(AP Wirephoto).

Guinea

Pounded

Bombers Loose

QUARTERS, New Guinea, Wed-

nesday May 17 -(AP)- Wakde is-

land and the adjacent Dutch New

Guinea mainland, for days vir-

tually defenseless against air at-

tack, were scarred and seared

again Monday by a 200-ton bomb-

load dropped on Japanese hang-

ing on to an area 110 miles north-

The latest raid by Liberators

and Mitchells brought to more

than 750 tons the weight of ex-

plosives unloosed in three straight

days on limited targets in the

A headquarters spokesman said

Monday's raiders knocked out gun

positions near an airdrome on

Wakde, demolished several large

west of Hollandia.

anese interceptors.

tens, also was hit.

still another target.

200 Ton Load

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, May 17, 1944

Price 5c

Maximum temperature Tuesday 67 degrees; minimum 47; precipitation, a trace; river -2 feet.

Occasional showers Wednesday. Thursday partly cloudy with rain beginning along coast late Thurs-day. Not much change in temperature.

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military services appear to have relaxed some of their censorship Chinese on military events. The navy now is prompt in its reports of battles, and the army seems to be Toss Out headed in the same direction. The American people have proved they can take bad news and prefer to have it given straight rath-Invader er than bottled up for weeks. Elaborate preparations are be-

ing made for the news coverage of the pending invasion. Military China B 600 cs security of course comes first, but the people through their press, radio and picture services demand prompt release of all Importal fown important news save that which On Railway Line might be of aid to the enemy.

But what may be called cen-CHUNGKING, May 16 -(AP) sorship of political news persists; Cairo, the news ganglion of the Chinese forces have thrown the middle east, is notorious for its Japanese out of a second town concealment of news. A reporter there leads a hard life trying to on the vital Peiping - Hankow north - south railway in central get news by the censors who seem to be schooled in the ori-China, the Chinese high comental art of face-saving or decepmand announced today, and in southwestern China are sweep-A current instance of news suppression comes from the ing forward west of the Sal-Italian theatre where the military ween river in their big drive to

has suppressed an important inopen a road to India. terview obtained by Associated A communique said the Chi-Press with General Tito, head of nese had recaptured Chumatien, the partisans who have been where Japanese forces driving making life miserable for the nazi along the Peiping-Hankow railinvaders of Yugoslavia. In spite way from north and south had of the direct appeal of Kent joined on May 9. The town, 120 Cooper, AP's executive director, miles south of Chenghsien, was to General Sir Henry Maitland the second retaken by the Chi-Wilson, the allied (Continued on nese since the enemy held com-Editorial Page) plete control of the railway. Suiping, 12 miles north of Chu-Daylight Pause matien, previously was recap-

Mosquito bombers blasted Ber-

lin last night, the air ministry

announced today, as the British-

based heavy bomber fleets rest-

ed up for a renewal of their

smashing offensive against fort-

LONDON, Wednesday, May 17.

-(A)-Germans were warned of

night air raiders by the Berlin ra-

die at midnight after a day in

which British-based allied squad-

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Senate Group

OK's New Tax

WASHINGTON, May 16-(P)

advanced another step toward fi-

nal congressional approval today

while a movement to reduce the

tax on night clubs bumped into

The income tax simplification

bill, directing that Uncle Sam fig-

ure the taxes of about 30,000,000

for other taxpayers, received

unanimous approval of the senate

call it up in the senate Friday and

predicted speedy passage. It then

will go back to the house for ac-

The treasury's opposition

this time was made known in a

letter to the house ways and

means committee, which is con-

sidering a proposal by Rep. Knut-

son (R-Minn.) to cut it to 10 per

Allied Casualties

Light in Italy

by the senate committee.

treasury opposition.

rons were idle.

Schleswig-Holstein."

