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Russians Admit Kharkov Taken by Nazis

Broken Glass

Fine Provided for Depositing Broken Glass on Streets

Depositing or leaving broken glass on Salem streets or alleys may henceforth cost the depositors \$60 and/or a 30-day stay in the city jail. The maximum fine and jail sentence are provided in an ordinance passed Monday night by the city coun-

Sidewalks are technically part of city streets, the city attorney declared at the close of the council meeting, and the measure may be enforced to prohibit leaving of broken glass on walks.

Passed Monday night for its first reading, a new zoning ordinance, combining amendments to the old in one measure and, according to City Attorney Lawrence N. Brown, making only slight changes, is to be given a public hearing at 7:30 p. m., April 5, prior to the next council session.

By resolution, aldermen voted Western Paper Converting company authority to commence construction of a switch track at its on the three Japanese transports, Front street plant here prior to the noon war bulletin said, scoradoption of the formal ordinance. ing direct hits on two of the ships For 14 months plant officials here causing heavy damage and fire have awaited word as to avail- and registering near hits on the ability of materials, the company's other ship. attorney, W. E. Keyes, told the council. Notification came Satur- Yangtze Area Aided day, too late for drawing of an

A new lease providing not only for return of the airport to city operation six months after the close of the war but also for federal reimbursement of moneys spent there for materials and lighting by the city since July of last year was given council

Mayor I. M. Doughton, acting on authority given him by council resolution, named to a special committee for investigation and report of the city's juvenile delinquency problems Alderman Tom Armstrong, Albert Gille and E. B. Perrine and T. M. Hicks and W. I. Needham.

Pending further investigation no more permits for sewer connections outside the recently-flooded northeast area of the city should Offices on Final Filing be granted, the sewerage and drainage committee recommended in a report accepted by the council without argument.

Approval of the proposed Oxford street culvert was given in an adopted committee report. A petition from residents of the trooped into internal revenue offices throughout the country in North Fourth-Hickory avenue area for remedial action to keep Fourth open when slough waters back up was turned over to the committee.

To the police and traffic committee went a request from St. Joseph's school for permission to blockade either North Winter or North Cottage on the block between Chemeketa and Center streets to provide playground Blows With space for approximately 11/2 hours each day. The request was made, according to a letter from Rev. Luftwaffe T. J. Bernards, in response to a recognized need for more play space, emphasized by the increased wartime physical education aerial blows across the English program and by a recommendation from the state department of

Investigation was asked also of

toed house bill 163, of the recent legislative session, increasing the property tax offset for corporations from 50 to 75 per cent.

Noting that house bill 342 provides for reductions in personal income taxes in 1944, based on the amount of surplus actual and estimated, and which reductions are estimated to reach as much as 40 to 50 per cent, the governor pointed out that house bill 343 provides for similar reductions for excise taxpayers, while house bill from a plane that was shot down yard workers earlier were report-344 provides for property tax re- in flames a few miles from a town

derstanding that the legislature in- man bombers made a 30-minute loney, who had warned he would improvement." tended and the people expected night attack on the British ship- check on tax evasion by inspect- A meeting of the Brewster board that these income tax refunds or reductions should be returned to the northeast coast, dropping high by the rush, even though "the rush, reductions should be returned to the northeast coast, dropping high the taxpayers on the same basis as they were collected.

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City Acts, Planes Slash at Growing Hull Adds Jap Air, Ship Strength; To Eden Chinese Smash Offensive Warning

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Tuesday, March 16-(AP)-Allied planes slashed at three Japanese transports in the Aroe islands Monday, damaging two and raking the troopcrowded decks with searing gunfire, allied headquarters reported Tuesday, while new evidence of growing Japanese airpower came in a 49-plane raid on Darwin in Australia.

