

My earliest recollection of "international relief" was when, during my boybood our small Iowa community contributed a carload of grain for the famine sufferers in India. Whether it was wheat or corn I do not recall, but contributed it was, and shipped. This was not a government project. Probably it was a church project, inspired by letters from missionaries working in India.

In later years we have heard less about India famines, and for many years nothing at all, until this year that vast sub-continent is reported once more in the grip of a devastating famine. A death roll of 200 a day is reported from Calcutta in northeast India where the famine is worst.

Famines in India are due to failure of seasonal rains. The margin of subsistence is so narrow it is impossible to build up surpluses in a sub-continent where 350,000,-600 people try to exist. When rains fail over a wide area crops are insufficient, and millions suffer either from malnutrition or actual starvation. .

The reason why famines have become less frequent in India has been the extension of irrigation. The British government many years ago started constructing vast

irrigation systems which now dwarf those in all other countries. have put in since their attempt Over 50,000,000 acres, chiefly in northwestern India are under ir- the sea four days after landing rigation. The Lloyd dam on the on the beach at Salerno. Yelmandi river and the Sukkur

barrage on the Indus are among the largest structures for impounding of irrigation waters.

Accompanying this construction of storage dams and canals has been education in agriculture. This has been conducted in government schools and experiment stations, and in church-supported institutions and projects. Modern missionary work runs very largely to health and sanitation and instruc- nates high ground in central Italy. tion in practical agriculture. No longer is the missionary effort limited to preaching in an attempt to convert the Hindus or Moslems to the Christian faith. Large expenditures are made for hospitals, schools, and agricultural stations. Long before Pres. Roosevelt

coined the phrase "freedom from want" these practical-minded missionaries saw that the way to end want in countries like India is to variably launch them just before redirect the energies of the peo- they think the allies are about to



Missing

### **Fierce German** Counterattack Fails; Cost High

By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Oct .23-(AP)-Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring's forces, although thrown back by the Fifth army after launching a fierce tank-led counter- DETROFT, Oct. 28-Lt. Keith D.

attack in the Alife region, dug in firmly today in their new positions on the Massico ridge-

Mount Matese line solidly blocking the road to Rome. The hard counterattack was one of the sharpest the Germans to drive the Fifth army back into

It cost them dearly . . . a number of nazi tanks were knocked out by the deadly fire of American artillery, but the fury with which it was launch-ed was an indication of the Germans' determination to hold their new line stubbornly.

**Huon Peninsula** The Eighth army also frustrated a counterattack near Montecilfone and then advanced two By C. YATES MCDANIEL miles, taking Lupara, which domi-

An allied communique detailing yesterday's land developments hinted further action was in progress on the Fifth army's front by saying that the gain made in taking a commanding height in an unidentified area was being "exploited."

American bombers. The object of the German coun-These attacks blunted the enterthrusts to disrupt allied offenemy spearhead and forced him sive actions and the Germans into fall back from the village of Katika westward to a depth of 1100 yards toward his inland



Homes'

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**Buy for Tenancy** 

By RALPH C. CURTIS Residents in some parts of the city will call it a gross understatement - and it is a conservative statement - that at least 12 per cent of the singlefamily dwellings in Salem have

Moore (above), son of Mr. and changed ownership this year. Mrs. Guy Moore of Detroit, has Salem and vicinity are experiencing, not a "real estate

been reported missing in the European war area, his parents were informed in a telegram boom" inspired by ballyhoo such from the war department. He as many communities have witenlisted in January, 1941, and nessed in the past, but a quiet was graduated from bombarrevolution in home ownership dier school at Albuquerque, which nevertheless is of such NM, receiving his commission magnitude that veteran real estate about ten months ago. brokers declare their business is

more active than at any other, time in a quarter-century; and they are not excepting the city's period of rapid development in the middle and late 'twenties.

