

The Portland Journal, in an edtorial plea that the city of Rome with its treasures of architecture and art, precious vellum and parchment, be spared from de-struction, cites the destruction of struction, cites the destruction of the great library of Alexandria as an example of wanton destruction of the riches of ages. It attributes the burning of the library to the Arabs on orders of the caliph Omar, after their con-quest of the city in the year 640 A. D.

been accused of this crime against civilization, and the alleged words of Omar's order are quoted with scorn: "If the books be confirmatory of the Koran, they are superfluous; if contradictory, they are pernicious. Let them be burnt." Actually the charge is without adequate historical authenticity. The first trace of it is in the writings of Barhebraeus (Abulfaragius) a Jacobite Christian of Syria who lived and wrote in the 13th century. Gibbon, who is the earliest real historical scholar of the period writes in his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Em-

pire": Since the Dynasties of Abulpharagius have been given to the world in a Lat-in version, the tale has been repeatedly transcribed, and every scholar, with pious indignation, has deplored the irreparable shipwreck of the learning, my part. I am strongly tempted to deny both the fact and the consequences. The fact is indeed marvelous . . . the solitary report of a stranger who wrote at the end of six hundred years on the confines of Media is overbal-anced by the silence of two annalists, both natives of Egypt, and the most ancient of whom, the patriarch Euty-chus, has amply described the con-quest of Alexandria . . but if the ponderous mass of Arian and Mono-hysite controversy were indeed conponderous mass of Arian and moto-physite controversy were indeed con-sumed in the public baths, a philoso-pher may allow, with a smile, that it was ultimately devoted to the bene-fit of mankind. (Vol. V: pp 328-330.)

The article on Libraries in Encyclopedia Brittanica (11th Ed. v. 16: p. 546) says:

The usual statement that from the date of the restoration of the Bru-cheum under Cleopatra the libraries continued in a flourishing condition until they were destroyed after the conquest of Alexandria by the Sara-cens in A. D. 640 can hardly be sup-ported. It is very possible that one of the libraries perished when the Brucheum quarter was destroyed by Aurelian, A. D. 273. In 389 or 391 an edict of Theodosius ordered the de-struction of the Serapeim, and its books were pillaged by the Christians. When we take into account the dis-

Blackout D. D. For centuries the Arabs have en accused of this crime against vilization, and the alleged words

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Workers Asked **To Volunteer** For New Duties

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27 (AP)-The western defense command announced today that effective November 1 all dim-out restrictions on the Pacific coast

would be lifted. It was declared the move was in accordance with a nation-

wide policy formulated and made known in Washington by the war and navy departments, the office of civilian defense and the war production board.

The announcement came from Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commanding general of the western defense command, who said the dim - out restrictions were subject to reinstatement in event of an emergency.

A formal proclamation suspending the dimout restrictions. contained in proclamation number 19 of the destern defense com-

mand, is being prepared. Laws and regulations relative to blackouts are not affected by the suspension of the dimout, the announcement said. General Emmons said he was joining in a request, made by the office of civilian defense in Washington, that civilian defense volwho have been engaged



LSTs Show Their Teeth

The Oregon Statesman

Salem, Oregon, Thursday Moming, October 28, 1943

POUNDED

Lined up along the docks of a North African port, a flotilla of LST's (land ship, tank) ingest a mammoth menu of vehicles, supplies and men, which they will disgorge on enemy shores. (AP photo from US navy.)



Outlook for Peace in Industry Becomes Increasingly Uncertain

AlliesSlug Onward Along Forward 150-Mile Front In Italy

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Nazis Entrench; **Decisive** Victory Looks Far Off

By NOLAND NORGAARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS. Algiers, Oct. 27-(AP)-The allied armies in Italy recorded relatively minor gains today as the last grand German rear guards were withdrawn into the Mondragone - Vasto mountain line, entrenched certainly for strong defense of the approaches to Rome and perhaps based to mount a spectacular counteroffensive.

The British Eighth army advanced from three to six miles and occupied the towns of Civita Campomarano and Acquaviva Collecroce, both about seven miles below the Trigno river a score of miles inland from the Adriatic; the American Fifth army on its front occupied two stretches of high ground facing Massico ridge, one in the Francolise area and the other, wnown as "Mad Dog hill," near Raviscanina.

The allies faced a difficult job as they pulled up before the Germans' new line, and, regard-less of the plans of Hitler's general staff, one fact stood out in bold relief: The allies can hardly hope for anything approaching a decisive victory

ir the nazis in Italy before

nce the fall of Naples Octob

the snow falls in the Apennines.

