Ashland, Powers Highs Take State Cage Crowns



That the Germans realize they have lost this war, and further that German leaders are planning now for a third world war in which they hope to succeed after two failures are assertions for which there is a foundation in fact and opinion. Twice the German armies have been almost within touch of their goal of complete domination of Europe. Why should they not dream of repeating those successes and avoiding the mistakes which cost them the final victories? If they can emerge from this war intact, with France prostrate and Britain impaired, then it is just a matter of breeding a new generation of fighting men, manufacturing new weapons and launching a new and more crushing attack.

Sigrid Schultz, for many years an American correspondent in Germany, has a recent book, "Germany Will Try It Again." She thinks the scheming is already under way, and that Germany will make a new attempt in this century to achieve the destiny of which the kaiser dreamed and for which Hitler planned. Miss promptly with food and loans tested Willamette speedway.

would merely be to bolster up the It was Ashland's second state nazi idea even if the principals championship in a dozen triesthe Grizzlies took home to southwere eliminated.

John McCormac, Washington ern Oregon the state's highest correspondent of the New York prep hoop award back in 1922. Times, in a copyrighted article, They never reached the finals outrelates how Germany plans to side of '22 and duplicated their eripple her neighbors so they will all-the-way feat of that year last be helpless when the "next" war night.

The lopsided wins were a comcomes. The plan embraces underfeeding and depopulation of plete reversal of the trend which neighbor countries, looting of turned the 25th classic into one booty from them, keeping as of the hottest scraps ever-there much financial control of their just wasn't any stopping either of business as possible. German the racing quints.

For the Grizzlies, who set a new cartels may be revived for this all-time high for points scored by very purpose. a team in winning a champion-



ourney No Way to Stop **Victorious Teams**

By AL LIGHTNER Statesman Sports Editor

Ashland high's Grizzlies of the "A" division and Powers high's Cruisers of the "B" boys last night swept to the throne. room of Oregon's 25th annual state basketball tournament at Willamette university by crushing Ben's Lava Bears, 55-35, and Pleasant Hill's Hillbillies, Schultz thinks that Germany 53-25, respectively. A crowd so should be allowed to plunge into large it was reported turned-away chaos while its own people fight fans would have gladly paid to out a civil war which might purge peek through the pavilion winits evil elements and vest author- dows sat in on the final killings, ity in the decent people of Ger- and killings they were as the many of whom there are a con- Cruisers and Grizzlies took turns siderable number. To go in at trying to burn up the tourney-





tion Sunday. 18 PAGES Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, March 19, 1944 Price Sc No. 307 Wins Erse Reds Sweep Ukraine to Dniester Opponents Find RAF Pounds Frankfurt After US Blitz on Reich

Oregon's New State Hoop Champions

Day Blow FDR-Churchill German Hits Plane With Stalin

Factories

Yank Losses **Heaviest Since** March 6 Raid

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR LONDON, Sunday, March 19 (AP)-Heavy night raiders of the RAF blasted Frankfurt last night to follow up a mighty daylight blow by nearly 2000 US heavy bombers and longrange fighters against aircraft centers in southern Germany. The American Flying Fortresses and Liberators hammered Augsburg, Friedrichshafen and other targets and stirred up one of the most savage aerial battles in weeks, losing 43 bombers and 10 fighters.

The brunt of the fighting was borne by the Liberators in their attack upon Friedrichshafen. Swarms of German fighters swept up against the big twinbers and fought des perately over Lake Constance. At least 16 of the American planes came down in Switzer land, three in flames. Escorting Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Mustangs destroyed 39 enemy fighters and the bombers shot down others, although their score had not yet been tabulated. While reports of the American action still were. flowing into headquartres, the RAF's big fleet headed for Europe to keep up the aerial offensive that has lasted continuously for four days. Observers said the roar of the RAF hombers could be heard for an **Statements Due Bring Air War** hour as they crossed the channel coast. Frankfurt, their main objective, is the home of many great factories including aircraft plants and is the center of the German US PACIFIC FLEET HEADchemical industry.

By ALEX H. SINGLETON LONDON, March 18-(P)-President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill may meet soon, and Premier Stalin may confer with them later, it was reported in London tonight as speculation increased over whether Russia is playing a lone hand in dealing with European issues. A series of recent diplomatic developments involving Russia

have posed this - soviet - lonehand policy sharply for the United States and Great Britain, and there is a possibility that elarification on the subject will be sought in the near future.

Diplomatic quarters in London suggested that Roosevelt and Churchill might meet after the forthcoming London visit of Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, jr., to discuss a series of new problems in European politics, with Stalin, pos-sibly being called in afterward to get his accord.



