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### Air, Sea Pounding Hits Munda

#### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Squire

IT SEEMS that our village... headed by Chief Minto, bore down on the Salvation Army and shooed its members away from their Sunday morning prayer meeting on State street.

It was the Army's choice of location which drew the weight of the law, misapplied, on its head. For the Army set up its flag and shook its tambourine right in front of Frank Marshall's "Pioneer Club," which is one of the more popular of the drinking and eating resorts in the city.

While Marshall is no longer on the city council, the chief responded as though he were, pdq, that is; and directed his bluecoats to rout the Army bluecoats from their stand in front of Marshall's tavern, and supplemented his assignment with a personal call, by way of emphasis.

This isn't the first time that the Salvation Army has met opposition. In fact, if you look in the files of Salem newspapers, back in the '20's when these "queer" people in uniform first came to Salem, you will find they were hooted and jeered at, and their meetings were interrupted with (Continued on editorial page)

#### Veteran Drowns

PORTLAND, July 9-(P)—The body of Clark Knaggs, 68, Oregon City, was recovered from the Willamette river Friday.

### Snell Assures Support For States' Rights Act

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Any movement in support of state's rights as a general policy which may emanate from the conference of northwest governors next Monday at Boise will have the unqualified support of Gov. Earl Snell of Oregon, that official said Friday as he prepared to depart today for the Idaho capital.

"I firmly believe the states should defend the rights they still have, and seek to regain those which have been taken away," Gov. Snell declared.

Explaining that he had received no extensive information officially as to proposed agenda of the meeting, Gov. Snell said he would participate with an open mind, but would be wary of any commitments on specific policies which might be contrary to Oregon's interests.

### 100 US Bombers Batter Cologne

More Than 70 Tons Of Explosives Rain On Jap Air Base

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Saturday, July 10-(P)—Over 100 American bombers teamed with destroyers and artillery Friday in giving the Japanese air base of Munda and its perimeter of defenses on New Georgia island a three-way pounding.

The heavy attacks were intended to soften up that key base in the central Solomons for our ground forces which already have landed on New Georgia on two sides and now are consolidating positions prior to applying a pincer.

Avenger torpedo bombers and Dauntless dive bombers in great force loosed over 70 tons of bombs ranging up to 2000-pounders on Japanese bivouacs and supply dumps.

The destroyers maneuvered in treacherous waters just off Munda base before dawn Friday, subjecting the Japanese to an intensive shelling of the kind the enemy dislikes most.

On the ground our patrols filtering through the jungle frequently contacted the Japanese on the Munda side of the island and to the north near Rice Anchorage where one of our two landings was made.

Four of 45 Zeroes seeking to raid our positions below Munda on Rendova island, allied aerial pounding of bases above Munda which might supply it air support, and continuous bombing of Japanese jungle positions before Salamaua, New Guinea, were other highlights of today's reports from the far-ranging battlefronts.

The softening up process against the Munda area started shortly after dawn yesterday. Flight after flight of Avengers and dive bombers swept over green jungle positions to drop all types of bombs.

General MacArthur's spokesman termed it the heaviest bombing made thus far against Munda—a base which has been pounded so repeatedly from the air that it has been of little service to the enemy in recent weeks.

dams be installed in those states to provide additional storage for Bonneville, Grand Coulee and the proposed additional Columbia river power dams. Objection is based upon the removal of inundated lands from the tax rolls, and upon the premise that Montana and Idaho waters should be used for the development of those states, not for further industrial expansion on the Columbia.

That the issue may soon come to a head is suggested by the fact that a sub-committee of the lower house of congress is to come west next week to study the Bonneville proposals.

Gov. Snell pointed out that Oregon, as much as any other state, has a stake in the over-all utilization of northwest waters, and declared that his purpose in attending the conference would be the safeguarding of Oregon's interests.

He considers the conference of such importance, and representation of Oregon so necessary, that he is planning to attend even though it means absence from home on his birthday, which falls on Sunday, and on his wedding anniversary which occurs Monday.

### Bombers Batter Cologne

RAF Lashes Ruhr City With More Than 1000 Tons

LONDON, Saturday, July 10 (P)—For the second successive night, Royal air force bombers roared out over Germany Friday night, it was announced today.

