

The league season opens for Salem's Western International loop Senators at Tacoma tonight. Read the score and the story first in The Statesman.

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—May tire quotas for Oregon include 649 new tires and 4579 recaps for passenger cars, 2141 new and 4546 recaps for trucks.

Jap Push Imperils Mandalay

Soviet Moves Up; Rabaul Is Given Allied Air Raid

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE, Associated Press War Editor

The allied position in Burma, the only theatre of the Pacific and Indian oceans of current major activity, took a sharply unexpected turn for the worse Friday for advanced Japanese mechanized forces had thrust to within 100 miles of Mandalay in an 80-mile advance above their previous main positions.

This penetration, which was on the Chinese-held left of the allied line under command of the American Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, reached the vicinity of the towns of Shwenyung and Taunggyi from the area of fallen Laikow to the south.

Friday night's Chungking communique reported that both sides had suffered heavily in violent, continuing action.

The peril to Mandalay plainly was growing imminent.

On the right and center of the allied line, the former held by the British and the latter by British and Chinese, there was no apparent change of consequence.

In Europe, allied action of the day followed a new familiar pattern.

The Russians reported considerable additional progress in the far south against the nazis—specifically the recapturing of a stronghold identified only as "the golden range" in the Crimea—and bitter local fighting northwest of Moscow and about Leningrad.

The German high command for its part laid claim to successful nazi "attacks and thrusts" in the Donets basin of the Ukraine.

In the theatre of the southwest Pacific, no action of great consequence was reported.

General MacArthur's Australian headquarters announced that allied planes had again raided the Japanese base of Rabaul on New Britain with good effect, bombing shipping, barracks, warehouses and machine gunning enemy troops, and stated at the same time that a new Japanese raid on Port Moresby in New Guinea had been ineffectual.

As to the Philippines, Japanese infantry reinforced by tanks and artillery had made new landings on Panay island, where an American-Filipino handful is resisting in all the spirit of Bataan. Patrol action was reported on Mindanao island; in Manila bay Corregidor's guns maintained their long duel with the enemy batteries.

Resort Travel Little Sliced

Defense activities in Oregon have resulted in few restrictions on travel and the Pacific coast beaches and mountain resorts are operating as usual, Ben Titus, acting director of the state highway commission travel bureau, declared in a statement here Friday.

Titus said the only restrictions on Oregon's 400 miles of beaches are the ban on beach bonfires after nightfall and the closure of areas immediately contiguous to military establishments. Most of these places are remote from vacation spots, Titus averred.

'HCL' Takes Place of Inflation

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—The official designation for the thing that is bothering a lot of people Friday became the "high cost of living" rather than "inflation."

President Roosevelt has objected to the latter term on the ground that most people, including himself, don't know what it means. He said today that high cost of living was preferable.

In the last world war, the headlines had much to say about "HCL" as it was then abbreviated.

Standley Asks For Procedure

Washington Makes No Comment on Fliers' Intermittent by Reds

KUIBYSHEV, April 24—(AP)—United States Ambassador William H. Standley asked Washington Friday for instructions as to procedure on the case of five US airmen interned in Siberia after they had raided Japan. This indicated that the case has not been completely closed by the soviet union's strict application of international law.

Tass, official soviet news agency, reported the landing and internment early Friday in the following brief dispatch dated yesterday:

"Khabarovsk, April 22. On April 18th on the territory of the Maritime province there landed an American warplane. As stated by the plane crew, the latter participated on the same day in a raid by the American air force on the Japanese islands, and, losing orientation, committed a forced landing on soviet territory.

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Draft Signup Opens Sunday

Men 45 to 65 Called For Selective Service Registration, Army

Registration quarters at the Salem armory open at 9 o'clock Sunday morning for the fourth selective service registration, to operate until 5 p. m., reopening Monday at 7 a. m. and remaining open until 9 p. m., members of the board reminded eligibles Friday night.

Required to register is every man who had attained his 45th birthday on February 16, 1942, and will not have attained his 65th birthday on April 27, who has not heretofore registered. Only registration post in Salem is to be that at the armory.

