ot in post-war reconstruc-ill be the CAA—the Civil

airports or airways. Commercial interests are going to press for recognition of feeder airlines, serving the smaller cities. The CAA then faces problems that are not only highly controversial but which are of vital importance to this country and the whole world.

Freedom of the air may become far more difficult than freedom tends aviation, must either obit must make deals with other nations. The latter course seems airlines and merchants as fifth columns all over the southern continent. Our good neighborly polcy will hardly go so far as to permit their early revival.

To the editorial desk comes a folder of the Southwest Airways company, with a map showing osed feeder lines through the three coastal states. Its "route H" would cover Oregon City, Gladstone. Willamette, Beaverton, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Newberg, McMinnville, Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Silverton, Salem, Dallas, Independence, Albany, Corvallis, Junction City, Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Reedsport, Marshfield, North Bend, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford. Its "route I" would serve the towns from Portland (Continued on editorial page)

See Firepower Demonstration

CAMP ADAIR, July 17-Graphic first-hand demonstration of the devastating fire power of American air and ground forces combined was presented to troops of the entire Timber Wolf division on the range area of Camp Adair.

Taking part were P-39, P-38 and B-25 planes from the Portland air base and from Seattle, and units of the division firing medfum artillery, light and heavy machine guns, mortars, automatic rifles and rifles.

Various types of bombing including even a few of the heavy 500-pound and 300-pound "blockbusters" were demonstrated by the planes. Coming in at 300 miles per hour, they also demonstrated the Gas Ration use of cannon and heavy machine guns from the air, blasting away at a target visible from the area in which the division ws seated.
Following the aerial demonstra-

upon another target, while silhou-(Turn to Page 2-Story M)

Bullitt Eyes Mayor Race

PHILADELPHIA, July 17 -(P) nomination for mayor of Philadel-

Largest American Force to Attack Nips in Pacific

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFof the sea. Our country, as it ex- IC, Sunday, July 18-(A)-More than 200 United States torpedo would immediately bring charges bombers, dive bombers, heavy of aggression and imperialism, or bombers and fighter planes greatest force ever sent against more sensible. But, will we permit Japan in the south and south-Germany to reestablish its lines in west Pacific-sank seven ships South America? Germany used its including a cruiser and two destroyers, and downed 49 Japanese planes Saturday in 20 minutes of dazzling action in the northern

The big force struck at the Buin-Faisi harbor-northern terminal of the "Tokyo Express," those fast warships which the Japanese try to slip in at night to aid garrisons in danger of falling, such as their imperiled air base at Munda to the south of yesterday's brilliant action.

Dauntless dive bombers, Avenger torpedo bombers, Librator and Flying Fortress fourengined heavy bombers, Cor-sairs and Lightnings started great fires and destroyed nearly half of the warships and merchantmen in the harbor at Buin-Faisi, southern Bougain-

In addition to the light cruise Timber Wolves - the communique said it was either that or a destroyer leader-

> A third cargo vessel was badly damaged by the raiders that it had to be beached. Georgia, Dauntless dive bombers moving south toward Munda, at-

tacked enemy positions in the Bairoko area. There was no further report of ground action around Munda where some of our advanced patrols have penetrated within less than two miles of the air

As the forerunner for the heavy sault on the Buin-Faisi ship (Turn to Page 2 Story F)

WASHINGTON, July 17 -(AP)-Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes announced late Saturday night that he expects to equalize gasoline rationing in the area between the east coast and the Rocky

Ickes said that completion of the William C. Bullitt, former US "Big Inch" pipeline from Texas ambassador to France and Soviet to the east coast will release a Russia, announced himself as a large number of railroad tank candidate for the democratic cars which can be used to divert gasoline from the midwest and southwest to the eastern seaboard Bullitt is now a special assist- and thus make possible the equalant to Secretary of the Navy ization. No change was indicated

Airbase Officers Will Name Miss Bombar-Dear 2 Indictments

"Miss Bombar-Dear?" Who is ! she? How will you know her? After August 10 you may recogze her by the glow on her face, the new watch on her lapel and by the face that you have seen by simply apearing any weekday

ficers at the Salem airbase to be feted and honored and to receive first prize in the competition which be no charge for the taking of the opens this week in Salem—a lapel watch, gift of Stevens & Son, The "girl with the most Zoom."

nd will receive from the same are entered (free of charge) in the Grand theatre, as "Bombardier" competition will go a bracelet closes there.

