

I suppose national commanders of the American Legion feel they must strike the pose of a stern, remorseless he-man in order to be impressive; and that may account for the prescription written for the Japanese (and other axis nations) by Col. Roane Waring, on his stop in Portland Wednesday en route to attend the department convention in Baker. Col. Waring is quoted as saying: "Japan should be completely annihilated, not only from a military and naval standpoint but industrially as well. The Japanese should be so destroyed that never again will they be in position to have another Pearl Harbor."

There is no difference of opinion as to the need for administering crushing military defeat on Japan; but to talk of "annihilation" of Japan industrially goes far beyond what can be regarded as a rational view of post-war settlement with Nippon. In that field desire for vengeance must yield to the practical. It might settle the peace of the Pacific for the future if we could put mines under the home islands of Japan and sink them and their inhabitants in the waters of the ocean; but the science of explosives hasn't gone that far; and even Col. Waring does not recommend extermination of the Japanese people. Very well; as long as millions of Japanese continue to live on these islands they will need industry as well as agriculture in order to survive.

What we have to contrive, if that is at all possible, is some settlement which will pull the teeth of Japan for war-making, and at the same time let the Japanese people live under conditions that will not encourage them to break the peace as soon as they regain strength or as soon as our guard is down.

The prospect is admittedly discouraging. The Japanese people have been so thoroughly indoctrinated with a cult embracing emperor-worship and the divine mission of their people, that military defeat is apt to embitter them, so they will plot and plan for revenge, for recovering "face" and (turn to editorial page)

### US Proposes World Money Stabilization

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—The United States advanced Thursday night a revised proposal for post-war international machinery to stabilize currencies, but held firmly to the idea of basing it on gold.

The British have put forward a stabilization program which would not require establishment of a central fund backed by gold.

In making public the revised American proposal, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau expressed confidence that "England and ourselves will get together on a plan designed to avoid the pitfalls that beset the world trade after the last war." He added that differences between the two countries now have been reduced to "one or two." One presumably is the matter of gold.

### Smith Hunter, Veteran Music Supervisor, Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19 (AP)—Smith E. Hunter, 86, former music supervisor for Portland public schools, died at a hospital Thursday. He came here in 1886 from Kansas and served the school system from 1905 to 1929. Survivors include a son, E. D. Hunter, Portland, and two grandchildren, Frances D. and David O. Hunter, of Spokane.

### Fire Department Probe Set; Tardiness Is Target

By RALPH C. CURTIS  
Investigation of the Salem fire department's alleged tardiness in getting water to a residence fire at 552 North 17th street Wednesday night will be made by Alderman R. O. Lewis, chairman of the city council's fire department committee, that official declared Thursday.

Pending completion of the investigation, Lewis declined to comment upon newspaper reports that firemen had been unable to find the outlet to the gate valve of a hydrant at Center and 17th street, and were delayed at least ten minutes in fighting the blaze, finally getting water to it by laying a second line of hose to a hydrant on A street. The house was almost totally destroyed together with most of the household goods of Mrs. Bernice Strong, its tenant.

Alderman Lewis indicated however that he would inquire into the precautions taken by the fire department to prevent such incidents. He said it was the duty of the captain in each fire station to familiarize himself with the location of hydrants and gate valves.

## Axis Invasion Jitters Sweep Mediterranean

### Duress Is Denied By Police

#### Layton's Two Statements Read Before Jury

DALLAS, August 19 (Special)—The story of a Richard Harry Layton who boasted of his power over women even while being questioned in connection with the death of Ruth Hildebrand of Dallas, was told today by State Police Capt. Wayne Gurdane in circuit court where Layton is on trial charged with first degree murder.