The Chinese reported that the In Air Assaults battle for the ancient city of Loying in intensity, with the Ja-**Still Continues** panese hurling tanks in repeated attacks at the outskirts of the city in an effort to smash the Chinese lines and take it by storm. I.ONDON, May 17.-(A')-RAF

In a battle on the plains southwest of Sinan, 20 miles west of Loyang, the Japanese were reported using more than 200 tanks.

West of Loyang, occupation of Kuanyintang by enemy forcstriking southward from Shansi province aroused fresh speculation as to whether the invaders intended to push on to Tungkwan, gateway city to China's northwest. The enemy (Turn to Page 2-Story B)

Indicating the RAF was return-Allied Writers ing to the pre-invasion attack, a nazi broadcast to the reich said: Well Prepared "Several nuisance raiders are approaching northwest Germany and The daylight pause in allied air For Invasion activity came after Hitler's Europe

had been rocked by a month-long SUPREME HEADQUARTERS. aerial offensive which drew retal-Allied Expeditionary Forces, Engiatory raids on England by the land, May 16-(A)-They're put-German air force Sunday and ting up the big-scale battlemaps A few RAF planes carried out long conference room of invasion April when Hollandia was in-"intruder" operations during the press headquarters—and if the day, scudding all the way to the German command could look Baltic, and a Swedish communique them over, they'd be just as worsaid one two-man craft had ried as they are now and not one crashed into the sea off Skane aft- bit better informed.

er being hit by Swedish anti-air-They show all of Europe in equal scale - from the north cape The Canadian pilot of a Mosto the Peloponnesus.

quito, Charlie Scherf of Edmon-That's the scope of the concentric attack which the invasion will round out in pattern with the Italian drive and the great Russian front. The maps show every German potential target, every mile of nazi-held territory and potential objective.

But wherever the allied press officer's pointer touches in the first announcement of the greatest military undertaking in history, the most carefully prepared news reporting staff ever assembled to hit Woleai in the Carolines. (Turn to Page 2-Story F)

Leader

WLBCalls Meeting On Strike

Public Hearing Set for Today With Foremen

WASHINGTON, May 16 -(AP) The war labor board called today for a showdown on the foremen's strikes at war plants in the Detroit area, which Undersecretary of War Patterson described as potentially the most serious walkout of the war in its effect on combat aircraft production.

Shortly after the undersecretary had expressed his fears at a news Gen. Wei Li-Huang (above), a conference, the WLB summoned seasoned veteran of many Chi- the president and the 10-man exnese-Japanese battles, is com- ecutive board of the Foremen's manding Chinese forces in a big Association of America to a public offensive launched from south- hearing at 10 a. m. tomorrow "to western China to regain an im- show cause why the board should portant portion of the old Burms not immediately take steps neroad and to join allied troops cessary to invoke the sanctions driving across northern Burma. and penalties provided by the war labor disputes act and the executive orders of the president."

Civil suits for damages constitute the only penalty of the act so long as the struck plants remain in private hands. If the government seized them, criminal action might be taken against any person encouraging a strike.

Patterson told reporters that parts and sub - assemblies for almost all army planes are manumost all army planes are manufactured in the 13 plants affected, Sends Letter and the Packard Motor Car com-On Jap Holdings pany plant which closed Friday is the only source of engines for ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD- the P-51 Mustang long - range

Also threatened, but less immediately, the undersecretary said, is the Boeing Aircraft com-(Turn to Page 2-Story C)

Soviet Airmen **Heavily Bomb** City of Polotsk

LONDON, Wednesday, May 17 Wakde - Sarmi - Maffin Bay tri- (A)- Soviet airmen heavily bombed angle. The sector has been under the nazi-held city of Polotsk near on the newly-painted walls of the almost daily assault since late the Latvian - Polish border last night, Moscow announced tonight. continuing an aerial campaign against German communications in the east similar to the allied preinvasion assaults from the west. There were "no essential chan-

ges" on the land front, said the

buildings and set off fires and exbroadcast Russian war bulletin, plosions among considerable stores recorded by the Soviet monitor. In the attack on Polotsk, which Ranging on beyond there to the is on the Riga rail line, "military Schouten islands, 260 miles from stores and enemy trains on the lines at the junction were bombed" the communique said. "Many fires has expressed opposition to the were started. As a result of the plan; J. F. Ulrich, chairman of

