

This is primary election day. The political campaigning is over. The barrage of oratory is stilled; the shower of cards and circulars and letters is ended. Now the voters, who are the ultimate jury, will have the decision.

It is timely on this election morning to urge that people discharge their duty as citizens and cast their ballots. After all the right of the ballot is a precious one which should not grow rusty through disuse. Universal suffrage is a relatively late attainment, national woman's suffrage being less than 25 years old. When one thinks of the hue and cry that would be raised if people were enied the right to vote, one wonders why many people are indifferent to voting when election days do come around.

It is true that except perhaps in some of the southern states more the primaries are the more important. For in the primaries the initial selections of nominees is made, and very often they are the critical decisions, the final

elections offering little choice. The prediction of a relatively light ballot today will probably be borne out in the tally, because many soldiers will not get their since January. ballots in and many voters have

been shifting about more than is normally the case. That should make those at home feel under greater obligation to turn out and vote, performing the duties of citizenship (continued on editorial page) so long.

Work or Fight **Bill Demanded By War Heads**

WASHINGTON, May 18 -(AP) The nation is confronted by critical and ever "desparate" labor shortages, the government's top lied announcement. "The enemy war production experts told the has been completely outmaneuv- Tiraspol. mate military committee today ered by the allied armies in Italy

Allies Announce Cassino Capture

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Formia Also Falls; American **Troops Rip Into Hitler Line** Only 35 Mess From Anzio

By V & D KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQ' & S .RS, Naples, May 18 .- (A)-Cassino and Formia, twin and S& the German defense belt across cen-tral Italy, have fall 0 & re the great allied offensive which befrom the Anzio beachhead and 65 miles from Rome.

> British and Polish troops stormed O the shattered town of Cassino and Russians dominating Monastery hill behind it early today, capturing 1,500 prisoners and wiping out the

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cream of the "Green Devils" first parachute division which had defended the stronghold fanatically Capture

Shortly before sundown tonight Height small group of British and Polish officers walked up a 30-foot heap of rubble and planted the flags of their countries atop the ruins of the Benedictine monastery, in which the nazis held out

Nazis Who Try American troops captured For-Counterattack mia-believed to be the coastal anchor of the Adolf Hitler line-LONDON, Friday, May 19 .and from nearby hills American big guns opened a heavy bom-(AP)-The Russians announced bardment of Gaeta point, three the capture of "a height of conand a half miles across water siderable importance" southfrom Formia. Masses of aban-

doned nazi equipment were falling to Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces. "The Gustav line now has ceased to exist," declared an al-

. . .

These actions were recount-

Soviets Kill 600

east of Stanislawow, in old Po-

land, and the slaughter of 600

Germans who made an abortive

counterattack in the lower

Dnestr campaign northwest of

Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, May 19, 1944

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Army's 'Stratosphere' Gun



This first picture to be released of the US army's new "stratosphere gun has the crew in action reloading the weapon, which is in recoil position after firing. One of the most powerful new American weapons, the 120mm (4.7 inch) anti-aircraft gun fires a projectile into the stratosphere 20,000 feet higher than any other annti-aircraft weapon's range, says the army, and is used against highestflying bombers. (AP Wirephoto from US army)

Nazi E-Boats Find **Allies Rule Channel**

LONDON, May 18 .- (AP)-The Germans have flung out their outposts against invasion-almost nightly patrols by E-boats and bombers which the Germans reported this week were ranging long aerial pincers from Britain the channel and 500 miles of the English south coast from the and the Mediterranean against the

Allies Score Twin Victory Over Japs Merrill's Men Grab Ploesti Gets New Key Burma Airfield; **Pounding Yanks Take Wakde**

Yugoslavia Rails Also Receive Bombers' Blows

LONDON, May 18 .- (AP)-The allied heavy bomber assault on Hitler's Europe was resumed

today with a strong American blow from Italian bases on the much - battered Romanian oil and rail center of Ploesti, on rail yards at the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade and on the key Yugoslav railway junction of Nis. Flying Fortresses and Liber-ators flew 600 miles to Ploesti and about 350 miles to reach the other two targets, running into nazi fighter opposition which the Berlin radio said resulted in air battles over both Romania and Yugoslavia. Lightning, Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters accompanied the bomb-

The far-flung attack, which on under allied artillery pounding. the basis of recent operations probably numbered up to 1000 bombers and fighters, broke a four-day lull in the allies' month-

By RAY CRONIN Associated Press War Editor

Weather

ion, River -1.

