

street, American military police take over the French Normandy coast town of Trivieres after advancing armies had swept the town with artillery fire. (AP Wirephote from signal corps.)

## Dewey Men Claim More New Converts; of Vitebak in white Russia yesterday, opening the long-ex-Bricker Confident

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

CHICAGO, June 23-(AP)-Supporters of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for the republican presidential nomination claimed "substantial" additions to their cause today, but heard a manager for Gov. John W. Bricker call their "draft" move a "joke" and predict Bricker's nomination on the third or fourth ballot.

Backers of Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen also asserted Stas-Osen was in the race to the finish

Leaving Washington, June 21 Being that rarest of visitors to Washington, an individual bent on no business or political errand, I did not rush up to the capitol to solicit the help or advice of senators and congressmen. But hers of Oregon's delegation: Sen-eters Holman and Cordon and Representatives Mott, Stockman Angell and Ellsworth, finding all them except Congressman Mott, who was attending a committee hearing. They were all hoping that the congress can succeed with its present plan to adjourn Saturday (in time for the republican convention), and then the Oregon delegation and their families will head for Oregon.

extension of price control, about all that remains to be cleaned up are some of the appropriation Travel Jolted bills so various departments will have money to run on after July 1. Adjournment will probably be Railroads were authorized by the till August 1, and then if nothing office of defense transportation urgent arises it will probably be today to "bump" civilian travelcontinued another month as it ers from trains when space is

Congressman Mott plans have his office in Salem again during the recess. I heard him last night taking part with others train service where necessary. in a radio forum on the highly controversial proposal to combine the war and navy departments. will be necessary to cancel reser-Mott's contention was that we vations and tickets and to forbid have attained an effective unity the boarding of trains by any pasnow and he doubts if anything sengers except invalid troops and more could be accomplished by their attendants. a statutory consolidation. Others In a report to Col. J. Monroe argued it would make for more Johnson, ODT director, on plans ministration, on a permanent ba-hospitals, J. J. Pelley, president lis. Mott is on the naval affairs of the Association of American get committee approval of the partment. (Continued on editorial with other traffic which may re-

As platform-makers for the convention opening Monday re-

ceived a variety of proposed foreign and domestic planks, all factions seemed to agree that key states such as Pennsylvania, California, and Illinois may hold the answer to the party's choice. Those delegations - controlling votes-will cancus Sunday and Monday. J. Russel Sprague, New York

and that he would not take a vice-

presidential nomination.

national committeeman and a "draft Dewey" leader, said there has been "very substantial addi-tions" to the list of leaders from 22 states he announced yesterday as having volunteered to help nominate the New Yorker. He did not name the new states the reported aid came from.

Rep. Clarence J. Brown, of Ohio, floor manager for Bricker, arrived and hotly disputed the claims of the Dewey forces that the New Yorker will be nominated on the first or sec-

"This draft move to me is rath er a joke," Brown told a news conference. "Before we go to buy (Continued on page 2)

## with agreement at hand on the Civilian Rail

WASHINGTON, June 23-(AP)needed to transport wounded

The order also authorizes the to discontinue passenger With increasing frequency this summer, ODT officials said, it

for carrying troops from ports to mmittee. Ellsworth is trying to Railroads, said: "The railroads committee approval of the will see to it htat the necessary sleeping car space is available

#### Ag Board Decides Against Oregon State Fair in 1944

No state fair will be held in Oregon in 1944. This announce ment was made Friday afternoon by E. L. Peterson, director of the state department of agriculture and of the state fair. He said the state board of agriculture, at its session this week, carefully where the submarines scored their considered every angle to the question of holding a fair this year the state board of agriculture, at its session this week, carefully and reached the conclusion that it was not justified in authorizing

The board members and the di- tiating for enlarged uses of the ector feel that if a fair were held his fall it would be only a gloried cornivel. Director Peterson his, adding that several other actors strongly influenced the coision, most of them the same of the coision.

a the fair was blacked out in 1. Lack of time and labor and Weather

tomplete fair has been held since volved to restore the grounds and buildings to shape for a fair.

