By Cherles A. Smaper IT SEEMS TO ME that there are two attitudes toward Russia among Americans, which are grotesque in their extremes. There is the attitude of Vice President Henry Wallace, a sort weeks ago. Then he remarked, you will recall, that if we didn't Standley, set the state department by the ears, and the Rus-sian well-wishers, when he sounded off that the Russian press had made no mention of the extent of American aid to the USSR. His attitude was sort of kick-Joe Stalin-in-the-groin and tell Members Paint him "Say thank you, damn you." That was rather rough from a That was rather rough from a man in a diplomatic office. While City V-Center we do not need to go daffy over Russia there is no need to be in-

SEEMS

TOME

sulting. This is a preface to comment on the new Warner Bros. film, "Mission to Moscow," supposed to be a dramatization of the book by Joseph Davies, former American ambassador at the kremlin. The way Warner Bros. have worked the book over it certainly follows the Wallace line. It is frankly packed with propaganda for Russia. As such it is getting criticism on all sides - except from the Stalin faction in the USA.

Dorothy Thompson concludes a biting criticism with the final bite: "The film ought to be cutindefinitely."

John Dewey, radical philosopher, who presided at the Trotsky hearings here and in Mexico, and adjuged Trotsky and his crowd innocent of the treason charge of the Stalinists, has written a long letter, along with Suzanne La-Follette, cousin of Sen LaFollette, sr., and herself a left-winger, berating the film as "anti-British, anti-congress, anti-democratic and anti-truth." The film frankly distorts both the book and history in dealing with the Moscow purge trials of 1937-38. Since Dewey was chairman and Miss LaFollette secretary of the commission of inquiry they are alert to the facts about these trials. pete, he declared. The film frankly takes the Stalin



Five Salem junjor chamber of commerce men swung the paint Germany's largest dams were brushes Tuesday night as they put shown by new aerial photothe first coat on Salem's Victory center, which has waited approxi- graphs Tuesday night to be mately 10 months for the professurging unchecked down the Ruhr valley, creating havoc in the heart sional painters.

"When it was fair weather of Hitler's war industry. they had big jobs to do and when they got around there to tures of spreading torrents rolling the courthouse lawn, it invaribeyond the broken Mohne and ably started raining," declared Eder dams were taken Tuesday Junior Chamber President Pat as allied air units carried their Crossland of the "little men who non-stop pre-invasion bombardwere not there." ment into its seventh day with Another crew plans to put a

lightning stabs at Europe. second coat and finishing touches on the outdoor platform Thursquoted a secret German radio day night, preparatory to the junas saying that a state of slege ior chamber's first Saturday night had been proclaimed throughentertainment scheduled there this out the province of Westphalia week. in the Ruhr valley.

The Victory center will be used for the purpose originally intended - sale of war bonds deaux, Lorient and the submarand stamps, and, in addition, ine pens at Keroman Monday, sent the programs there will be designed to entertain the city's soldier guests, members of the sponsoring junior chamber have announced.

Amateur contests for men in uniform, with prizes, are among American P-47 failed to return. the features planned, Chairman British bombers attacked an en-Don Black said Tuesday night. emy airport at Abbeville in Professional entertainers among France in another daylight foray soldiers stationed in this area will Tuesday and escorting fighters not be denied the right to combrought down a Focke-Wulf. Ear-

lier in the day, RAF Typhoons Members of the Tuesday night

and air bases.

The latest reconnaissance pic-

A Reuters Stockholm dispatch

The Eighth US air force, whose

heavy bombers pounded Bor-

The Oregon Statesman

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today.

fire at Novorossisk.

Middlewest

Floods Cover

Million Acres

Japs Admit Landing

Of New US Forces

No. 45

It's All Wet, Brother All Wet!

LONDON, May 18-(P)-A London news vendor summar-ized the RAF destruction of two German dams this way on his notice board: "How wet is my valley-Hit-

Tax Measure Delegated to Conference

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP) The Ruml plan to skip an income tax year went down Tuesday for the knockout count, as the democrats won their most impressive

victory of the 78th congress. Assured that President Roosevelt would veto the full-yearabatement bill, the house voted 202 to 194 against accepting the senate's modified Ruml measure.

It was the third house defeat for the Ruml plan.