Volunteers who have helped at previous registrations and who have not yet contacted Mrs. Marcella Miller, chief clerk, were asked to do so at the armory this morning. Other adults interested in offering their services should also call Mrs. Miller or go to her office this morning, it was announced.

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—Approximately 13,000,000 men from 45 to 65 years of age began registering Friday for possible noncombatant war duty.

The nation-wide registration is to be completed Monday night. In some states, it began (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Gasoline Slice To Half Set

Starts May 1 in Northwest

WASHINGTON, April 24—(AP)—Gasoline consumption in the east probably will be cut to 50 per cent of normal on May 1, meaning that non-essential vehicles may have to get along with an average of around six gallons a week, a government source indicated Friday.

It was understood that deliveries to filling stations would be cut to one-half of normal because of a worsening of transportation problems. They already have been cut one-third.

Since vehicles necessary to health and safety, commerce, government, schools and other essential purposes would continue to receive all the gas they needed, supplies available for non-essential automobiles might be only 40 per cent of pre-war demand, one official pointed out.

There was no definite indication whether the more severe limitation would apply also in the Pacific northwest. One source said it probably would, but Petroleum Coordinator Harold L. Ickes has described the supply situation there as improved.

Such further curtailment for the east would be effective until May 15 when a card rationing program will be instituted.

The American Automobile association said Friday night it had urged the government to allow the "most liberal gallonage basis possible," contending that the 10,000,000 cars affected by the rationing "represent transportation of 32,000,000,000 passenger miles in an average year and that of this total 55 per cent is for necessity driving."

Thomas P. Henry, AAA president, said that "there is no such thing today as 'motoring as usual,'" adding that long-distance motor trips had declined between 30 and 40 per cent in the past three months.

First Street Shelter to Be Built Tuesday

Salem's first street corner air raid shelter, for use of air raid wardens or guards, will be built in front of the city hall at Chemekeeta and High streets early Tuesday night, Paul R. Hendricks, downtown warden and acting city ARP executive officer, said Friday.

The shelter will be a circle of sand-filled sacks approximately five feet in diameter. Purposes of such shelters, Hendricks said, are to protect wardens from bullets, shell fragments and all but the largest of aerial bombs, to provide an emergency source of sand for use in extinguishing incendiary bombs and to show the general public protective measures deemed adequate.

A group of wardens are to assemble shortly before 7:30 p. m. to put up their first shelter.

Mountain Highway Openings Slated

The Mt. Hood Loop highway will be opened for travel on May 1, while the McKenzie highway will be opened a week later, R. H. Baldoock, state highway engineer, announced Friday.

Keizer, Mt. Angel, Liberty, Brooks and Crawford schools, with announcement that other units from over the county would have participated had they not been notified that the parade plans were cancelled.

Topping other honors at the annual spring show, were awards to Coralee Nichols, 17, Salem high school junior from Bethel district, and to Norbert Wellman, 9, fourth grader from St. Mary's school, Mt. Angel, declared by judges to be Marion county's healthiest club boy and girl. They were selected from among 80 competitors, largest number ever to enter the contest here and are scheduled to represent Marion county in the competition at the state fair.

Miss Nichols, who last year was selected as one of the state's two most outstanding 4H club girls, is the oldest ever selected for the health honor here; Wellman, the youngest, it was said.

Marjorie Tate, Sublimity, was second, and Judith Knab, Mount Angel, third, in the scoring of girls. In the boys' scoring Wayne (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Allied Invasion Imminent

Marines Perfect Commando Tactics



United States marines come in for a landing somewhere along the US coastal apron. The leather-necks are being perfected in commando tactics. In this picture, the marines are seen leaving their destroyer in a just-inflated rubber boat, heading for the beach. This is the type of attack recently used by the British along the channel coast.