Nazis Abandon Heavy Arms In Retreat; Soviets Open **New White Russian Drives**

By JUDSON O'QUINN

LONDON, Thursday, Oct. 28-(AP)-Russian army forces chased retreating German army in the southern Ukraine yesterday through towns 48 miles west of Melitopol and 27 miles west of Dnepropetrovsk as they killed 3000 Germans and captured guns and stores along a 150-mile front, Moscow said today.

The fighting - termed by Berlin a "super-battle" - saw the Russians capture a total of more than 120 towns and villages as they surged behind the Germans from Goreloe on the Sea of Azov to Krinichiki, west of Dnepropetrovsk in the Dnieper river bend

Goreloe is on a tip of land jutting out into the Sea of Azov 20

omiles from a narrow isthmus joining the Crimea with the main Allies Continue

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Other gains on the flat st land, which the Germans fou difficult to defend, brought the Russians west from ruined Melitopol to Novo - Alexandrovka which is but 30 miles from the lower Dnieper.

The 70-mile railroad from Zaporoshe south to Melitopol was cleared of Germans and the advance went 24 miles further south to take in Akimovks, said the Moscow midnight radio communique,

Three secondary roads were cut west of Melitopol in the drive to Novo-Alexandrovka, cutting off of bombs, destroying 21 aircraft many Germans from further reon the ground and knocking 37 treat. Twenty German tanks and

When we take into account the dis-endered condition of the time, and ne-glect into which literature and sci-ence had fallen, there can be little difficulty in believing that there were but few books left to be destroyed by the soldiers of Amru. Yet in spite of the lack of any

adequate verification, the tradition persists that the Arabs destroyed the library of Alexan- liberalization of coastal dimout redria, and generations of Christians have grieved over the loss, ignorant of the fact that it was a Chris-

tian emperor of Byzantium who is the more responsible. The truth is that the western gets for enemy submarines. world is in great debt to the Arabs for their contributions to learning,

Police Wish Dimout Lifting in enforcing the dimout. Were Earlier

Salem city police, who have only one wish in connection with the lifting of the dimout-that it might be lifted before Halloween, were Wednesday instructed by eniency toward vandalism of any

Extra strict enforcement of the curfew ordinance for this week prior to Hallowson will be the completed to permit test blackpolicy of his department, Minto

Salem youngsters, who last year salem youngsters, who last year performed fewer Halloween tions on November 1 came as a pranks than had been the custom in the history of the city, will be complete surprise to Jerrold Owexpected to keep their record en, state civilian defense coordinclear, Minto indicated, but the ator, he said Wednesday.

the chief declared.

in prospective or war services, to relieve the increasingly critical shortages of volunteer manpower. Improved defense measures now da.y strictions on October 10.

The restrictions went into effect a year ago in a move to reduce sky-glow that might silhouette shipping and make vessels tar-The reduced sky-glow also lessened a glare which could have In Homeland (Continued on Editorial page) been a guide to enemy planes.

Commenting on the dimout relaxation Lloyd M. Smith, acting director of the Ninth civilian defense region, praised civilian defense volunteers for their work

"They have done an excellent job and will remain prepared to resume these duties whenever military necessity requires," he said in a statement. He added: "I urge all members of civilian defense to keep in mind that this

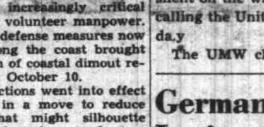
war is a long way from won. So Chief Frank Minto to show no long as the dimout is suspended. the importance of prompt and efficient blackout technique cannot be overemphasized. It is hoped that arrangements can soon be

outs in critical areas."

Veterans Year at College Two Districts

Announcement of the impend

police are not to drop their guard. The suspension order, he said, No manpower is available to do apparently was based largely on so much as replace one sign which the fact that channels for ocean has been unnecessarily removed, going vessels are now sometimes the chief declared. (Turn to Page 2-Story E) The chief declared. (Turn to Page 2-Story E) FDR Asks Congress Give in the chief declared. (Turn to Page 2-Story E) FDR Asks Congress Give (Turn to Page 2-Story E)



industry became increasingly uncertain today as the number of wildcat strikers climbed above 47,000 and John L. Lewis kept silent on the war labor board's proposed wage compromise while 'calling the United Mine Workers' policy committee to meet Mon-The UMW chieftain let the day pass without any open new omove to get the strikers back to work despite the WLB's warning

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27-(AP)-The outlook for

Germans Said that unless they return by tomorrow morning their cases will be referred to the White house, a Losing Morale nove possibly preliminary to government seizure of idle mines and sanctions against the union.

