

- The action of one of the ship yards in Portland in publicizing its layoff of shipyard workers by dropping the early quitters, the loafers and absentees should give Japanese one answer to the cry of manpower shortage not by making men available for other jobs but by serving notice on men retained that the day of easy loafing is at an end. This will keep up production because men will not want to be laid off. The effect of Albina's order should be felt all through the war industries of Portland.

It is readily understood that these mushroom industries could not operate as efficiently as longestablished, smooth - running plants. There was hoarding of labor, and there was a lot of waste motion and scant production. Yet the record has been one of steady improvement-a reduction in the manhours per vessel, for instance, which is the best gauge of all. As time goes on and production setefficiency will be improved.

In all this talk about shipyard labor, however, we must not overlook this simple fact, that ships got built, scores of them, in new and may face eventual exterminyards, with green hands. It truly ation. has been an industrial miracle in

which management and men share the credit.

These ships too have done wonders toward winning the war. The at Japanese invasion bases along liberties carried cargoes of lend- the Chindwin river near the Inlease to keep the allies fighting, dian border, the only sources of and supplied our own forces at food and other supplies for Japdistant bases. The sub-chasers anese jungle troops now investing secoured the seas to knock out the the allied Indian bases of Imphal subs. The patrol vessels scouted and Kohima and threatening the along our coasts to spot the pos- Bengal-Assam railroad.

sible approach of the enemy. Portland's contribution to victory in the ships turned out there is quite beyond measure.

And don't forget it was men and women working with tools and machines who put these ships together and sent them down the ways. Some may have been interested only in the wages; but a great army of them had their hearts in the work because they had sons or husbands or other relatives on fighting fronts. Ships meant to them food and munitions for these rela- tire operation was a gamble by that Japanese base on the northtives as well as wages for them- Tokyo on a throw - away basis- east coast of New Guinea.

selves. tions in Burma at whatever cost.

Pressure Eases Up

NINETY-THIRD YEAR

In Gigantic T

NEW DELHI, April 12 -(AP) Counter - attacking British and Indian troops have eased Japanese pressure around Kohima in eastern India, it was antles into routine, the records of nounced today amid mounting belief that the entire Nipponese force invading India is being caught in a gigantic allied trap

> Allied air-borne forces, swiftly widening their scope of operations in central Burma, were dis-

closed to be slashing from the rear

The effects of these operations by the allied "Chindits,"

which include American, British and Indian troops, probably will not be announced for some time, as they are held in the greatest possible secrecy to mystify the Japanese. But they will be felt by the Japanese once their supply bases along the Chindwin become exhausted. The manner in which the enemy has sent his forces recklessly ing" them, suggests that the en-

**Heavy Planes** ALLIED HEADUARTERS. Southwest Pacific, Thursday, April 13 -(AP)- Escorted heavy bombers followed up Monday's heavy naval and air assault on Hansa bay with into India, more or less "orphan- a 210-ton bombing the next day, causing considerable damage at

an effort to delay allied opera- Gen. Douglas MacArthur in announcing this latest attack said

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US Navy Task Force Hits Japanese at Palua Bombers Russian Forces

# Entire Nip Forces State

Japanese ships, caught by a large navy task force during the furtherest western raid on March 30, burn after the attack by carrier-based aircraft on the enemy base at Palau, between the Carolines and the Philippines, All Jap craft found at the base were sunk. (AP Wirephoto via signal corps radio)

# Hansa Bay Hit Bricker Loads Schedule Again by Yank For Salem Visit Today

Gov. John W. Bricker, three times elected to the state executive's chair in Ohio and now aspirant for the republican presidential nomination, will find not only a full program but a full dining room in Salem today.

Every chair in the mirror room of the Marion hotel, where the continent from Britain but had tables will accommodate 250 persons, will be taken for the 12:30

luncheon, while another 50-75 Omen will join the group when the Lions club. holding its own luncheon at 12 o'clock, adjourns Emanuele Will at 1 p. m. to hear the Bricker program. Still other listeners will hear the state's distinguished vis-

itor over radio KSLM which will

at 1:05 o'clock.

broadcast the program, beginning

Arriving here at 9:45 a. m., Gov

Bricker will call first upon Gov?