Hollandia, other raiders ran into sharp enemy opposition. Fighters shot down five out of 20 Jap-Japen island, south of the Schou-The bypassed sector of Wewak the base." and Hansa Bay, New Guinea, was

Rabaul, New Britain, took its has been hammering German sea F. Lobdell; by James A. Garson daily pounding and other south Pa- and land transportation in what and Katherine Garson, F. G. Destands ready to flash out the news cific raiders ranged far northwest both sides have said is a prelude lano, John M. Carson, Custer E. (Turn to Page 2-Story E) Ross and Ralph E. Moody.

New Italian Offensive



A mechanized French and American column enters Cosmac Damiano on the outskirts of Castleforte, as the new allied offensive gets underway in Italy, south of Cassino. The Germans evacuated the town after a powerful allied attack. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps ra-

Pros & Cons Appear For Manager Plan

Opposition To City Voters On Proposal

manager form of government "unsound" in that it "could only result in wasting public funds and creating an official dictator of city affairs," 11 prominent Salem taxpayers have affixed their names to a letter which is this week in

the mail for Salem voters. A quotation from Munro's textbook on municipal government to the effect that the manager plan has not in general enabled cities to lower expenditures or tax rates heads the list of arguments in opposition to the charter amendment which goes before capital city voters Friday.

No provision is made in the amendment as to the amount of the manager's salary, it is pointed out by the amount generally quoted is the same as the salary paid the governor of the state, the letter writers declare.

Placing the plan before the voters when many young men and women of the community are away at war is criticized, as is also the system under which service clubs have been asked to endorse the proposal.

The letter is signed by William J. Entress, president of the Salem Trades & Labor council, which bombing seven explosions, one of the municipal affairs committee of great force, occurred among the the Salem Board of Realtors, fires. All our planes returned to which committee last week asked the board to take no stand either During the recent lull in land for or against the plan; by Alderfighting, the red army airforce men David O'Hara and Gertrude

all of the nation's war dead and In the races for delegates to the parade and mass meeting in tribute to men now offering their lives for the United States. LaGrande democrat, are unoppos- district. Republicans will elect . More civilian participation, and seven at large, and the democrats particularly the aid of school puthan in past observances because

Snell Asks Observance Of Maritime Day

mittee representatives declared.

British Capture Pignataro Base From Germans

Loss of Cassino Link Would **Be Blow to Communication** Lines for Nazis in S. Italy

LONDON, Wednesday, May 17-(AP)-A Reuters dispatch from the Italian front said today that troops of the British Eighth army have captured Pignataro, four miles southwest of Cassino.

Pignataro is on the main highway linking Cassino with the southern end of the Gustav line, and its fall would deal a sharp blow to the Germans' lateral communications.

The town is situated about midway between Cassino and San Giorgio, which allied headquarters announced yesterday had fallen to French forces smashing through to the southern gate of the Liri valley in pursuit of remnants of the German 71st division.

Reuters also reported the American Fifth army's capture of Scauri, on the coast of the Gulf of Gaeta, 41/2 miles from Formia, and Castellonorato, an inland stronghold less than four miles from Formia. By NOLAN NORGAARD

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 16 -(A)- Vengeful French troops, after smashing through up to eight miles in the center of the Germans' Gustav line, tonight threatened to outflank the enemy's entire defense system guarding Cassino and the mouth of the Liri valley leading to Rome.

The swift French advance between the Americans on the south and the British on the north already had routed the overlooking the Liri valley and had eliminated one great advantage the enemy previously held (Turn to Page 2-Story G)

Nazis Expecting Main Assaults

LONDON, May 16.-(AP)-Nazi tors of the Salem chamber of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has commerce, by Salem Business and completed what may be his last Professional Women's club, by personal inspection of the German Lions, Salem Credit association, Atlantic wall, devoting his closest Zonta club, Junior Women's club, attention to Normandy and its Cherbourg peninsula, the Berlin radio said today.