Several causes contribute to this trend. One is a general wartime turnover of population. Some families have departed; a greater number have moved in. The number of families both in Salem and surrounding territory has increased. There is a critical demand

for housing but because of federal ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN restrictions virtually no new resi-THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, dences can be built. Possibly most Sunday, Oct. 24 -(P)- Japanese newcomers try to rent; failing that, hopes of reaching the New Guinea in many cases they buy. More of coast on the Huon peninsula in them, and more of the older resistrength were blasted Friday by dents now have the means to buy. Meanwhile high costs of foods determined attacks delivered by Australian ground troops and have caused many to look toward

the country where they may raise their own; others have gone there in the city. Sales of rural property within five or ten miles of

es could be built. As it is, all res-

further encouraged by the circum-

stance that individuals with in-

creased earnings are not able too

make profitable investment other

than in war bonds or in the field

of real estate. And many have

bought land-farms as well as city

property-as the most obvious me-

thod of hedging against the infla-

But-despite these last-mention-

ed factors, the over-all trend is

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STOCKHOLM, Oct. 23 -(AP)-

**Airliner Hit;** 

**Sweden Hints** 

tests.

tion danger.



With the capture of Melitopol yesterday the Russians are sweepin south in a race to cut off the Crimea at Perekop and Kherson. In another great drive the Russians are only 15 miles from Krivol Rog, as they try to trap large numbers of German troops in the Dnieper bend. Other breakthroughs were reported farther north.

**UMW Leaders Urge Coal** their own; others have gone there for the housing they could not find in the city Sales of much more Miners Back to Work; 10...

# Reds Mount Two Main Drives Motorized Columns RUSSIA Swing Out in Pursuit **Of Fleeing Germans**

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**City's Capture Undermines Entire** Nazi Defense Strategy in South; **Red Armies Gain in Dnieper Bend** 

### By JUDSON O'QUINN

LONDON, Sunday, Oct. 24-(AP)-The Russian army captured the key city of Melitopol after 11 days of street fighting and swept on southward today through the flat, muddy plains toward the Crimea.

Moscow reports said Soviet motorized columns swung out in pursuit of the Germans in a race to cut off the Crimea at Perekop and Kherson after smashing the last-ditch German stand at Melitopol.

The Germans lost more than 20,000 men in their vain attempt to establish a winter line in the ravaged city and a triumphant Moscow communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, described nazi lasses as "extraordinarily heavy."

The Germans had rushed infantry divisions, tanks and artillery

into the city, hoping to halt the Russians, but bitter hand-to-hand fighting forced back the defend-ers street by street. More than 44 Bombers 4000 Germans were killed in the last day alone while 57 tanks and 18 guns were wrecked. Large Lost in Giant quantities of war material were

The fall of Melitopol yesterday undermined the entire Ger-man defense strategy in the south. Ahead of the Russians were 135 miles of indefensible steppes leading to the mouth of the Dnieper river.

captured and several hundred Raid on Kassel

By ROBERT N. STURDEVANT LONDON, Oct. 23-(AP)-A great fleet of British four-engined bombers penetrated a heavy screen of fighters and murky

ple. Through (Continued on Edi- deliver a blow. torial Page).

## Lloyd George Weds at 80

LONDON, Oct. 23-(P)-David Lloyd George, 80, prime minister of Britain in the First World war, today married Miss Frances Stevenson, his secretary for 30 years and the "glamor girl" of the Versailles peace conference.

The quiet ceremony took place Farmer Held at the Guildford registry office near Lloyd George's farm at In Alsea Death Churt, Surrey, where the elder statesman lives in semi-retirement.

Miss Stevenson, 55, has shared George said he "lived in perfect nection with the fatal shooting of harmony" for 53 years. His first wife, Dame Margaret Deal, 56.

Lloyd George, who he married in 1888 when he was an unknown lawyer of 25, died in 1941.

## **Argentina** Quells

Student Demonstration MONTEVIDEO, Oct. 23-(AP)-Arstudents striking against the gov- Henry said.

ernment's foreign policy by send-Deal was shot last night as he walked down his farm lane five ing police today to quell a demonstration in Rosario, outlawing miles west of Alsea. Passing motthe Student University federation, orists brought him to a Corvallis the Student University federation, orists brought him to a convert to-and closing La Plata university date day. 15 days before the normal date.

## **Campaign for Salvaging** Cans Starts Next Month along with the introduction in clergyman. One crew member 43 crewmen aboard, including

over livestock.