By FRANK BRUTTO

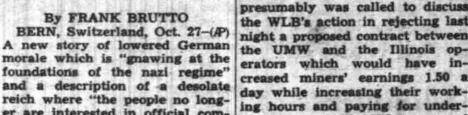
morale which is "gnawing at the foundations of the nazi regime' and a description of a desolate

reich where "the people no longer are interested in official communiques and no longer listen to Hitler" came out of Germany to-

A dispatch to the Swiss newspaper Gazette de Laussane said the causes of the "psychological collapse" were cumulative, including the military reverses beair offensive."

nded withdrawal to the a contract. north.

sible to announce some victory, it would not have the heart to cele-



presumably was called to discuss the WLB's action in rejecting last night a proposed contract between the UMW and the Illinois operators which would have increased miners' earnings 1.50 a

ing hours and paying for underground travel. The WLB proposed instead a basis of wage calculations which would boost earnings a minimum of \$1.121/2 a day.

The UMW policy committee

Lewis' call simply said: "International policy committe will assemble headquarters Washington eleven a. m. November 1. ginning with El Alamein and Sta- Each district will notify its parlingrad, "but above all, the allied ticipating representatives to be present.

The writer said that Hitler had Possibly significant is the fact ordered the present German stand that the day of the meeting is in southern Italy for propaganda just past the deadline set by the purposes, acting against the ad- policy committee last June for a vice of his high command, which stoppage of work unless there is

Ending a June strike, the cost "Germany does not yet fully mittee told the miners they should understand the depth of the crisis so back to work until October 31 Battles Rage the Hitler regime now traverses," unless the government returned he wrote. "Even if it were pos-

operators. Except for the rela- In Yugoslavia tively small percentage of men now on strike, however, the return of the mines to private owners October 30 was without inci dent and there is a question whether the October 31 deadline

now has any significance. A survey shows Alabama has 19,000 men out, Illinois 5000, West Virginia 4554, Virginia 4700, Kentucky 8100, Indiana 6000, Tennes see 600, Arkansas 400.

Dads Low on List

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 -(AP) The senate and house, determined to put fathers at the bottom of the draft list, turned over to conferees

Since the fail of Naples October 1 the attacks on the road to Rome have netted hardly an average gain of a mile per day, and the going will not be any easier in the remaining 95 airline miles. On the basis of the best information here, the nazis have been using roughly 100,000 troops in the line, and official sources reported that possibly 20 German divisions (perhaps 300,000 men) were in Italy at the time of Italy's capitulation. Thus regardless of whatever re-

Missing

inforcements are subsequently sent from Germany or France Marshal Rommel would appear to have forces not only adequate to superiority for substantially heavy counter-blows at selected points. Lt. Virgil A. Hagan, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hagan,

1315 North Cottage street, has been reported missing in action since October 17 by the war de-Certainly the establishment of the new German defense line does not necessarily mean that partment in a telegram received the German plan is simply to try to hold it. A terrific counter-offensive is possible, and in the opinion of some allied leaders by the parents. He was in the news as recently as October 14 when he was credited with there are many reasons why the shooting down a Japanese plane. natis may make a big gamble He was serving in the New on such a move. These include Hitler's pressin Guines area as pilot of an army fighter plane. A 1940 graduate of Salem high school, Lt. Hagar

(Turn to Page 2-Story C) eutenant in the air force May **Housing Sign-up** 20, 1943, at Williams Field,

For Adair Men's **Families Sought**

In anticipation of need for housing in Salem the families of a considerable number of officers and enlisted men newly arriving at Camp Adair, a clear-ing house for rentals will be established today at the Salem

established today at the Salem chamber of commerce. A commissioned officer and two clerks assigned to deal with this problem will be at the chamber offices' for the next several days. Persons who have houses or apartments which are or soon will be available for remisting and action of the mericles ter of non-combatants in fresh drives against the forces of both rental are asked to register them at the chamber, either in person or by telephoning 9229.