Every girl who likes fun and who has an expressive counte ance when she is in front of a camera may enter the contest graphers, on State street across test; nor will pressure be put upon

And there is no catch, pr who will serve as chairman of the officers' judging board. Names of ficers' judging board. Names of inners will be announced at 9 p. m. August 10 from the stage of the



Eisenhower Visits Sicilian Front Yankee



theatre of operations (left, cap in hand), greets Canadian officers while inspecting the front or Sicily. Eisenhower asked Capt. J. E. erations (left, cap as significant of the Canadian com-

and the two destroyers, a sub-marine chaser, a tanker and two cargo ships were blasted to the The price the Americans paid Rule Captive Areas

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 17-(A) a brand new branch of the allied army—had waded ashore and fronts," air force headquarters The invasion of Italy was barely hours old before AMGOT-

unlimbered for action. AMGOT was so new that not even the troops had heard of it.

War Fatality



John T. Reynolds, 20, who died in action in the South Pacific July 5, presumably in New Guinea following the Nassau bay landing in which a number of mer from Salem are known to have was the son of Mrs. Ruth Reynolds of Hayesville and the late State Senator Lloyd T. Rey-nolds. He was a Salem high school graduate.

Layton Faces

Man Charged Wih Slaying to Give Plea July 22

DALLAS, July 17-Two new dictments having been returned charged with the slaving of Ruth sion of time has been granted for entry of his plea, until next Thursday, July 22, at 9 a.m.

Layton of having deliberately forced into the river while Lay-ton was "engaged in an attempt to commit the crime of rape."

to meet her in The Di Through an error in the Jersey ticket office her t

while inspecting the front or Sleily. Essenhower and Moore (right) to convey his compliments to the Canadian command, (Associated Press photo by radio from US signal corps.)

It means "allied military government of occupied territory" and it is composed of British and American officers who have received special training in govern-

Its function is to administer occupied territories to relieve the actual fighting forces of the job of securing the areas in their rear and at the same time to alleviate hardships of the native population. Amgot's job is to restore order and organization as rapidly as possible after the wave of

ment officers on Sicily was disclosed only today. Gen. Sir Harlold Alexander is the military governor of Sicily, and Amgot officers will carry out his provided that the campaigns for federal officers may be sponsored by Senator Hatch (D-NM.).

Hatch, author of the act banding perniclous political activities The landing of military govern-ment officers on Sicily was dis-

chief civil affairs officer. Brig. said, with the present limitations on contributions, adding that the United States is deputy chief. Former Gov. Charles Poletti of

New York is in Gen. Dwight D. tions. Eisenhower's civil government division, but it is not known whether he now is in Sicily. (A Bri-

An official announcement said Amgot had "no political implica-tions of any kind," that it would be benevolent to civilians but (Turn to Page 2-Story B)

Railway Errs; She Wanted 'The Dalles'

DALLAS, July 17 - Letters through it in the night and wine

from Stevens & Son and a share in the honors.

Pictures of contestants and of the airbase officers who are judg-ling the competition will appear the catch?

Pictures of contestants and of the airbase officers who are judg-ling the competition will appear daily in The Statesman.

