west, in mid-morning, and with the aid of a negro maid carried several small pieces of luggage from her car to the elevator which

maid's room and three baths. She nodded cordially to a group ment house and smiled when one

ing room, dining room, kitchen,

Mrs. Roosevelt returned later Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was to the former Roosevelt home at up early and worked late direct- 47th East 65th street for another

some which served as the town house for the Roosevelts, and among the things brought by a van was a baby's chair. The Roosevelt grandchildren often

Despite moving day, Mrs. and speak at a luncheon given in tive nazi spokesman.

Move To Extort New Aid

Laval Given Jobs Coast Built Up **Against Invasion**

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

From its long semi-obscurity the European theatre emerged Tuesday night as the most critical of the war-the arena of a victory for German power politics which overshadowed the Japanese enemy's continued advance upon India's Burma flank and all other phases of the struggle in the Pacific and Indian

Acting to strengthen their western position against the possibility of an allied invasion of the continent, the Germans forced Marshal Petain to his knees. In effect, it seemed, they were about to throw him out as the head of the melancholy remnant of what was once France, and to extort

NEW YORK, April 14-(A) The British radio said Pierre Laval, newly returned to power in the Petain government, told interviewers at Vichy Tuesday he wanted to maintain friendly relations with both Germany and the United States.

from Frenchmen 100 per ce "collaboration" against their old United States

All was not clear, much remained to be explained, but if matters were as bad as they looked this was the position:

Petain agreed to set up a new government in which it appeared that he himself would be a decorative nobody and the real power would be held by Pierre Laval, the Gallic Quisling who has made a career of panting to do Hitler's bidding.

Admiral Jean Darlan, another anglophobe, presumably would stay close to the top, possibly as head not only of the French fleet but of all Vichy's armed services.

The additional possibilities discussed in dispatches from neutral Switzerland were most sinister: sions, involving such strategic and West Africa, for axis supply and transport needs; Vichy might even give the nazis military aid, perhaps the French fleet for convoy duty.

Some saw the possibility that Hitler's plots might go even further-that he might insist on complete control of the French fleet which, combined with that of Italy, could force the British to evacuate Alexandria as a nava base and leave Malta in the most perilous position.

All this would imply an outright break with the United States-and that coming to pass it would follow that the United States would be free for such direct action as seemed required to protect American and allied interests-but there was still a considerable question as to whether Vichy was ready to go quite that far.

For example, Petain's government during the day angrily rejected as "injurious" an American explanation as to why Washington had established a consulate-general at Brazzavilla in Free French equatorial Africa, and thus brought itself to the very brink of a severance of American relations.

At all events Hitler was moving in on Petain and this in turn fitted neatly into the situation created by an obvious spread of fear in Germany of an allied attack-a fear that seemed to lie principally in the current visit to England of General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the American army, and Harry L.

For the first time since the For the first time since the war began, it was plain that many nazis were about to catch the fright neurosis that they had cultivated so often in the past against little neighboring countries, and the British and other ailles were sardonically amused at these traces of hysteria among the Herrenvolk.

"We are expecting an invasion at any time. Let them try it; we Roosevelt found time to attend are ready," so said an authorita-

was recovered later. The second ship was torpedoed (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6) Monday, 61, min,. 45.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 14 came exceedingly close to the a "minor planet" indicated that cede."

Commenting on reports from

which reomed within 475,000 during the time miles of the earth in 1937 — visitation astrono

(A)— Harvard astronomers said earth some time during the last OSC Man Is Tuesday that latest calculations month — and was probably as month - and was probably as He estimated it was moving at

Of Research

GOODFELLOW FIELD, San

ficial looking, it read: "Joseph C. Pfluger is hereby appointed from private first class to the rank of colonel."

But the shock p

made. He had received three let-ters from his friend, he added, none of which answered the ques-NEW YORK, April 14.-(AP)-The Closely involved, he said, was the uncertain question of what exactly was a non-defense expen-

ingelo, Tex., April 14 -(P) Private First Class Joseph G. Pfipger looked at his warrant of promotion — and his eyes In black and white, very of-