With schools, salvage commit- sembling them at school buildings tees and beverage firms cooperat- to be picked up on November 10 ing in arrangements for their han- by trucks donated by the bottlers. dling, a new campaign for sal- County schools, according to vaging of tin cans is scheduled Mrs. Booth, will start actual colfor November, it was announced lection of cans from the homes Saturday by C. W. Paulus, chair-man of the Marion county sal-tion by Salem city schools are vage committee. November 10 has expected to be announced by been selected as "pick-up" date at Supt. Bennett early next week. schools in Marion and Polk coun- In all cases, the full cooperaties, for leading and shipment of tion of the public is being asked new session of parliament. the cans to the definning plant in assisting school children to at South San Francisco.

Determination of the date was school depot. made, Paulus said, following con-

ferences with Frank Bennett, superintendent of Salem city schools; Mrs. Agnes C. Booth, Marion bottoms cut off or folded in and of Churchill's own extensive procounty superintendent, and Low- flattened firmly-will be accept- gram of educational, health, agriell N. Jones, president of the Ore- ed. gon State Bottlers association. . In the absence of Chairman

Polk, county's campaign will be timed to coincide with that of Paulus this coming week, Cascade timed to coincide with that of Marion county, according to Mrs. J. A. Inglis, Polk county salvage chairman at Dallas who was mak-ing arrangements with schools for collections at an early date. The forthcoming tin can pro-gram will adhere closely to plans tollowed in previous drives in changes are de-torburst the tin can drive. Scouts will serve as a clearing house for information on the tin can drive. Scouts will pub-licize the event through distribu-tion of posters and leaflets in ad-dition to those distributed by the schools, and will make a house-torburst the previous drives are de-scribed also as involving the area for scale for war, whose curt civil service demeanor is said to have inked some members of parliament, and probably of Sir William Jowitt, minister in charge of postwar planning. The changes are de-

followed in previous drives in Marion county with school chil-drem collecting the cans and as holders to turn in their cans

jungle strong positions at Sat-Allied aviation ranged the battelberg.

**Allied Attacks** 

**Cut Japs From** 

tle area, lending its invaluable The Australians, who thus support to the men on the ground closed the narrow corridor which by pressing home numerous at-Japanese earlier in the week had tacks against gun positions, troop driven to the coast about five concentrations and motor transmiles north of allied-won Finschport. Other bombers of the Northhafen, counted more than 510 enwest African air force hit rail emy dead. communications at Grosseto, 90

While these units of the Ausmiles above Rome, and Orvieto, tralian ninth division succeeded in blocking the coastal outlet of escape for considerable enemy forces, American - flown Mitchells

> bombs and more than 55,000 rounds of 50 calibre machine gun fire. This new aerial devastation

60 miles north of the capital. The Elevsis airfield near Athens also (Turn to Page 4-Story F) swept over the rear areas. They sowed destruction with their

piled up the toll of enemy dead CORVALLIS, Oct. 23 -(AP)- Adcaused Thursday by a record sinmore of his life and his full career dison Meredith, 60-year-old Ben- gle day's load of 221 tons dropped than any other woman except his ton county farmer, was held in by Liberators around Sattelberg first wife, with whom Lloyd Benton county jail tonight in con- on troop concentrations. The initial success of small

a neighboring rancher, Clinton L. elements of Japanese in driving a narrow, five-mile-long cor-District Attorney Fred McHenry ridor from Sattelberg to the said that Meredith confessed to firing three rifle shots at Deal, formerly an intimate friend, at the end of a months-long quarrel

coast of the peninsula does not seem to foreshadow a regaining of the offensive by the Japanese in the New Guinea theater. ese in the New Guinea theater. The coastward drive, now halt- Nazi Reprisal

Meredith's cattle, attached by ed, instead indicates the enemy the sheriff, had been turned over is nearing the southern limits of gentine officials sought to control to Deal for safe keeping, Mc- the New Guinea territory he is Sweden, disturbed by yesterday's (Turn to Page 4-Story E)

**British Cabinet** 

By ERNEST AGNEW LONDON, Oct. 23 -(P)- Prime den's rocky west coast, 50 miles scene.

Minister Churchill apparently in- north of Goeteborg, last night, tends to reshuffle his cabinet was smashed to bits, killing 13 and riding low in the water with during the week and announced along with the introduction in persons including a California the weight of the gasoline, had postwar legislative program.

