IT SEEMS TO ME that the Swiss newspapers which protest the urging of the United States and Great Britain that they deny refuge to "war criminals" are on

sound ground. The Lausanne Gazette is quoted as saying:
"We would lose one of the most essential privileges of an independent state if we bowed to foreign interference in this sphere."

The admittance of persons from

other states is a matter for the determination of the state itself. Extradition of criminals proceeds

strictly according to treaties entered into. A free state like Switzerland can decide for itself whether it will admit Mussolini or

Hitler and whether it would release either on the demand of their

home countries or on demand of

Greek temples were places of re-

fuge for slaves, politicians fleeing

from their enemies, and criminals.

In modern times this right of po-

litical asylum has been commonly

and revolutionists were forced to

· fly from their own countries. Maz-

zini took refuge in England. Trot-

sky found asylum in New York.

Karl Marx, refugee from Germa-

ny, did most of his studying in

the London libraries before he

wrote "Das Kapital," Politcians

and generals from the Latin Am-

erican states have often fled to

this country and used their se-curity here to frame a revolution

It is reported that some author-

ity on international law has as-

sured Pres. Roosevelt that the

United Nations can requisition

these "war criminals" from the

states they may escape to. Maybe

of the soverign states, which (Continued on editorial page)

Personalities

Will Greet

Salem's Victory center.

ited to their campaign.

Harold Crook

Dies in Pacific

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to buy.

Women from Salem organiza-

in their home lands.

resorted to as minority leaders

Right of asylum is ancient.

their victorious enemies.

2 Fronts

Zolochev Falls

In South; Reds

By the Associated Press

tory bulletin.

said.

Judge and Bombar-Dear Entry

as is his smile, his eyes like those of all pilots, are unusually go and he's going to be a wise judge in selection this weekend of he and he's going to be a wise judge in selection this weekend of he

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 7-

units were reported on the move

lent credence to earlier Moscow

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Taken Into

at hard labor Friday.

Escape from the guardho

Custody Here

CAMP ADAIR, Aug. 6-Three

of the four soldiers who Wednes-

from the stockade here, were back

The Oregon Statesman

No. 114

500 Hours as a Ground Observer

Mrs. J. Burton Crary, 1689 B street, Friday afternoon received from Gov. Earl Snell the award which the army gives to those who have served for 500 hours as ground observers in the aircraft warning service. In addition to her services as an observer, Mrs. Crary is personnel superintendent for the Salem post, sees that it is constantly manned, a job which requires constant work, especially during vacation months. Watching the presentation in foreground of The Statesman photograph are, left to right, W. H. McCune, director of AWS for Marion county district; Bernice Turner, observer on duty, and Dolores Kellogg, observer on duty; while from the "cabin of the post," left to right are Mrs. McCune, instructor in AWS aircraft recognition school; Mrs. Lewis Mitchell, Salem post correspondent, and Mrs. Harold Gillespie, training shift instructor. Read further AWS news on page 10.

so, but the only way they could obtain their persons if the asylum Father's Day state refused to honor the requisition would be to send a force in to seize the persons wanted. That Still Oct. 1 would be a breach of the rights

Wheeler Seeks to Cut Recess of Congress To Override McNutt

By the Associated Press

War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt refused Friday to Young Tonight Pearl Harbor fathers beyond October 1 and Senator Wheeler (D-Colorful personalities ranging Mont.) promptly sought to have congress' summer recess cut short so afforts could be made to overfrom high-ranking army officers to "Molly Pitchers" in colonial costume are to provide part of the ride the man-power chief. background for tonight's appear-

McNutt told Wheeler he authorance in Salem of James R. Young, ized the drafting of fathers when INS foreign correspondent, who appears in a bond-selling role at it became necessary after October because such action was imperative to protect war industries Planned as a snappy half hour against the loss of childless men of military band music and adthey must keep to maintain prodress by Young, the program pro-

Meanwhile, national selective promise to hold off actual inducservice headquarters reaffirmed a tions, who today are covering the town in an effort to "fill the tion of fathers as long after Ocpitchers" with bond and stamp tober 1 as possible and to bring sales, have been invited by Junall states and communities to the ior Chamber of Commerce Presipoint of drafting them at about dent Pat Crossland to join young the same time. men of his organization as sales

