

There are different opinions about President' Roosevelt's trip to Hawaii and the Aleutian islands. Many of the opposition regard it merely as a political gesture, a dramatic move to appeal for votes, quite like the "inspection" trips of 1940, when the pre-sidential party breezed through the shipyards and factories, the president never alighting from his

car to "inspect" anything. In this case the president gave his acceptance address to the democratic convention at the naval base at San Diego, highlighting his role as commander-in-chief He next was heard of in Pearl Harbor, days later at Adak, where he dined at the enlisted men's mess, eating off a metal plate; and the story carefully noted the fact that negroes were included in the dining room. Then the president appeared at Puget Sound naval base and made an address to the nation from the gun mount of a destroyer. All of which makes the anti-Roosevelt people furious, and they accuse him of using his office for his own political purpose.

Then there are the defenders of the president who assert that his visit is in line of duty, that he can't suspend his trips though he is running for office, merely to appease his opponents. They point out that Prime Minister Churchill has visited Normandy and last week was in Rome, though Churchill is not candidating this year. The representation made that through personal contact with ranking officers in the field (Continued on Editorial page)

Reds Propose Organization **To Keep Peace**

in the hands of the great powers Will Give Aid

curity planning.



NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

10 PAGES

Nelson Removes WPB Restriction **On Production**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 .- (AP)-Chairman Donald M. Nelson tonight lifted the war production board's ban on hundreds of civilian articles where local surpluses of labor and machinery permit. The long-awaited order, delayed since July 1 by the opposition of the army, navy and war manpower commission, is effective at midnight. Nelson said the order was the fourth and last in his program

to provide "a merchandism for partial conversion of industry from wartime to peacetime production."

Not A Large Increase "For the time being," he warned, "It is not anticipated that any

large increases in production of civilian goods will be possible." Cutting across 86 restrictive orders now on WPB's books, the ac-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14-(P)-A tion empowers WPB field offices Russian proposal for organizing over the country to let individual the post war peace in a manner plants make consumer goods hithwhich would place control firmly erto prohibitde or restricted. capable of using force to suppress It provides priority aid, also, for

aggression has aroused intense in- concerns willing and able to manterest among officials here as be- ufacture any of several hundred ing probably the key to Soviet se- "preferred" items listed by WPB as scarce and badly needed



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Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, August 15, 1944

Allies Score 'Greatest Victory'

POUNDED

Nazis Caught Osowiec Captured In Steel Trap **By Reds** Soviets in North

Sweep Half-Way Across Estonia

LONDON, Tuesday, Aug. 15-(AP) Russian shock troops scaled the 30-foot-high walls of the moated stronghold of Osowiec near the Biebrza river in northern Poland yesterday, bayonetted the German garrison and then rushed up pontoon bridges for an imminen crossing of the Biebrza, last water barrier before German East Prussia, only 15 miles beyond. **Reds Sweep Ahead**

In the north another powerful Red army swept almost half-way across Esthonia and spilled on to

LONDON, Tuesday, Aug. 15-(AP)-The German radio said today that the Russians were smash-ing at East Prussia from the southeast_apparently from fallen Osowiec - and acknowledged that "Soviet pressure has increased along the East Prussian frontier, especially north-west of Bialystok."

the Latvian frontier in a swift drive aimed at splitting in two the 200,000 trapped Nazi troops facing the US Third army-which the a disaster almost comparable to Germans said was being led by Lt. that suffered at Stalingrad. With Gen. George S. Patton, jr .- batter-The capture of Antsla in a 19-mile ing up to within eight and a half advance, this army was only 16

Flower of German Seventh Army Facing Destruction As Pincers Close Tighter

Weather

Maximum temperature Monday 84 degrees; mini-mum 46; no rain; river -4 ft.

Clear today and Wednes-day except cloudy on the

riner except on the

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EX-PEDITIONARY FORCE, Tuesday, Aug. 15-(AP) Triumphant allied armies welded a trap of steel and artillery fire about the flower of the seventh German army today in the greatest victory of allied arms in France, and from 100,000 to 200,000 enemy troops turned for a battle to the death.

Backing away from a hail of bombs and artillery shells sealing a 12-mile gap at the eastern end of their Normandy "coffin corridor," the Germans checked their rush and some forces swung around west in an attempt to plug their leaking lines.

Thus they invited destructiona consummation which would mean a gigantic victory for the allies in the battle for northwest-ern France, open the road to Paris, and clear the way for the final battles for northeastern and southern France.

