Baker, Klamath Falls Fight for Hoop Tournament Title Tonight

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Today's Games

9:00—Powers vs. Union (B consolation.)
10:00—Eugene vs. St. Helens (4th).
11:00—Astoria vs. Pendleton (3rd).
7:30—Harrisburg vs. Warrenton (B title).
8:45—Baker vs. Klamath Falls (A title).

Friday Results

A championship:
Klamath Falls 36, Pendleton 27.
Baker 29, Astoria 24.
B championship:
Harrisburg 31, Union 20.
Warrenton 27, Powers 26 (overtime).
Consolation bracket:
St. Helens 44, Salem 27.
Eugene 42, Oregon City 39.

Astoria Reign Ended

Baker's basketball Bulldogs and the Klamath Falls Pelicans today eye the Oregon Class A tournament crown after weathering semi-final struggles Thursday night. The two teams hoop it off tonight at 8:45 for the championship.

Baker, previous winners over St. Helens in the opening round, ended Astoria's two-year reign over state hoop squads with a smashing 29-24 win, eliminated the Flying Fishermen.

Klamath Falls dropped Pendleton in the other semi-final, 37-26.

Earlier in the day the B division opened its abreviated tourney with Harrisburg eliminating Union, 31-20, and Warrenton outlasting a tough and scrappy Powers team, 27-26, in a sizzler which was decided only in the last seconds of an overtime period.

Harrisburg and Warrenton fight for the B crown at 7:30 tonight.

Union and Powers meet at 9 a. m. today for the third place in the B meet, and at 10 o'clock, Eugene and St. Helens play for the A division's fourth place. Eugene dropped Oregon City, 42-39, Thursday and St. Helens plastered Salem with a 44-27 lacing.

Pendleton and Astoria battle it off for the A division's third place at 11 a. m. this morning.

Delinquency Increase Hit

Junior Chamber of Commerce Suggests Official Actions

"A grave increase in delinquency among young girls within the city of Salem" is noted by junior chamber of commerce officers in a letter addressed Friday to Chief of Police Frank Minto and to city officials urging "those in proper position to take action."

Suggestions, sought by the mayor and the chairman of the police committee in an interview on the matter, were listed in the letter as follows:

"1. Exercise a reasonable enforcement of the existing curfew, especially as it affects minor girls.

"2. Employ a capable matron or matrons to handle minor girls who are taken into police custody after the curfew. It is the personality of the matron who handles the girls that is the key in correcting wayward girls and stopping those who are on the way to becoming delinquent. Great care should be exercised in choosing the matron. Experience is essential. Personality is paramount.

"Expense will be involved in following this suggestion, but the services rendered by a capable woman in preventing juvenile de-

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Salem and Albany Internees Listed

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(AP)—The 154 American civilians, whose internment by the Japanese in occupied China was announced March 4 by the war department include:

American civilians interned by Japan at Shanghai:

Herbert C. Balletti, Tenino, Wash.; Hilaire Du Berrier (no address); Calvin S. Hirsch, Portland, Ore.; Arthur B. Henningsen (no address); **Robert E. Shean, Salem, Ore.**

American civilians interned by Japan at Chefoo:

Frances A. D. Emery, (no address); Bernice Elizabeth Kohfield, Byron Douglas Kohfield and Bruce Bernard Kohfield, Bend, Ore.; **Kathryn June Phillips and Richard Lee Phillips, Albany, Ore.**

Eden in US to Talk Full Understanding For United Nations

Political, Economic Problem-Smoothing Target of Diplomats

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, March 12 — Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, arrived in Washington Friday night for momentous conversations aimed at cementing the united nations in a fuller understanding.

A terse announcement from the White House said the purpose of the visit of the debonair diplomat "is to undertake a general exchange of views and to discuss the most effective method of preparing for meetings between the governments of all united nations with the United States government on all aspects of the war situation, to consider questions arising out of the war."

LONDON, March 12.—(AP)—Anthony Eden will seek at the Washington conferences to achieve a practical means for closer cooperation among all the United Nations in order to hasten victory and establish and safeguard a just peace, informed London quarters said Friday night.

While there is no fixed agenda for the discussions with President Roosevelt and others, the British foreign secretary is prepared to present the British views on all points of political contact among Britain, the United States, Russia and other allies.