Four Allied Ships Sunk

38 Crewmen Lost as Atlantic Subs Boost Toll

Loss of four ships in the Atlantic—two medium-sized United States merchantmen and two Panamanian tankers—was announced Friday by the navy and foreign quarters, bringing to 147 the total of allied vessels officially announced as sunk in the Atlantic and adjacent waters.

Thirty-eight crewmen lost their lives in the attacks and 108 survived.

Published today by the Mexican government newspaper Nacional was a crewmen's report that a Mexican tanker, approaching the lifeboat containing the survivors of an American freighter, may have rammed and sunk a submarine lurking near the scene. The Mexican ship, said the Nacional's story, bore the marks of the collision on her hull, but otherwise was undamaged.

Survivors of the second US merchantman stated they were heavily shelled by an axis submarine attacking April 16. Seven of the crew of 34 were killed, 27 reaching Norfolk after a destroyer picked up their lifeboats three days later.

Of the crew of 39 aboard one of the Panamanian tankers, one—the quartermaster at the wheel—was burned so badly by (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Convoy in Atlantic Foils Ambush By Axis Submarines

Nine U-Boats Lurk for Rich Prize; Ships Zig-Zag Like Dancers To Spoil Aim of Torpedoes

By JOHN A. MOROSO, 3rd

WITH THE ATLANTIC FLEET, April 23—(Delayer)—(AP)—An axis submarine ambush to destroy a group of American naval vessels and the huge prize they convoyed recently was frustrated by cool, skillful daring as one of the most exciting voyages ever taken by Uncle Sam's blue jackets neared a highly successful ending.

This thrill-packed venture saw one of our destroyers rescue the survivors of two ships sunk near us. It saw our planes rout a U-boat engaged in a pre-dawn gun battle with the German tanker and it saw our beautiful ships confuse the undersea raiders with an adroit series of maneuvers.

No less than nine submarines were reported along our course. The first contact with one of them came in the icy darkness at 5:45 a. m. shortly after I had climbed to the navigation bridge to pay my respects to the captain.

Suddenly a shot rang across the calm waters from our port quarter. Roars and flashes of flame spat angrily into the sky and in the dim distance we could see that two vessels were pouring it on—gun for gun.

Our radio told us one was an armed Norwegian tanker—the other a U-boat.

The captain barked an order for two planes and a destroyer to dash away.

"Tell them to double that up on the planes as fast as God will let them," he said.

"Blast those — to hell," he roared as the catapult sent the planes away.

(We learned later that the planes scared the submarine off and that the doughy tanker, her guns still smoking, had escaped with minor damage).

We were watching the gun flashes at 6:45 a. m. when a periscope was sighted less than 600 yards from our convoy—one of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Bus Pledges Out Tuesday

Circulation of pledge cards to underwrite a Salem-Camp Adair bus service will be started by next Tuesday, Pres. Carl W. Hogg of the chamber of commerce announced Friday following a meeting of his transportation committee.

A chairman for each block in the business district is to be named to carry out the solicitation of pledges. F. I. Bressler was designated by Hogg to present pledges to building material dealers and William Hardy, president of the Salem Realty board, to do the same as to real estate brokers.

Colonel Britton Tells Germans Of Fight Soon

Roosevelt Agrees on Report Of Marshall; Beaverbrook Calls for Second Front

NEW YORK, April 24—(AP)—The British radio's mysterious "Colonel Britton" told his "V-for-victory" army in German-occupied Europe Friday night to make ready for large-scale sabotage for "within six weeks from now there may open what may prove to be the greatest battle in the history of the world."

"To win this great battle the Germans must make the greatest effort they've ever made," he said in a broadcast beamed to Europe and heard here by CBS.

"This will mean more machines, more courage, more skill and more staying power than they've ever needed in their history. This is their last chance.

"If this onslaught fails they'll never find the strength again. To beat this attempt England needs all the men, the means, the courage, the skill and the staying power that we possess.

"The nazis intend to strike, as I said, within the next six weeks. It may be delayed, but I don't think for long, because the longer it is delayed the less chance for success it has. . . . But we too will attack and the Russians will attack and you in Europe will attack.