The southern jaw of the great Allied pincers was being closed by

Yank Bombers **Neutralize** Nips **On Halmahera**

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHEAST PACIFIC, Tuesday, Aug. 15 .- (AP)-Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur's bombers have "practical-ly neutralized" the Japanese air-

Halmahera's "maritime forces

have been largely interdicted and

its ground troops immobilized" by

"sustined air assaults" which were

continued Sunday, today's com-

west of New Guinea and 250 to

In addition to new raids upon

Halmahera, Liberators pounded

Manokwari on western Dutch

New Guinea with 69 tons of

Thumbnail

Of War!

By the Associated Press

Invasion Front - Allies seal

12-mile Normandy "coffin cor-

ridor" with hail of bombs and

shells, trapping an estimated

100,000-200,000 enemy troops, and Gen. Eisenhower urges final

drive for major victory; Ameri-

can 3rd army revealed as south-

ern arm of pincers; Gen. Charles

De Gaulle calls for general up-

rising of French people; Berlin

radio fears new allied landings.

Russian - Red shock troops

scale 30-foot walls to capture

moated stronghold guarding

German East Prussia; other for-

ces sweep almost halfway across

Estonia in drive to split 200,000

Pacific-Yank fliers blast Jap-

an's ring of island defenses

along 3500-mile sea front from

the Kuriles to southern Philip-

pines and Halmahera; Chinese

renew efforts to recapture Heng-

yang, mass for all-out attack on

trapped nazis.

Tengchung.

300 miles south of Mindanao.

bombs.

The proposal is contained in a This preferred list covers such lengthy analysis of failures of the goods as vacuum cleaners, electric League of Nations and suggestions ranges, wash tubs, egg beaters, for a new world organization lawn mowers, sewing machines, which was recently published in a church goods, bicycles, and oil, writers magazine, burners. Leningrad If an eligible manufacturer can-

The article reached Washington not make one of the preferred only a few days before an official items, the order provides, he may document outlining Russia's ideas apply to produce less essential for the world security agency, things, but he will not obtain a These ideas will be presented at priority rating.

the four-power meetings opening Monday at Dumbarton Oaks, Georgetown estate.

The analysis was signed by N Malinin, otherwise unidentified. Soon Ready There was speculation that the name might be a pseudonym for a Russian official, possibly vice commissar of foreign affairs Maxim Litvinov, who was for years Russia's representative to the League of Nations.

Maine's Soil Hard to Get

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Aug. 14 (P)- Four tablespoons of soil from the state of Maine will complete an all-American collection which Mrs. J. T. Leggett said Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has agreed to scatter on all the Pacific islands conquered by American forces.

"I've collected soil from 47 states and a few days ago I re-ceived a letter from Admiral Nimitz saying he would be pleased to plant the good old US soil on the Labor Troubles in US lands which we've conquered,' said Mrs. Leggett, whose son is lighting in the Pacific theater.

"But Maine's holding out," she added, explaining that in response to her written request, Gov. Sum- ers idle simmered down yesterner Sewell sent her a state flag day as the ending of several which she returned with the com- strikes and walkouts reduced the ment: "I'm not collecting souven-irs." total of off-the-job employes to between 16,000 and 18,000.

By ISABEL CHILDS

West Salem Must Pull Own

Bootstraps to Join Salem

New "A" Book

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14-(AP) Renewal of basic "A" gasoline ration books outside the east coast providing continuance of an allowance equivalent to eight gallons a month, will begin late this

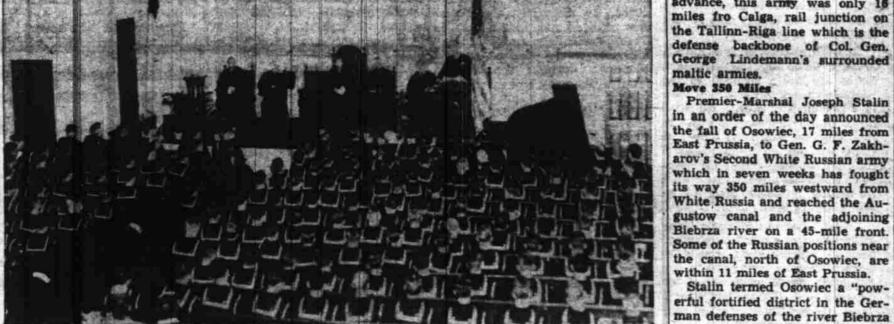
month, the office of price administration announced today. Each coupon in the new "A" book will have a four-gallon value instead of the present three gallons, but there will be fewer

coupons. OPA said that exact dates and the manner of making renewals vary in different local rawill tioning board areas and announcements of those will be made locally.

