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## Nazis Begin Battle for Once-Held Rostov

### US May Buy City Airport

#### Accountant and Appraiser Doing Paper Work Now

Purchase of Salem's municipal airport by the US government loomed as a definite possibility Wednesday with informal authorization by city councilmen of an "audit" to determine exact amount of money expended by the municipality in its development.

That the action had been requested by an AAA appraiser, whose services had been borrowed by another branch of the government to present figures on the proposed airport purchase was apparently general knowledge, although city officers had nothing to announce.

It was understood that J. B. Protzman, Salem accountant, was to be retained to delve into city records for exact information sought. Sidewalk mathematicians placed the city's realizable investment in the port at something more than \$70,000 in cash, while the incinerator properties were placed on the books at approximately \$30,000.

The airport here is now under lease to the federal government for a period to extend six months after the close of the war. That federal agencies are as interested in development of commercial airline services as are municipalities has been the declaration of its representatives in this area when mention of the city's contract with United Air Lines for service here has come up for discussion in recent months, and the current lease provides for continued operation of the air lines here.

### 35 Killed in 3 Sinkings

#### Sub Fires on Norse Skipper for Not Giving Ship Name

By The Associated Press

The captain of a large Norwegian merchant ship sunk in the Atlantic was machine-gunned because he refused to give the U-boat commander the name of his vessel, the navy reported Wednesday.

Torpedoing of a US cargo ship and a British merchantman also were announced, bringing to 396 the unofficial Associated Press tabulation of allied and neutral losses in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor. The toll in the three sinkings was 35 dead and 89 rescued.

Capt. Finn Ager Madsen, 42, of Tonaburg, Norway, said at a gulf coast port that the submarine fired on a dinghy carrying himself and three crewmen from the sinking ship. The captain was hit in the arm but the other three were unhurt.

Thirty five other men in the crew rowed away in two lifeboats and reached Devil's Island, French Guiana. Rather than face internment there, they escaped and pushed on to Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana.

The American vessel, torpedoed about 650 miles off the Atlantic coast, June 28, was sent to the bottom with the loss of 19 of her 37-man crew. The 38 seamen who were rescued after drifting for 19 days aboard liferafts, said that Miles Nelkin, a 25-year-old able bodied seaman, was responsible for their escape. Survivors said Nelkin released the liferafts while the (Turn to Page 2 Col. 6)

### Service Men

Merton H. Roemhildt, private first class, has reached Great Britain, according to a report from his sister, Irene Roemhildt, Fisher apartments, Salem. Pvt. Roemhildt is a topographical draftsman with the US engineers. He was inducted in October, 1941, and until that time was a resident of Salem.

For additional news about men from Salem and vicinity in the armed forces, turn to page five of today's Statesman.

### Before He Left Hi Perch



Fleeing to the solitude of a precarious perch 124 feet above the ground, Joseph Quigley, 54, state hospital inmate, kept institution officials uneasy for more than eight hours Wednesday. He is pictured above on the hospital water tower roof. He spent the last six hours of his stay on the catwalk at the lower edge of the big tank.

### Inmate of Hospital Stays Atop Tower For Eight Hours

#### 54-Year-Old Man Climbs 124 Feet To Berate Superintendent Evans; Descends to Earth Voluntarily

Days of the flagpole sitters were recalled here Wednesday afternoon when Joseph Quigley, 54-year-old inmate of the Oregon State hospital fled from his associates in the institution laundry and clambered to a lonely perch atop a 124-foot water tower, there to stay, barefooted and glowering, for 8 hours and 15 minutes.

One of 2705 wards at the Salem institution, Quigley berated and cursed Dr. J. C. Evans, superintendent, from his high vantage point, defied the pleas of attendants and inmate friends alike to come down.

Fearful that Quigley might make a death leap if pressed, Dr. Evans directed that he be let alone and that no audience of curious employees or inmates be permitted to assemble on the ground below.

"He'll probably give up and come down if we let him alone long enough," Dr. Evans said shortly after 1:30, time when Quigley quit his assignment over the whirling clothes drier in the laundry.

Quigley did just that, at 9:15. From his position on the tower, topped on the hospital grounds only by the 150-foot heating plant stack, Quigley was watched by spectators at George E. Waters field, nearly 16 blocks away by crowd flight.