Nine republicans and three minor party members joined 190 democrats against the senate bill; 187 republicans and seven democrats supported it.

The action, climaxing a four month battle, left the future of pay-as-you-go taxation in doubt, but Chairman George of the senate finance committee voiced confidence a senatehouse conference committee can devise a bill that Mr. Roosevelt would approve.

its Thunderbolt fighters to patrol "The Ruml plan is dead," said over nazi - occupied Belgium in Chairman Doughton of the taxforce Tuesday. They engaged one framing house ways and means of two enemy formations sighted committee. "We have killed it. As and shot down one Messerschmitt long as Franklin Roosevelt is 109. A US communique said one president of the United States it will stay dead."

Tuesday's action came on a motion for the house to instruct its house - senate conference delegates to accept the senate skip-a-year measure.

Those appointed to the conferane dispersal area at Poix but five planes were knocked cuss the kind of bill that might finally emerge, but indications down by intense anti-aircraft fire. are that it will above at least 75 These operations followed a per cent of 1942 and provide m 20 per cent withholding tax heavy night operational schedule during which the RAF hit against the taxable parts of wages eight nazi blockade runners and shot up continental rail lines and salaries.

Repulse Attack **Reds Blast Enemy**

Russians

With Artillery At Novorossisk

Allied Bombers LONDON, Wednesday, May 18-(AP)- After' having thrown back and inflicted heavy losses on Germans attempting to crack Blast Sardinia the Red army's siege lines **Airfield**, Port around the Caucasus Black Sea base of Novorossisk, Russian troops blasted the enemy with ar-

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN tillery fire Tuesday in a day of AFRICA, May 18-(AP)-From their relative quiet along the entire north African springboard allied eastern front, Moscow announced planes dealt a heavy blow Monday night to the port and airfield

The Russian noon-day comof Alghero in Sardinia, and elsemunique reported that the Red where asserted their mastery of army had beaten off a series of Mediterranean skies with harassviolent counterattacks at Novo... ing raids. ossisk during the night. It was

RAF Weilingtons plumped the second successive bulletin disbombs upon the town and port closing German attempts to break areas of Alghero, on the west-ern coast of Sardinia, and then out of their narrow bridgehead. These blows apparently endpounded their targets with maed the immediate nazi threat, chinegun bullets in strafing atfor the midnight communique tacks as low as 200 feet from this morning as recorded by the the ground. Soviet monitor here reported

At least one big fire started in only an exchange of artillery the center of the town, pilots reported. Bright moonlight aided The Russian gunners, the bulthis latest of many smashes at letin said, silenced four German axis power in the island guardartillery batteries northeast of ing the Italian mainland.

The British navy meanwhile re-Novorossisk, demolished nine ported rounding up 23 Germans blockhouses and dugouts and destroyed two guns and several mowho had succeeded in fleeing Cap tor trucks with supplies. On an- Bon and reaching Zembretta is-(Turn to Page 2-Story H) land, near the tip of the cape. But

there they ran out of food, and painted an SOS on the lighthouse. When Britons arrived by mo-

torboat, the Germans complained that "We've waved at Spitfires and naval boats for the past four days trying to attract attention."

The allied communique reported minor successes in routine patrols by allied pilots.

PORTLAND, May 18-(AP)-Ir-

win De Shetler, CIO shipyard

organizer, said Tuesday his un-

ion favors the NLRB proposal

to abrogate closed shop provi-

sions of the AFL-Kaiser com-

pany contracts here.

Flood waters - the worst in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower,

As Attu Doom Near **Yanks Seize Key Heights Commanding Holtz Bay; Bombardment Continues**

NEW YORK, May 18—(AP)—A Japanese broad-cast declared Tuesday that the Americans were "con-tinually landing fresh forces" on Attu in the Aleutians "under (protecting) gunfire from naval units and with the help of air forces."

Dimout

Wed. sunset 8:41 Thur. sunrise 5:33

(Weather on Page 3)

The broadcast, recorded by the federal communi-cations commission, followed an earlier one for home consumption claiming that United States losses had been heavy.