Wheeler, unappeased, said from emissaries, to circulate in the Belton, Mont., he was telegraphaudience. "Thus," he pointed out ing requests to Senator Barkley Friday, "exeryone will have an opportunity to buy or to pledge of Kentucky, state democratic leader, and speaker Rayburn of Texas that congress be recon-The Molly Pitcher group, with vened "earlier than Sept. 14" to members of the American Legion deal with the situation. auxiliary leading in making of

plans, have scheduled 5 o'clock McNutt released at Washington this afternoon as the close of their an exchange of telegrams with campaign, but may enter the field Wheeler revealing that the senaanyhow tonight, it was said, and tor was not entirely in accord whatever they sell will be cred- with the man-power chief's con- from the American air force, Lentz tention that the drafting of fa- said. Appearing as chief attractions at the center, which is on the lawn risking war production failures by

"Why," Wheeler asked, "spend billions in countries which have not sent a single soldier to the front and draft American fa-DALLAS - Word has been re-

At Bonham, Texas, Speaker ceived from the war department Rayburn said he had no comthat Cpl. Harold Crook was killed in action somewhere in New Guiment on Wheeler's request to renen on July 25. Cpl. Crook was convene congress. erroneously reported as wounded

Senstor Barkley at his home at Daughter of at a previous date. His is the first Paducah, Ky., said he had not death reported among the men of the local company serving over-the local company serving over-tikewise had no comment.

\$10-a-Year Tax on Juke Boxes **Declared Unconstitutional**

By RALPH C. CURTIS

tax on pinball machines, all for nue. old age assistance fund, was ruled constitutional Friday by a

ludges Alfred P. Dobson, Ashby C. Dickson and Earl C. Latourette ruled, for the reason that it taxes and machines, and not similar maes which vend other "arti-

The suit was initiated by Sol cess of a million dollars a year, daughter, Miss Lois Ohmart, all Fox, a juke box operator, and chiefly from the higher tax on of Salem. Another son, Chauncy,

not been determined Friday night. a year.

Earl Day, a member of the state gilia Pringle Smith, she was born The "juke box" tax of \$10 a tax commission, said however January 22, 1855, on her parents' year, one feature of Rep. John that the decision would not de- donation land claim just south of Steelhammer's bill in the 1943 prive the old age assistance fund Salem. She was a granddaughter legislature which also provided a of any significant amount of reve- of Virgil and Pherne Printle and

pending a decision, so that the pate of the century - old Salem imber of such machines in the In 1877 she was married

was defended by the state through the attorney general's office.

Whether an appeal will be taken to the state supreme court had revenue would be nearer \$200,000 great grandchildren also survive.

Over Sicily



FIRST LT. HAROLD C. LENT

Takes Yank This Yank

PORTLAND, Aug. 6-(P)-The only make of plane capable of shooting down First Lieut. Harold C. Lentz is, apparently, an Amer-

"Cliff," son of Mr. and Mrs. E M. Lentz of 122 Evergreen avenue, Salem, told here Friday how out of 50 combat missions in North Africa, he had to make just one crash landing. And the nazi who shot away his gasoline tank was flying a P-38 Lightning captured

thers was the only alternative to Lieut. Lents shot down three Messerschmitts in 45 minutes over of the county courthouse and taking non-fathers off crucial Sicily last June - and won the Distinguished Flying Cross for it. That gives the ex-Salem high school student three medals.

"I'll stake my life any day the P-38 against any plane in the world," the flier said Friday, as he started on home to Salem.

Mrs. Ohmart,

Mrs. Velleda W. Ohmart, daughter of pioneer Oregon families and native of the Salem community, died Friday at a Salem hospital

Daughter of Fabritus and Vir-Just what the loss will be, the Brown, all of whom crossed the plains to Oregon in the year 1846.

At old Oregon institute and Wil-lamette university, she received the juke box owners immediately her education, graduating with the withheld their tax payments class of 1873. Only one older grad-

when he introduced the bill that survive, sons, Roy V. Ohmart and it would produce revenue in ex- Reynolds W. Ohmart, and one

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Soldier's Body Found on Raft

Corpse in Willamette River Identified As Timber Wolf Man

Willamette river at approximately 1 p.m. Friday.

When the body was sighted and military police called, the raft was mans said another hussian mans said another hussian mans said another hussian was massed for action pear Chuit had been towed Thursday from guey, 24 miles southeast of Kharit had been towed Thursday from key.

Coroner L. E. Barrick, notifying state police, said the man had evidently been dead three weeks State officers called Adair authorities, who requested that removal of the corpse be left in military hands and who said Friday night that the body had been identified but that the name would not be revealed until next of kin had been notified.