Naples Expects the Germans brought up troop Badoglio, Giraud

> NAPLES, Oct. 27-(A)-Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio is ex-pected to come to Naples soon for

out of the sky. It was the fifth raid of the month on Rabaul during which more than 400 enemy planes have been destroyed or ren-

Smash Rabaul

Air Campaign ·

By C. YANES MCDANIEL

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN

THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC,

Thursday, Oct 28.-(AP)-Continu-

ing a "smash Rabaul" campaign, a

strong force of Liberators and Lightnings hit that key Japanese

New Britain base Monday for the

third successive day with 151 tons

dered unfit for flying. In the Monday raid, announce today by General MacArthur's headquarters, six or more waves of high-flying Liberators swept over Rabaul within 10 minutes.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire and 70 intercepting fighters were em-(Turn to Page 2-Story B)

Ration Signup Totals 10,042 man the strong mountain defense line but even to attain sufficient On First Day

Registrations for ration book our in the eight elementary school buildings of Salem on Wednesday, first day of the sign-up, numbered 10,042, officials reported. A regiment of German infantry Persons whose surnames begin with the letters H to N are ex- Another Russian drive to flank ected to register today, the hours being 4:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Registrations of the A to G group at the various school buildings Wednesday totaled: Bush 1576, Englewood 1513, Garfield 1269, Grant 1072, Highland 1709, McKinley 916, Richmond 904, Washington 1083. Registrants are required to take with them to the school buildings

the No. 3 ration books of all per-sons for whom they expect to ob-

120 field guns were can Trucks, carts and herds of catale were taken from the Germans i more than 10,000 Russian ci-lans, who were being herded w ward to labor camps by the nazis were released by the Russian advance. "Retreating under the blows of

our troops the enemy is leaving behind him artillery, mortars, am munition and military equip the communique said.

In the Dnleper river bend heavily reinforced German armies failed to halt the Bussian cleanup. Earlier the German ra-dio had announced "a large withdrawal movement" in this area.

From Dnepropetrovsk the Rus-sians fanned porth and south in the eastern end of the river loop to capture 30 towns and hamle including the railway town of Surkoye, 10 miles southwest of Dnenropetrovsk and the district center of Krinichki 27 miles to the west.

the German bend defenders was nearing Krivol Rog as several populated places were to Previous reports had placed sian troops on the outskirts of this iron mine center—the buckle ho ing together the whole Germ line in south Russia.

Stiff German opposition was ov ercome in the red army advance The nazis hurled heavy tank force es into a counter-attack but mass ed Russian artillery and mortan

tain the No. 4 books. The schedule for registration by alphabetical groups is not ironclad; persons ed the railway junction of Aposgroups is not ironclad; persons who find it inconvenient to regis-ter on the indicated day may sign up on one of the other days. The registration will close Friday night.

Wallace Says Everyone **Could Have Postwar Job**

CLEVELAND, Oct. 27 -(F)- of billions of dollars of war con-Vice President Henry A. Wallace tracts will be cancelled and the declared tonight there can be factories will scramble to get back postwar jobs for everyone, "but we must plan to produce 40 per cent more peace time goods than we ever did before." "There can be jobs for every-

one provided there is the closes Warning "It will take much more ingenuity to defeat Lieutenmore ingenuity to defeat Lieuten-ant General Unemployment than it will to overthrow Hitler," Wal-lace asserted "Each worker to-day turns out 25 per cent more day turns out 25 per cent more

The problem was based by the productive to the set of the productive to the productive to

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK "morally obligated" to provide Go Over Top President Roosevelt asked con-gress today to provide now for nel for gainful pursuits in peace-Sublimity and Mehama wer ene year's study in a college, or time, and that moreover the na- the first districts over the top in other educational institution, after tion itself will have need for the Marion County War Chest the war for every qualified man trained men and women.

the war for every qualified man and woman who serves six months in the armed forces and desires additional education. A member of the committee which prepared recommendations for the president was Dexter M. we must also teach them how to quota there was \$400.

campaign, it was announced Wed-

Congress to Put

today.

Gen Josip Broz (Tito) and Gen. Draja Mihailovic were reported Tito's free Yugoslav radio told of a German offensive against his

During the day, three public (Turn to Page 2-Story G) partisans in Slovenia near Italy,

attacks near Vrgorac in Dalmatis which were said to have been beaten off, and more heavy fight-ing over toward Belgrode near Brcko on the Sava river, where

received his co

Ariz, and went overseas about

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK LONDON, Oct. 27-(AP)-Heavy

fighting on widespread fronts in

Yugoslavia, and nazi mass slaugh-

reinforcements from Serbia

The Germans' offensive in Slovenia was launched against thou-