Here's the strategic situation in the Pacific, apparently one of the topics of discussion among allied leaders in Washington, Japanese wn in black, Fla are that bounds Jap conquests. Presence of allied chieftains from the are that bounds Jap conquests. Presence of ained constraints from the India-Burma theatre in Washington has led to speculation that the alfies may be discussing India as a base for operations (arrown) in clear a path through Burma to China where US air force (plane symbol) is aiding China.—Associated Press Telemat.

side, which excites the ire of these students who say:

is got irrelevant to mention here that the commission, after painstaking investigation, concluded that the Moscow trials were frame-ups-a conclusion en-dorsed by intelligent world opin- Eyes Youth ion at the time of its announcement."

They concluded:

"Mission to Moscow' is major defeat for the democratic cause. In putting out this picture, far from rendering the patriotic service on which Mr. Davies compliments them, they have assailed the very foundations of free-

A sober review without the preconceptions of Dewey and La-Follette is that given by Bosley Crowther in the New York Times. He goes right after Warner Brothers for making a political tract out of (Continued on editorial page)

Police Find P. M. Gregory Alive, Safe

Approximately 36 hours after he had left his residence at 350 Belmont, telling his daughter that he was going downtown, P. M. Greg- battle for China's big rice bowl ory, former mayor of Salem was continued unabated west of Lake "discovered" Wednesday night by Tungting in North Hunan procity police near the Liberty and vince, a Chinese communique said Court street intersections.

Gregory, plainly ill, officers declared, told a coherent story of in importance to the fight for rice, having gone to the coast and re- Chinese claimed successes in the turning because it was windy Itaiheng mountains, advancing to there. He has been in ill health the outskirts of the important for several years, recently had North Honan town of Linhsien, shown some improvement and is former stronghold which the Japable to get about, walking short anese captured early in their distances with aid of a cane. A drive. The communique predicted few hours before he was found, Linhsien and other key points School Closing Gregory had been seen Tuesday two. morning at the city bus terminal.

Logs' Price **Ceiling Set**

WASHINGTON, May 18 .- (AP)-The OPA established Tuesday delivery price ceilings, effective next Monday, for west coast logs to destinations other than in towable waters in Washington and Oregon.

Using as a basis the published inimum trucking rates for Washington, the OPA set prices. in accordance with mileage and the grade of road over which the logs are hauled.

Starting with a base rate of \$1.06 per thousand board feet of s, the sliding scale per thou-

painting crew were Crossland. Black, Howard Walker, A. C. Newell and Irwin Wedel.

Delinquency

during the night, killing at least ten persons in the city. A Welsh town, which the German radio PORTLAND, May 18-(AP)-Juidentified as Cardiff, had one of venile delinquency and the probits heaviest raids since 1941. lem of youth in wartime claimed bodies of victims by noon and it

the attention of delegates Tuesday at the closing session of the state conference on social work. was believed at least 20 others Portland social workers told were in the wreckage. in a panel discussion how near-The new pictures showed the ly 7000 youths of school age (Turn to Page 2-Story C) came into the city this year in war workers' families, yet high school attendance dropped. Churchill They said approximately 8000

children are skipping school, pos-**Speech Set** sibly for war work. Other speakers urged closer supervision of children and Stanley Farl secretary - treasurer of the This Morning

Earl, secretary - treasurer of the Oregon industrial council, said that the moment the war ends, "we want the women out of in-dustry and back into the homes." Prime Minister Churchill's speech

Nips Continue **China** Drive

CHUNGKING, May 18.-(AP)-The Tuesday.

In another battle second only along very satisfactorily.



many New Yorkers went potato- night at the special school dis-

utes.

time

day that Commissioner of Mar-kets Daniel P. Woolley had re-tained that money would be saved ported to him that a great part of by paying tuition and transporta-438,000 pounds of potatoes con- tion for the student body of apsigned for government use is on proximately 35 for whom three the verge of spoiling in a Brook- teachers have served this year.

> The Oregon branch of the Amalsamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen will hold its annua

Enemy planes struck at London 'Peacemakers' **Stop Violence** Rescuers had recovered several In Congress

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP) A threatened fist fight on the house floor between Rep, Gene Cox, fiery Georgian, and young

Will Rogers, jr., lawmaker-son of the late humoris, was averted Tuesday by perce-making colwas reported in Missouri. leagues.