Disaster Mounts

Weather

Saturday maximum tem-

perature 68, minimum 33, Precipitation .08 of an inch.

Northwest wind. Partly clou-

dy. River .9 feet. Partly cloudy with few

Cooler Sunday night and slightly cooler north por-

owers north and west portion Sunday. Monday fair.

50,000 Nazi **Troops Lost** In Battles

By TOM YARBROUGH LONDON, Sunday, March 19 (P)- Russian troops spilling through the shattered German Ukraine front have almost completed the destruction of the German sixth army, killing or capturing 50,000 nazis and reaching the Dniester river frontier of pre - war Rumania, and there were indications that the Germans already were evacuating some men from the big Black sea port of Nikolaev, a Moscof communique disclosed early today.

Balkan reports reaching London by way of Turkey said the massive Russian blow had created powerful repercussi

ship game-the old mark was held things as jewelry, precious metals, by Klamath Falls of last year at 52 points-it was a case of comart objects, stamp collections,--things of little bulk but great val-ue which could be converted into money for rearmament. These things can be stolen and then traced only with difficulty. ing from the unsung district 2 rank, fighting two uphill but winning battles against St. Helens Thursday and Washington of Portland Friday, and then turning Through methodical pillage the on true championship heat to wealth of neighboring countries blaze their way to the coveted seat would be reduced and German atop the prep hoop hordes.

wealth increased. Miss Schultz lays down these warnings: (Continued on Editorial Page)

In walloping the fighting but outclassed Lava Bears last night, Coach Al Simpson's club joined with Coach Claude Cook's Highlanders in setting another new

county, every one of 'em here a

Heavy Bombers a champoinship game. The 90 Blast Airfields notched by Klamath Falls an ker in the finale a year ago. notched by Klamath Falls and Ba-In North Italy year ago to finish in third place. gave off with their second gaudy

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS. Naples, March 18 -(AP)- Heavy bombers, fighting their way through a large number of enemy aircraft, today attacked five airfields in northeastern Italy.

First reports of the returning aviators indicated that heavy domage was inflicted.

The fields attacked were Villorba, Maniago, Livariano and Gorizia, all in the general vicinity of Udine, whose airfield was also attacked

held their own with any "A" quint Maj. Herschel H. Green of Mayentry. field, Ky., scored his 11th victory (Continued on page 13)

in aerial combat in this operation, destroying a Messerschmitt.

He shot down six enemy fighters 500,000 Oregonians in 15 minutes in the same area **Pay Income Taxes** on January 30.

the draft.

War production board sources

Portland, March 18-(AP)- From Thunderbolts and Lightnings 450,000 to 500,000 Oregonians paid flew patrol over the area shortly before the bombers arrived and income taxes this year, James W. Maloney, collector of internal re-venue, estimated today. (Turn to Page 2-Story A) several dogfights apparently took place before the bombers swept in to blanket the target with a re-

cord number of fragmentation bombs S/Sgt. Girard Charron of Hack-

Military, Production Agree To Defer Key Men Under 26 ensack, NJ., Liberator tail gunner who flew over Gorizia airfield, said "planes were taking off in all directions as we went over but our bombs splattered the field like rain and beat them back into Agreement was reported reached the army. the ground. After that fires stud-ded the area." today between the armed ser-

School Tax Levy **Bases** Not Impaired

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18-(P)-The tax levy bases of local school districts will not be imrepresentatives of the WPB, the joined at the White house a stack paired by receipt of surplus income tax funds as an offset to property taxes for school purpos-es, Circuit Judge James W, Craw-It has been placed before Preford ruled today.

The suit was brought by the Portland school district against the Multnomah county tax super-to go in taking industry's young-ing. and conserv er men in to clarify its tax-levying po-

ASHLAND GRIZZLIES (above) and Powers Cruisers (below) became "A" and "B" division champlons of the 25th annual Oregon state basketball tournament last night at Willamette university by overwhelming Bend, 55-35, and Pleasant Hill, 53-25, respectively. The Ashland team, coached by Al Simpson, who is not shown: Front row, left to right: B. Garrett, Jay Samuelson, J. Reedy and Fred Kannasto, Back row: All-Star Barney Riggs, B. Quackenbush, All-Star Jim Bartelt, Winfred Roberson and Del Landing. The Powers team: Front row, left to right: Jack Wyland, Bill Slonecker, "Jiggs" King, Bob Coats and Ory McCullock. Back row: Shirl.y Shorb, Ted Stallard, All-Star Frank Grove, All-Star Bob Bushnell (captain), All-Star Tommy Grove and Coach Elwyn Frye.