The army recently renewed its lease on a part of the fairgrounds and the fair, if held, would jeopardize further the harvesting tranches of the service are nego
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84 degrees; minimum 46; no precipitation; river -.17 ft.

Fair Saturday and Sunday except for light showers over and
west of Cascades Saturday; coaler
in west portion Saturday.

# The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

Salem. Oregon, Saturday Morning, June 24, 1944

## More Than 80 Die in Storm

## Sziets Open Summer Brive Near Vitebsk

Germans Halt

Flight in Italy

To Make Stand

ROME, June 23 - (AP) - German

forces have halted their flight in

central Italy and are making a

bitter stand against the allied

Eighth army on both sides of

eld dispatches reported toda

(A broadcast by CBS said the

nazis had counter-attacked

strongly and recaptured the lown

Heavy rains early in the weel

and it appeared they would not

til the Eighth army could gather

Today's allied communique sa

resistance, both north and north-

west of Perugia and at the south-

west corner of Lake Trasimeno,

On the two wings the allied

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Thousand Allied Guns

LONDON, Saturday, June 24

-(P)-The German radio said

early today that the Cherbourg

fortress had been pounded for

the last 24 hours by a thousand

allied guns of all calibres in the

most powerful artillery barrage

on the invasion front so far. The broadcast by Transocean

nazi news agency, said that aerial bombing had been go-ing on almost without inter-

"Taking into consideration

this enormous concentration of material, the resistance of the

German defenders who are numerically far inferior is ex-

traordinary," the broadcast said.

Pounding Cherbourg

itself and attack in force.

tacks had been repulsed.

Moscow Announces Huge Losses Inflicted on Nazis As Westward Push Starts

By RUSSELL C. LANDSTROM LONDON, Saturday, June 24-(AP)-The red army rashed into German lines on two sides of the fortified city of Vitebsk in white Russia yesterday, opening the long-exannounced that "enormous losses" have been inflicted on the enemy

The westward onslaught, which the German radio said actually opened on Thursday, third anniversary of the nazi's declaration of war against Russia, was on a mighty scale with artillery and aircraft joining in hours of terrific bombardment before the infantry

a wall of fire," a supplement to the Russian communique stated. The red troops struck northwest and southeast of Vitebsk, near the center of the 2000-mile long eastern front, and in the first day gained nearly 10 miles and liberated more than 150 lo-

started forward "in the wake of

In a series of broadcasts the Germans said there were at least four major areas of attack along a 240-mile front on both sides of the Vitebsk hinge position, and left no doubt that they regarded the Russian drive as the long ex- Lake Trasimeno, about 85 miles pected big offensive from the east. north and slightly west of Rome

nique, recorded in London by Seviet monitor, announced "during June 23 northwest and southeast of Vitebak our troops, supported by massed blows from artillery and aviation, went over to the offensive against the German fascist troops," and listed these immediate gains through heavy enemy

Seven and one-half to nine and one-half miles on a 19-mile-wide front northwest of Vitebsk, with more than 100 towns taken; and gains of five to six miles on a 16mile-wide front southeast of Vitebsk, with more than 50 towns

The railway between Vitebsk and Orsha, 50 miles to the south, been cut with capture of Zamostoche, 14 miles south of Vitebak, and two railway stations on the Vitebak-Polotsk the captured places, including the large one of Sirotino 27 miles northwest of Vitebsk.

The White Russian front, possibly the most important of any on the east so far as defense of the Nazi reich itself is concerned has been quiet since February following a strong winter offensive which carried the Russians to but not through the defensive positions which the Nazis frankly call the "bolt" of their eastern door.

#### Yankee Subs Sink 16 More Enemy Ships

WASHINGTON, June 23-(AP) Another heavy blow against wan-ing Japanese sespower was disclosed today in a navy announcement that roving American submarines have destroyed 16 more enemy ships, including 15 cargo vessels and a naval auxiliary.