It developed, agreed both participants, when Cox walked over to Rogers' seat, quoted him as saying in a radio address that he (Cox) had taken a "bribe" and, in the best southern tradition demanded: "You owe me an apology, suh."

to congress Wednesday will be one At that point, however, the of the major addresses of his caagreement ended. Rogers denied night when aides disclosed that he had ever said that Cox he would speak for about 50 min- "anothing more the, denied that exchanged," called the whole af-

All the four large American netfair "just a tempest in a teapot." works will broadcast his speech, But representatives in ringside starting at 9:30 a.m., Pacific war seats near the two democrats dif-fered. They said they saw the 63-

Previously it was thought he year-old Cox, pale with anger, would speak about 20 minutes. stride to Rogers' seat and start to Senate and house will meet in put his arms around the 31-yearjoint session in the house cham-

old Californian's head before ber to hear the prime minister. neighboring lawmakers rushed Meanwhile, Churchill continues over and interceded. to confer with President Roose-

velt. The latter told reporters Tuesday that the talks are going Ickes Stands

> **On WLB Rule** WASHINGTON, May 18 .- (AP) -Secretary Ickes told John L. Lewis Tuesday night that any contract in settlement of the coal mine dispute "must have the approval of the war labor

board," whose authority Lewis has refused to recognize.

NANTY GLO, Pa., May 18 .- (AP) GALT, Calif., May 18-(AP)-The record ram purchase at this year's The first break from the coal truce pledge of John L. Lewis, California sheep exhibition and

president of the United Mine ram sale belongs to R. W. Hogg. Workers, came tonight when a Salem, Ore., who bought a Hamp-mass meeting of miners employed in three mines 12 miles north of Dawis, Calif., for \$400.

In the sale of two other rams Johnstown voted to walk out. Approximately 1,800 work in the affected pits, where the reg-ular midnight shift did not report. Ore., made one of the purchases.

Six Fliers Found Chile, Vichy Break

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 18-(P)

burst levees, inundated sections north African theatre, announced of cities, flooded farmlands and that a final count of axis soldiers caused at least four deaths in nidwestern and southern states. captured in the Tonisian cam-In Illinois and Indiana ram-paging waters broke three levees, washed out several bridges drave washed out several bridges, drove.

hundreds of families from their homes and covered more than AFL Hearings 1.000,000 acres of land. Four Intianans drowned. May Cut Work The "big inch" pipe line, carrying fuel from Texas to Is Warning Illinois on the first leg of the eastern seaboard, was broken by pressure from the flood WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP)-A swollen Arkansas river.

maritime commission represent-Although the Arkansas river ative declared Tuesday that the was falling generally in Arkansas, National Labor relations board from Muskogee, Okla., came

charges against Kaiser company warnings of floods rivaling last week's record breaking overflows shipyard threatens record west coast ship production. in which seven were drowned, D. S. Ring, director of the shipand 19 are missing. Flood damage yard labor relations division of

North central and central Indiana experienced their worst flood in 30 years. J. H. Armington, government meteorologist, predicted the crests would almost equal those of the disasterous 1913 inundation. Parts of Kokomo, Marion, Longansport, Noblesville, Wabash, In-

The NLRB promised it would dianapolis and other cities were drop unfair fabor practice submerged by the Wabash and charges against the Kaiser com-(Turn to Page 2-Story E) pany if the closed shop clauses were stricken.

British Raid Japs in Burma

NEW DELHI, May 18 .- (AP)-Brittration threat struck back at the port in a commando-type raid

hand fighting.

resistance, a communique announced Tuesday, and killed all but two

Salem Rancher

the AFL and the shipyards would ish troops which withdrew last week from Maungdaw in western "seriously hamper production." He continued "It is also our Burma to meet a Japanese infilfear that the same result will follow if the NLRB forces the is-

sue." Sunday night and inflicted cas-The NLRB is conducting a hearualties on the enemy in hand-toing at Portland on CIO charges

that the closed shop agreements Two small detachments made a with the AFL were signed when landing despite strong Japanese only a small number of employes were on hand.

of a force of Japanese who char-**Census** Slates ged at bayonet point. **Travel Survey**

Buys Record Ram

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18-(AP) The office of defense transporta-tion Tuesday asked train and bus,

in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma,

along with 93 other cities in various parts of the country.