Finn-Russian

Yanks Break counted last night topped the 80 Through Stiff The all-veteran Cruisers of Coos Jap Defenses

Finland and Russia may make of-By MURLIN SPENCER ficial statements some time this ALLIED HEADQUARTERS.

weekend clarifying the status of performance last night. Coached Southwest Pacific, Sunday, March armistice negotiations now beby Elwin Frye, an unimposing 19-(AP)-American dismounted lieved to have reached a stalemate gent in his very first year of prep cavalrymen fighting in the Adafter weeks of negotiation. coaching and coming from miralties met stubborn opposition All Finland awaited with anxischool which has an enrollment of and elaborate Japanese defenses ety word from their government exactly 30 students in all-boys in and around the town of Loron diplomatic activities which and girls included - the Powers engau, but with the aid of tanks were generally believed to have

quint had the tourney old-timers broke through the enemy lines in muttering "Shades of 1937 and some places, allied headquarters Bellfountain." So scintillating said today.

of them.

were these sharp-passing and Latest reports of the fighting seemingly tireless ballhawks that have given the Russians yester-Friday before this last Japanese more than a few hoop citizens strongpoint on Manus island in day a note containing their govwere convinced they could have the Admiralty group were fragernment's answer to Russian armistice proposals. The Finnish mentary, but a headquarters government's stand was supported

try of young technicians.

A warning was contained in the

spokesman said the troopers of the first cavalry regiment had encountered "elaborate entrenchments" and had knocked out some

Although diplomats have characterized the Finnish answer as Indications that the Americans a "polite no," the Finnish people had achieved successes against have not yet been officially adthe enemy in their drive southvised. The Hensinki radio made ward from Lorengau airdrome, no mention of the negotiations tonight when the whole country ex-

announced.

pected an announcement. A heavily-censored report from the Helsinki correspondent of the Associated Press, telephoned to Stockholm, said there was great political activity in the Finnish capital during the day.

resulted in Finland's polite refus-

The Finns were reported

by a unanimous vote in parlia-

ment, an official communique had

al to accept soviet terms.

dustries will be deferred from draft stripped the rubber indus-WASHINGTON, March 18 -(AP) Two American submarines-par of the fleet that has been inflictsaid this was the effect of a poli-cy understanding arrived at by Director Bradley Dewey which ing heavy damage on Japanes supply lines - are missing in enwar monpower commission and of statistical and other material said today, bringing to 22 the number of submersibles lost since on the manpower crisis. Mr. Roosevelt told his press

sident Roosevelt who had indi-cated earlier that he expected to settle definitely this weekend how far the army would be allowed are too old for front line fightof ever having to figure out anthe two subs on their last war

The city was hit last Tuesday QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, March night by RAF Mosquitos. It re-18 -(AP)- American aerial warfare ceived its last blow from heavy was carried closer to the heart of Japan Thursday and Friday as (Turn to Page 2-Story C) US army and navy planes struck

against the Kurile islands in six Big Bill Thompson **Of Chicago Stricken** The greatest penetration was

made by an army bomber. It CHICAGO, March 18-(AP)-Wilstruck against Matsuwa island, liam Hale "Big Bill' Thompson only 960 nautical miles from three times mayor of Chicoga, Tokyo, on March 16. The attackwhose broadsides at the king o ing Liberator of the 11th army England in his 1927 campaign brought him into the international

On the same day navy Ventura limelight, was reported in critical search planes of air wing four condition at his Blackstone hotel blasted Paramushiro and Shimussuite tonight following a heart partment received by his parents, hu islands. Fighter opposition was attack. nil and the anti-aircraft fire light.

By JACK BELL

president was reported reliably

today to be awaiting more defi-

Dr. T. J. Coogan, attending phy-sician, described his condition as Italy and has been missing since On March 17 Venturas again unloaded bombs on Paramushiro "very critical" and said he had his unit was surrounded by the and Shimushu. Liberators hit been under an oxygen tent since enemy on January 31. He enlistlast Thursday. He became uncon- ed in 1939 and was in the North African and Sicilian campaigns. scious today.

Reports From Six Governors

To Decide Service Vote Veto

WASHINGTON, March 18-(AP) was calling Ohio's legislature into

velt's stand on the service vote fer with the state's attorney gen-

The states in question include The six states are among those

gan, Illinois and California. The in the November election. The

ite word from the first four be- visors was said to be that if a

signing or vetoing the bill. Thus far California's Gov. Earl Warren of California is the only votes into the boxes than would

one of the six who has said that be cast under the existing federal

Italy.