Max i m u m temperatur

Thursday 63 degrees; mininum 42. Trace of precipita-

Cloudy with showers on st and in the m Friday: falr Friday Saturday except along the coast:

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The war against Japan moved at speedier tempo yesterday as allied forces gained major victories in Burma and the southwest Pacific.

A master military stroke in Burma, carried out by Chinese and American forces under an American general, gravely menaced the entire Japanese position in the northern part of that country.

In the southwest Pacific Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur's Sixth army seized the airbase island of Wakde, just off the north coast of Dutch New Guinea. Air, rocket and naval bombardment covered the invad-O

ers. The Japanese offered only moderate resistance. General Mac-Arthur said success of the operation "presages reconquest" of all of Dutch New Guinea. Collapse of the Japanese in the

Burma region was anticipated. Chinese and American jungle fighting infantrymen executed the Hit Jap Ships Chinese and American jungle brilliant surprise move from the outh, behind Nippon lines, to seize Myitkyina's southern airdrome. Immediately the strategic

city, key Japanese communications and supply center, was brought In China's Honan province,

far to the north, the Chinese as late as last Monday were clinging tenaciously to Loyang despite terriffic Japanese shelling, while the two-pronged Nippon

Yank Bombers Strike at Wake,

US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, May 18 -(AP)- Far-reaching American warplanes pounded Wake island in a daylight raid and probably sank two sizeable Japanese ships in Truk harbor, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

He reported air strikes the same day, May 16, against Ponape, Nauru and Japanese in the Mar-

Wake was captured by the Japa-

A navy search plane flew

through light anti-aircraft fire to

bomb and probably sink a 10,000-

ton enemy tanker and a medium

cargo ship in Truk's harbor in the

The same plane flew 200 miles

west to Puluwat island where it

strafed and bombed the air strip

and barracks area. Both the pilot

and co-pilot were wounded there

Mitchell medium bombers of the

air fields and dock installations

Seventh AAF and navy search

planes blasted the seaplane base,

on Ponape in the Carolines. The

At Polls Today

From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today

Only public employes working

on the editorial page (4) of this

As in years past, The Statesman

will gather and tabulate election

returns, which will be broadcast

throughout the evening by KSLM

directly from this newspaper's

During the confusion of gath-

ering and totaling the records of

the vote, telephone inquiries and

information are difficult to un-

derstand, at best, members of the

regular election staff point out.

While many of the old "standbys"

will again be working, war time changes in personnel will be re-

flected in the election force. More

telephones than in past years will

be in use by reporters calling in.

newspaper.

offices.

nese early in the war.

Caroline islands.

by ground fire.

in urging action-quick-on "work or fight" legislation.

War Production Chairman Donald M. Nelson, calling for "relief now," said labor in foundries is so scarce as to endanger production of airplanes and landing craft. In the critical class he listed forgings, ball bearings, lumber and textiles. He figured 300,000 to needed.

Nelson, Acting Navy Secretary of nazi equipment were strewn James V. Forrestall, and Under- across the battlefields in the wake secretary of War Robert P. Pat- of the swiftly advancing allied terson testified for a measure armies. Clark's fifth army alone which would permit the drafting

Men 18 to 45 into military or starting point. farm or essential industry jobs without authorization of ' draft boards.

