

Democratic Candidates Franklin D. Roosevelt, for his fourth term as president, and Harry S. Truman (left), for his first term as vice president, sit down for lunch beneath a magnolia tree on the White House lawn to discuss their campaign plans. (AP wirephoto)

Hull Accepts

next week was immediately in-

terpreted in diplomatic quarters

as strengthening the United States'

position in relation to the other

conferees - Russia, Britain and

political partisanship.

Debate Peace

jor features of the address.

tion to remain out of the war."

Bulgarian parliament and an anti-

Liberators Hit

US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-

QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug.

18-(AP)-Pressing the air attrition

campaign against Japanese bases

north of American-held Guam.

Tinian and Saipan in the Mari-

Jima in the volcano islands Wed-

Other planes peppered Nippon

Major targets at Iwo were gar-

rison buildings, storage dumps

and airfield installations, Several

Japanese fighter planes were in

positions in the Marianas and

Caroline islands groups.

Jap Islands

reported today.

Dewey had wired Hull earlier

SFFMS Dewey Adviser TO MF At Conference

committee on national liberation at Algiers that it would exercise control of French news provoked such a storm of protest that a second announcement followed shortly to the effect that this monopoly of control would be only temporary. The statements however served to touch off wide comment regarding the French press and its need for re-

Outside of the strangled press of Germany the French press was, as far as political informatigoes, about the worst press of any major country. Certainly it was the most venal. The newspapers

of Paris were the most untrustworthy of any papers published in free countries. The use of money to influence editorial opinion was so open it was notorious. The French government, big industries and foreign governments and in dustries kept French editors and journalists on their payrolls. In Bulgar Chiefs this way the springs of democracy were poisoned. No wender France fell in a babel of political

confusion. Paris had before the war 102 daily papers - one shop printed 60. Many were mere partisan or special purpose sheets, but there were a score or more newspapers that aspired to distinction. As Edwin L. James, managing editor of the New York Times writes;

of corruption ran into the head offices of these greater papers. Several of the proudest names were known to be (Continued on Editorial Page)

"Yet time after time the trail

2 Grass Fires In Four Days Strike Rickey

RICKEY, Aug. 18-The second grass fire in four days, both started from a discarded cigarette, on what might be a peace misburned over a two acre area along the railroad track and near the Rickey school Friday afternoon.

The fire broke out first about 4 o'clock and was controlled by neighbors. The state forest department sent equipment which was available but which was not used. The fire broke out again at 6 o'clock and equipment was sent from the Four Corners fire station and neighbors again responded in

At 8 o'clock the fire was believed to have been put out but was to be watched all night. The railroad track kept the fire from spreading to the westward. The second fire was stopped 100 feet from 100-acre Waldo timber lot.

Allies Take Heavy Toll Of Japs Fleeing India

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND a beavy toll today of Japanese Liberator guns. remnants retreating from Mani-pur along the Tiddim road, Burmese-Indian border.

Three hundred Japanese dead and wounded were counted in one five-mile section of the Tiddin road and captured booty since the allied push south from Meirang 12 artillery pieces, a communique

What a Tough Break

took control of the police depart- utilized for the purpose.

The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, August 18, 1944

Vistula **Fortress** Captured

Soviets Trap 3 Nazi Divisions Of 30,000 Men

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 19(A) Russian troops yesterday overwhelmed the west bank Vistula river stronghold of Sandomierz in WASHINGTON, Aug. 18-(AP) central Poland after a bitter three-Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today proday street battle, and trapped posed and Secretary of State Hull accepted direct participation by three German divisions of 30,000 Dewey's foreign relations adviser men, while another powerful Sovin American preparations for or- iet army massed on the German ganizing post-war world security. East Prussia frontier threatened This dramatic turn of political momentarily to spill onto German events in the background of big soil for the first time. four security talks beginning here

Schirwindt, East Prussian border town, and other villages inside Germany's imperilled province were reported by Soviet naval fliers to be in flames, and Berlin said the Russians had hurled more than 150,000 men into the today suggesting that John Foster battle on an ap-mile from Dulles, who probably would be Augustow in northern Poland and his secretary of state if Dewey the Niemen river in western Lithis elected president, confer with uania.