MacArthur President Club Incorporated SPRINGFIELD, III., May 18

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP)-The bayonet-spiked jaws of an American army trap were closing on the main Japanese forces on Attu island Tuesday night. The enemy's plight appeared hope-

Provided the Aleutians' bad weather does not interfere too greatly with our coordinated land, sea and air blows, the conquest of the embattled island may be completed in a few days, according to the best estimates of the campaign available here. As the second week of the fight opened, the navy disclosed:

Jap Defense Smashed

1. The main Japanese defense positions along a rocky ridge south of their camp on Holtz bay were smashed in violent com-bat Monday, and United States troops took possession of the heights last night.

2. American warships which supported the initial landings week ago are continuing to bombard the Japanese positions. Planes, probably from the American base of Amchitka island 233 nautical miles to the southeast, are bombing the enemy whenever veather permits.

3. Despite stiff Japanese resistance and the hazards of operations among the uncharted snow-capped mountains of Attu, the casualties among our troops have been light.

Great significance was attached here to American seizure of the heights south of Holtz bay. From positions there our troops are believed able to pour heavy fire into the Japanese camp on the coastal lowlands rimming Holtz bay.

Wake Island Raided

The story of the battle thus far was told in two naval communiques and by Secretary Knox at a press conference. The second of the communiques also reported new air blows against the Japanese in the Central and South Pacific.

the maritime commission, told a Army Liberator bombers, on a round trip flight of more than house merchant marine subcom-2,000 miles from their base at Midway, raided enemy-held Wake mittee it was his "personal opinisland, and shot down two of 22 Japanese Zero fighters which attempted to intercept them. One other fighter was listed as ion" that a breakdown of existing closed shop agreements between probably destroyed. Bad weather prevented observation of bombing results.

In the South Pacific, navy and marine corps dive bombers with army, navy and marine fighter protection struck at the Japanese seaplane base at Rekata bay on Santa Isabel island in the Solomons. Results of this action were not reported.

Landings Made Secretly

Secretary Knox said the initial landings on Attu a week ago Tuesday were accomplished in the greatest secrecy. No enemy resistance developed until our forces were on the beaches. The initial landings were effected at two points. The north-

ern force landed on the western arm of Holtz bay where they established a beachhead from which to drive south around the bay toward the enemy camp. The southern force landed at Massacre bay on the side of the island opposite Holtz bay and struck north-

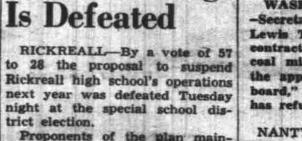
ward across the lava-carpeted passes of the mountains. The enemy troops meanwhile held positions in a rocky ridge immediately south of Holtz bay, blocking the access of American

tion Tuesday asked train and bus passengers in eight western cities to cooperate in a travel survey to be conducted by the bureau of census from May 21 through May 27. Census representatives will in-terview passengers at terminals About an hour later Knox announced that the ridge had been taken. He said its possession "would bring our troops into di-rect contact with the main enemy positions around Holtz bay." At the same time, he added, the northern and southern American forces were approaching each other to join strength and close in with the Japanese over the high ground

Massacre Bay Chief Aim

Knox said the main American force was landed at Massacre

Knox said the main American force was landed at Massacre bay, indicating the northern group was a force of lesser strength. The bulk of all the troops, he said were infantrymen, the others probably including some light artillery and engineers. The opposing directions of the two American advances ap-parently were designed to cut off the entire eastern end of Attu and bottle up the enemy in that area. The bulk of the island lies west of the American line, but Knox said he knew of no Japa-



to 28 the proposal to suspend Rickreall high school's operations next year was defeated Tuesday

WASHINGTON, May 18 .- (AP)

State Butchers and army purposes," the mayor To Meet Here

OCE Commencement Scheduled May 28

MONMOUTH, May 18-(AP) meeting in Salem on Sunday, May Oregon College of Education an- 24, Dan Williams, president of the American and British fliers ar-

LaGuardia Tells **Of Spud Waste**

NEW YORK, May 18-(AP)-While less, Mayor LaGuardia said Tues-

lyn terminal market warehouse. "They are supposed to go to de-hydrating plants for lend - lease