Residents along the river recalled that within the past month boatmen and police had investigated reports of calls for help believed to have come from the Willamette near Hood street. At that time no evidence of a drowning Soldiers Trio

Although that portion of the river lies below the Pope-Talbot holdings where the raft in question was tied up to Thursday, rivermen thought that some logs from the lower river might have gone into the downriver movement Thursday and that the body might have been carried with

House Burns While Bean Crop Is Garnered

TALBOT, Aug. 16-While Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martan aided a neighbor in picking of a bean crop, fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed their residence and its contents. The dwelling was owned by Rev. Henry city police cooperated with mili-Turnidge and was located on tary police in locating the trio.

Reds Drive Past Kharkov Russians Yanks Mopping Up Munda Airbase Japs Gain On

By C. YATES McDANIEL

Allies Close on Etna Line;

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACI-FIC, Saturday, Aug. 7-(R)-The United States jungle fighters who captured the Munda air base and crushed all organized resistance of the Japanese now have chased fleeing remnants into nearby mangrove swamps, where they are being annihilated. **Push on Bryansk**

The bloody mopping up operations were related in a communique from Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur issued today on the first anniversary of the American of-Russian armies breaking into fensive in the Solomons.

The jungle troops pushed north Shot by Nazis the Ukraine on a 43-mile front and northeast of yesterday's bomb outflanked the big German base and shell battered scene of vic-tory to hunt down what few Jaof Kharkov Friday by capturing panese have not been slain.

Zolochev, 25 miles to the north-Meager reports from the south west, in a continuing summer Pacific indicate that the 1671 enpaign that already has cos emy dead mentioned in a special the Germans 120,000 killed and ommunique recording the fall of Munda, on New Georgia, may rep-Gains up to 37 miles were scored resent only a partial count of the in the smash west of Belgorod, enemy losses inflicted as Ameriwhich cut the Kharkov-Bryansk can infantrymen drove across the railway at Zolochev, and the Rusairdrome behind the withering sians also drove onward through Orel farther north in the surge fire of tanks and flame throwers. General MacArthur, commendtoward Bryansk, said a special vicing Admiral William F. Halsey, In the southeast other Russian

commander of the south Pacific forces on the "complete victory" in the Donets basin, capturing said it reflected great credit on several German - held heights all components — ground, naval southwest of Voroshilovgrad. This and air.

indicated a general Soviet offen-sive aimed at hurling the Germans While mopping up went for-ward at Munda, war planes of the navy and the army's 13th airfar back to the Dnieper river.
The Russians killed 2,000 Gerforce ranged northwest and The body of a soldier, identified mans during the day in the drive northeast of there to shoot down that topped Zolochev and straddled the enemy's communication Buin-Faisi, destroy a troop-laden lines above Kharkov, the midnight posed a pincer threat to the great Japanese float-plane base at Re-industrial center because the Ger-kata bay.

Rekata bay is on the coast of Santa Isabel Island, 100 miles northeast of Munda, Mitchell medium bombe

Soviet bombers pounded both Kharkov and Beyansk ahead of airforce continued their sweeps Red armies that had taken Orel and Belgorod on Thursday. over barge hideouts along the New Guinea coast route of supply The advance in three days from to the enemy's menaced isthmus north of Belgorod had swept air base of Salamaua

through that city, enveloped 150 The Japanese registered their settlements and driven ahead 15 only score off the north coast of to 37 miles, a special communique Australia where a small allied broadcast from Moscow and revessel was bombed and sunk by corded by the Soviet monitor enemy planes. The drive carried into the An Australian-flown Hudson

Ukraine north of Kharkov and Japanese merchant ship off the west coast of Dutch New Guinea. In the Buin-Faisi air triumph, 16 of our fighters took on the 30 Zeros. We lost only one plane. American soldiers are expected to turn their attention to Bairoko to gain complete control of the is-land. Little has been reported from that sector since July 10 when United States troops landed on the north end of the island and cut communications between Bairoko and Munda. day night "went over the hill"

The possession of the Munda (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Pvts. Hayward P. Perkey and Owen Brewer were arrested in Airbase Sends Salem Friday morning; Pvt. Cleve Williams had been taken into cus-Snell Salute today Thursday. Still at large is Pvt. Charles Barnes. At AWS Post made by crawling along a drainage ditch and clipping the wire that enclosed the stockade. Salem

The gyrating, dancing, skim ming diving plane that parted your hair early Friday afternoon was saluting the state's governor and his recognition of aircraft

Gov. Earl Snell, not advised that the exhibition flying had been planned, stood gazing into the sky, himself an aircraft ground observer in the most liter-Airacobra through its paces, when he might have been high in the ton Crary, one of Mrs. Robert Blumenstein's executive assistants at the Salem post.

Pope Calls for Peace Prayers

LONDON, August 6-(P)-Pope Pius XII today called upon Rom-

Bombar-Dear, whose name will be made public Tuesday night.