Following Judge Arlie G. Walker's ruling that they were admissible transcripts of the two separate interrogations of Layton by state police officers at Milwaukee were read to the jury. Defense Attorneys Roy R. Hewitt and Harry Hoy continued however to contest their validity by seeking to prove that the admissions had been forced from Layton. Sgt. Walter Hadfield denied the defense's insinuations by stating in answer to a question by District Attorney Bruce Spaulding, that they had not used "third degree" methods and that all officers had been instructed by Supt. Charles P. Pray of the state police to avoid such practices.

When first interrogated, the transcript allegedly signed by Layton disclosed, he insisted that Ruth had accompanied him willingly to Buena Vista, had not resisted his advances, and had fallen accidentally into the river while running near the bank.

Later, the second transcript disclosed, he was given opportunity to amend his story and this time admitted forcing his attentions upon the girl, after which he pursued and caught her, striking her just before she fell into the river.

Defense Attorney Hewitt questioned the grammatical structure of the statements, holding that his client was uneducated. He also declared that the removal of Layton from the Washington county jail at Hillsboro to state police headquarters at Milwaukee for questioning was illegal.

### His Fish Story Is Backed Up

ASTORIA, August 19 (AP)—A 31-foot basking shark brought in by Stewart Davis, Astoria commercial fisherman, was hailed by processors as the largest ever landed here.

Using the fish's 2000-pound liver for estimating the weight of the entire carcass, processors said they believed the shark totaled 20,000 pounds.

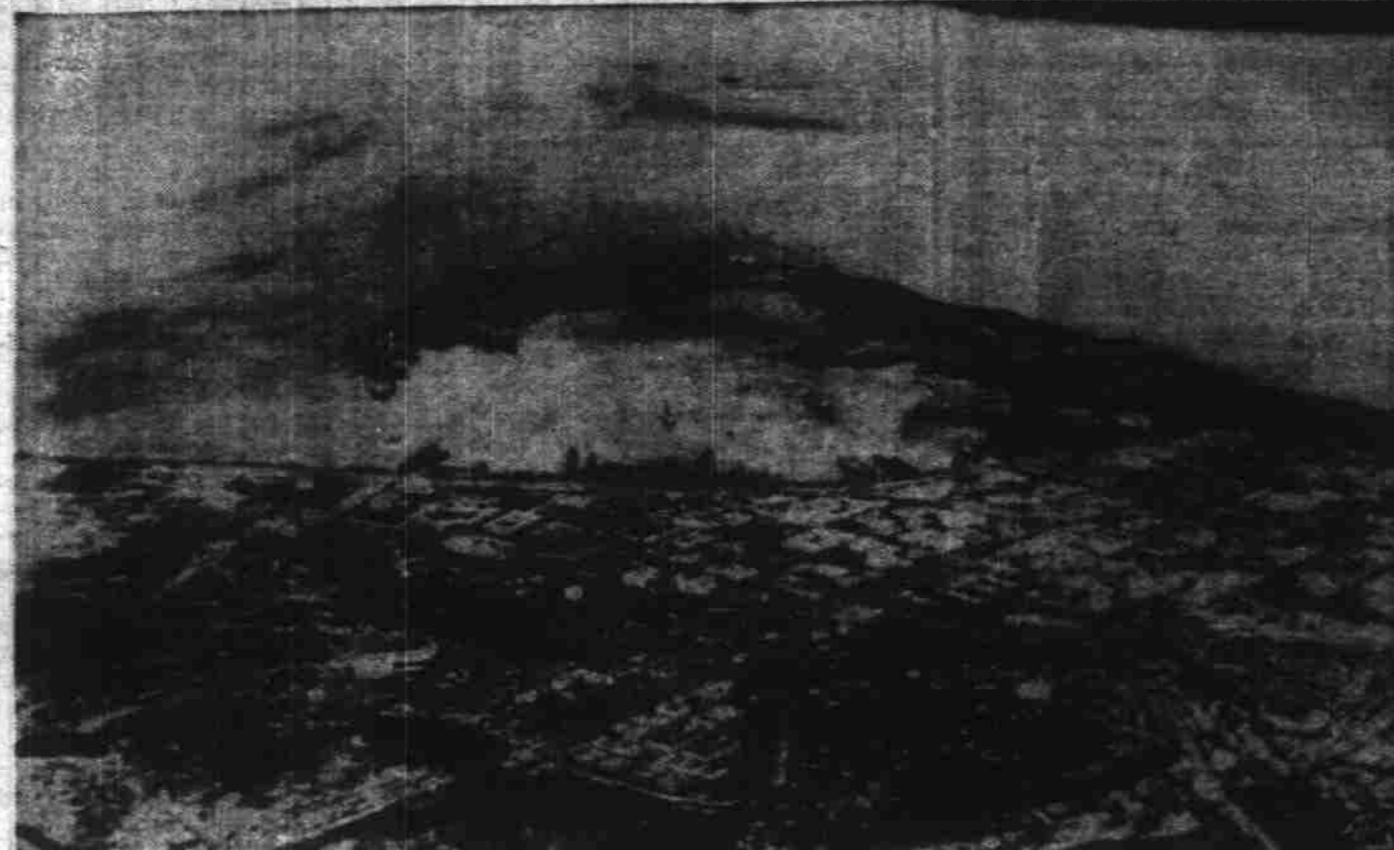
The shark was so large that Davis couldn't get it completely aboard his 50-foot deep-sea fishing boat. Part of the shark trailed in the wake of the boat.

