# Ashland, Bend to Battle in Tournament Title Game

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Building on the foundation of the experience of other cities and on previous plans presented here, the mayor's committee on reorganization of city government is preparing a report to the city council which will endorse a city manager form of government. Under the plan the size of the council would be reduced to seven members who would appoint a manager, also appoint the treasurer and recorder. Administrative responsibility would be centered in the manager who in turn would be responsible to the council. This is practically the same

system which we have in school affairs: a small board of elected members who appoint a city superintendent and put him in general charge of the schools. This has worked for efficiency in our school system, has removed petty politics from the schools. It has not deprived the school board of responsibility or of work-the members have plenty to do, but they do not have to handle administrative work themselves which our councilmanic commit-

When the report comes to the council that body should submit it to the voters at the election in May. The question is one to be passed on by the people, and there is sufficient demand for the new plan to warrant the council in placing the question of the change in city government on the ballot. To deny that would be to deny to the people the chance to express themselves now on this issue. While other plans have been defeated in the past, the sentiment for a simplified form of city government is growing. The council should not force proponents of the ment.

tures now, but we can do the job ser lights, came from behind to of city building through revision beat pre-meet favored Washingof our city charter along lines of ton 33 - 30. Corvallis, another modern administration. Now is a highly regarded quint since upgood time for the voters to study setting Springfield Thursday and pass on this question; and I night, was bumped by the surthe council in the May election.

#### **Allies Claim Twin Victories Against Japs**

By ASAHEL BUSH

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS Southwest Pacific, Saturday, March 18-(A)-Capture of Lorengau airdrome on Manus island in Admiralties and complete breakdown of the enemy's counteroffensive at Empress Augusta bay on Bougainville island in the Solomons were twin triumphs over the Japanese announced in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today.

Lorengau airstrip fell Thursday under a two-pronged attack from the north and west by dismounted troopers of the first cavalry division. American destroyers contributed their broadsides to the job of taking the field.

southward toward the town of Lorengau, eliminating strong en-emy pillbox defenses with mortar emy pillbox defenses with mortar and tank fire to reach a point only 600 yards from their objective.

Troops fighting here are contingents of the conquerors of Los Negros island to the east. They landed on Los Negros February 29, captured Momote airdrome and subsequently won control of the island. Subjugation of Manus island will give the Americans virtual control of the whole Ad-(Turn to Page 2-Story F)

#### **Paratroops** Aid in Burma

By FRANK L. MARTIN ON THE INDIA-BURMA FRONTIER, March 17-(A)-British parachute troopers have dropped behind the Japanese lines in the developing offensive in northern Burma where forces under Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell are moving to clean out the Japanese from all territory menacing

by several Chinese columns and the American "Marauders" under Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill who cap-

troopers to the Chinese-American forces was significant in the light ed Press Corresponmt Preston Grover's recent dispatch from New Delhi reporting that Stilwell's offensive had gone taster and further than headquarters expected, and that Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, commen

9 a.m.-Knappa-Svensen vs. Grant Union ("B" Consolation). 10 a.m.-Pendleton vs. Spring-

field (4th place). 11 a.m.-Washington vs. Corvallis (3rd place).

7:30 p.m.—Pleasant Hill vs. Powers ("B" title). 8:45 p.m.—Ashland vs. Bend ("A" title).

## Upsets Contend 3 In Fins

#### Washingto Corvallis Vie For Consolation

FRIDAY RESULTS:

"A" Consolation round: Pendleton (1) 37, St. Helens (5) 34. Springfield (3) 73, Oregon City (7) 48.

"B" Division openers: Pleasant Hill, (B-2) 43, Knappa-Svensen (B-1) 35. Powers (B-3) 47, Grant Union (B-4) 28.