Two other inmates have fled up the hospital water tower in the last 15 years. The first leaped or fell to his death from about the 80-foot level. The other, who went up about four years ago, called down that he would give himself up if a priest were called. Father Reedy, now an army chaplain, was called and the inmate kept his promise.

### License Revoked Of Brown Derby

PORTLAND, July 22 (AP)—The state liquor control commission revoked five licenses Wednesday, including that of Sidney Julius Gentzkow, operator of the Brown Derby in Salem, who was charged with maintaining disorderly premises.

The commission also suspended the licenses of 13 establishments.

### Amateur Show Unit Readied

#### USO Group to Present Programs to Soldiers; Male Actors Sought

"Amateur Shows for Soldiers" unit of the USO was organized Wednesday night in a meeting at the Salem chamber of commerce, presided over by R. R. "Bob" Boardman, director of the USO in Salem. General purpose of the unit will be to arrange entertainment for soldiers; to be presented either at Camp Adair or at the USO center in Salem when it is in operation.

A second meeting was planned for Friday night at 8 o'clock, also at the chamber of commerce, at which men and women interested in participating in such shows are asked to appear and register to indicate their availability. Although the shows will include various forms of entertainment, the registration Friday night will be only for those interested in stage play roles.

Any who are interested but who cannot attend at that time are asked to telephone and leave their names with Mrs. Ilda Bingenheimer at the USO office, phone 8854.

Experience in other communities adjacent to army camps including those in which he has served has been that the soldiers greatly appreciate amateur entertainment, Director Boardman told the group which met Wednesday night.

### Tuesday's Weather

Tuesday's max. temp. 87, min. 67. River Tues. -2.4 ft. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

### Japs In Papuan Landing

#### Allies Bomb and Strafe, Sink 2 Enemy Vessels

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Thursday, July 23 (AP)—Japanese landing forces, disembarking under heavy allied bombing and machine-gun strafing, have established a new foothold near Buna on the northern Papuan coast, 150 miles south of their base at Salamaua. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced Thursday.

Allied aerial attacks were the only hindering force to the landing, since there were no allied troops stationed in the vicinity of Gona Mission, where the Japanese disembarked.

Bombing and strafing by allied planes sank one Japanese transport and one landing barge.

Between 1500 and 2500 Japanese were estimated to have made the landing from a small convoy.

The first contact by allied planes with the Japanese ships was made just before dark on Tuesday. Then one hit was scored on a transport, believed to have been the same one later reported sunk.

The landing was made early Wednesday.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on the landing troops.

One enemy seaplane was shot down in fighting with allied fighters. Two allied planes were reported lost.

Buna is located directly across the Papuan peninsula, about 100 miles from the allied base at Port Moresby.

### Farewell Plan Group Begun

#### Organization Will Give Sendoffs To Inductees

First step toward formation of a civic committee to extend the city's farewell to its departing service men were taken Wednesday night at the chamber of commerce when representatives of Salem's organized veterans, their auxiliaries, part of the fraternal and service groups are the ministerial association met with O. E. Palmateer as temporary chairman.

Hope that the organization might develop into a body ready to assist at the close of the war with problems of demobilization, to aid returning service men in finding their places in the social and industrial scheme, was expressed by Palmateer. Serving as a member of the American Legion's committee which last week staged a farewell luncheon for army inductees, Palmateer said his organization's members believed the entire city wanted a part in honoring the departing soldiers.

Other organizations are to be contacted and those represented at the Wednesday session asked to authorize their representatives to form a permanent steering committee for the farewell parties before another meeting called for Thursday, July 30. Meanwhile, the Legion group and those attending Wednesday's gathering plan to stage a party of a variety depending on the time of departure, for men leaving early next week.

Until this month, it was explained, inductees have been sent to army centers immediately following their final examinations as navy enlistees still are handled, and any organized farewell gesture has been impossible.

### Pickets Told Not To Stop Freight

Union men connected with the Paulus Brothers cannery strike Wednesday announced that pickets at the Salem plant had been instructed not to interfere with freight movements which might have a bearing on war production.