Looking at the picture of Bernadyne Peters, 660 Union street, shown here, isn't going to hurt the judgen' eyes, either. She is one of many 'contestants.

(Details of contest on page 5)

Maglioni, papal secretary of state, the pontiff said, "With all our licenses, available to any club, hotelicenses, available to any clu

Americans Lay

By RELMAN MORIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 6-(AP)-British and Canadian forces were reported Friday night to be only several thousand yards from Adrano, key point in the last enemy defense line around Mt. Etna and 20 miles northwest

Anti-aircraft fire from a Ger-man merchaniman struck a Swedish fighter plane flying over the boundary between Swedish territorial waters and artillery fire.

material traffic through Sweden to Norway would be suspended later this month, The Swedish plane, it was said, was able to make a normal landing. The observer was

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 6-(AP)-

international waters, an official

This was the first incident

since Sweden announced Thurs-

day that German troop and war

statement said Friday night.

Air Raid Fear **Grips Berlin**

tonight was reported by Reuters city" for fear of allied air raids.

The British news agency, quoting arrivals in Zurich from the German capital, said thousands of of refugees from bomb - shattered Lt. Gen. George Kenney's Fifth Hamburg were arriving in Berlin and spreading stories of fantastic

casualties in the allied raids. These persons have been arrested in efforts to control the spreading panic, it was said.

Dispatches from Sweden report-

ed that RAF planes had dropped, sina to disrupt evacuation of Gerleaflets, warning the people of man troops, indicating that the Berlin that they face the same fate battle for Sicily was nearing its as the people of Hamburg, which An Australian-flown Hudson has become the most-bombed city evened the count by bombing a in the world in recent weeks.

Stockholm reports have esti-mated that 200,000 casualties were suffered in Hamburg in the recent week-long series of raids. (A CBS correspondent at Bern, (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Stolen Baby's **Mother Rallies**

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 6-(P)-The nother of tiny Judith Gurney, the two-day-old girl who disappear from a hospital crib mysteriously, last Tuesday, rallied today, but police reported they were no near-er solution of the case.

Dr. E. Lew Hurd said the moth er, Mrs. W. B. Gurney, wife of an Albany labor union official, rest-ed quietly for the first time since the baby disappeared. State Police Sergeant Earl Hous-

baby might be returned voluntarily to the parents, who ad-dressed an appeal for the girl's safe return directly to the kid-

ney's improved condition to the broadcast which, he said, had in-

Near Axis Key Point

Siege on Troina; Messina Bombed

of captured Catania.

The US Seventh army was besleging Troins to the northwest, where an American officer said both axis supply roads leading to the town were under American

"They will have to give up or fall back soon," he said. Other American forces hamme ed at German positions before San Fratello on Sicily's north coast, 55 miles from the axis escape hatch

Despite strong German gun positions on the slopes of Mt. Etna above Adrano, a British force from the 78th division penetrated to within 2000 yards of the town and Canadians advanced from the LONDON, Aug. 6—(A)—Berlin dispatches said.

One American column advanced Gagliano, Gagliano is ei southwest of Troins where saver lighting raged for that main

The American posts were found to be hel and vomiting from shell shock

Flying Fortresses-heavy artillery of the air-blasted at Mesclimax.

Americans on the north coast, strongly supported by sea and sig guards on the east both were fighting about 50 miles from Messina. Other British Eighth army units were beating northwest around Mt. Etna, from Paterne toward Adrano.

Canadians and British in a central push are making "steady progress" toward Adrano astride the Mt. Etna base road, today's Axis resistance here contin

Thus Adrano, a con (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

Food Poison Cases Grow

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 6-(A)-A ton said a widespread search for appeared in the southern Willam-a kidnaper was unavailing, but ette valley tonight and Dr. C. R. hope still was held out that the Lindgren, Lane county health of

Of these, 34 are hospitalized naper on a radio hook-up last one death has been reported, that of a two-year-old boy who sue Dr. Lindgren blamed the po

broadcast which, he said, had in-creased her hopes for the baby's said had probably not been kept

sky at the city's observation post where the whites of the young flyer's eyes were reputedly visible. A few minutes later, the governor pinned the 500-hour service award on the coat of Mrs. J. Bur-Of Knox Liquor Control Act

Repeal of the Knox liquor con- or board of city cor of act and legalization of the The existing perm ors by licensed dealers is proposed in an initiative petition filed Friday in the state depart-ment by Mel P. Brown of Port-

ing on licensees' premises would be liberalized. The new law, if ap

bers to be appointed by the governor. The liquor administra would receive a salary of \$

First 50 per cent of the lice