"A" Division semifinals: Ashland (2) 33, Washington of Portland (6) 30. Bend (8) 22, Corvallis (4)

Ashland high's Grizzlies, champions of district 2, and Bend's unsung Lava Bears of district 8, by virtue of their stunning victories last night over Washington of Portland and Corvallis, respectively, meet tonight at 8:45 at Willamette for the championship of Oregon's 25th annual basketball tourna-

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Both beaten teams, Washington and Corvallis, meet this morning at 11 o'clock for the classic's third

The "B" division fives opened their firing yesterday afternoon with speedy Pleasant Hill taking the measure of Knappa-Svensen in the opener, 43-35, and Powers. a tourney team last year, beating Grant Union of Canyon City, 47-28. The Billies and Powers teams play tonight at 7:30 for the state's title. Knappa-Svensen and Grant clash this morning at nine o'clock in consolation.

In yesterday's "A" division consolation games, Springfield's Millers stormed over Oregon City 73-48 in a game that saw two new tourney records notched, and Pendleton turned back St. Helens 37-34. Pendleton and Springfield play today at 10 o'clock for the meet's fourth place.

(For additional details please turn to the sports page. Follow tourney results in The Statesman.)

## The Americans then pressed Open McNary

donations for the purchase of a picture of the late Senator Charles L. McNary to be hung in the national capitol. Senator Holman has indicated that he would introduce a resolution for the acceptance and placing of the picture and Mrs. McNary has given her approval of the

Contributions will be received and held until a treasurer is named, and then turned over to such person. Already one substantial check has been received. No publicity will be given

NINETY-THIRD YEAR



Landing Craft Sinks Off Italy

10 PAGES

A US landing craft carrying German prisoners of war from the Anzio beachhead lies sinking after it had been smashed against rocks during a storm off the Italian coast. Some of the men have climbed onto sisting Germans still retained a the rocks. The craft anchored in the lee of an island during the storm but dragged its anchor and went ashore. This is a British official photo. (AP Wirephoto)

### Red Army Moves Ahead Stalin Played change to use the initiative method in getting it before the voters. We cannot do building of structure of lights among the tourney of les-On Nikolaev on Black Sea As Lone Hand

By TOM YARBROUGH

LONDON. Saturday, March to have five divisions on the front. 18-(AP)-The Red army in southern Russia leaped forward from positions in old Poland yesterday to capture the German strongpoint of Dubno and a town 18 miles beyond, while farther south it won towns only 11 miles from the pre-war Rumanian border and drew tighter its semi-circle around the Black Sea port of Nikolaev, Moscow announced today.

The Russians also captured a village on the outksirts of the important rail junction of Zhmerinka, south of Vinnitsa, said the midnight Moscow communique recorded by the Soviet monitor.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's troops, long installed inside old Poland, brought the front still closer to Lwow, historic and strategic Polish rail city, now only 70 miles west of the Russian

The new thrust, which wen Dubno by crossing the Ikva rialso won Demidovka, 18 miles beyond. Dmeldovka is 70 miles from Lwow and 42 miles inside the old Polish frontier.

The Germans were reported to have closed all factories in Lwow and to be evacuating the equipment to Cracow, said Stockholm dispatches quoted by Tass news agency. The Moscow broadcast was recorded by the US foreign broadcast intelligence service.

Southeast of this fighting area Russian troops captured Klembovka, 11 miles north of the Dniester river, frontier of Rumania, and 12 miles from the former border town of Yampol, the communique said, and also Olshanka, an equal distance from the winding river. Ankara dispatches said Rumana civilians were fleeing the area, leaving only the military in pos-

#### **Senate Finance Committee** Passes 'GI Bill of Rights'

Wrapping up in its 46 pages every ernment-financed education at of Lika province, "the famous Ussuggested benefit for veterans of \$1,000,000,000, based on a belief tashi tyrant, Col. Jurica Trakothe present war except a bonus, that from 7 to 10 per cent of the vic," and several of his followers the Ledo supply road to China.