Allied bombers and long-range fighters pounced upon the trio of enemy transports near Dobo island, in the area northwest of Fighting Light; Australia where Monday General MacArthur reported growing enemy strength in shipping and Planes Batter troop reinforcements. This area is about 500 miles north of Dar-

The Japanese raid on the town and harber of Darwin just before noon by 25 medium bombers and 24 fighters caused "only slight damage and casualties," the noon communique declared, and two enemy bombers and 12 fighters were shot out of action, with three more fighters and two bombers so seriously damaged they probably did not finish the trip back to their base.

The smash at Darwin gave emphasis to warnings from allied spokesmen that the Japanese are increasing their air power in the Australian theatre.

Allied planes swooped down to mast-head height in the attack

CHUNGKING, March 15-(A)-A Chinese counter-attack launched Saturday night was declared by the high command Monday to have completely smashed an eightcolumn Japanese offensive along 100 miles of the Yangtze river.

The 20,000 Japanese troops who set out March 8 in a vain effort to clear the south bank of the great waterway to make it safe did the greatest share of offensive said in the communique to be in cations, while Spitfires and War-(Turn to Page 2, Story D)

Tunisia Front Quiet: Both Sides Hurry Reinforcements

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ORTH AFRICA, March 15-(AP) Allied planes from the western desert battered the Mareth line steadily Sunday in a continued aerial prelude to new battles while fighting along the entire front deteriorated to patrol action because of foul weather.

Neither allied nor axis communiques reported fighting over the weekend, but both sides were wheeling up reinforcements for the greatest clash of the Tunisian campaign which appears in prospect as soon as storms clear from the northern and central sectors.

It was only because of the dry, sandy wastes in the south that allied planes could carry on their softening-up process of the belt of French-built fortifications. The allied communique said the weather severely re stricted air operations elsewhere, including the destructive sweeps against shipping in the Mediterranean narrows.

A formation of enemy torpedo bombers was intercepted off the Algerian coast, however. One was shot down and "most of the others were damaged," Gen. Eisenhower's account said.

Medium US Mitchell for shipping in that area were work against the Mareth fortififlight, except for one body of hawks made numerous offensive troops which the Chinese said was sweeps and flew also as cover for the Mitchells. No plane was lost and no interception was reported.

250 per cent in Kansas City.

Although Assistant Secretary of

the treasury John L. Sullivan was

confident that virtually everyone

would pay up, officials at several

revenue offices said hundreds of

thousands of returns were still

missing, and some fear delinquen-

cies will be heavy. However, re-

turns postmarked before last mid-

night will be counted as filed on

time, even though received late.

the first 12 days of March as com-

pared to \$441,394,702 in the same

In Cleveland, where war

workers had been reported

threatening a tax payment

strike, late mail brought in 207,-

000 payments, pushing the total

received to about 1,200,000 out

of an expected 1,500,000. Col-

lector Frank F. Gentsch said

the heavy mail indicated re-

turns were coming in from war

"We can't tell where the mail

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In Portland, Ore., where ship-

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period last year.

workers, adding:

Striving to beat the midnight deadline, income taxpayers

Thousands of others-many of them paying a tax for the

unprecedented numbers Monday to file their returns and pay at

first time under the lower exemptions-flooded the mails with

least their first quarterly installments on 1942 taxes.

Quick End Not Sure; Wallace Approves Peace Resolution

By WADE WERNER WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)-Secretary of State Hull gravely endorsed Monday warning by Anthony Eden that the United Nations should not count upon a quick end to the

Af a press conference at which the British foreign secretary was an honored guest, the American secretary of state said he was entirely in accord with the view expressed by Eden Saturday that people should not jump at conclusions about the end of the war. Hull said that according to all reasonable calculations, the conflict would be more long-drawnout than one might expect on the basis of a hasty judgment.

Here to help pave the way for United Nations conferences on problems of the war and post-war world, Eden said he was much encouraged with the progress of his Washington talks. Among the men with whom he talked Monday were Vice President Wallace. Hull, Secretary of the Navy Knox and Sir Arthur Salter, head of the British shipping mission here.