Circuit Judge E. M. Page of the mission county presided at today's ling here, she discovered the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today's large and departed by her for the mission county presided at today and departed by her for the mission county presid

Bombers Hit Reich

ing Cataria Battle Enters Final

Hornedo Bombers Sink 7

Nearly 50 Enemy Fighters Bagged, To Two Lost

LONDON, July 17-(AP)-Tight flying formations of US heavy bembers, returning from northwest Germany unescorted, beat off more than 200 enemy fighters in one of the most clear-cut victories of the bomber-versusfighter war over western Europe Saturday while another group, with fighter escort, gave Amster-dam its first American bombing. The Americans downed upwards of 5 enemy fighters against a loss of two bombers in a running battle that lasted half an hour. Some crews reported be-tween 50 and 75 Messerschmitt

and Focke-Wulf attacks. Thus the Fortresses brough their lop-sided score for two conflicts in four days to almost 100 fighters downed against perhaps

Americans were escorted by commander in the US naval reing crews reported that few enamy planes got far enough through

Campaign Cost

Hatch Plans Law to Have Treasury Pay **Political Funds**

WASHINGTON, July 17 -(P)-Legislation under which the treasury would pay the cost of political campaigns for federal offices

mations.

* Amgot itself is headed by Maj. he is attempting to draft such a measure. He is "not satisfied," he lie in outlawing all private do

> "The people pay the costs of these campaigns in one way or another, anyhow," he said, "and the financing might as well be done directly out of the treasury where regulations can be enforced and the amount of exitures limited."

Hatch said he concurred in th view expressed by the senate com-mittee, headed by Senator Mc-Farland (D-Ariz.), which investigated the 1942 compaigns, that "despite state and federal laws the limitations placed on expend-itures for campaign purposes have been largely ineffective."

Reds Condemn 11 for Treason

LONDON, Sunday, July 18-(F) Eight of 11 Russians charged with high treason in connection with the slaying of soviet citizens by the Germans when they occupied Krasnodar in the Caucasus last fall have been condemned to death by hanging, the Moscow radio announced early Sunday.

The other three were sentenced to prison for 20 years, said the broadcast, recorded by the soviet monitor. One woman was among those condemned to death.

Sun. Sunset 8:56 Mon. Sunrise 5:39 (Weather on Page 6)

In Navy



Lt. Commander

R. S. "Spec" Keene, head coach and director of athletics at Willamette university, will leave a week from today for New York to take up duties as a lieutenant

night.

"Glad for him because I know he so much wants to do this and for the navy because I think he will do an outstanding piece of work for it," President G. Herbert Smith said Saturday night, adding that he would "certainly recommend to the board that "Spec" be granted a leave of absence for the duration.

The special communique issued late Saturday night said that in Friday's fighting in the Orel-Kursk sectors, 168 German tanks were knocked out, and 106 planes shot down.

In Saturday's battles the later bulletin said that a total of 77 tanks had been knocked out and 94 artillery and mortar batteries destroyed along with hundreds of the duration.

The university will miss the At least 4300 more Germani man who came here in 1926 to fell Saturday as the Russians swept pull its athletic teams from a on, beating down German reserves who at the same time has served the city and state in youth-build-ing activities as widely divergent German t as playgrounds and parole board, ident Smith was frank to ad-

However, the institution may expect to have Keene back at the close of the war, and "under the circumstances, we are glad that we can let him go," Smith said, explaining that he had no plans Duce Replies

war, saw his overseas service with Message the army. He is a member of the state parole board and has for a of the city playgrounds com

Youth Pleads Guilty to Charges

Pleading guilty to charges of disorderly conduct, R. J. Alforde (Jean "Polecat" Turner) remainawaiting the sentence Justice of the Peace Joseph Felton will pro-nounce Monday.

Meanwhile, Alforde's friends the Salem "Wolf pack," were speaking of him as a "new" member and declaring the organiza-tion with which Alforde was traveling when arrested Thursday Only threat of gang warfar, which has arisen, they said, was tarted by the "Friers and the

US to Take **Baby Carriers**

PORTLAND, July 17 -(A)-Th

Russians Close In On Orel

Thousands of Nazi Reserves Killed In Red Attack

LONDON, Sunday, July 18 turing four more villages and American position, and is 25 miles cutting down thousands of Gernorthwest of the original beachman reserves hastily hurled into the breach in a furious effort to half the massive Soviet drive on that city, it was announced early today in Moscow.