The parachute fighters landed south of the Maingkwan-Taro-Changmai front already activated the present war except a bonus, the \$3,500,000,000 "GI Bill-of-Rights" measure was sped on its way today toward overwhelming Rights" measure was sped on its vices will avail senate passage by a unanimous

> Sen. Johnson (D-Colo), one of the sponsors of a pending \$30.or bonus bill, told reporters he woman of the armed forces hearings on that proposal after the the government up to \$500 a year omnibus measure had cleared tuition, \$50 a month subs

George (D-Ga) estimated maximum benefits under the "GI" bill of \$15 a week for a maxis at \$3,000,000,000, exclusive of a 52 weeks for a two-year period.

men and women of the armed ser- on the Novi-Senj road.

Principal benefits provided in the "Gl" bill, sponsored by the

and \$25 a month for mainte of a veteran's wife.

In one area a retreating Ger- lone hand in giving diplomatic man infantry regiment was am- recognition to Marshal Pietro Ba-

the late Moscow bulletin said.

At the southeastern end of the These points were made clear 2000 Germans and took 1000 prisoners in a sudden blow that cap- he said: tured the town of Ingulka, only 15 miles northeast of Nikolaev.

south from Nova-Odessa to the last week this country did have lower Bug river to take Novo-Petrovskoye, 20 miles above Niko-A Berlin broadcast said the

Russians attempted to cross the Bug in this area but were forced back with a loss of 83 fully-loaded boats when German planes and nowitzer batteries attacked.

The Russians said that in an important advance in the Vinnitsa area their troops captured Sidava on the outskirts of Zhmerinka, junction on the Odessa-Llow rail route already out and controlled by the Russians in two wide areas northwest and southeast of Solons Delay Zhmerinka, near where 1500 Gertalion-perhaps 800 men-annihilated, the bulletin said.

### **Tito Partisans** Fight Chetniks

LONDON, March 17 -(AP)- A munique said tonight that the on the resolution and explained Broz) attacked trains in Slavonia the advice of military authorities. and fought battles against Gen. | Chairman Bloom (D, NY), who Draja Mihailovic's Chetniks and said he voted against the majority Germans in the Danilovgrad-Nik- decision to defer action, declared

the Belgrade-Zagreb railway 150 tion or an adverse report on it. enemy soldiers and officers were It could be brought up at any time killed and a large number were wounded in two hours of fighting, and traffic on this important line was interrupted for 30 hours, resolution would be "prejudicial the bulletin said.

The communique, which was broadcast by the free Yugoslav radio and recorded here, said that WASHINGTON, March 17-(P) He estimated the cost of gov- Tito's soldiers killed the governor

#### King Peter to Marry Alexandra of Greece

LONDON, March 17-(A)-King Peter of Yugoslavia and Princess Alexandra of Greece may be mar-ried here within the next few days, according to persistent ru-

arch came here from Cairo a week ago. He has been frequently seen

am of Their betrothal was formally lod. announced in August, 1943. They 43. They It was the third pre-midnight the normal and surtax exemptions the raid on London this week. Some and rates, with a new normal co ditional support to the American struction of additional hospital fadisconsistingly successful atdisabled.

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The soviet government played a stroyed by four direct hits from Southwest Pacific, March 17-(A)bushed and over 800 killed bedoglio's Italian regime and the
fore the survivors fled 's panic,"
United States is not even consid-

front the Russians said they killed by Secretary of State Hull at a press conference today at which that they might not be routed

1. The United States was not consulted by the soviet govern-Other troops were reported to ment although about the time the have advanced five miles farther Italian announcement was made some information as to what was

> 2. The state department is now assembling all the facts and circumstances involved.