During the day Wallace spoke approvingly about a resolution proposed by a group of senators calling, among other things, for a United Nations organization to preserve peace after the war. Wallace told reporters the remlution seems "like a very con-

structive proposal' 'and express-

ed hope it would be considered

in congress. However, Senator Wheeler (Dlead to "prolonged and bitter de- rope," the nation's World War I be committed to "policing the of midwestern state officials. world we are going to have."

Hull looked very fit after a IncomeTaxpayers Crowd and real alertness which Ameri- face of farm labor and machinery cans were showing in the prosecuexertions, without relaxation, he added, the end of the war would be hastened.

Meanwhile, Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the senate foreign relations committee reaffirmed his approval, in principle, of a police force and cooperation in settling disputes. He indicated some other provisions of the resolution were matters for allied military au-

The white-haired Texan expressed his views after conferring with Senators Hatch (D-NM), returns, swamping the offices on Hill their biggest day in history. Intheir biggest day in history. Inand Ball (R-Minn), authors of For Canning (D-Ala), Burton (R-Ohio)

Wheeler told an interviewer he believed "we should trade with all countries, but have no fixed alliances with any."

"It's easy to say we are going to police the world, but the boys in the army are going to have expanded canning program. something to say about that when the war is over," he added. "They might not want to police

Singapore, the Burma road, Guadalcanal and every country in Europe to prevent internal as well Treasury statements on income as external trouble." tax payments showed collections amounting to \$473,029,254 during Kaiser May

> **Buy Air Firm** NEWARK, NJ., March 15-(AP) US Sen. Harry S. Truman (D-Mo) said Monday at a press conference Hospital Escapee that his special senate committee inestigating war industies had Object of Search known "for two weeks" that Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilding executive, was negotiating to take over the Brewster Aeronautical corporation.

The production record of Brewster, which holds many millions of dollars worth of war contracts, has been "one of the poorest in the country," Senator Truman said. He commented on the proposed shift of control to Kaiser: "It couldn't be anything but an

Russian Guerrillas Attack



After wresting this village from German control, Russian guerrillas dash through a street, according to Russian caption material accompanying this see ne from March of Time's "One Day of War." Battle victims sprawl in the street.—Associated Press Telemat.

fox terrier, didn't come through

in his second fall off the 806-

As 'he nose-dived over the

eliff's edge while chasing im-

post observer, gave him up for

dead. Ten days later Two-Bits,

who had landed in a snow-bank;

came home, tall wagging and

By last week he had recuy-

This time the snow had melted

After several days' search he

found the dog, badly bruised but

Two-Bits, Ziegler said, will

be sent to a farm before the

cliff becomes habit-forming.

What's What

WASHINGTON, March 15:-(AP)

American housewives soon will

tell OPA what to do, members of

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's press

conference learned Monday from

OPA's "typical housewife," Mrs.

Philip Crowlie, of Huron, SD,

council of volunteer housewives

office from women who are glad

Mrs. Roosevelt said she con-

velt will observe their 38th wed-

ding anniversary Wednesday

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15,-

OPA, she said.

for her consultation with OPA.

off the rocks below but Two-

Bits' master, William Ziegler,

took a look just in case.

ered sufficiently to go out to

his master, a mountain

knees sagging.

he went again.

Hoover Warns Two-Bits' Still Alive Farms Failing MEDFORD, Ore., March 1

Calls Halt on Parallel To Europe if Allies To Win War, Peace

DES MOINES, Ia., March 15-(AP) Former president Herbert Hoover said Monday night "there are symptoms of a dangerously degenerating agriculture that must be stopped" if we are to win the war-and peace.