LONDON, July 9-(P)—The RAF cascaded more than 1000 tons of bombs on battered Cologne Thursday night, ending the temporary relief which storms had given Germany this week from wholesale air raids. The blasting of the Rhineland industrial center was smaller in scale than the last two British attacks on that city June 28 and July 3, but still constituted a heavy assault.

The new aerial battle mounted Friday as the Germans gave London its first air raid alarm since June 27. Ten Nazi aircraft approached the capital, dropping bombs in the greater London area, while others caused damage and casualties at scattered points in southeast England.

Two German planes crashed. Fighter formations stepped up the pace of the new offensive Friday, sweeping over the English channel toward northern France soon after the big bombers returned from their mission.

### 7 Firemen Die in Crash Of Building

CHICAGO, July 9-(P)—Grim rescue crews, spurring the danger of weakened walls and spurred by agonized pleas for help, dug the bodies of the living and dead from the wreckage of a building Friday in the aftermath of a fire that cost the lives of seven members of the fire department.

Five of the victims perished in tons of rubble after the roof and floors of the structure collapsed. Four others were extricated alive after being trapped as long as 11 hours, but two of them died later. In addition, four other men were injured seriously.

The tragedy was the worst in Chicago, from a standpoint of department casualties, in 19 years. The fire fighters turned out at 2 a. m. to combat a blaze in a four-story, factory-garage building at 419 W. Superior street. About 20 of them were inside—most of them on the stairs between the third and fourth floors—when the roof fell. Then the topmost one fourth of the front wall toppled inward. Next, the stairways bumped down, story by story. Finally the three top floors caved in.

Timber, plaster, brick and steel cascaded down to the street level and basement. Some men scrambled out quickly. Others freed themselves and escaped. Five others were crushed to death, four were entombed alive.

### County Jail Hits New Low

PORTLAND, July 9-(P)—Hop growers generally continued to refuse to contract for their 1943 crops despite unusual offers by dealers, the department of agriculture disclosed Friday.

Some dealers offered ceiling prices at time of delivery with a bonus covering any advance in ceilings up to the first of next year. Crop conditions were fair but recent rains and high humidity increased the danger from downy mildew.

### Deadly Poison Lost Near Dallas Pool

DALLAS—When Vern Westfall, department of interior employe, returned to the dressing room after taking a swim in the city park pool he discovered that a bottle of sodium cyanide, unmarked, had been taken from his clothing. The chemical is a very deadly poison and will kill on contact.

Westfall, an entomologist with a cruising party working up the LaCreole, carried the bottle for collecting insect specimens. The chemicals are encased in plaster of paris which allow the fumes to escape into the bottle. It is feared that bottle may have been thrown away and may be picked up by children playing in the park.

### U-Boat Toll Hits Lowest In 19 Months

WASHINGTON, July 9-(P)—In the war's most optimistic report on the battle against U-boats, the British and American governments jointly announced Friday night that allied ship losses in June were the lowest in 19 months and U-boats so scarce on convoy routes that the hunt for them was turned to axis home waters.

"Sinkings of axis submarines were substantial and satisfactory," it was added.

Guardedly, the announcement refrained from saying, even by implication, that the anti-submarine war is won, but after reviewing the June record it succinctly observed that "anti-submarine vessels and aircraft are coming into service in considerable numbers."

Coming on top of a highly successful record of anti-submarine operations in May, Friday night's announcement made it clear in any event that the war against U-boats is going so well that the allies can substantially increase the flow of weapons from the North American continent to the invasion armies striking at Hitler's European fortress.

### FCC Inquiry Data Refused

WASHINGTON, July 9-(P)—The war and navy departments and the budget bureau, acting on presidential orders, refused Friday to give data to a house committee investigating the federal communications commission, and its chairman protested the action as interfering with congress.

Documents and testimony by officers, had been asked by the special committee headed by Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) in an effort to support charges that the FCC has interfered with military intelligence. Both were refused on the grounds this would not be in the public interest.