3. The allied advisory council on Italy (US-Britain-Russia) normally would give attention to such matters as diplomatic recognition of the Badoglio government in the first instance. Here the secretary implied an opinion that Russia should have worked (Turn to Page 2-Story E)

# Zhmerinka, near where 1500 Ger-mans were killed and another bat-Palestine Talk

WASHINGTON, March 17-(AP) The weight of military disapproval today tipped the scales against the movement to put con- Wash., \$1,000,000; Arlington, gress immediately on record in favor of unrestricted Jewish im- Ore., \$2,000,000; Whidby Island, migration into Palestine.

The house foreign affairs com-Yugoslav army of liberation com- mittee voted to postpone action forces of Marshal Tito (Josip that its action was prompted by the committee's decision did no During an attack on a train on constitute a tabling of the resoluagain for consideration, he added. Secretary of War Stimson had written Bloom that passage of the to the successful prosecution of

#### **Two Hospitals** In London Hit

LONDON, Saturday, March 18 London area during a brief attack ast night, causing some casualties among patients on the top floors. All windows in both institutions were shattered along with large

removed a majority of the patients at one hospital soon after the alert sounded turned to digging in the wreckage for the injured

# RAF Out Over Europe; Vienna Hit From Italy

# Cassino **Hold Out**

#### **Allies Fight Way** Into Rail Station; Tanks Join Battle

By JOSEPH MORTON ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 17 - (AP) - Allied troops fought their way into Cassino railway station today, and Indian Ghurkas clawed within 100 yards of the summit of Mt. Cassino, but fiercely retoehold on the southwestern outskirts of their ravaged strong-

The railway station had changed hands frequently during the bloody two-months' battle for

Bitter fighting raged on the slopes of Mt. Cassino, and allied troops there were under intense fire from naxis in the ruins of the ancient abbey on the crest. A small number of New Zea-

land tanks moved into the battle WASHINGTON, March 17-(A) this afternoon and one was detunnels and dugouts and there was a discernible feeling here

> New Zealand troops spearheading the allied assault from the north had fought their way (Turn to Page 2-Story B)

#### Advance Bases To Cost Billion

WASHINGTON, March 17-(AP) The house leadership gave the green light today for consideration of a navy request for authority to spend \$1,019,000,000 on "advance bases" in the Pacific and another \$625,000,000 to expand shore facilities in the United States.

The rules committee reported out a bill by Chairman Vinson of the naval committee who said that an appropriations measure translating the authority into the actual cash would follow soon.

The advance bases were not described, for security reasons. Northern west coast area: Seattle, Wash., \$4,400,000; Shelton Wash., \$1,000,000; Klamath Falls,

000,000. For three temporary warehouses at the supply depot, Seattle,

Wash., \$6,000,000; Pasco, Wash.,

\$2,000,000; Tillamook, Ore., \$1,-

### FDR Would Nazis Still Draft All Able Men Under 26

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK WASHINGTON, March 17-(AP) President Roosevelt, saying there are few men under 26 really indispensable to industry, indicated today he is leaning toward the armed services' view that virtually all physically fit men under that age must be drafted.

He told his press-radio conference, however, that he still has the manpower question under study, expects to work on it all weekend and probably will have a statement on it early next week.

For the past 10 days there has been an intense behind-thescenes tug-of-war between the armed services and production officials over the approximately 250,000 men under 26 who have occupation deferments.

### Filipino Pledge **Again Asserted** By MacArthur

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS. All day the rubbled ruins of fensives of the Pacific war to li-Cassino shuddered under violent berate the Philippines and adjaattack, but when night came the cent islands from the Japanese, nazis still clung to their caves, Gen. Douglas MacArthur tonight reiterated his pledge to the Filipino people to return and free

The general, addressing a commonwealth parliament dinner party at Canberra, spoke strictly as a professional military man, ignoring the American political situation in which he has been mentioned as a republican presidential possibility.

The dinner commemorated the eneral's arrival in Australia exctly two years ago. It followed his decoration by Lord Gowrie, governor general of Australia, Paris. with the grand cross of the Order of the Bath. The governor general rose from his sick bed to confer

MacArthur, looking as fit physically as when he made his dramatic escape from the Philippines, declared "Nothing is more certain than our ultimate reconquest and liberation from the enemy of those and adjacent islands.