"Unlike our case in the war 25 years ago, we have today at work in America uncanny parallels with Mont) declared that any attempt the same degenerative forces that to press the resolution now would have been so disastrous in Eubate, and divide the country." He food administrator declared in an said the United States should not address prepared for a conference

world, until we see what kind of Hoover spoke over a statewide radio hookup at the conclusion of the all-day conference called by fortnight's rest in Florida. He said Iowa's Gov. B. B. Hickenlooper to he was impressed during his ab- discuss the problem of boosting sence with the splendid interest the nation's food production in the shortages. Attending the confertion of the war. If they would ence were governors of eight cornonly continue to increase their belt states and representatives of To Tell OPA

Hoover compared this nation's present food situation to the conditions that existed in European countries at the time of the last war and declared that it was the food shortage abroad that decided the outcome of the

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WPB Assures Metal, Rubber

WASHINGTON, March 15-(AP) The war production board Monday promised housewives plenty of metal closures and rubber rings for glass containers for this year's

important" since she can "help enormously to interpret rationing It removed all quota restrictions on the manufacture of some types of metal lids but continued a prohibition against the use of zinc. Roswell C. Mower, director of the WPB containers division, re-

regulations." ported the development of a "vir-Mrs. Crowlie indicated she thinks rationing regulations have tually fool-proof" closure manufactured for the first time in large far, and Mrs. Roosevelt said the quantities. He described it as a three-piece unit composed of a White House is ready for meat glass lid, a rubber ring and a and cheese rationing. Already, through April 30, the office of er columns swept into 40 inhabmetal screw band to hold the lid she said, it is serving butter only at breakfast. The president and Mrs. Roose

Monday night by state police for George Lowry, 49, termed a "des- South Coast Area perate character," who at approximately 7:45 a. m. had forced a Has Radio Alert guard to free him from his ward to escape from the state hospital for the insane here.

Lowry, whose home is in Cottage Grove, was committed from Diego area at 6:30 p. m. Pacific month," OPA said. "Where these Portland last November 9 follow-ing state police investigation of a unidentified target was re-value to buy an item the family number of arson charges for fires ported approaching," the army needs, allowing the use of the folin his home community and fed- announced. The silence was lift- lowing month's stamps before the

Demos to Fight Tax Year Skip -(P)-Doggone, if Two-Bits, the

Committee Income Tax Plan to Be Reported Today

WASHINGTON, March 15 -(AP) House democratic leaders decided at a conference Monday to make an all-out floor fight for an income tax collection system which provides no tax abstement. (See Ruml story on page 2).

A number of republicans have said they would fight for the Ruml skip-a-tax-year plan, so a strugplay, and-oops-over the bank gle is in prospect.

Monday's conference was attended by Speaker Rayburn, majority leader McCormack of Massachusetts and the ranking democratic members of the house ways and means committee—Chairman Doughton of North Carolina, Cooper of Tennessee and Disney of

Oklahoma. The committee plan, which is expected to be reported formally Tuesday, cancels no part of a tax year, but provides for a 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portion of wages and salaries, effective

July 1. The tax-framing body voted down the plan proposed by Beardsley Ruml, New York banker, to by-pass a full tax year as a means of facilitating transition to a pay-as-you-go system under which taxpayers would remit in one year on the basis of income in the same year, instead of on income of the previous year as at present.

who is organizing an advisory Under the committee bill, any taxpayer could continue the present method or could "double-up" Although she's been here only by paying off the last year's tax few days, Mrs. Crowlie already obligation in full and proceed on a has letters pouring into her OPA current basis.

Meanwhile, house republicans to have a housewife working with postponed until Thursday a conference originally called for Monday to muster party strength besiders Mrs. Crowlie's job "very hind the Ruml plan.

to the American women" and also because she can present "the Am- April's Food erican woman's point of view to the people making the rules and Points at 48

WASHINGTON, March 15 -(AP) -Housewives will have 48 ration soviet troops captured several been okeh with the housewife so points on blue lettered D, B and F populated places, wiping out in war ration book No. 2 for "large numbers of German offi-canned goods from March 25 cers," and in the area of Bely othprice administration announced ited localities including Batulino. Monday.

The blue stamps now in use, lettered A, B and C, will be good until March 31. This provides one men in killed," the Russians dewithout any special plans for cel- week of overlap at the end of clared. March in which stamps for either period will be valid but OPA urged consumers to budget their 48 ration points for April.