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### Reds Repulse Attacks

Orel-Kursk Front Still Holds Fast; Nazi Loss Mounts

By LYNN HEINZERLING  
LONDON, Saturday, July 10 (P)—The Russian armies of the center bloodily beat off savage German attacks all along the Orel and Kursk fronts Friday, held their own in the Belgorod sector to the south, and destroyed 193 Nazi tanks and 94 planes in the great battle of attrition, the soviet command announced early today.

The German dead, in two battles specifically mentioned, were nearly 8000 for the day, Moscow declared in the regular midnight communique recorded here by the soviet monitor, thus bringing to about 40,000 the total German casualties for five days of violent action.

German losses in material also were rising to tremendous proportions. Friday's destruction raised to 2836 the number of enemy tanks thus far listed as knocked out, and to 994 the number of Nazi planes smashed since the beginning of the offensive.

In the Orel-Kursk sector, said the bulletin, the nazis after four days of heavy losses had "gained no success" and had been forced to shift the weight of attack to other areas, reinforcing their "battered troops" by nine infantry divisions and one tank division.

### Jury Indicts Layton for Murder

DALLAS, July 9 — A special folk county grand jury called by District Attorney Bruce Spaulding Friday indicted Richard Harry Layton on a first degree murder charge. Layton will be defended by Roy R. Hewitt of Salem. Pleas will be entered July 17 at 10 o'clock. Circuit Judge E. M. Page of Salem has been assigned due to the absence of Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker of McMinnville.

Howard M. Hall, foreman of the grand jury, read the indictment: "First degree murder while attempting to commit the crime of rape. He killed her by knocking her into the Willamette river."

Appearing before the grand jury were Sgt. C. Emahiser of the state police and Layton. Lt. R. G. Howard of the state police said that Layton had admitted raping Ruth Hildebrand near the bank of the Willamette on June 7.

### Bennett Eyed By Portland

PORTLAND, July 9-(P)—Ralph E. Dugdale, superintendent of Portland public schools since 1937, offered his resignation Friday night and it was accepted by the school board.

The board voted to pay him one year's salary of \$10,000 in settlement of his contract which had 4 1/2 years to run.

Frank Bennett, superintendent of schools at Salem, has been mentioned in school circles as a possible successor.

There is truth in that angle. No one denies. Even best stew is a luxury this week here, and may be even more difficult to obtain before the month is over.

# Allied Forces Storm Italian Stronghold Under Eisenhower

## Powerful Air, Naval Bombardments Precede Actual Landings on Big Island; Base Softened by Bombs

WASHINGTON, July 10—(Saturday)—(AP)—Allied forces leaped across the Mediterranean from Africa bases today and climaxed weeks of aerial pounding with a major invasion of Italian soil, the island of Sicily off the Italian boot.

Powerful air forces, aided by naval bombardments, preceded the landing of soldiers on the big island which had been softened up by precision and area bombings mounting in intensity over weeks.

The United States war department issued a 50-word communique to dramatically disclose first details of the drive by forces under General Dwight David Eisenhower. The announcement coincided with a radio broadcast from Algiers which gave the basic announcement of the momentous step.

Canadian, British and American troops comprised the invasion forces.



Sicily, the "blocking tackle" in the way of the Italian boot, was invaded early this morning (North African time) by English, American and Canadian troops under the personal direction of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The actual invasion was immediately preceded by heavy air and sea bombardment. The island has been under almost constant air "softening up" attack since the fall of Tunisia.—Associated Press War Map.

### Moon Lighted Way for Attack

The lightning-quick invasion was launched in good weather by a light moon as troop ships escorting warships defied minefields and strongly placed enemy guns to reach the objective.

Italians, bulwarked by elite German troops, were expected to offer bitter resistance despite widespread discontent among the Italian population on the island with the course of the war.

The Italians already had engaged in a scorched earth program, destroying harbor installations at Trapani, which is the closest important Sicilian port to Africa.

General Eisenhower aimed the bold thrust with an announcement to the people of axis-dominated France that their turn was coming. He said this was the first stage of the "liberation of the European continent" but emphasized in a broadcast that the downtrodden French would be wise to lay low and not expose themselves to reprisals.

The jumpoff to the big Italian island went a long way toward cleaning up the Mediterranean. With Africa in the hands of the allies, Sicily undergoing man-to-man attack, and Sardinia so close it scarcely could escape a blow soon, a large area of the "soft under-belly" of axis-held Europe was under direct fire.