It is pointed out that while there have been many meetings of American and British leaders so far in the war, most of them have been concerned primarily with the problems of actual fighting operations, and Eden's mission is the first major one devoted solely to the increasingly pressing problems on the politico-economic plane.

The most immediate problem as viewed here concerns the search for an effective means to checkmate the Germans' desperate efforts to drive wedges of ill feeling and distrust between Russia and the other allies.

Eden is expected to deal frankly with such points of potential Anglo-American conflict as postwar civil aviation, which already

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Millionaire Morgan Dies Of Illness

BOCA GRANDE, Fla., March 13 (AP)— John Pierpont Morgan, head of the great banking firm that bore his name, died here at 3:10 a. m. Saturday.

Morgan had been in a coma for three days and did not regain

JOHN PIERPONT MORGAN

consciousness. A son and daughter and two attending physicians were at his bedside.

The end came after more than two weeks' illness for the 75-year-old financier who followed in his father's footsteps as the head of the fabulous House of Morgan, which for years wielded international power.

The tall, broad-shouldered Morgan, who so carefully avoided the public eye that he was almost a legendary figure, was a million-

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For Accord

ANTHONY EDEN

Victory Corps Funds Refused

McNary Hits Demand For 'Immediate' Act on Child Care

WASHINGTON, March 12—(AP)—A coalition of democratic and republican senators Friday swamped administration efforts to get funds for a high school "victory corps" headed by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and for the care of children of working mothers on the ground that congress had not authorized these projects.

The senate refused to include the funds in a $6,280,000,000 deficiency bill which was amended, passed and returned to the house. Funds for building 2161 cargo ships accounted for 98 per cent of the total.

Senator Hayden (D-Ariz), managing the bill on the floor for the appropriations committee, ran into violent opposition when he tried to bring up two committee-approved amendments carrying $3,182,000 to set the high school training corps rolling and $2,973,000 for grants to states to finance the child care program.

The house previously had rejected both proposals because they had not been authorized by congress. Senator Minority Leader McNary quickly registered the same objection, and Senators Byrd of Virginia and Gerry of Rhode Island jumped up from the democratic side of

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Allied Bombs Hit Vessels, SW Pacific

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, March 13.—(AP)—Allied airmen scored a direct hit on a 7000-ton Japanese merchant ship, damaged two smaller vessels, and shot out of action six enemy fighters without the loss of a plane, a communique said Saturday.

The 7000-ton ship was caught with a 500-pound bomb dropped by an American Liberator over Ambon Harbor, Amboina island, despite intense anti-aircraft fire. In a running fight with eight Japanese fighters four of the enemy were knocked out, and returning airmen said at least two of them were destroyed.

Heavy clouds prevented observation of the full results of the raid which also was directed at other shipping and harbor installations.

The other two Japanese fighters shot out of action attempted to stop a raid on Lautem on Timor island where two smaller ships—a 300-ton motor vessel and a lugger—were strafed.

American, Dutch and Australian fliers kept the Japanese busy over a wide area, and the other main assault was a pre-dawn blast at Lakunai airdrome, the Japanese aerial nest at Rabaul in New Britain.

All allied planes returned safely to their base, it added.

Reds Sweep for Smolensk

Bombers Slash Germany

Yanks Raid at Rouen; Stuttgart Factory Area Attacked

LONDON, Saturday, March 13—(AP)—The Berlin, Munich, Leipzig, Stuttgart, Koenigsberg and Luxembourg radio stations went off the air Saturday, indicating the RAF again was striking at the continent.

LONDON, March 12 — (AP) — For the second time in a week, American heavy bombers Friday attacked the railway and supply center of Rouen, France, following a heavy night assault by the RAF on Stuttgart, industrial and communications point in southwest Germany.

Escorted by swarms of Spitfires, the American planes pounded oil tanks and railroad yards at Rouen in a 45-mile thrust into France designed to wreck vital German rail communications leading to the coast.

Not a single American plane was lost, USAAF headquarters and the British air ministry announced in a joint communique which said the escorting Spitfires destroyed three enemy fighters.

So well did the Spitfires protect the bombers that they were given a wide berth by German fighters.

The pilots reported direct hits on a concentration of 1000 freight cars and fires bursting from large oil tanks nearby.

German Focke-Wulfs and Messerschmitts kept so far away from the attackers that they could hardly be seen among the huge swarms of Spitfires which covered the bombers on all sides.