"Pre-validating ration stamps is done primarily to allow consumers to make the best possible use of any ration stamps of small arms." (P)-A complete radio silence was denominations they may have left ordered in the Los Angeles-San in their books at the end of the

Smolensk Offense Presses

Fierce Fighting Not Over on Donets: North Towns Taken

LONDON, March 15-(AP)-The Russians officially acknowledged Monday night that the red army after days of fierce fighting had evacuated Kharkov, rail hub of all southern Russia, and both German and Russian dispatches indicated that the powerful nazi counter-offensive still was pressing victoriously on a broad front from Kursk to the middle Donets, below and beyond

But the Russians reported new advances in the Smolensk region farther to the north on another vital front, with red army troops, advancing further west of Vyazma in a drive toward the powerfulnazi base of Smolensk itself.

The Russians admitted withdrawal from the great industrial city of Kharkov only 24 hours after the Germans had claimed its recapture in a smashing counter-offensive that has rolled the Russians back on a huge arc in southern Russia, an offensive carried by 325,000 German troops, nearly half of them fresh divisions rushed up from France.

"Our troops after many days of fierce fighting by order of the command evacuates the town of Kharkov" Monday, wid the Bussian midnight communique, as recorded by the soviet monitor. The Germans had claimed Kharkov fell on Sunday.

The Russian communique made no more mention of Kharkov, which they had wrested from the Germans February 16 in a major triumph of their winter campaign. The Russians had battled fierce-

ly in the streets of Kharkov in a vain attempt to save the strategie center against a crushing attack by huge numbers of German infantry and tanks.

To the southeast, in the middle Donets area, the Russians told of stubborn fighting against tanksupported German attacks, while the Berlin radio declared that the counter-offensive had advanced to Chuguey, 35 miles south of Kharkov, and also extended to areas west and northwest of Kursk, 126 miles north of Kharkov.

Indicating furious fighting southeast of Kharkov, the Russian midnight communique declared that 600 Germans were killed in an attack launched by large forces of nazi infantry and 18 tanks. Despite these reports of Russian successes, it was clear that the Germans were continuing to throw powerful weight into their smash back eastward into southern Russia.

Red army troops were fighting 'stubborn engagements" against the Germans in this area of the middle reaches of the northern Donets, the communique declared, On the northern front, the so-

viet war bulletin declared, Russian units advancing northwest of Vyazma smashed German counter-attacks and defenses and captured the town of Zholm-Zhirkovsky, 80 miles east of Smolensk.

The Russians are aiming a fourpronged attack at Smolensk, and Zholm-Zhirkovsky fell to a spearhead swinging down from the northeast, indicating an attempt to outflank Smolensk from the

West and southwest of Vyazma "In one sector the Germans attempted to counter - attack but

were repelled and lost about 200 South of Lake Ilmen, "Our troops routed a strongly fortified German resistance point and for-

ced a water barrier," the communique said. "The enemy suffered heavy losses and retreated, abandoning their wounded and

The German high command communique reported its coun-ter-offensive continuing, with southeast and north of Kharkov, as far as the region of Belgorod. A Russian attempt to check the Germans west of Belcored collapsed "with high

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munique said the attack was carried out by Venturas with an escort of Spitfires and that one of Gov. Earl Snell on Monday vethe bombers failed to return. RAF Typhons also attacked enemy shipping off the Dutch coast during the day, the com-

munique said, setting one armed trawler on fire and returning without a loss. The British announced that three German planes were destroyed in raids on England Mon-

LONDON, March 15-(AP)-Brit-

ish and German planes traded

channel Monday night, the RAF

striking first at an axis air field

in France and the luftwaffe re-

taliating with raids on the north-

Shortly before dusk, RAF

bombers raided the air field at St.

Brieuc on the channel coast of

France. An air ministry com-

east coast of Britain.

day night. Searchers were looking for two men who were seen parachuting on the northeast coast of England. flood of payments hit the reven-

(The Berlin radio said the Ger- ue office. Collector James W. Ma-