The announcement was issued several hours after workers from the picketed cannery had themselves moved a freight car of empty cans onto a spur track at the south side of the plant in spite of protests of pickets, who earlier had stood on the tracks when a switch engine crew attempted to do the same job.

### Tiny Papers Reveal News To Naziland

LONDON, Wednesday, July 22 (AP)—British bombers streaking over Germany and Italy as well as the axis-occupied nations of Europe almost daily drop thousands of tiny newspapers carrying United Nations news and uncensored items about Naziland.

The midsize newspapers, no larger than a cigarette when rolled up, are printed in various languages. There are four pages, 8 by 5 inches, but the fine print makes possible 10,000 words in a single issue.

The site also facilitates their surreptitious passage in gestapo-ridden lands.

As an example of their wide circulation, even in axis countries, some of these newspapers recently were reported found on prisoners taken in Libya.

### War Workers Call to Grow

#### Shipyards Need Great As Plans Grow to Transport Men

A "you haven't seen anything yet" picture of Portland's need for war industry workers and of Salem's destined part in the ship construction program was painted by shipyard, employment service and draft board officials to workers, trainees and prospective non-essential job "casualties" at the Salem chamber of commerce Wednesday night.

"We have orders for nearly four times the number of men we can see in the office as far as the training program is concerned," A. G. Johnson, war industry coordinator from the state office of the US employment service told the audience of more than 100 information seekers.

By the end of next December the Portland and Vancouver shipyards want 42,802 workers in six trades, as well as many for office and field positions not requiring mechanical skills, Johnson declared. They include welders—16,644 wanted—, pipe fitters, pipe welders, marine electricians, shipwrights, and machinists.

Portland must have these men irrespective of anything else," Chairman Ray J. Stumbo of the Salem local draft board asserted.

The local board has reached order number 1900 in drafting married men without children, "and it will be only a matter of a few months until we'll be through the list of married men without children," Stumbo warned. Then, he inferred, married men with children will go either into the armed services or into war industries.

More than 150 men and women now in or planning to enter Portland war industries have registered at the chamber of commerce as wanting to obtain the \$1 a day roundtrip bus service now being planned on paper, Business Manager Clay C. Cochran reported.

Local men and local capital are ready and equipped to produce the needed busses, Cochran reported.

The shipyard representatives, J. A. Dahlziel and F. L. May (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

### Nazi Seamen Buried in US

NORFOLK, Va., July 22 (AP)—The bodies of 29 crewmen of a German submarine sunk by a destroyed on Atlantic patrol—the first enemy dead to be landed on American shores in this war—were brought here and buried with full military honors in nearby Hampton.

The bodies and a few empty life jackets were all that remained afloat after the U-boat was sunk. The navy declined to give further details in announcing the action tonight.

The German dead were buried as night fell over the national cemetery at Hampton, Va. Brief requiem services were read over the 29 new graves by two navy chaplains.

### Germans Lose 6000

MOSCOW, Thursday, July 22 (AP)—The Moscow radio reported Thursday the Germans had lost 6000 killed in bitter fighting for a town south of Voronezh, on the upper Don front.

## Million Germans Press Defenders Upon Outer Defense; West Threats

### Allies Attack Along Entire Egypt Front

#### Progress Reported; Coast Ridge Taken; RAF Rules Air

By EDWARD KENNEDY

CAIRO, Egypt, July 22 (AP)—Under cover of allied planes ruling the air almost without challenge, British Imperials attacked the axis forces all along the 40-mile desert front west and south of Alamein Wednesday night in an onslaught that began Tuesday night and raged inconclusively through Wednesday.

While it was still too early to see definite results, the British under the leadership of General Sir Claude Auchinleck reported progress.

The Imperials on the northern coastal sector occupied all of Tel El Eisa (Hill of Jesus) ridge, which has changed hands repeatedly.

On the center, where the action began Tuesday night, some progress was reported, with tanks in the fighting on both sides.

On the south, where the desert merges into the salt marshes of the Qattara depression, United Kingdom troops attacked and were making some progress.

It was the first time the defenders of the Alamein positions—and of Egypt, the Nile and the middle east—had attacked on all three sectors simultaneously.