Hull on post-war foreign policy. Suggest Big Events The republican nominee's move Both Moscow and Berlin dispatches suggested great events followed a Hull news conference statement yesterday that he would were imminent and axis broadbe glad to meet with Dewey or casts said Societ troops on the anyone else who came in a mood long - dormant Romanian front of cooperation rather than 2 of Dnestr river - suggesting the emdirected toward the Ploesti oil fields, last big German fuel reser-

The Russian daily communique aid Marshall Konstantin K. Rok-Speech Points

NEW YORK, Aug. 18-(P)-The
Sofia radio said tonight that the Bulgarian parliament had begun of savage German counter attacks. debate on Premier Ivan Bagri-The Russians last were fighting anov's "peace" speech, and quotwithin seven miles of the city. Poles Still Fighting

ed two deputies as endorsing ma-Inside Warsaw the Poles report-One deputy, said the broadcast ed their guerilla forces were holdheard by US government moniing their own in furious street tors, called upon Bagrianov to fighting. From rooftops the Poles "act quickly" after asserting that hurled gasoline - filled bottles down on German tanks, and from "this speech was a revelation and expression of the Bulgarian nacellar gunslits they picked off tion's desire and firm determina-German troops

(Unconfirmed reports from Cai-Berlin Radio ro reported from London said Bulgarian emissaries already were dealing with allied representa-Is Mournful tives in a neutral country for peace. One report said Stoicho

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 19-Moshanov, former speaker of the (P)-A Berlin broadcast quoted a German, had arrived in Ankara German war ministry official statement today as saying "we must be prepared for a German withdrawal from France."
"We must expect the loss of

places with world famous names," the statement said with a scarcelyveiled reference to Paris.

The broadcast, by the German news agency Transocean, was recorded by the ministry of infor-

The same agency quoted a military spokesman in Berlin as saying "no fresh German divisions can be sent to France. The troops in batanas, army Liberators hit Iwo tle have been warned of this and have been ordered to fight to the nesday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz

> Discharged Servicemen To Get Half Fare Rates Oregon railroads will give discharged service personnel half fare rates beginning September 1, Public Utilities Commissioner expected to take similar action.

stretching southward below the FDR Backs Military-Civilian Training for Nation's Youth

started a month ago mounted to public opinion should be gradual-200 motor vahicles, 10 tanks and ly formed on the idea of offering a year's postwar training - both

For These Policemen

NORTH TOWANDA, N.Y., Aug.

18-(/P)-Mayor Myles W. Joyce, Who declared an emergency and of housing 5,000,000 men—could be

their cups of coffee. He also said:
"We don't supect any member of the force to go to sleep on the job while he is in a police car."

The directed policement to pay for their cups of coffee. He also said:

The not cups of coffee. He also said:

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 18—(A)— of them in the government service.

President Roosevelt said today Benefits would be both physical and mental, he said, citing im-provements in the makeup of thousands of youths who trained military and civil—to 1,000,000 or 1,250,000 youths between 17 and ditch-digging is a good thing for

ment from the common council, He said it would not constitute ing together in groups, and also tion, was mailed Friday.

Time Out From War



had attempted to cross the lower Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., commander of the American Third army, talks with two French children in one of the towns wirephoto)

FDR Favors Army, Navy Dept. Merger

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18-(A) President Roosevelt said today there is general agreement on the need for postwar merger of the army and navy into a single department under unified command. But nothing will be done about it, he said at a news conference, until after the war.

The president's remarks were made while commenting on a magazine article in which his vicepresidential running mate, Sen. Harry S. Truman, urged unification of the services.

The president did not elaborate At hearings before a special ouse committee several months ago, navy witnesses were generally skeptical of the value of merger, while the army witnesses supported the idea.

Army Plane Forced Down At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 18-A P-39 plane from the Portland airbase was forced down in flames a mile and a half southeast of here about 1:30 Friday afternoon. The pilot, whose name was not learned here, was severely burned and after receiving first aid was taken to Portland in an ambulance.

The plane was one of a forma tion of six, according to those who Churchill-FDR witnessed the flaming plane as it was landed in the Philip May wheat field. It skidded to the edge of the May hop yard.

HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceythe air at the time of the raid but George H. Flagg announced Frition of six according to hop pickday. Flagg said all other states are ers in the Henry Humpert yard a The plane was one of a formahalf mile distant. It was landed in the Philip May wheat field which was set aftire from the blazing plane. The other five planes did not break formation.

The fall was witnessed by many Silverton and Mt. Angel residents busy in harvest fields.

Final State Payment On War Fund Sent East

way today to National War Fund the details cannot be planned in headquarters from Oregon War advance; and added in response Fund offices here—final payment to question that it would be just Saying he personally has studied the matter and that it warrants public study, the chief executive said such training would trib. McSherry, executive secretary, of the state fund organization of the state's 1943-44 quota of \$1,as easy to reach an understand ing with China for occupation of the state such youths the special art of livers.