# ToAustria

### Messerschmitt **Factories Given Powerful Blow**

LONDON, April 12-(AP)-American 15th air force heavyweights from Italy dealt a thundering blow today at Messerschmitt factories in Wiener-Neustadt, Austria, as bad weather forced Liberators and Fortresses from Britain to turn back after a 72-hour succession of big - bomber attacks against

German Europe from the west. American ninth air force Marauders and British Mosquitos from Britain assaulted airfields, rail yards and other targets in France and Belgium during the day, however, and hundreds of American Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Mustangs made offensive sweeps against western Germany and Holland.

The Berlin radio broadcast a warning tonight that "enemy planes are over northwest, central and southwest Germany."

German planes caused a onehour alarm in London and antiaircraft batteries and searchlights were in action. It was the first alert in the capital since March 31. It was officially announced that

some Liberator and Flying Fortress formations penetrated over to return to their bases as the weather closed in. The Germans named Wiesbaden and Frankfurt as among the localities the big bombers approached, and said (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

# Deal Blow Race 46 Miles In Single Day **3 Red Armies Drive Toward Junction in Fast Crimean Sweep to Sevastopol Goal**

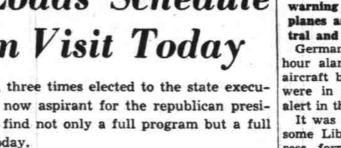
### By TOM YARBROUGH

LONDON, Thursday, April 13-(AP)-Shattering the second deep zone of German defenses in the Crimea, the red army has raced 46 miles in a single day down the central Crimean railway from the vicinity of Dzhankoi to a point only 11 miles north of Simferopol and 46 miles above Sevastopol, the "sacred goal" of the

three-way offensive to liberate the peninsula, Moscow announced Ace Missing last night.

A simultaneous thrust from the east has cleared the enemy from all the Kerch peninsula, a communique said, and the speed of the Soviet advance indicated that the German and Rumanian forces in the Crimea, failing in repeated attempts to stand, were withdrawing swiftly toward Sevastopol, perhaps to attempt to duplicate the historic defense which the Russians made under siege there in 1942.

On the mainland, the red army, demonstrating its ability to maintain muitiple defenses, stormed the Ukraine city of Tiraspol, 53 miles northwest of Odessa, and immediately hurdled to the west bank of the Dnestr river; pushed deeper towards the north Rumanian oil fields by capturing Falticeni, hastened the encirclement maneuver against Chisinan in Bessarabia, and squeezed the Skala pocket on the first Ukraine of 10,000 Germans. From April 1 to 10 the Germans west of Skala lost 26,000 dead and 6988 captured, while Russian Maj. Gerald Johnson (above) of (Turn to Page 2-Story E) Owenton, Ky., fighter pilot ere-



It was work, not idleness which turned out the ships; and the work wasn't done by a lot of the cushion-warming critics ers. The "honeymoon" of lax dis-cipline in the yards may be over, Coroner Jury but we mustn't overlook the production record maintained for months in Portland yards.

### **Two Die When Bus Overturns** Near Azalia

AZALEA, Ore., April 12 -(AP) Monday. State police and Greyhound stage lines officials late tonight were read, "that Ervin L. Wakefield still trying to identify the two came to his death on April 10 passengers killed when a Califor- as the result of a hemorrhage of nia-bound bus overturned today 1 the brain, induced by a blow on mile and a half north of here in the skull.

southwestern Oregon. Others of the 18 passengers were treated for shock and bruises in his staff becommended for their ther Gen. Maximino Avila Cama-Grants Pass and Roseburg hos- care of the injured persons in- cho, and former Presidents Pluvolved in the attempted break. pitals.

Of three passengers receiving treatment at Mercy hospital in drew Trimpey, in charge of the tonight. Roseburg only one, Lois Prevo, criminal insane ward, be com-Roseburg, had been identified. Two others, a man and a wom-

an, were unconscious from shock, his duties." gasoline burns and exposure to gasoline fumes. Physicians said man of the coroner's jury. they believed all would recover. Ray Brown, bus driver, told

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socks.