"Colonel Britton" told his followers that they must not think that all these attacks would not occur at the same moment.

He declared due warning would be given and urged them to make plans now so that they would strike at the most vulnerable points when the time came for action.

RAF Deals Out Heaviest Raid

Baltic Port Plants In Raging Flames; Nazis Reply

LONDON, April 24—(AP)—The largest force of RAF fighters ever sent against a single objective escorted bombers attacking the Netherlands port of Flushing by daylight Friday, following up a pre-dawn assault on the Heinkel aircraft factories and the German Baltic port of Rostock in which the air ministry said massed bombers loosed the "greatest weight of bombs" in the service's history.

Nine fighters were lost in the Flushing raid and in sweeps over northern France, while five nazi planes were destroyed. One of these was a Junkers 52 troop transport, shot down in flames by two American Eagle pilot officers, Arnold Skinner, of Webb City, Mo., and William Daley, Amarillo, Tex.

In saying the fighter group was the largest ever employed, the air ministry declined to disclose the actual number.

It said the hour-long raid on Rostock and the Heinkel works, which cost four planes, started gigantic fires visible for more than 90 miles at sea.

The "very heavy" explosive bombs set the town and harbor ablaze in an attack officially described as "effective as that on Luebeck."

The tremendous attack on March 28 on Luebeck, 60 miles southwest of Rostock, was a landmark in the campaign to say the power of the German offensive preparations in the east and north by wrecking industrial areas. British authorities say 40 per cent of Luebeck's main area was destroyed, on the basis of photographic evidence.

In striking just as heavily at the Heinkel works near Rostock, the British bombers dropped down to 3500 feet and did not release a bomb until the center of the factory area was in the bomb sights.

The ministry said there were indications the plant was gutted.

LONDON, April 25—(Saturday)—(AP)—German air raiders inflicted casualties and damage in attacks early Saturday on areas of southwest England.

In one town casualties were caused by high explosives falling in a working class district.

Sprague Sees Road Change

ROSEBURG, April 24—(AP)—The Pacific highway between Eugene and Grants Pass will be relocated as rapidly as funds are available, Governor Sprague said here Friday.

He said the rapid expansion of lumbering in southern Oregon as well as defense construction made the highway change essential. Speed of the relocation will depend on some extent on amount of federal aid.

At Eugene, the governor told 200 Girl Scout leaders that American youth was acquiring itself magnificently in this war. "Youth is giving in money, service—life itself," he said in an assemblage of Scout leaders.

Thursday's Weather: Weather forecasts withheld and temperature data delayed by army request. River Friday -3 feet. Max. temperature Thursday, 59, min. 27.

Scholarship Awards Climax 4H Show



First in health in Marion county, Coralee Nichols of Bethel, Salem high school junior, and Norbert Wellman, fourth grade, St. Mary's school of Mt. Angel, Friday became first members of Oregon's Green Guard. Miss Nichols is here shown receiving the white leatherette shield of the organization from E. C. Kuehner, executive secretary of the Keep Oregon Green association, while Norbert wears the insignia of the Green Guard in addition to his 4H armband. The Green Guard is planned as an activity to become part of various youth organizations of the state; it involves a pledge to obey forest rules and to help spread the gospel of forest protection.

Fifteen hundred Marion county 4H club boys and girls, with their leaders and parents, Friday afternoon filled the Salem armory assembly hall to watch 30 of their number receive certificates entitling them to half scholarships for next season's 4H summer school. Climax to a week of exhibiting and to more than six months of project work, Friday's presentations were to top blue ribbon winners who could qualify for the annual school session on the Oregon State college campus.

The afternoon rally followed a parade of young clubworking enthusiasts, who insisted upon marching through downtown Salem streets although county leaders had attempted to cancel that one feature of spring show week because they feared inclement weather. Foremost feature of the March was the prevalence of American flags among the four-leaf clover banners of the 4H.

To Fruitland, Aurora and Jefferson schools went flags for best showings in the parade; special mention was given by judges to

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