Men physically unfit for military service into work units, unless they obtained war jobs. (Turn to Page 2-Story B)

2 Salem Men Get IOOF State Jobs

PORTLAND, May 18-(AP)-Ralph L. Russell, Roseburg, was named grand master of the IOOF grand lodge of Oregon here today. Other grand officers elected were:

A. J. Leon, Portland, deputy master; Dr. Earl J. Ivie, Hood River, warden; William A. Mor-

and, secretary; Dr. J. H. Nelson, McMinnville, treasurer; Ralph Osvold, Portland, trustee; E. M. Bowman, Hillsboro, A. W. Foster, organization, "Pan Turanian." Portland, and Marion Curry, Sawhich caused public demonstralem, trustees of the IOOF home. tions, said an Ankara broadcast Grant Murphy, Salem, and Ray W. Comstock, Baker, were elected tonight recorded by the British ministry of information. representatives to the sovereign lodge.



at 8 o'clock tonight brondcast directly from the Statesman office.

troops of the eighth army ed in a supplement to the sohave fought their way forward viet communique, broadcast from Moscow and recorded by in the Liri valley and during the the Soviet Monitor. The height last 24 hours developed a decisive pincer movement which cut highway 6 (leading from Caswas not identified, but appar-(Turn to Page 2-Story C) sino to Rome) and so prevented the withdrawal of the enemy."

WU Sororities The bag of German prisoners mounted to more than 6000 since and textiles. He figured 300,000 to mounted to more than 6000 since Gain Charters forces in Italy began. Mountains **For Nationals** had captured materiel equivalent

Word has been received by two Willamette university sororities to two artillery divisions-much that charters establishing chapters of national fraternities have of it in perfect condition-in adwork units if they quit or refused vancing up to 15 miles from its been granted them. The sororities are Beta Chi which received a

> charter from Pi Beta Phi and Al-French colonials in the center pha Phi Alpha which will become of 25-mile battle line captured a chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. Esperia, a fortified outpost of the The two groups will retain their Hitler line, and seized Monte Lalocal names until installation by go, a mile to the west. Just north the nationals is held. of Esperia they were engaged in

> Beta Chi opened the way for a bitter fight for 2800-foot Monte the petitioning for national affil-D'Oro, and from heights their ariation in February of this year tillery was shelling the lateral when it requested and was granthighway between Pico and Itri. ed permission from the board of trustees to take such action. Pre-

> viously it has been against uni-**Martial Law** versity policy to let living groups become nationally affiliated. **Put in Effect** Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in 1923 and the present chapter house is located at 965 Court At Istanbul street. Beta Chi which was found-LONDON, May 18-(AP)-Martial

> Willamette campus and has occulaw was imposed at Istanbul topied its present house at 1445. day because of unconstitutional State street since 1928. activities of the Turkish pro-nazi

The radio said a number Pan-Turanian leaders had been arrested and charged with "activities against the constitution."

It was declared that the Pan-Turanian "made use of ciphers and codes in communications with its members."

proof they are working under direct control of a foreign power." the broadcast said, "indications are the organization was a pro-German one based on racialism and fascist principles."

The radio said Pan-Turanian leaders lately had been "building up a nation-wide organization, preparing plans and signing agreements aimed at overthrow of the present regime" in neutral

Turkey. It added the army had made several raids at Istanbul and Ankara on premises occupied by Mi-

hal Adbul, a newspaper owner, and had seized documents disclos-ing the organization's ramifica-tions and activities. The advice offered to the cur-PORTLAND, Ore., May 18-(AP). P-39 fighter plane from the ious Thursday night was: "Tune Gov. Dewey now has 321 three delegates, chosen in on state republicans unanimously endorsed Dewey, but left their vention yesterday. President Roosevelt, who al-ready has nearly 100 more dele-gates pledged and claimed than will be required for a fourth nom-ination, will pick up Oregon's 14 Portland air base crashed a mile in on your radio; you will receive bulletins by air faster than they **Albina Shipyard Band** pledged and claimed delegates out of 895 so far selected of the south of Sherwood, Ore., tonight, but the pilot parachuted out, es-16 delegates uninstructed , in Wins High Award A dispatch from Ankara yescase they want to give a first ballot complimentary vote to Eric Johnston, of Spokane, republican national convention's allotted 1059 votes. A majority terday disclosed that a considercaping with a sprained ankle, the base operations office said. Second Lt. James W. Chad-PORTLAND, May 18-(A)-The able number of arrests had been Albina Shipyard band, the "Al-Fune in 1390 on your ra--530-is necessary for a nommade quietly throughout Turkey

Thames estuary westward around to Bristol.