### **Black Market** May Upset **Gas Program**

WASHINGTON, April 12 -(AP) Black market operations threaten to upset the entire civilian gasoline distribution program, Interior Secretary Ickes declared today in Imposing Delegate Lead cussions were simply a "repeat performance" of the sessions appealing for the public's aid in combatting illicit activities.

The petroleum administrator said the distribution system had "been invaded by the gangster, the racketeer and even the killer.' "The government alone cannot stop black market operators," he added. "The real power to halt these organized criminal gangs lies in the hands of the gasoline suppliers, service station attendants and motorists themselves."

The office of price administration has estimated that 2,500,000 gallons are being drained off daily through illegal sales.

Deputy PAW Administrator ect of increasing allocations chairman. automotive gasoline for civilions lies in halting illegal sales. Meanwhile, there was a possiity that congress might undera new investigation of gasoine rationing. Rep. Brown (R-O) Needed to nominate. sked for an immediate inquiry, Total selected.....

also that heavy bombers bombed Prior to their new campaign (Turn to Page 2-Story D) Nomoi island southeast of Truk in the Carolines and also hit Wewak

on New Guinea and badly-shattered Rabaul, New Britain. **Praises State Hospital Staff** 

Oregon state hospital officials wak sector. and employes were commended by

a coroner's jury here Wednesday which investigated the death of Ervin L. Wakefield, hospital pa-

tient, during a riot in the criminal **Kill Camacho** insane ward of the institution last "The jury finds," their report **Plot Revealed** 

MEXICO CITY, April 12 -(AP) Arrest of 13 persons in connection with an investigation of a report-"It is our opinion that Dr. John ed plot against the lives of Pre-

Evans, hospital superintendent, and sident Avila Camacho, his brotarco Elias Calles and Lazaro Car-"It also is our opinion that Andenas was announced by police

The alleged plot, however, was mended for bravery in risking his not officially linked with Monlife beyond the requirements of day's attempted assassination of In Rejecting the president by Lt. Antonio de Herman M. Johnson was fore- la Lama Rojas, who died today of a bullet wound inflicted by

Two other patients and three guards when he attempted to eshospital attendants also received cape. injuries in the riot. Wakefield at-Five of those arrested were ovtacked the attendants with a er 60 years old. Two women were

blackjack, made from a piece of among those held. Police said several of those armetal wrapped in two pairs of rested admitted having partici-

The riot was subdued after pated in the conspiraty but denied Trimpey struck Wakefield on the that it was linked with Monday's head with a piece of wood. assassination attempt.

Wewak and nearby Boram took Snell at the capitol building. a 59-ton bombing centered in Mrs. Bricker will be guest o fuel dumps and anti-aircraft ina Pro - America - sponsored restallations. ception at the Snell residence at Ten Japanese barges were de-11 a. m., to which the public is instroyed north of Dagua in the We-

vited At the same hour, Gov. Brick-Rabaul's Tobera airstrip and er will confer with republican supply areas' at Talili bay were leaders and the press in chamber (Turn to Page 2-Story H) of commerce rooms, leaving to go

> to the Snell home, where at 11:45 he will join the receiving line. With Gov. and Mrs. Earl Snell, the Brickers will go on to Portland early this afternoon, arriving there at 3:45 for a series of talks, meetings and radio appearances. Party leaders from over the state

will gather at the dinner in honor of the Ohio governor at the Multnomah hotel tonight, and at 10 p. m. he and Mrs. Bricker will entrain for California.

> **Finns Agreed Armistice** Plan

STOCKHOLM, April 12 -(AP)-The Finnish parliament was reliably reported tonight to have given the government a vote of confidence during the day's second secret session after Premier Edwin Linkomies outlined the cabinet's view of the latest Russian armistice proposals.

By all indications the vote means that Finland again had rejected the Soviet terms.