Relative to comments of spectators at Wednesday night's fire that equipment sent to the blaze appeared seriously undermanned, it was ascertained at the city hall that total personnel of the department is 45, the number authorized in the budget. In 1941 when the same number of men were employed, a report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters commented that the department was "seriously undermanned." Due to losses to the armed services and other resignations, the department now includes a number of firemen of brief experience.

Though city officials declined to comment pending investigation, opinion that a condition which needs correction exists within the fire department was freely expressed by persons who witnessed Wednesday night's fire and others who had read or heard of the occurrence. That it clearly showed unfamiliarity with the fire fighting facilities on the part of some firemen at least, was an opinion frequently heard.

No thorough survey of Salem's fire defenses has been made by (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

### Bridgehead to Italian Mainland



A ferry terminal in Messina, from which Germans made their retreat to the mainland of Italy, and which may now serve the United Nations forces as a bridgehead for invasion of the continent. (AP Teletext)

### Yanks, Aussies Ferret Japs From Ridges

By C. YATES McDANIEL  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Friday, August 20 (AP)—Slow progress was made Wednesday by American and Australian troops in ferreting the tenacious Japanese from mountain ridges barring the way to the airdrome at Salamaua, New Guinea, and from jungle isles flanking the newly captured Munda airdrome in the Solomons.

Five miles southwest of Salamaua, whose airdrome would put the allies within easy fighter range of big Japanese holdings on New Britain, hard-won positions were consolidated.

"Our ground troops are now in control of Bobdubi ridge," today's communique said. In the Solomons, United States patrols tackled small enemy units holding out on atolls and islets in the Wana Wana lagoon flanking the west coast of New Georgia. These liquidation operations followed air attacks aimed at enemy gun positions on the Karapahat islets just west of Munda, the airfield which the Americans captured August 5.

(In Honolulu, Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson told a press conference that "Progress of the war in the Pacific is excellent." He said Japanese strength at sea and in the air has been "considerably diminished" and expressed particular elation over the aerial destruction Tuesday and Wednesday of 215 out of 225 enemy planes massed on four airdromes near Wewak, New Guinea.)

In slow, methodical fighting, allied jungle troops have been hacking away at enemy ridge positions for some time within five miles of Salamaua, a base largely in ruins as the result of being pounded within the past month by more than 1,000 tons of allied bombs.

Seven hundred and fifty miles to the east on the other arm of the Pacific offensive, Americans (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

### Quezon Radios To Philippines

WASHINGTON, August 19 (AP)—President Manuel Quezon of the Philippines, 65 years old Thursday, sent a birthday message to his people saying "The time of redemption is not far off."