However, evident their purpose in feeling out the channel

counts are finding that in have control of this naval no- AAF Destroys man's-land as they rule the skies

over the nazi west wall. The official German account of an E-boat patrol last night reported repeated clashes with British destroyers and motor torpedo boats. The only locality mentioned for such encounters was off Le Treport, which

is near Dieppe, and thus the British evidently penetrated much nearer the coast of France than the Germans did to England's south coast.

While London, once the German air force's number one target, has remained raid-free, the Germans struck twice in force this week against Britain's south coast. They identified their targets as Portsmouth and the Bristol channel.

The latter area on the southern end of the British west coast has been mentioned by the nazicontrolled radios at the massing point for an American invasion armada.

fines were imposed for violations

edin 1919 was the first such living group to be established on the

of Paul B. Wallace of Salem, was one of the founders of Pi Beta Phi. Mr. Wallace is a member of the board of trustees of the uni-

terest in the school. This year Mr.

honoring his mother.

"While there is yet no direct

Dewey - for - president support-Oregon today - and an Alabama convention for more delegates to increase the constantly rising support for the New York governor

for the GOP presidential nomination.

Oregon also will elect candidates for two US senate and four house seats.

darkness these moonless nights, O-

the E-boats even by German ac-

20,174 Planes In 2¹/₂ Years

WASHINGTON, May 18-(AP) Reporting the destruction of 20,-174 enemy planes by the army air forces against a loss of 6154 in two and a half years of war, Gen.

Britain meanwhile moved methodically toward attack under steadily - deepened secrecy. The house of commons met in secret to consider the dates of its next sitting. In a London court the first

women paying eight dollars each

thorization. Nancy Black Wallace, mother

versity and has taken an active inand Mrs. Wallace established a brief spell, but the sky generally four-year full tuition scholarship was overcast with heavy banks of

coast.

H. H. Arnold today declared the sustained bomber offensive over Europe has not reached its peak. German fighter defense forces encountered by allied bombers have dwindled by nearly 50 per

cent, the air forces commander said, whereas "we can maintain our peak strength in planes, in men and in supplies." Arnold said he did not know. and didn't believe anybody else

knew, whether Germany could be knocked out of the war by bombing alone. "However," he added, "we hope

to get a pretty good idea of what can be expected in future air operations."

Despite the intensity of the bettle in Europe, Arnold said air of the closed coastal belt, two

forces operations in the Pacific for visiting Brighton, in the south have been increased, although he added that strategic bombing so coast protected area, without aufar "doesn't fit the Pacific thea-

tre because of the necessity of A change in restrictions perlong overwater flights. mits daily disclosure of channel

Army air forces operating in the weather now. A chill northeast Pacific and Asiatic theatres sank wind stirred moderate seas in the 320,489 tons of Japanese shipping Dover strait today. The sun broke during the first four months of through during the morning for a this year, he reported.

The biggest single month was in the Willamette school of music rain clouds toward the French January, when 159,704 tons were sent down

National Political Spotlight Focuses house military committees, select-trants in 1-A as of May 1, com-**On Oregon's Primary Election Today** By HAROLD D. OLIVER

gates will go to the winner of the C. O. Vardaman, delegate candiers looked to the last 1944 presi- write-in vote. Dewey, Willkie, and dates, have declared for Dewey. dential preference primary - in Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen were forecast as favorites in the balloting.