Battlefront dispatches said Sov-

let heavy artillery now was within range of the vital communi-cations hub seized by the Germans in the fall of 1941.

A special communique and a midnight bulletin also announced that Russian troops had "completely restored" their positions in the sector between Orel and Kurak to the south where the German begun July 5, had failed "with unprecedented lesses in man-

enemy supply trucks.

At least 4300 more German

slump to the top of the heap in and gravely menacing Orel's de-Northwest conference play and fenses-in-depth and the railway behind the city running northwes

> burying their machines and using m and their guns as in pillboxes, the Russians said.
> The Red air force was layin

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to announce as to the coach's re-

STOCKHOLM, July 17 -(AP)-The Italian ministry of propagan-da has devised an answer to the leaflets dropped from allied planes and bearing the Roosevelt-Churchill demand for Italian sur-

The ministry is distributing its own handbills the Rome correspondent of the Dagens Nyheter said, with this message: "Italians, read the enemy leaf-

lets. We order you to do this in-famy. The bombs try to kill you. The leaflets try to dishonor you. chair The bombs want your physical secret ed in the Marion county jail this death. The leaflets want to kill ford G. Tugwell, governor of weekend in lieu of \$250 bail you morally. . Puerto Rico.

Ahead

Yanks Take Vital Road Junction Of Agrigento

ALLIED HEADQUARTER IN NORTH AFRICA, July 17 (P)- The British Eighth army fought a stubborn German foo on the edge of flaming, shellpitted Catania Saturday, and the battle for that prize port half-way up the eastern Sicilian coast, entered the final stage.

On the southern Sicilian LONDON, Sunday, July 18 coast American troops occupied (AP)—The Red army smashed six to eight miles closer to the nazi fortress of Orel Saturday, cap—ter. Agrigento represents a 12-mile gain from the last known head at Licata. The town is three miles inland from Porto Empedocle.

Still another Italian genera erstwhile commander of a coasta division, was captured. His name was not announced immediately. Seizure of Agrigento put f Americans on railways runni northward to Palermo, and als gave them access to the

Capturing Loutini, 15 below Catania, and Sci nine miles inland, Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery's I tish troops broke the back one German armored divis and parts of another in one of the most decisive engagements yet fought in Sielly, Enemy Catania in a last effort to rent capture of that s Southwest of the tank-str Catania plain Canadian to

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Puerto Rico Home Rule Is Scheduled

WASHINGTON, July 17-(AP)--At President Roosevelt's bidding, interior Secretary Ickes and seven men will go into a huddle Monday on how to grant Puerto Rico home rule in harmony with the Atlantic charter's respect for "the right of all people to choose the form of government under which they will live."

The president's committee of eight— four mainlanders and four insular citizens-is about to be insular citizens—is about to begin sessions out of which, in the words of Mr. Roosevelt, are to come recommendations for legiscome recommendations for legis-lation to "permit the people of Puerto Rico to elect their own governor, and to redefine the functions and powers of the federal government and the govern-ment of Puerto Rico respective-

Father Raymond A. McGowa action department of the nation the only non-admi

Commission Hears Talk On Independence Bridge

Construction of a highway bridge across the Willamette river at Independence was the principal theme at a luncheon Saturday in Salem at which members of the state highway commission were guests, at the conclusion of their

State Sen. Dean Walker pre-sented at the luncheon the "case" p for the Marion-Polk county bridge project, linking it with develop-ment of the Salem-Independence-Kings Valley highway project. The luncheon was sponsored jointly by the association organized to pro-mote that highway, and the highthe newest anti-submarine wes-pons used in protection of con-voys.

of the Marion and Polk county highway, the Rickrealt-Buell high-way which would materially re-roads enthusiasts attended. Of the highway commissioners, Chairman (Turn to Page 2—Storp A)