Exiled and long ill, Quezon took heart from President Roosevelt's pledge in a speech last week that the Philippine republic shall be restored once Japan's power is destroyed, and declared in a broadcast: "President Roosevelt makes no promises lightly. He spoke with the power and might of the strongest nation on earth standing behind every word he said."

### Firemen Put Out Two Kitchen Fires

The fire department was called to 735 North Commercial street Thursday evening at 10:20 to extinguish a fire in two apartments. Both kitchens were considerably burned and other rooms smoked up but the fire was soon under control. The origin of the fire was unknown.

### Quebec Said Planning To Destroy Reich, Japan

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
QUEBEC, August 19 (AP)—A dramatic assertion that the Anglo-American high command in its secret sessions here is planning ways to "bomb, burn and ruthlessly destroy" both Germany and Japan came tonight from the first high official to make a public statement on the historic Quebec conference.

The spokesman was Brendan Bracken, British minister of information, and a frequent visitor, since he arrived here late Wednesday at the citadel where President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada and Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain carry on their discussions.

While Bracken refrained from giving any details of the strategy, saying those would be revealed only by "admirals, generals and air marshals" in action, he made this general statement when asked about the plans in progress: "These plans are to bomb, burn and ruthlessly destroy in every way available to us the people responsible for creating this war."

At another point he said that to him the war in Europe and the war against Japan were all "one war," and he reiterated the pledge made by Prime Minister Churchill in Washington last May that when the European phase of the conflict is won "the whole might of the British empire will be given over to the task of crushing the Japanese who are a savage, ruthless people."

Bracken, quick and sometimes biting in his speech, used the word "ruthless" frequently. At one point he spoke of the president and the prime ministers as "respectable but ruthless gentlemen."

The Briton's comments emphasized the finality of much of the present strategy planning even as he spoke signs multiplied that the time for the invasion of continental Europe is at hand.

The general situation suggested that the allied high command had definitely decided against trying to knock Germany out of the war by strategical bombing and had given a "go ahead" order to the massive amphibious forces poised to strike at Germany's flanks.

As President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King of Canada worked through their second full day of war conferences, dispatches from a broad laid heavy emphasis on invasion prospects, and the president himself, in a message to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, stressed what can be accomplished by team work and planning among the allies.

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### Reds Cut Kharkov Escapes

#### One Railroad Left for Nazi Withdrawal

By EDWARD D. BALL  
LONDON, Friday, August 20 (AP)—Russian troops sealing off Kharkov for annihilation gained from three to seven miles yesterday on three sides of the city, killing 2400 Germans hurled against them in vain counterattacks, Moscow announced early Friday.

With only one railway escape route to the northwest reported open to the enemy garrison, already fighting Soviet shock troops spilling into the northeastern suburbs, the Soviet daily communique declared that more than 30 additional villages had fallen to the onrushing Red army on the west, northwest and southeast sides of the city.

Another Russian column attacking frontally from the east last was reported on the edge of the Ukraine stronghold in the fourth great battle for the prize railway city.

The bulletin, recorded by the Soviet Monitor, said that more than 20 villages had been seized in the parallel drive imperilling the German bastion of Bryansk farther north, and a supplement also announced gains southwest of Spas Demensk on the central front.

Moscow dispatches said the Russians were grinding down scores of German tanks and thousands of reserve infantry. (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

### Big Weekend Bean Harvest Turnout, Goal

"Bean - harvest - consciousness" was still being promoted Thursday, in spite of some improvement in the immediate situation, by the farm labor emergency service in the hope of obtaining a heavy weekend turnout of additional workers, in contrast to last weekend's slump.

If Salem people, free of their week-day tasks, flock to the bean fields in great numbers Saturday and Sunday the harvest prospect will be greatly improved for the time being, employment officials said. The harvest is estimated to be at its peak but will continue for a number of days.