All applications for renewal of "A" books must be accompanied by the back cover of the current "A" book.

Simmer Down Monday

By the Associated Press Labor troubles which came to a weekend boil with 61,000 workpeting. **Inductees** Leave



Rear Adm. Thomas L. Galch, judge advocate of the US navy, is shown (center above) being cangratula ng honorary doctor of laws by Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university, ted on be at Monday's academic convocation in the Presbyterian church. Holding the hood is Dr. Robert L. Lantz, who acted as marshal of the academic procession. Center is Admiral Gatch, and below is a view of the church, Willametic's V-12 contingent in the audience, and the rostrum. (The Statesman and Official Navy Photos).

By Wendell Webb Managing Editor, The Statesn terian church.

Rear Admr. Thomas L. Gatch. In the hushed audience were judge advocate general of the na-vy, was Dr. Gatch, Ll.D., of Wilscores of friends, old and new, and nearly 200 blue-clad navy men of lamette university today, after an impressive convocation at which Willamette's V-12 program. On the rostrum were Dr. G. the world - known navy man left Herbert Smith, Willamette presihis forceful conclusion that "we dent; former governor Oswald shall never find a panacea for West, an old friend; Dr. Chester

F. Luther, Willamette dean; Dr. Robert L. Lantz, professor and It was as a veteran of flaming battle for survival—not as the dark-haired boy from Salem knew marshal of the academic procession; Dr. J. C. Harrison, president of Willamette trustees, and four and five decades ago-that Dr. Henry Marcotte, pastor of the the sturdy, graying officer rapped "the prattling of pacificts" and Presbyterian church.

called for perpetual preparedness In the principal address prior to with which "no gangsters could Dr. Smith's conferring of the honhave the faintest hope" of com- orary degree of doctor of laws-

He spoke Monday afternoon in mette's history-Admiral Gatch

the quiet confines of the Presby- declared that the last war "w not fought through . . . because From Oregon thought . . . that any kind of

peace was enough." Pacifists, he declared, "will like-

before this is all done with," and "it is of vital concern that we do not lose this war after we have won it;" but "we must constantly remember that these present wars are not yet won." He added that America would not be safe until "the fire-eating.

sword-rattling Black Dragon elements of Japan are completely liquidated. * * * Perhaps the Jap peasants will do it; the Chinese would probably love to do it; at

within 11 miles of East Prussia. Stalin termed Osowiec a "powerful fortified district in the German defenses of the river Biebrza covering the approaches to the borders of East Prussia," and ordered a Moscow salute of 12 salvoes from 124 guns.

Eight Escape Institutions

The week's escapes from state nstitutions in the environs of Salem had mounted to eight today as names of three youths from the state training school were added to the list. One state penitentiary trusty, two Fairview home patients and two training school boys ab-

sented themselves without leave Sunday and were still at large this morning.

State police, who recovered in Klamath Falls the automobile stolen Sunday from Charles Reese

route two, Silverton, believed they were on the trail of Richard Kauffman, 14, Eugene, and Alvin Dahl, 15, St. Helens, who escaped from the training school Sunday running from brush to brush.

Erwin Speer, 15, Newberg: Bert Davis, 17, Mill City, and Raymond Beyer, 16, Portland, escaped from an OSTS work gang in the neighborhood of Witzel school Monday afternoon.

Robert W. McCaren, 50, state prison trusty, walked away from state buildings across the road from the penitentiary. He came to Salem from Klamath county May 5, 1937, to serve 20 years for arson. At the institution he has taken care of lawns and building Donald Lyons, 11, and Walter Smith, 18, address unknown, escaped from the Fairview home for the feeble-minded.

Nazis Order Evacuation Of Port of Marseille

NEW YORK, Aug. 14-(AP)-The nazl-controlled Vichy radio broad-cast today that the German army

miles of Falaise miles fro Calga, rail junction on Near Falaise dromes on Halmahera island, headquarters announced today.

Canadian troops smashed defense backbone of Col. Gen. within 3½ miles of Falaise on the George Lindemann's surrounded north in a rolling offensive that jumped off Monday after clouds of Allied bombers obliterated a Premier-Marshal Joseph Stalin German anti-tank screen before in an order of the day announced the city.

munique declared. Between these two forces, Long A spokescan added that Japan's **Toms from north and south raked** main defense line from the Halmever road leading eastward to the ahera group through the Philip-Seine and Paris, and waves of pines has thus been threatened. bombers added to the hurricane Halmahera lies about 200 miles

of fire. gustow canal and the adjoining Before this gap vanished, Germans had been seen streaming Some of the Russian positions near eastward in haywagons, bicycles the canal, north of Osowiec, are and every other farm vehicle they could commandeer toward the uncertain sanctuary of the Seine. No Explanation

There seemed to explanation for their decision to turn and fight other than that retreat no longer wa spossible.