"One of the greatest offensives of the war will, at the appropriate time, be launched for that Lost in Raid (Turn to Page 2-Story D)

#### William D. McIntyre Receives Silver Star

SHERIDAN, March 17-(AP)-1st Lt. William D. McIntyre, Sheridan, who exposed himself to enemy machine gun fire to aid a wounded soldier on New Georgia \$2,100,000; for 20 storehouses at island, has received the Silver the supply depot, Spokane, \$7,- Star, his father, Nichol McIntyre,

### Ways and Means Committee Approves Simpler Tax Plan

-Responding to a national outcry against the recent siege of decia far-reaching plan to simplify

der the plan, the present with- status,

By FRANCIS L. LeMAY | Some 150,000 new taxpayers will WASHINGTON, March 17—(P) be added.

Congressional tax experts exmal fitters, the house ways and mal tax, the exemption for any would be only \$500 plus 10 per in December. cent of this income, regardless of whether he is married or the num- a close friend of Lindstrom's, has payers of the necessity of ever ber of his dependents, just as the written his mother, Mrs. I. A. three per cent victory tax now is Humphrey of Salem, that all at-Beginning next January 1, un- over \$624 regardless of family

The 150,000 new taxpayers would be picked up from persons There will be no change in chairman Doughton said there would be no substantial change in

or helped much" as to the actual amount of their taxes.

Some 9,000,000 now paying victory taxes but with earnings not

### Vital Rail **Point Also** Bombed

Weather

Priday maximum temper-

#### Mediterranean Air Force Adds Sofia as Target

LONDON, March 17-(AP)-Two orces of British-based RAF heavy bombers headed out over the east coast tonight for fresh blows against the continent after American Flying Fortresses and Liberators from bases in Italy attacked Vienna during

the day. Although the RAF objectives were not immediately learned, the Frankfurt radio station signed off in the middle of a program, indicating the presence of bom-

bers in that vicinity. In addition to the attack on Viennese targets, medium bombers from allied fields in southern Italy bombed Cacena, a vital railroad junction in northern end of the peninsula.

The strong force of American big bombers up from the south, escorted by Thunderbolts and Lightnings, found the Austrian capital blanketed by an overcast through which a heavy anti-aircraft fire was poured. There wa the target was an aircraft fac-

The Mediterranean air force also struck northward into Europe by night, hitting rail communications at Solia, capital of Bulgaria, for the second night in a row, employing big RAF Halifax bombers for the first time from this theatre.

From Britain American Marauders joined in the growing bombardment of German lines of communication in northern France with a smash at the railroad center of Creil, 30 miles north of

The day operations followed an RAF night precision raid by Lancasters using the new six-ton 'factory - buster" bombs against the Michelin rubber and tire factory at Clermont-Ferrand, 30 miles southwest of Vichy, and an assault with smaller bombs against

(Turn to Page 2-Story A)

## Lt. Lindstrom **Over France**

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lindstrom, 2605 Cherry street, have received word from the war department that their son, First Lt. Robert D. (Lindy) Lindstrom failed to return from a bombing raid over France on February 25. The parents had earlier had a communication from Lt. Lindstrom's copilot stating that their son was

It was the first word had of young Lindstrom's promotion rank of first lieutenant.

Lt. Lindstrom attended Salem schools and Willamette university. leaving with a national guard unit in 1940. He transferred to the air corps in May, 1942, and plained that under the new nor- received his commission as pilot means committee approved today person with income over \$500 year. He arrived in England early

First Lt. Andrew G. Humphrey. whereabouts have failed thus far, Humphrey, with the troop carrier seas since December, 1943.

#### Floyd Brandt, Newberg, Shoots Down Nazi Plane

LONDON, March 17 - (A) -A rocket-firing Dornier 217 which