The pick-up service inaugurated Wednesday proved most successful, numbers of pickers reporting at 8:30 a. m. at the Hollywood theatre, at 18th and State streets and at Leslie junior high school as well as at the employment office, Cottage and Ferry streets. A bus for the accommodation of housewives has been scheduled to leave the employment office at 9:30 a. m., returning at 5 p. m.

### War Prisoner Mail Deadline Aug. 27

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—The war department announced Thursday night that the time for mailing packages to prisoners of war and civilian internees in the far east has been advanced from September 15 to August 27 because of a change in the sailing time for the exchange ship Gripsholm.

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### London Broadcasts Warning to Frenchmen

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)—A high officer of the British navy, broadcasting to Frenchmen from London Thursday night in what appeared to be a warning to prepare for an allied invasion, said: "Those of you who belong to resistance groups of specialists know already that their services are wanted on day 'J' at hour 'H'."

The allied message was the second in two days beamed to occupied Europe.

## Armed Force of Allies Massed on 2000-Mile Front

### Italy Bombarded From Land Sea and Air; Germans Move In Troops From France, Reich

By RICHARD McMURRAY  
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Axis invasion jitters swept the Mediterranean from Gibraltar to the Balkans Thursday night as the allies massed new forces at strategic points along the whole 2000-mile region and increased their bombardment of Italy from the air, sea and land.

These invasion straws were in the air: American and British fleets shelled the coasts of south Italy. US naval units bombarded Palmi, 20 miles north of Messina, and Giota Tauro, 26 miles north. The British challenged Messina strait shore batteries.

The Germans spoke nervously of naval and transport concentrations in the Mediterranean. They said in their communique today that they bombed the great allied naval base of Bizerte in Tunisia a second time and said they hit a cruiser, 25 transports of 138,000 tons and landing barges.

Southern Italy was hammered so widely and repeatedly by allied air fleets that the Italians did not attempt to name the targets, saying merely that the provinces of Reggio Calabria, Naples and Cagliari were attacked.

Axis shipping and harbor installations on three Greek islands were attacked by day and night.

American and British bombers pounded the big German airfield at Poix in France three times in 12 hours. US marauders also struck Amiens-Glissey, and RAF night raiders raided widely in France and the low countries.

The British confirmed numerous neutral reports that the Germans were moving into Italy in considerable strength from France and the Reich.

The United Nations radio at Algiers told the people of occupied France that the second successive night to perfect their pre-invasion preparations and that the time of action might be near.

Major Gen. Clayton L. Bissell, one of the most successful American general commanders, was relieved of his command of the Tenth US air force in India "for a new assignment of great importance."

The Madrid radio said the assault on Europe was only a few hours off. Dispatches from that neutral capital quoted travelers from Italy as saying the Italian army is not only anxious to quit fighting but is actually disintegrating, with thousands of deserters clogging roads and byways. Strikes in the industrial north were declared spreading; peace demonstrations were said to have extended from north to central Italy.

There was little amplification of the new allied forces massed in (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

### Two Polish Armies Set In England for Invasion

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)—Newly equipped by the United States and Britain, two superbly-trained Polish armies are ready to fight their way onto the European continent and back into their homeland.

Their commanders await only the signal for the invasion to start, the Polish government in exile said today.

The army which fought the Germans racing through Poland in September, 1939, was virtually wiped out with 922,095 casualties in killed, wounded and missing, the government disclosed, but some veterans of that force provide the nucleus of the two new armies.

One force of about 80,000 men is based in the middle east under the command of Lt. Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, 51-year-old, thrice wounded hero of the battle of Poland. Some of the men he leads were with him in the thick of the bloody warfare in their homeland.

Another force of undisclosed numbers is stationed in Britain, the government said. Both armies contain strong artillery and parachute units.

The forces also include 4000