> Those who escaped the bottleneck were seen racing northeast toward the Seine along a route which Allied mastery of the air has turned into a path of death and destruction.

Reports from the Canadian front indicated some of the escaped units were armored.

But Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, now disclosed to be the overall commander of all US forces in France-the greatest ever massed for battle under the American flag -declared he was confident the bulk of the Seventh could not escape.

That could be anything from 100,000 to 200,000 soldiers, as many or more than the Allies have captured since invasion day.

Roosevelt Visits Kodiak

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14-(AP) President Roosevelt included a visit to Kodiak island, off the southern coast of Alaska, in his 15-day tour of the Pacific, official navy pictures disclose.

early Drive to Pass "States Rights" **Bill Shaping Up in House**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 -(AP) | Rep. Disney (D-Okla.) and A bi-partisan drive began shap-ing up in the house today to pass the senate-approved "states rights" bill for handling unemployment blems in postwar der

Leaders of the coalition voiced ce they could easily repeat the senate's performance in bowling over the principles of the Murray - Kilgore bill which would have set up federal standands for unemployment compen-tion, running up to \$25 weekly. tion, running up to \$25 weekly. The senate's "state hights" leg-

Dewey (R-III.) predicted speedy approval of the George measure. and Rayburn told newspapermen he expected the house to complete action on postwar legislation and be ready to adjourn by September 1.

While the ways and means committee considers the George bill. house members will begin del tomorrow on a bill dealing with the disposition of surplus property after the war.

A senate military subcom WRASHINGTON, Aug. 14-(AP) WASHINGTON, Aug. 14-(AP) The war food administration (WFA) announced today that

At least it isn't during the in-If West Salem becomes part of cumbency of the present expan-Oregon's capital city it will do so sion committee, which is headed

its mind on this and one other gineer J. H. Davis. fact: A strip of territory around Likelihood that the propos three sides of the city should be expansion shown in a map publaid out in one zone and voted lished several months ago, with upon as an entity. Both the resi-dents of the area and those of the dents of the area and those of the major change (leaving out Sa-city as it is now constituted must lem Gun club and most of the airport) will be that recomm

to receiving the Polk county ad-dition, and some of its residents will cover the territory involved

by pulling its own bootstraps. The city boundary - extension committee, undecided about many things, has thoroughly made up Leo N. Childs, Byers and City En-

spore the move. Selem would have no objections ed by the committee was forewill cover the territory involved

deciare they want to come. But technical difficulties of the merg-er across the county line would not be inconsiderable. Besides, West Salem with an incorpor-

Salem will bid farewell to an other group of inductees at a 7:45 ham and egg breakfast this morning in the USO clubhouse.

Here This Morning

war.

Circuit Judge E. M. Page will be principal speaker. Mose Palmateer will be master

of ceremonies; Oliver Huston, song leader; Dr. J. C. Harrison, representative of the Ministerial asso ciation; Jack Hayes, representa tive of Gov. Earl Snell: Mel Ken-

nedy, petty officer, US navy and an American Legion re tive will speak briefly.

Nazis Speed Work **On Siggfried Line**

IRUN, Spain, Aug. 14-(A)-The Germans have begun moving thousands of Frenchmen from prisons in southern France to has-

Call to Duty f the Women's Land army today are answering their first call to active duty. Several hundred pickers short. anxious bean growers need not

only the women registered to serve in the crop emergency which is here but other women and children, farm placement office workers declared Monday night.

Buses leave the farm placement office in the 300 block of Chemeketa street from 6 to 6:30 this morning and others from 8 top. To accou of families, some buses will re-turn early.

Wheat Goal Announced

any rate it must be done." the 33rd such honor in Willa-

(Additional news of convocation on page 2) **Rickey Grass Fire** WLA Answers

Covers Four Acres

RICKEY, Aug. 14-(AP)-A dis-carded cigarette started a grass fire on the Orval W. Bullock farm near the Rickey school at 4 p.m. Monday. Prompt response of the Four Corners fire department and some 25 neighbors con-trolled the fire which for a time threatened the Harold Cherry

farm buildings. The fire spread into the stu ble field and Tony Koch, a neighbor, responding with a tractor plow, helped bring the blaze u der control, plowing around Four acres were burned over.

Kiwanis Conference

Starts in Eugene

ly have caused 20,000,000 deaths