Churchill is expected before the Other passengers included two seven men survived. postwar election to capitalize on Russian women and two children, the country's intense interest in two officers of the Swedish merthe future, and the expected cab- chant marine, a British insurance inet changes might serve as the agent and a Swedish woman. The beginning in the creation of a plane was en route from Britain postwar national government, for to Sweden.

which he has expressed a desire. The American, Dr. T. C. Hume The Daily Herald predicted today of Claremont, Calif., was en route that the cabinet changes would be to Sweden as a representative of made before the opening of the the World Council of Churches.

It is understood the contem-Dr. Hume, pastor of a Congretransport the cans to the nearest plated legislative program will be gational church at Claremont, was intended to satisfy exponents of a family friend of Dr. and Mrs. Only prepared cans - those Sir William H. Beveridge's social C. A. Downs of Salem, and their

which have been washed thor- security plan and to lay the son, Hume, was named for Dr. oughly, labels removed; tops and groundwork for a very large part Hume's father.

Schools to Reopen cultural and industrial reform. The expected cabinet changes **At Independence** would call for the replacement of

INDEPENDENCE, Oct. 23-Public schools here will reopen Monday after an unscheduled vacation of eight days to pre-vent an infantile paralysis epi-demic, Supi. Paul Köhinaan said

### active than urban property, and Kallroad Crists Nearer would be still more active if hous-

### By the Associated Press

idences in those areas are occu-Leaders of the United Mine Workers strove last night to get pied; increase in school attendstriking Alabama coal miners back to work and avert possible ance in the rural districts so atgovernment seizure of mines in the state and punitive action on the southern front. Demand and scarcity have caus-

against local unions there. ed a -rise, estimated at 20 to 25

**88** Die in Fire

As 2 Tankers

Called before the war labor board to explain why 20,000 Alaper cent, in prevailing sale values. bama miners are conducting a wildcat strike in defiance of board and this in turn has created to some degre a speculative market, orders, the union leadership was

warped that the WLB expects production to be resumed by Moniay.

Chairman William H. Davis said that otherwise it appeared the board would have to refer the case to the White house - a step which could mean the government would Collide in Dark could mean the government would take control of the maines again and invoke sanctions against the union locals for non-compliance

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**Salem United** 

War Chest

-\$100,000

-\$85,000

-\$75,000

\$59,000

\$25,000

take 30 days.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Oct. 23-(AP) with the board's orders. Two blacked-out tankers collided As the WLB acted in the Alaoff the Florida coast in the darkbama strike, the railroad wage

ness Wednesday night and 88 men perished in the flames which spread from the explosion of one of the vessels laden with thousands of gallons of aviation gasoline. The navy permitted announcement of the disaster to-

day after investigating salvage possibilities. Twenty-eight merchant crew-

increase recommended by a govattack on a civilian airliner-premen and members of navy gun ernment emergency board. They sumably by a German fighter crews were saved, most of them had asked a 30 per cent increase leaping overboard as the flames and some spokesmen termed the plane -- prepared to work out new plans for its air lines and to- whipped over the decks and 4-cent award an "insult."

night there were hints that if Gerspread out over the water. many would not cooperate the Persons ashore heard the explonazi courier plane traffic over sion and saw the towering flames Sweden might be halted. and gave the alarm which sent

The plane, shot down off Swecoast guard craft racing to the One of the ships, northbound

The other tanker, southbound in ballast, was manned by a crew of 73, including 25 gunners, and 21 reached safety.

> Most of those on deck perished instantly. Christopher P. Finley, 28,

**Eden Confers** 

MOSCOW, Oct. 23-(AP)-The foreign affairs executives of the Unit-ed States, Britain and Russia held their fifth day of meetings today. The United States has been fully informed on why Foreign Sec-

in Thursday and later Russian Commissar of Foreign Affairs Vyacheslav Molotov.