1000 Bombers **Blast Germans During Night**

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 19 (P)-Approximately 1000 RAF heavy bombers blasted Bremen and Sterkrade in the Ruhr last night, it was announced today, while a fleet of Mosquitos in a simultaneous operation again dropped block busters on Berlin.

LONDON, Saturcay, Aug. 19-P) Great fleets of allied planes plasted air fields in northern France yesterday, rained death and destruction on the retreating Germans, shot from the skies 35 enemy fighters of a temporarily resurgent German air force, and were out again early today for more blows at the enemy.

In addition to the 35 planes downed, the allied airmen destroyed at least 51 on the ground. Allied losses for the day, in which 6000 planes flew from the west and south in eight attacks over Nazi Snipers four European countries, totaled 21 fighters and two bombers, American Marauders escorted Active in Italy by RAF Spitfires got in the day's

final blow yesterday, bombing rail lines northeast of Paris, and returned without loss despite heavy Indicative of the damage inflict-

ed, the 8th air force fighters alone reported destroying or damaging 739 railroad cars, 38 locomotives and 215 motor vehicles.

Meet Slated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18-(AP)-President Roosevelt told reporters today he expected to have another conference with Prime Minister Churchill soon, but would not be- Salem United War Chest Adopts come more specific as to the date. At a news conference the president elaborated somewhat on his \$94,000 Budget for New Drive recent remark that Germany and Japan would be occupied regardless of whether they surrender before being over-run by allied Friday night paved the way for War chest directors voted to dis-

eral understanding with Russia and Britain on the question of occupying Germany, although all of the details cannot be planned in of crease in overhead and small de-

Toulon

Yankee, French Forces Only 6 Miles From Port

ROME, Aug. 18-(AP)-American and French Seventh army troops drove against Toulon both along the coast and 20 miles inland in a threatening flanking movement behind the great naval base today while a wave of American medium bombers hit and set fire to the French battleship Strasbourg which the Germans had been using as a coastal fortress in the

It was officially disclosed tonight that one of Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's swift-moving columns surged into the vicinity of

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 -(AP) The British radio, in a broadcast recorded by US government monitors, quoted one of its cor-respondents tonight as saying that "Toulon is going to fall and fall very soon" to the envelop-ing attacks of the US seventh

Big New Tank Sollies Pont, only six miles northeast of Toulon, while far to the Into Action north another spearhead punched into the area of Brignoles 20 miles almost due north of Toulon in an Direct Hits Scored

The 26,500-ton Strasbourg, partly submerged when the French scuttled their own fleet at Toulon Mitchells. Several direct hits were scored and fires and explosions were caused by the bombs, crewmen reported.

Although partly dismantled, the Germans had used her guns to bombard the Allied troops. Cruiser Also Hit

B-25 crewmen also reported direct hits on the 7600-ton cruiser La Gallissonniere, a destroyer and submarine in the harbor.

Headquarters announced known American casualties for the southern French invasion were only 300, an almost incredibly low figure, and said 7000 German prisoners had been taken in a count still far from complete.

Battle-hardened veterans of Africa, Italy and Sicily under Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, hero of Guadalcanal, punched inland to the vicinity of Brignoles, 20 miles due north of Toulon. The city is on the main highway leading to Marseille and Aix-en Province, and ultimately to the wide Rhone valley leading to northern France.

snipers were active in the northwest and northeast suburbs of Florence today, delaying complete allied occupation of the city. The situation in northern Flor-

ence was reported officially to have improved since yesterday when German tanks were believed to have penetrated the area. Minor patrol clashes and ar-

tillery duels comprised virtually all the activity on the remainder of the Italian front. The Germans abandoned Rosano, one and onehalf miles south of Pontassieve in the upper Tiber valley, and apparently pulled out of other out-

the funds October 9.

The new budget, which includes

entries (the peacetime Salem immunity Chest), a slight de-

crease in the city's contribution

to state and national war funds,

was adopted as recommended by the board's budget committee.

5th Army Defeated 7th Army Mighty Allied Drives On Forces Drive Toward Seine

Patton's Tanks Smash Within 12 Miles of Paris, Block Off Enemy From Capital City

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EX-PEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, Aug. 19-(AP)-The bulk of the German 15th army guarding the north French rocket coast has been thrown into an eleventh hour attempt to avert a Normandy debacle and has gone down to a defeat that may spell an allied victory in the battle for France, it was disclosed officially last night.