The report came out almost si-

multaneously with an expression of regret from President Roosev that the Nipponese war fleet fled instead of accepting battle to the finish after losing heavily in a long-range aerial engagement with a US task force east of the

Philippines this week.

The president observed that it is a difficult thing to destroy fleet that has run away.

ed as a vanguard of American fleets in all actions and have prowled the coast lines of Japan beating down vital supply vessels. The newest bag includes 11 medium cargo vessels, four small cargo carrying ships and a me-dium-sized naval auxiliary not otherwise identified.

#### Led Attack



Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher (above) commands the carrier force of the US Fifth fleet which surprised a Japanese fleet between the Philippines and Marianas, sinking at least aircraft carrier. (AP Wirephoto)

#### of Chiusi, nine miles southwest of Lake Tras meno and 25 miles southwest of Perugia.) Plane Carrier gave the Germans a much-needed breathing spell in which to reorganize and strengthen their defenses at the center of the line, Probably Sunk

be thrown into retreat again un-U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, June 23-(A)-Japan's naval defeat in the Philippines sea vaulted to crushthe Eighth was meeting "strong ing proportions today when it was disclosed officially that one of her biggest and newest aircraft carriers probably was sent to the botwhere several enemy counter-at-

class, probably a 28,000 ton, 815 foot long warship).

The announcement of Ad. Ches-Definitely sunk - a Hayatakaclass carrier, a destroyer and three

Probably sunk-a Shokaku class carrier. (1).

Damaged - A Hayattaka class carrier "left burning furiously"; a Zuitkaku class carrier, hit with three 1000-pound bombs; a light carrier, hit by two aerial bombs; a Kongo-class battleship; a cruiser; two destroyers and two tank-In addition, the Japanese lost

more than 360 carrier planes. Two US carriers and a battleship sustained superficial damage and lost 70 planes.

### Terrific Tornado Hits East

PITTSBURGH, June 23-(AP) More than 80 persons were reported killed tonight by a terrific windstorm of tornadic southwestern Pennsyl v a n i a and north - central West Virginia.

Hundreds were made homeless as many dwellings were demolished. Hospitals were overcrowded wiht the injured. Uprooted trees blocked some high-ways, and power and communica-tion facilities were impaired. Striking at nightfall, the storm

lasted but about 15 minutes as it skirted Pittsburgh, hitting suburb-an communities to the south and east and sweeping down into West Virginia. Areas 100 miles south of Pittsburgh were affected. The heaviest tell was report-

ed at Shinnston, WVs., and nearby communities, where at least 27 were known dead and ance drivers reported "the worst is yet to come," as they

Late reports showed 86 killed as follows: In West Virginia 50; at McKeesport, Pa., 10: at Greene county, Pa., 22; Washington county, Pa., 2; Indiana county, Pa. 2. Many persons in the storm

described it as a "twister," accloud which tore an erratic

cut a swath through three West Virginia counties, leveling homes by the dozen. Ambulance drivers there, fran-

tically trying to get over blocked roads up Shinn's run, near Shinnston, said they had reports of bodies along the roads.

Scores of those in jured in Pennsylvania were in hospitals McKeesport, Waynesburg, (Continued on page 2)

#### **Rocket Bombs** (The carrier was of the Shokaku Slap England

LONDON, June 23 - (AP) - Germunique, also listed the definite south England tonight for the sinking of a destroyer. That made the score of the June 18-19 action: deaths and deaths an deaths and damage and under-scoring a warning to parliament by Home Secretary Herbert S. Morrison that "It may be these front lines and the rocket coast attacks have not yet reached

Morrison today gave parliament authoritative word that up to now the robot bombs are doing "little damage of national importance" and killing fewer people than did the nazi's light air raids in February.