The attack came only a few hours after a heavy concentration of British bombers had plowed a path of death and destruction through Stuttgart. Eleven of the night bombers failed to get back from the raid, the eighth blasting of Germany in 11 nights this month.

The German communique acknowledged that "great damage"

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Senate Okehs Post-War Bill But Not FR's

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt prodded congress anew Friday on the matter of jobs for those who will be unemployed when the war ends and the senate promptly acted—but in its own way, not the president's.

It passed an appropriation bill shorn of funds for the national resources planning board headed by Mr. Roosevelt's uncle, Frederic A. Delano, and set up a special committee of its own on post-war planning.

Vice President Wallace appointed Senator George (D-Ga) as chairman of the committee. Other members are Senators Barkley (D-Kk), **McNary (R-Ore)**, Hayden (D-Ariz), O'Mahoney (D-Wyo), Lucas (D-Ill), Pepper (D-Fla), Vandenberg (R-Mich), Austin (R-Vt), and Taft (R-Ohio).

The latest round between the president and the legislators on the subject began with the chief's executive morning press conference. As he did a month ago, he took congress to task for not appropriating for the board or arranging otherwise for post-war planning.

In quick succession, once it met at noon, the senate first passed a $6,280,000,000 deficiency appropriations bill without replacing $200,000 for the planning board which the house cut out, and then approved a resolution by George creating the special committee on post-war economic policy and planning. The $200,000 was sought for special work this year. The bill in which the house moved to kill the board by withholding its regular appropriation for the fiscal year starting July 1 has not yet come up in the senate.

Targets of Latest RAF Battering

Munich, Germany's fourth largest city, an industrial center and site of the nazi "brown house," was heavily bombed Tuesday night by the RAF on the heels of a heavy raid the previous night on neighboring Nuernberg. Map shows targets and dates of major allied raids since the present air offensive began late in February. Stuttgart, about 100 miles southwest of Nnernberg, was added to the list Thursday night, and RAF bombers were again over Germany Friday night.—Associated Press Telemat.

Rommel Try Flailed Back

Axis Forces Retreat In South; Pushes Held in North

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 12 — (AP) Marshal Erwin Rommel's second attempt to beat back the allied ring tightening around his axis troops in Tunisia has failed under sweeping low-level aerial attack by the RAF which forced his armored units to withdraw from Ksar Rhilane, 40 miles south of the Mareth line, leaving 21 wrecked vehicles and seven guns on the battlefield.

The RAF reported its western desert force destroyed all but nine armored vehicles out of a total estimated at 30 in Rommel's attacking group.

Low-flying desert fighters and bombers ripped at axis ground forces throughout the day, leaving a great portion of the attacking German motored units in flames.

Rommel's futile attempt to break the allied ring closing around him was coupled with three fruitless local assaults by Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim's axis troops in the Sedjenane sector of northern Tunisia and

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House Vote Overwhelms Wage Limit

WASHINGTON, March 12 —(AP) A powerful house coalition, swinging behind a protest against executive "usurpation" of congressional powers, voted overwhelmingly Friday to nullify President Roosevelt's long embattled order limiting wartime salaries to $25,000 after taxes.

In the clearest and severest blow yet dealt the administration by the 78th congress, the house passed by roll call vote of 268 to 129 a double-barreled measure carrying the repealer along with authority for the national debt to climb to $210,000,000,000.

In place of the Roosevelt rule, the house provided that no ceiling could be set on salaries over $25,000 below their level of December 7, 1941, the date this country entered the war. Salaries which were below that figure then could not rise above $25,000 after taxes now.

The action followed two days of the most heated debate of this session and a desperate, last-ditch attempt by administration supporters to rally their forces for preservation of the president's order.

The coalition was formed chiefly of republicans but had a substantial following from the democratic side of the aisle. The repeal rider was drafted by a democrat, Rep. Disney of Oklahoma, a member of the ways and means committee, who termed it a move to end "government by directive."

Russians Suffer Reverses

Black area south of Kharkov indicates territory regained by the Germans (arrows), who have pushed the Russians back to the north bank of the upper Donets river. But in the north, red troops reported fresh gains in their drives against Smolensk and Staraya Russa, capturing Vyazma.—Associated Press Telemat.

Meat Rationing to Start March 29; 16 Points per Week Includes Cheese

WASHINGTON, March 12—(AP)—The new meat-cheese-butter-oils rationing will start March 29, the government announced Friday, and there will be no sales "freeze" before hand as there was on other rationing programs.