Mighty allied forces were driving the beaten 15th and seventh armies toward the all but bridgeless Seine, and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tanks smashing to the vicinity of Paris-only 12 miles

Nazis Throw

Orne river front.

fired a shot in battle.

Allied Planes

In Banda Sea

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,

Ceram islands, were announced

Liberators and Mitchells Thurs-

force pounded the Liang airdrome

on Amboina and Haroekoe airfield

on Ceram-the latter about 300

miles southwest of American-held

Noemfoor. They destroyed an un-

estimated number of grounded

aircraft, starting fires and explo-

dier dormitories, and Chairman

Lowell Kern named Lolay War-

Doerfler a committee to handle

Approximately \$6000 worth of the dormitory equipment was pur-

chased, a fair portion of which is

declared readily salable. Directors

agreed that chest agencies and the Red Cross disaster committee

the now - surplus commodity.

today by headquarters.

Philippines to Timor.

Adopting a \$94,000 budget, the Miller told his campaign commissalem United War - Chest board tee Friday noon.

rapid completion of the already pose of all or a portion of the cots

almost-organized campaign com-mittee which will set out to raise towels purchased for use of sol-

slight raises for most of the local ner, W. W. Chadwick and Frank

Pound Japs

away by German accounts-had blocked off their retreat toward the French capital.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower summoned his field commanders to an urgent conference which soon may be reflected in new and overwhelming blows to break the German grip on the whole of

Enveloping Move Starts

The surging lines were developnew, heavily armored tank into ing a great enveloping movement action on both the Russian and west of Paris, where a senior Brinorthern French fronts in an eftish officer disclosed the Germans fort to stem the allied advances, in 1941, was sought out by B-25 but first reports denied it was a had rashly committed roughy half their crack 15th army.

This was the first intimation One of the new monsters that Field Marshall Gen. Guenther weighing over 65 tons and with six-inch armor plate—an inch and von Kluge had brought across the a half thicker than anything the Seine important elements of his enemy yet has put into action- army guarding the channel coast was taken by the British on the and the rocket roosts to try to extricate the already battered se-The tank was a victim of a meventh from the pitfalls of Norchanical breakdown and never had mandy.

In Hot Pursuit

Christened the "Pantiger" by its Americans, British, Canadians, captors, the tank combines the Poles, Dutch and Belgians - the best features of the nazi Tiger and last two disclosed for the first time Panther tanks, which weigh 45 to be in action - were in hot pursuit of the estimated 40,000 to 100,000 enemy troops who had The Pantiger, 23 feet long and squeezed from the Normandy over 11 feet wide, has an extra pocket with the bulk of their tanks wheel on each side of its tracks

and were speeding toward Rouen, and a huge, clumsy-looking turret. They strewed behind them the wreckage of tanks and vehicles under ceaseless assault from tactical bombers, whose pilots reported the Germans were in such headlong flight they did not even pull off the highways when the

> planes roared over. News Expected

The expected news that the 15th army, which on D-day was the Southwest Pacific, Saturday, Aug. greatest German army in France, 19 (A) Smashing raids in force at had been committed to a lost cause Japanese airdromes in the Banda in Normandy, came from the staff sea, with concentrated attacks on officer at 21st army group headthe strong points at Amboina and quarters, who likened its fate to that of the broken seventh army.

The staff officer declared their offensive power was spent, that day bomb-combed key island obfrom here on these German forces jectives west of New Guinea. In were capable only of rear guard a day of aerial activity stretching action and that in winning the batmore than 1000 miles from the tle of Normandy the allies will have won the battle of France. Escorted heavy bombers in

Both the seventh and 15th the only striking force the Germans had along the Atlantic wall -were estimated to have had up to 25 divisions at D-day.

15th Badly Mauled Half of the 15th army, it is estimated, was thrown into the lost battle of Normandy in the last two weeks and has been badly mauled. Replacements brought in to guard the channel are believed to be low grade and spread all the way through the low countries.

Thumbnail

Invasion Front-Patton's tanks push within few miles of Peris German Seventh army and reinforcing 15th back against Seine river; in southern France allies smash 20 miles inland behind Toulon naval base in outflank

ing movement.
Ressian—Germans burn East Prussian villages as red e.my Pacific -- American bombers

pour it on Japanese sirdromes at Amboina and Ceram islands west of New Guinea.