The enemy forces of Marshal Erwin Rommel launched several counter-attacks during the day and heavy see-saw fighting ensued.

The air force was carrying out a good share of the attack.

Enemy fighters were out in slightly greater strength than Tuesday, when they were almost absent from the sky, but the axis air activity still was small.

Elsewhere, the RAF struck at axis bases as far away as the Isle of Crete, the Mediterranean stepping-stone captured by paratrooper invasion in the spring of 1941.

### RAF Bombs Duisburg

#### Heavy Missiles Start Big Fires in Port, Industrial Section

LONDON, July 22 (AP)—A force of 300 RAF bombers dumped more than 50 two-ton "block-busting" bombs and other high explosives Tuesday night on industrial Duisburg and the world's largest river port nearby while the Russian air force struck at the German military power at Koenigsberg, East Prussia.

Giving the Germans little rest from air raids, British Spitfires flew over the channel Wednesday afternoon for the fourth successive day's raid on objectives in occupied territory, including Dunkerque and Le Touquet. The planes attacked railway engines, factories, gunposts and barges, the air ministry reported.

The ministry said the raid on Duisburg, the heaviest by the British since the 1000-plane attack on Bremen June 25 and the first night raid on the Ruhr city since July 13, cost the British 13 bombers.

But, the air ministry added with a note of satisfaction, "really good fires" were left blazing in Duisburg itself and in the dock area of the river port, Duisburg-Ruhrort, just north of the city at the confluence of the Ruhr and Rhine rivers.

"Experienced squadron commanders are confident the attack developed successfully," the air ministry said.

God weather, for the lack of which Britain's bombers have been held back often this month, favored the attackers as they smashed and burned Duisburg's heavy industries and sea and rail communications.

### Russians Continue Success In Counter-Attack Along North Sector, Voronezh

MOSCOW, July 23. (AP)—The Russians announced Thursday that the battle for Rostov had begun.

This statement came less than nine hours after the soviet information bureau's midnight communique had depicted the red army forces to the north of Rostov falling back to the city's outer defenses under the pressure of a million-man German army which also had driven a deep wedge roughly half way between Rostov and Stalingrad.

Rostov, held briefly by the Germans last year before the winter's turn in the tide of battle, also has been under a steady menace from the west where the Germans anchored their line last winter at Taganrog, 40 miles away.

### China Supplies Plan Results

#### War Council Prepares To Help Fiercely Fighting Nation

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The Pacific war council worked out plans for delivering supplies to hard-pressed armies of China Wednesday, and its members left the White House obviously feeling that much had been accomplished.

"Now we know what the Chinese need and how and when and where we can get the stuff in," Walter Nash, the minister from New Zealand, reported to newspapermen. The council, he said, had "worked out procedure to be followed to assure that China puts up the best fight that can be put up."

In addition to joining the council's discussion, President Roosevelt conferred with the Russian ambassador, Maxim Litvinoff, who, whether or not by coincidence, arrived at the White House soon after an announcement in Moscow that both Stalingrad and Rostov had been imperilled by new German advances.

Nazi successes have intensified demands in Russia, Great Britain and the United States for the opening of an invasion front in western Europe. Litvinoff told reporters, however, that he and the president had not discussed the second front.

The trend of submarine warfare against American shipping, the closing of the Burma road, over which tons of materials had been hauled to China, and the new Japanese offensive in that country obviously combined to present the Pacific war council with a difficult problem.

Since the Burma road became inaccessible, due to Japanese victories in Burma, some materiel has been flown into China by transport plane from India. There has been talk recently of increased air shipments.

Currie Talks With Chiang  
CHUNGKING, China, July 22 (AP)—Lauchlin Currie, administrative assistant to President Roosevelt, conferred for several hours Wednesday with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek on matters of an undisclosed nature while the high command announced the recapture of Kienteh, 65 miles southwest of Hangchow, main Japanese base in Chekiang province.

Currie's arrival in Chungking was announced last week.

The high command said fighting was continuing around the port of Wenchow, on the Chekiang coast, and heavy fighting was reported at Lanchi, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway 20 miles south of Kienteh.

Meanwhile, Chinese reports said that 30,000 Chinese troops still were fighting in Burma, supplied with food and materiel by American transport planes.

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