> It will be Dewey's second test among northwest republicans, ed a Willkie stronghold before the Wisconsin primary prompted the 1940 GOP nomince to take himself out of the race. On May 6 Washington

his name be left off-the dele-| B. L. Noojin and State Chairman The New York governor added 10 to his column yester-day when the latest unofficial

returns from the May 9 West Virginia primary showed that number elected who had openly expressed for Dewey, with nine others publicly uncommitte Dewey also had been assured dvance he would have Alaska's

The big oil refineries and railway yards at Ploesti were the targets there, but weather tion of results. These targets had been hit four times previously, the last time May 5.

Returning crews reported good results at Belgrade and Nis, the latter a "Y" junction 130 miles southeast of Belgrade from which the main railway from the north splits to serve Istanbul on the east and Athens on the west. The line is of strategic importance to

the axis Balkans. The blow at Ploesti was against supplies for the Russian front. It was recently announced at allied Mediterranean headquarters that the previous Ploesti raids had cut the oil output there by 75 per cent. With channel skies still murky, the British end of the aerial offensive ran through a fifth day of lull. Not since the middle of February have the American and British air forces been compelled to spend so many consecutive days

of idleness. Then there was four blank days

-from February 16 through 19at the end of which the RAF blasted Leipzig by night. On the dispatched 5 with rifle fire, bayfollowing day the greatest offen- oneted the sixth. Then his baysive of the war up to then began against the German aircraft in- the seventh to death with the

dustry and continued for a week. butt of his gun.

Draft Picture Due to Clear

> WASHINGTON, May 18 .- (AP)pected to drop appreciably as application of the new draft regu-

lations increases. In a report to the senate and

pared with 2,259,000 on April 1. that he was supposed to tell us The number of men in 4-F in- that he had malaria. He had creased by 212,914 to a new total chills and fever every other day

of 4,048,914.

essential activities are now being The psychiatrists reported this classified out of 1-A and given oc- as an example of the way nearly cupational deferments in line all men in the Pacific belittle with selective service's new direc- their own achievements. tive to local boards. Many men in

limited service, are also being P-39 Plane Crashes transferred to occupational clas- South of Showed South of Sherwood sifications.

armored offensive left an cape gap of only 25 miles for the defending forces in the Loyang sector. American and Chinese airmen were but (Turn to Page 2-Story D)

Sick Marine Kills 8 Japs Singlehanded

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE Associated Press Science Director PHILADELPHIA, May 18-(AP)-The story of a sick marine who killed eight Japs singlehanded at midnight was reported to the American Psychiatric association today by Commander Dana L. Farnsworth and Lt. Commander Robert S. Wigton, of an unidentified south Pacific hospital ship. "His story," they said, "was not

town of Ponape also was hit. Meaconsidered by him as extraordiger ground fire was encountered. nary. With a few others he had been manning a machine gun on the flank, when they were rushed from several directions just after Oregon Votes midnight.

"Eight came toward him. He From 8 to 8 onet came loose and he fought

"By this time the eighth, an Oregonians will express their officer, was upon him and lunged preferences for and against men with his saber. The marine raised and measures at the polls. his leg and caught the thrust in his thigh and was thrown to the on this legal holiday will be elecground.

tion officials, school teachers, law "The Jap took a swinging enforcement officers and those stroke at his neck and the marine employed at such emergency tasks The number of draft registrants warded it off with the outer part as the city water system service. in classes 1-A and 4-F continued of his right hand. A similar stroke Banks as well as state, county, to climb in April, selective serv- from the left he caught between city offices and public library will ice announced today, but the to- left thumb and hand, grappled be closed. tal in both classifications is ex- the sword away from the Jap and A complete list of the polling dispatched him with the weapon. places in Marion county and "He suggested apologetically map of Salem's precincts appears

that he should have done that in the first place instead of catching the first one with the outer part

"As an after-thought he added for 10 days prior to this incident.

Neither of these totals is expect-ed to be topped in the future. He would have done had he been Large numbers of men over 25 in a well man."

4-F, as well as some approved for

Heavy Liberator bombers of the Seventh army air forces, blistering Wake for the first time since May 9, set a large fine. Objectives were Peacock point and Wilkes island. Moderate ground fire did minor damage to two American planes.