**Dewey, Roosevelt Retain** Finnish sources here said that today's secret parliamentary dis-March 14-15 when Russia's original peace proposals were re-

However, at that time the Fina means of preventing a coup by way open for a later trip to Moscow by Dr. Juho K. Paasikivi, who obtain both the democratic and obtained a more precise definition republican nominations. of some of the terms and some

(awaiting final primary count), New Hampshire 9, New Mexico 8, New York 1, North Carolina 5— total 172. The democratic delegate line-These groups were said to be "the this time.

**Rome Falls** 

Vittorio Emanuele III announced today that he had decided "irrevocably" to withdraw from pub-

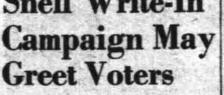
lic life and turn his kingly powers over to his son Umberto "on the day on which the allied troops enter Rome."

The slight, 74-year-old monarch, whose 43-year reign has against German communications covered the rise and fall of faslines on a long, broken front excism in Italy, appointed his tall tending from below Zagreb on the son "lieutenant general of the main Balkan railway southward realm" effective on the uncertain to the Dalmatian coast. date of the allied entry into the Marshal Tito declared also that capital. Allied representatives exfresh German troops were being rushed into Serbia, Bosnia, and pressed approval of the decision. When Crown Prince Umberto receives royal powers from his father he will in effect be his fadrawn from Hungary.

ther's regent. The king is said to have no idea of abdicating. The king has been opposed by the leading Italian political parties mainly on the contention that ago many of these parties had favored abdication in favor of his seven-year-old grandson, the city. prince of Naples, under a regency. The political leaders insisted then that the 39-year-old Umberto was tarred with the fascist

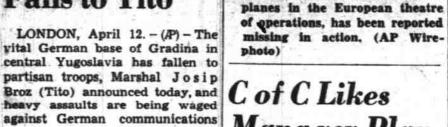
brush as much as his father. The king's declaration to his people today, formalizing what (Turn to Page 2-Story F)

blows from Italy. **Snell Write-In** 



can leaders, according to reports

**German Base Of Gradina** NAPLES, April 12-(AP)-King Falls to Tito



Manager Plan Endorsing the charter amendment which, if adopted at the May 19 election, will give Salem a council-manager form of government, Salem chamber of commerce

dited with downing 18 enemy

Slavonia. Some of these rein- directors Wednesday night anforcements were identified as nounced that an authority on the city manager plan and its opera-While fighting was heaviest tions in other cities would be inalong Yugoslavia's railways, vited to address an organization

Tito's communique today, broad- luncheon meeting shortly. cast by the free Yugoslav radio, The seal of the board's approval said severe casualties were inwas also placed upon the proposed he had been too closely tied up flicted on the enemy garrison in annexation of heavily-populated with fascism, and a few months Gradina, including a considerable suburban areas by the city of number of troops who drowned Salem.

in the Una river while fleeing the Both modernization of the city's government and extension of its The communique's report of boundaries were planks in what

sharply increased attrition against Mayor I. M. Doughton has termed the nazis' greatest single posses- his "post election platform," ansion in the Balkans-interior lines nounced in his first address to the which they must hold against the council. The managerial form of threat of allied domination of the government was recommended to Adriatic-indicated the partisan the council both by the unior attacks are being synchronized chamber of commerce and the with the allies' intermittent air special committee appointed by post.

th mayor to study the problem.

### **Campaign May** Congress Set for Action **On Huge Navy Program** A number of Oregon republi-

WASHINGTON, April 12 -(AP) vasion of western Europe, but here Wednesday, are exploring Congress ended its Easter recess urged that no cuts be made in the possibilities of a primary elec- today by setting to work on a navy funds "until the middle of tion write-in campaign for Gov- record \$32,647,134,336 navy ap- this summer." By the end of that ernor Earl Snell for president as propriation bill intended to give 90-day period, he said, the major the world's largest navy the punch event he had in mind "will, I so - called Roosevelt republicans for final defeat of Japan and Ger- think, have occurred." The new funds, the committee

to write in the latter's name and many. Warned by the men who operate informed the house, will help fithe fleet that the end of the war nance a program contemplating of some of the terms and some moderations. Norman McDonald, British Broadcasting company's corres-pondent in Stockholm, quoted the Kansas 19, Louisiana 13, Minne-sota 2, Missouri 17, Nebraska 9 pondent in Stockholm, quoted the attract more republicans to write unanimous approval the bill boost-ned by 3,657,467 sailors, marines