### Strong Resistance Expected

Nevertheless, the possibility if not probability of spirited resistance by Sicily's defenders existed.

German-Italian forces had been reinforced in southern Italy and its outposts recently, with an anti-invasion army or perhaps as high as 300,000 highly-trained men poised for the test.

Although possession of Sicily would vastly improve the military situation in the Mediterranean trouble spots still exist.

One of them is the axis-held island of Crete near the eastern end of the sea. Seized when the axis surged south through the Balkans and sent air-borne troops out to play a major part in the (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

### Miners Pass Picket Lines Back to Work

PITTSBURGH, July 9-(P)—A federal investigation of insurgent work stoppage at Steel company-owned mines gathered speed Friday while in the mine fields south of Pittsburgh miners shattered a tradition by passing through picket lines to go to work.

A special meeting of a grand jury was called for next Wednesday upon petition of US Attorney Charles F. Uhl, who had disclosed he was making a complete report on the anti-work campaign by pickets, at the request of the attorney general.

Uhl's petition said that the grand jury would inquire into "matters of great importance," and he would not elaborate but the step presumably dealt with the revolt in the southwest Pennsylvania field which today kept a score of mines idle or working with skeleton crews.

The department of justice has been studying the new federal anti-strike law, which makes it illegal for any person to "coerce, instigate, induce, conspire with or encourage any person" to interfere with operation or property in the possession of the government. One year in jail and a \$5000 fine are the maximum penalties.

### Gen. Emmons In London

LONDON, Saturday July 10(P) Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, until recently commander of the Hawaiian department of the United States army, has arrived in London, it was officially announced today.

General Emmons relinquished his Hawaiian command June 1.

At the time of Lt. Gen. Emmons' transfer from command of the Hawaiian department there were inferences that he might replace Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt as commander of the Fourth army and western defense command with headquarters at San Francisco. A California congressman had predicted that Lt. Gen. DeWitt would be relieved of that post because of war department disagreement with his policies in connection with relocation of Japanese-Americans on the Pacific coast.

### Salem Beef Shortage Acute

By ISABEL CHILDS

Salem's fresh beef shortage may be described as "critical" but the word should not be applied to fresh meat in all categories, wholesalers and retailers alike agreed Friday night.

John M. Lansinger, secretary of the Oregon Food Merchants' association, who used the term referring to a fresh meat shortage here, as he reported Friday night in Portland on an inspection of the capital city's markets, saw the situation from only one angle, representatives of packers and market men declare.

There is truth in that angle. No one denies. Even best stew is a luxury this week here, and may be even more difficult to obtain before the month is over.

Edwards and Drakeley, slaughterers and wholesalers, have suspended operations, although reasons quoted by Lansinger and the firm's customers vary slightly. However, they have been killing beef bought by the state for institutions here, using their own slaughter permit. Lansinger said the firm's quota had been made available to the state penitentiary, according to Associated Press dispatches. Representatives of the 25 markets Edwards and Drakeley had been supplying said simply "They said there wasn't a living in it."

Other meat men estimated that the firm supplied a twentieth of the meat sold in the Salem area.

No applications for additional slaughter permits had been made through the Salem War Price & Rationing board up to Friday, although in exceptional cases such permits are said to be available.

Still plentiful were lamb and mutton and pork. The latter may not be the average person's choice for summer days, but it will be a mainstay until September, according to John Madigan, head of the national OPA meat division in Washington, DC, who predicted recently on a visit to Oregon that meat rationing would work itself out successfully if buyers would stop insisting on beef and take what was available.

That, according to Salem meat retailers, is the end part of the picture here. There is all sorts of beef available, but permits to kill it are lacking. When fall rolls around, and a pork roast would brighten any dining table, we'll be eating lunch meat, they predict.

Permits are few because requirements for them are high. Small retailers, asked to sign affidavits as to their beef kill in 1941, told OPA representatives their records were incomplete, declared they would make their statements conservative, which they did with the approval of OPA, they declare. Now, before permits are issued on the '41 or any other basis, apparently, they are asked to bring out the records. There aren't any records. But there is lamb and there is pork.