German dispatches to newspapers of neutral Sweden said the allies were expected to make their rent council, a large number of main assault against Normandy, the council candidates and the directly across the channel from superintendent of public instruc- England, but to make many other to clear the enemy from one of (Turn to Page 2-Story D)

Army Makes Check Of Men in Britain

LONDON, Wednesday, May 17. (A)-A mass checkup of every man wearing the United States army uniform in Britain was completed at midnight.

sit, were confined to barracks for the previous 24 hours while cre-Military police in London and elsewhere moved through the streets demanding identification of

both officers and enlisted men. The move was seen both as a security measure and as a doublecheck against absentees and de-

(The attack may presage the approach of an American invasion his more important positions in the Marshalls. Another possibility was that the Japanese had been concentrating on Jaluit from oth-

er isolated positions.) Hellcat fighter planes swept

Shooting Charged with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to

murder, Verl Taylor, 1000 Chemeketa street, is in the city jail following an altercation in which he failed even to see the woman he allegedly planned to kill but shot instead H. O. White as White stood in the doorway of the home he and his wife share with their daughter-in-law. Taylor, arrested at approximately 9 p. m. not far from 1875

South Church street, where the shooting took place, had blood over his shirt and threatened to side him, police said. Investigat-However, Mrs. Moneta White,

who answered the door at her home at approximately 8:25 to find Taylor standing there, said he had no wife there and that her sister, whose first name is the same as that repeated by Taylor, Demanding that he be allowed

to see "Juanita," the man attempt-

FDR Will Win State's 14 Votes Col. C. Abrams wage and salary earners and pro-viding a less complicated return Because He's Only Candidate May 30 Head Col. Carle Abrams was Tuesday finance committee. Chairman George (D-Ga.) said he would (This is the second of three ar- | The races for congress this year er, former US district attorney for mittee from organizations of Sons ticles describing the candidates are devoid of color, as six candi- Oregon, who has held his present and Daughters of the GAR. tion on technical changes made and issues in next Friday's pri- dates are unopposed.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr. lowering the night club tax at SALEM, May 16-(AP)-President

Roosevelt will win Oregon's 14 votes to the democratic national convention because his name is alone on the ballot, but no republican presidential candidate is en-So the republicans in Friday's primary will write in their fa-

vorite candidates to guide the 15 republican convention delegates. Gov. Dewey of New York is ex-ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, pected to win, although Gov. Naples, May 16-(A)-A member of Bricker of Ohio and former Gov. the staff of Gen. Sir Harold Alex- Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota ander, allied commander in Italy, have many supporters.

said tonight in a review of the Some republicans tried to start five-day-old offensive that cas- a campaign to have Gov. Snell's ualties to date have been "less name written in, the object being than we expected," but he said to have Oregon's delegation go cress would be slower now as uninstructed. But Snell didn't go

former state legislator, is unopposed for the democratic nomina-Rep. Lowell Stockman, Pendle-

ed for their respective nominations in the second congressional six at large. district. In the third district, Rep. Ho- publican national committeeman, of the absence of servicemen, com-

mer D. Angell, Portland republi- is seeking reelection. He was nacan, is unopposed, while Nicholas tional campaign manager for L. Granoff and Lester Sheeley, Willkie's presidential campaign, both Portland, will fight it out for so Charles L. Paine, Eugene, is

job for only a few months, is op-Dan Harmon, Newberg business- lawyer. The only candidate for by the Federated Patriotic socieman, for the republican nomina- democratic nomination is Bruce ties of the city, said there would tion. O. Henry Oleen, St. Helens, Spaulding, Salem, former Polk be the customary services at cemcounty district attorney who al- eteries and the bridge, honoring most won the job four years ago. party conventions, each party will

ton republican, and C. J. Shorb, elect two from each congressional Ralph H. Cake, Portland, re-

opposing Cake on grounds that Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Rose- Cake, because of his position, has burg republican, and Floyd K. no business taking part in the

8 Salem Clubs **Put Approval**

When the Soroptimist club of Salem Tuesday night endorsed the council - manager charter amendment proposed for the city of Salem it became the eighth organization to express its approval of the measure.