Price Administrator Brown followed up with details Friday the order of Secretary of Agriculture Wickard for ratiioning meat, cheese, edible fats and oils including butter, canned fish with the red coupons of the number two ration book.

Each person, regardless of age, will be allowed 16 points a week for the whole group of new items to be rationed. There will be no exact meat ration, although Wickard estimated that the amount of meat available will average two pounds per week per person for home consumption. Actually the public will be able to buy more or less meat, depending on how many of the same coupons are used for other rationed foods. The amount of meat also will depend on what kind of meat is purchased.

Just what the 16-point allowance will buy cannot be determined until the OPA distributes in about two weeks the chart of point values.

Restaurants will continue to be coupon-free to the customers, although OPA will ration the supplies used by restaurants.

Other details:

Bouillon cubes and beef ex-

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Wheeler Pulls Exemption Bill

WASHINGTON, March 12—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) withdrew his measure exempting fathers from military duty Friday but warned that unless it is passed later "you'll have a moral letdown in this country such as it has never seen."

Lengthy debate on the proposal ended in its recall and a senate recess until Tuesday, postponing for the fourth consecutive day a vote on legislation deferring essential farm laborers from bearing arms. Wheeler had proposed his deferment of fathers as an amendment to the farmers' deferment.

At least two other hurdles remain before the senate can pass the farm bill next week. They include amendments to freeze transportation workers to their jobs in labor shortage areas and create a national workers' emergency corps to fill manpower gaps.

Kharkov Fighting In Street

Whole South Front Under Pressure by 'Superior Force'

By EDWARD D. BALL

LONDON, Saturday, March 13—(AP)—The red army captured Vyazma and killed 9000 Germans Friday in the powerful central front sweep toward the nazi anchor of Smolensk, but in the south Moscow announced another withdrawal in the critical third battle for Kharkov which the Germans said was the scene of a bitter street struggle.

Outnumbered Russian troops again fell back west of Kharkov to new positions, the midnight Moscow bulletin said, while on the south side of the Ukraine stronghold eight waves of attacking nazis were beaten down, the enemy losing 23 tanks and 800 men.

The German high command had announced earlier that its troops had broken into the city. Accounts from both sides made it clear that the battle was approaching the magnitude of the fight for Stalingrad. The Russians stressed that their troops were combatting "numerically superior" forces, reinforced by reserves brought from western Europe.

Late Friday night the house-to-house struggle still was going on, German radio reports said, and Rome's station quoted Berlin dispatches saying nazi troops "occupy the northern and western parts of the town as well as the center as far as the red square."

Soviet troops were said still to hold the southern part.

One Berlin propaganda agency, the international information bureau, earlier had been quoted by the German radio as saying that Kharkov was recaptured, but this subsequently was qualified to acknowledge "extremely fierce fighting is still in progress in south Kharkov."

The Russians were under assault not only at Kharkov but on a long line running southeast of the city into the Donets basin at a point below Voroshilovgrad. In the intermediate Izyum sector, 75 miles southeast of Kharkov, the midnight communique said, one soviet unit had killed 300 Germans and destroyed 11 tanks in repulsing another German attack.

Seven German tanks and a company of enemy troops also were knocked out in another unidentified sector in this area, said the bulletin recorded by the soviet radio monitor here.

On the central front it was a different story. Although the Germans said they had abandoned Vyazma, the Russians said it fell only after a "determined assault" as the red army pushed on along the railway leading directly to Smolensk, 100 miles away.

Smolensk was threatened by other Russian troops striking down from the Bely sector, 80 miles to the northeast, and auxiliary red army formations fanning out between Vyazma and Bely in the Sychevka sector. Aside from enormous booty seized at Vyazma, the Russians said their troops had taken more than a score of nazi tanks, and large quantities of other equipment in the steady pursuit of the Germans.

The only other major action reported on the Russian front was a raid by Russian Stormovik planes on the nazi airdrome at Orel, the hinge of the central and southern fronts. Fifteen planes were destroyed and 20 damaged, the communique said.

Giraud Urges Unity

LONDON, Saturday, March 13.—(AP)—The Fighting French leader Gen. Charles De Gaulle, on the eve of negotiations with the Giraud group in North Africa, Friday night broadcast an appeal to Frenchmen for immediate unity, declaring "time is short and the war is reaching its climax."