> plunge Finland into civil war. or other persons mentioned up to \$803,685,164, was trimmed by the carry our fighting men to the committee from budget estimates, shores of the enemy, a job which 1,176 Karelians, who don't want to give Under such a plan, provided with the explanation that the top naval experts said would be

lot. Sponsors of the proposals said dersecretary of the navy, who told goal, to be accomplished by de-355 New York 95-total 157. Grand i 6, total 203. The nature of the Finnish gov-there is a precedent. It is committee that the appropria-the committee that the appropria-the committee that the appropria-the major which we are capable, as soon and

## Venturas Raid **Kurile Islands Again Tuesday**

US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, April 12-(AP)-Paramushiro and Shimushu, Japanese bases in the North Pacific Kurile islands, were bombed on Tuesday by Ventura search planes of fleet airwing 4. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

These raids were the first reported for April, although both fog-shrouded bases were raided six times during March.

On the same day, Adm. Nimitz said in his press release, a single eleventh air force Liberator unloaded bombs at Matsuwa, a Kuriles base less than 1000 miles from Tokyo which had been a target for a full-sized Liberator strike the day before.

In the Central Pacific, a fleet airwing search plane bombed Oroluk atoll east of Truk in the Carolines, another hit Ulul island, 150 miles northwest of Truk, and a third dropped incendiary bombs on Ponape, Truk's eastern out-

Seventh AAF Mitchells escorted by marine Corsairs also bombed and strafed Ponape in the Carolines, hitting buildings, small craft, the airstrips and the storage area. Anti-aircraft fire was intense.

Three enemy-held Marshall atolls were bombed and strafed by medium bombers, divebombers and fighters.

All planes returned from these operations.

Adm. Nimitz announced earlier that army Liberators had bombed Matsuwa and Onnekotan on Monday. Both islands are slightly south of Paramushiro, Matsuwa being 960 nautical miles from Tokyo.



If you are a newcomer to Marion County . . . If you failed to vote at the last general election . . . If you have moved into another precinct ....

You Must Register

ities in midwest advisory primaries, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and President Roosevelt retained yesterday their imposing leads in

convention delegate strength for the presidential nominations. The president picked up most of another 10 delegates selected in New York and received a "compromise" fourth term endorse- New York 1, North Carolina 5-

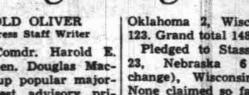
ment from his home state's party total 172. committee which unanimously re-Ralph K. Davies said the best elected James A. Farley as state up

Total convention votes

By HAROLD OLIVER Associated Press Staff Writer While Lt. Comdr. Harold E tassen and Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur rolled up popular major-

Here's the way the republican delegate line-up stood today subject to further tabulating in-Nebraska:

Pledged to Dewey: Missouri 6, total 203.



None claimed so far.

Pledged to MacArthur: Wisconsin 3. None claimed Uninstructed and unclaimed: Florida 15, Illinois 50, Iowa 23,

Total convention votes.

1059 Wisconsin 26 - total 46. Claimed my." 530 for him: Illinois 50, Nebraska 12, cast.

Oklahoma 2, Wisconsin 2-total 123. Grand total 148. Pledged to Stassen: Minnesota change), Wisconsin 4-total 33.

23, Nebraska 6 (subject to nish reply to the Soviet left the

moderations.

### nd Chairman Lea (D-Calif) presed to take up with other mem-bers of the house interstate com-nitize the question of a date for normanica. (D-Calif) Pledged to Dewey: Missouri 6, New Hampshire 2, Oklahoma 2, New York 92, New York 92, New York 92, North Carolina, a minimum of 20, North Caro May 19th. operations in both Atlantic and as often as possible, where it will Registration Books Close April 18th