Inch Forward throughout the axis - tied na-In Cassino

By JOSEPH MORTON

Naples, March 18-(AP)-Fifth army

of Cassino against nazi dive-

The battle of Italy thus was

in three major sectors: the grim

fight for Cassino and its envir-

ons; the hour-by-hour allied

bombing of the Germans near

Anzio; and the heavy onslaught

against nant airdromes at Udine,

Villorba, Maniago, Livariano

A group of British Gurkhas

(Turn to Page 2-Story B)

George E. Pflug

Missing in Action

informed the president today he

reasoning of the president's ad-

eral and other officials.

and Gorizia in the northeast.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS

tions of Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria, and that both the Rumanian and German high commands were rushing reserves to the broad Dniester in an effort to ward off further disaster. The Turkish dispatches were filed by correspondents in Budashock troops inched from stone to pest, Hungarian capital, and said stone through the ruined houses that it was generally felt there that the Russians could not be bombers, 170-millimeter cannon halted at the Dniester.

and small arms fire today, while The Russians listed 36,800 Gerallied bombers plastered the Germans killed and 13,859 captured man positions around the edge of in the rout of the Sixth army, the Anzio beachhead south of reconstructed since its historic Rome and heavy bombers slashcapitulation at Stalingrad. ed through enemy fighters to

The official British government blast five airfields in northern radio, after announcing the news that the Russians had reached Rumania, broadcast a warning to that axis satellite to get out of the war "at once."

The Russians announced a resounding series of successes on all three Ukrainian fronts, from Dubno in pre-war Poland down to the encircled Black sea port of Nikolaev, in two orders of the day by Marshal Stalin, the regular nightly communique and a special communique issued in rapid succession.

Tonight they were pursuing 40 to 50 German divisions across the muddy Ukraine farm lands.

The victory over the jinxed WOODBURN, March 18-Cpl George E. Pflug is missing in ac-German Sixth army was one of the most notable of the war, the tion since January 31, acording to information from the war de- Russians listing nine German divisions as liquidated, another so (Turn to Page 2-Story E) Mr. and Mrs. John P. Pflug. He

> 'Breakthrough' **Menaces** Jap **Burma Supply**

By FRANK L. MARTIN HEADQUARTERS. USAAF

First Air Commando Unit, India-Burma Front, March 18-(AP)-In the heart of northern Burma, 150 miles behind the Japanese lines, a strong force of British-Indian airborne troops supplied by American glider and air transport units today was exploiting a surprise aerial "breakthrough" that menaces all Japanese north-south supply lines in Burma

The site of their landing and immediate establishment of an offensive pocket was officially described only as "southeast of Myitkvine." That north Burma city is the hub of the whole Japa operation in the area.

Additional details of the airborne invasion that began March 5 marked it as the largest aeria offensive operation undertaken by the allies since the war started, i was reported at headquarters. The daring stroke, directed by

the overseas federal war ballot law which waives state registra-proposed in the measure is ac-ceptable under state law. President Roosevelt has made it

The administration and congressional tax leaders, in marked con-trast to the bitter outcry over the publican governors of the biggest the federal ballot. Thus far the presidential yeto of the \$2,300,- states on whether they will act to White House reportedly has re-000,000 revenue bill, joined en- make a federal ballot available to ceived no reply from Gov. Dewey thusiastically today in support of their uniformed citizens overseas of New York, Gov. Edward Martin

emy-controlled waters, the navy the war started.



bombing raids.

Kurile Raids

By MORRIE LANDSBERG

air force met no opposition.

(Turn to Page 2-Story D)

come taxpayers of the annoyance

other tax return, and makes things

Given bi-partisan backing

easier for the other 20,000,000.

By ROBERT N. STURDEVANT STOCKHOLM, March 18 - (P) Nearer Japan

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK | occupational deferments would be WASHINGTON, March 18 -(AP) of more value in industry than in **Two US Subs** President Roosevelt had revices and production agencies ceived formal notice that the whereby about 40,010 men under armed services need not expect Presumed Lost 26 who have key jobs in war in- requested military tires if the

a far - reaching program to sim- may determine President Roose- of Pennsylvania promised to conplify the nation's tax laws. Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau described as "well conceived and intelligently planned" New York, Pennsylvania, Michi- which will cast the heaviest vote

the "streamliner" tax plan approved yesterday by the tax-or-iginating house ways and means The plan frees approximately fore he makes up his mind about majority of them do not cooper-30,000,000 of the 50,000,000 in-

He set aside his weekend for patrols, possibly in coastal waters