Action followed presentation of the plan and arguments in its favor by junior chamber of commerce representatives and a letter in opposition by 11 persons representative of business, professional, labor and homemaker On Normandy Approval had previously been

expressed by the board of direc-Salem Retail Trade bureau and the board of directors of the Kiwanis club.

Mayor I. M. Doughton, the three mayors serving immediately preceding him, a majority of the curtion are among the individuals who have expressed their interest in and hope for adoption of the measure, junior chamber leaders, active sponsors of the plan,

Halibut Tie-up Will End Soon VANCOUVER, May 16-(AP)-The month-old Pacific coast halibut dentials were scrutinized.

said Tuesday.

fleet tie-up ended tonight when both Seattle and Vancouver fishermen and vessel owners voted to go to sea shortly, W. T. Burgess, secretary United Fishermen's Federal union, announced tonight. British Columbia fishermen will sail midnight, May 19.

Descendants of Grand Army

pils will be required this year

FDR Practically Assured In the first district, Rep. James posed for republican renomination weterans, assigned the responsibility for the May 30 observance here of Demo's Nomination York appeared assured of New

Associated Press Staff Writer nation two months in advance of tion keynoter. the party's national convention. leaders counted eight more for can presidential nomination thus the president from Delaware and climbed to 311 including eight was not his wife nor was she at 10 from Montana, and Delaware picked up at Montana's conven- the White residence. partisans heard Senator Tunnell tion yesterday. The republican (D-Del.) call for the "forced in- nominating majority is 530. duction" of the chief executive While it is unlikely the New ed to force his way past her, and to stand for a fourth term.

The four states, including New

Jersey's 39 GOP delegates elected New Jersey and California in another primary yesterday, ing officers said the man, about mocrats put 86 more delegates while California republicans put 36 years of age, told them he had in President Roosevelt's column in their favorite son into the presi-planned to shoot his wife. primary voting yesterday and dential picture by choosing 50 pushed his total far above the required majority for another nomi- Gov. Earl Warren, GOP conven-Dewey's total pledged and Just for good measure, party claimed delegates for the republi-

Yorker will have enough pledges then H. O. White came to the the allies slug toward the Adolf Hitler line.

Trogress on the Fifth army front, which embraces the lower segment of the Gustav line, may be slower now because the mountainous terrain and make-shift roads present great difficulties of sumply. The four states, including New larged by Jersey's 34 and Calibre automatic and have no opposition for nomination in the fourth district.

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, Portland, republican, has no opposition, while went through the slower now because the mountainous terrain and make-shift roads present great difficulties of sumply. The four states, including New larged by Jersey's 34 and Calibre automatic and have no opposition for nomination. Gerlinger, Portland, republican have no opposition for nomination in the fourth district.

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, Portland, site only democrate has no opposed for reelection.

Notither party has a vice presidential fight. Mrs. George T. Monday, May 22, was urged by Jersey's 34 and Calibre automatic and have no opposition for nomination in the fourth district.

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Jap Atoll Hit Hard

American Planes Bombard Island In Record Blow US PACIFIC FLEET HEOD-

QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, May 16 -(AP)- American army, navy and marine planes subjected Jaluit atoll of the Marshall islands to a record land-based attack Sunday and early Monday, smashing defenses with 240 tons of bombs and raking the Japanese with cannon and machinegun fire.

The surprise heavy bombardment, announced today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, was coordinated with other air actions reaching from the Kuriles in the north Pacific to the Caroline and Marshall islands in the

central Pacific. A fleet spokesman declined comment on the attack, the heaviest since the invasion of the

Marshalls early this year.

(Turn to Page 2-Story I) Salem Man

Held In All units, except those in tran-