An implied threat that the flying bomb and other secret weapons of which German propaganda has hinted, would be used elsepons of which German propaganwhere came today from Martin Von Hallensleben, nazi radio

## Yankees Break Through Nazi Cherbourg Line

Germans Put Up Desperate Last Ditch Fight but City's Capture Expected Shortly

LONDON, June 24-(A)-The German-controlled Paris radio broadcast today that imperiant allied inval forces have landed new troops east of the Orne river is Normandy. There was no allied confirmation of this report. The Orne river is near the austern end of the allied beachboad.

By James M. Long SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EX-PEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, June 24-(AP)-American troops broke through the German Cherbourg line on the southern outskirts of the city last night and also closed in swiftly from the east after capturing a key hill position near Tourlaville, a mile outside France's largest port.

Cherbourg's fall appeared to be near despite heavy resistance by thousands of German troops who have been ordered to die by their guns or be

## RAF Bombers Early reports showed more than During Night

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, June 24-(P) RAF heavy bombers in great strength ranged over France last night and early today, continuing the allied aerial assault which has subjected the Normandy battle zone and nazi targets beyond to almost continual punishment for more than 36 hours.

Big waves of British bombers roared across the channel as darkness fell last night, heading in southerly direction toward France, and the Paris radio broke off its broadcasting in the niddle of a midnight program. Another RAF force was heard

followed up a series of daylight fanning out swiftly over the enblows by American planes against nazi communications beyond the of Pas-de-Calais. US Fortresses of Pas-de-Calais. US Fortresses Marion Bond twice during the day to climax the

The new campaign to disrupt the flow of German reinforcements and supplies to the front lines in Normandy was pushed (Continued on page 2)

## Prison Killing Mass Murder

LONDON, June 23-(P)-Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, disclos-ing to any angry house of com-mons the official German report on the killing of 50 allied airmen after a prison camp break in Ger-many last March, today rejected the nazi explanation and branded the incident a mass murder. He down and bring to justice the "You can't buy a car today—
"foul criminals" involved.

The killings were first revealed tals can't—so why not tuck away ast month in a neutral Swiss report which told of 47 deaths. The official German report, raising that is not so extra, to be used the toll to 50, said that all were to buy one of those super-deluxe cars of postwar years?" Douglas county war fi-In rejecting the German claims
Eden said the most significant
weakness in the German story
was that "there were no wounded, as there would have been in-

shot for cowardice.

| Official dispatches trailed decisive field developments by hours and it was considered possible that trols probing into the city's outer

A dispatch from Don White-head, Associated Press correspon-dent with the Yank assault forces, said a breat through of the nazi lines occurred between Mont Du Roc and Octeville after American shock troops had been attacking the fortified Mont Du Roc, which is two and one-half miles outside Cherbourg near Nouainville, Octeville is two miles east of Nouainville and the site of one of the huge forts guarding Cherbourg. Nazi lines were ripped open be-fore 9:15 p. m. (3:15 p. m. Eastern war time).

Other American troops before this break occured had storm and captured another fortified hilliop only one mile east e Cherbourg, and headquarters predicted Cherbourg's fall was

said "pressure on the Cherbourg The night attacks by the RAF cated that American troops were tire Barfleur promontory east of (Continued on page 2)

## Purchases **Near Million**

As bond purchases in Marion lion dollars with little more than a week left in which to raise the balance of the \$5,477,000 mini-mum quota, division and com-munity chairmen Friday began to tighten the rein.

Recalling that a roomful of fur-niture boosted bond sales late in the Fourth War Loan campaign arrangements were made before the beginning of this one to give participate in the big prize award. So a ticket for the 1941 Chevers is available for every bond

prize offered will meantime pro-vide comfortable and inexpensive (Continued on page 2)

#### Salem Housewife Finds Skunk in Basement

National Champion Buys Bonds



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E. Johnson, assistant manager of the store, smiles beside the group. Mrs. Walters is chairman of the put forward by the German government is in fact the confession.

J. C. Penney Co. Fifth war Lass drive here. The Legion auxiliary has conducted a booth sale of une bonds and stamps in force of the company's store here continually since July of 1942, setting a laws and conventions of war."

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