Saturday night. No new cases of the disease which caused the death of one child have been tralian charge d'affaires, and Ca-

Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin announced the victory in a special order of the day describing Melitopol, on the Molochna river 44 bombers on the m and the main railway into the Crimea, as "the most vital strategical center of German defenses"

The city "guards the approaches to the Crimea and the lower reaches of the Dnieper," Stalin ointed out in his triumphant announcement, perhaps indicating

he intends to send his armies without pause into the Crimean peninsula, where it is estimated a German force of about 500,000 (Turn to Page 4-Story B)

> **Snell Urges Flags** Fly on Navy Day

by Governor Earl Snell in a statedispute moved another step to-ward a crisis when chiefs of ment issued Saturday. He asked colors be flown from all public hit, on October 3. the five operating unions, meetbuildings. ing in Chicago, voted to conduct

a strike poll among their 350,-000 members. This ballot may "The Navy league has been of-ficially designated," Governor Snell said, "to arrange the annual Navy day celebration throughout The operating unions formally the nation. This year, with our rejected a 4-cents-an-hour wage country deep in war, this annual display of confidence in our navy will be more impressive than ever before."

weather last night and dro 1500 long tons of bombs in an effective attack on the German armament city of Kassel, losing

A subsidiary force hit Frankfurt and the small but swift ply-wood Mosquito bombers raided the Cologne area.

The RAF's losses on the Kasset raid raised the total for the month to 163 in nine major operations, but the air ministry described the blow as highly effective. Returning crews brought back photographs show-ing huge fires they left burning under a pall of smoke filling the skies for a height of more than three miles.

The nazis threw up an unusually heavy fighter force to check this latest phase of an air bombardment running through both day and night, but the British were Wednesday, October 27, was urged out in what was described as "very great strength" and the tonnage equalled or exceeded that that flags of national- and state dropped the last time the city was

> The 44 downed planes represented the heaviest loss to the British bomber command since the August 31 raid on Berlin. when 47 aircraft were mis but the number was under the **RAF's** record loss of 58 suffered in the August 23 attack on Berlin.

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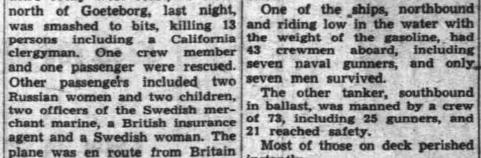
#### **County War Chest Drive** In order to hear the UMW leaders on the Alabama situation, the WLB took time out from consideration of a proposed contract cov-**Overtakes Halfway Point** ering mining of coal in Illinois Members had hoped to act on it

Excellent progress in some dist- Others which were over the halftricts in the Marion County War way mark were Stayton with Chest campaign, being carried on \$2000 of its \$2640 quota reported outside of the area covered by to Chairman Walter H. Bell; Me-Salem United War Chest, was re- hama where Mrs. R. C. Branch ported Saturday. Reports reaching reported \$325 subscribed toward S. Parzy Rose of Aurora, county campaign chairman, totaled \$13,-446.80 or 46.5 per cent of the in and only \$45 to go; St. Paul quota; but there is some lag in where Mrs. Carl J. Smith is chairthe relaying of these reports and man with \$700 raised toward an a later report from Silverton alone \$1115 budget; Monitor which makes it apparent that the cam- cording to Mrs. E. T. Tweed, chairpaign is past the halfway mark. | man, had \$250 of its \$400 raised The county chairman's report on and Woodburn just over the 50 Silverton showed \$3500 collected per . cent line, Chairman Fred but direct word from J. R. Clough, Silverton district chairman, re-vealed that following receipts of Other district reports were \$2600 in the first three days with-out solicitation, a campaign among mill employes through their labor organization had raised almost Grace Cramer; Marion \$85, Mrs.

\$1500 and that the total to date is approximately \$4100. From the county Chest head-quarters a letter went out Satur-day to district chairmen request-Solicitation in the Salem United ing that active solicitation be con-tinued this week or until all resi-Saturday and there was confid-

T. Jones is chairman was near- chamber of commerce lunche est to its quota with \$1285 collect-ed and only about \$100 to go. (Turn to Page 4-Story A)

ents of their districts have been that the reports at Monday's " tory" session, to be held in The Jefferson district in which junction with the first Sales



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With Stalin

retary Anthony Eden of Britain saw Premier Marshal Joseph Stal-

Hull conferred for the sec time this week with Chinese Ambassador Fu Ping Sang before to-

