### Sweden Feels War Although Still Neutral

Sweden, though a neutral counfry, is feeling the war in rationed othing and food and in the suffering Swedish people see among their neighbors, Commissioner Karl Larsson, commander of the wedish branch of the Salvation Army, told Salem Lions at their Thursday noon luncheon meeting. Today Sweden has 400,000 ounds of food it has thriftily laid side to be used in feeding of waridden nations of Europe, particuarly those of Scandinavia as soon as the allies have opened the way, Larsson said. Already, he declared, his country has provided 100,000 pounds of food to its Scandinavian neighbors, has contracted to provide and is providing one meal a day for 175,000 children near its borders and has in its midst some 240,000 refugees.

American pilots interned in Sweden are receiving excellent treatment, the speaker said.

Adj. Ivar Sorman, the commissioner's secretary, played and sang "Long Live America," with Lions club members joining in the chorus preceding Larsson's address. Questions concerning the neutrality of Sweden, tossed at the speaker at his own request, brought diplomatic and often humorous responses.

Capti Ronald Husk, United States infantryman, who describes himself as having been "nicked" while on active duty in the South Pacific spoke briefly in the interest of the Sixth War Loan, describing difficulties of getting supplies to the army.

### **Bad Weather** Slows Allied Air Assault

LONDON, Dec. 7 -(AP)- Bad weather interrupted the allied air Is Dismissed attack on Germany from British bases today, but soon after dark tonight a force of RAF Mosquitos blasted the industrial city of Cologne with two-ton blockbusters.

This assault was a continuation of the great aerial campaign to seal off enemy men and supplies from the fighting front — an ef- bringing to a merciful end the who overturned carts and tables fort which sent 14,000 warplanes screwiest hodge-podge of juris- and spilled the food in the street. against 13 of the reich's cities in prudence this city has ever seen. The crowds also smashed win- Bonds Buy Guns and Tanks the 72 hours preceding today.

Smoke and flames still rose from Berlin, Osnabruck, Giessen, Oberhausen, Munster, Soest and Karlsruhe and the big Leuna synthetic oil plant at Merseburg, as well as other transportation centers in the almost unbroken threeday offensive.

# **Rail Junction**

ROME, Dec. 7-(P) - Canadian seized the important railway junc- today. tion of Mezzano on the Lamone The attack was carried out by river, it was announced today. B-29's of Brig. Gen. H. S. Han-

their main supply routes between Arnold, commanding general of ports along the Adriatic and their the army air forces and the 20th troops defending northern Italy. | air force.

Ravenna to south of Faenza. In is available. the latter area British forces strengthened their bridgehead across the stream and Poles seized House Members May Get the town of Brisighella.

### U.S. Stand on **Greece Sticks**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 -(AP)-For the second time in three days, to 88. the United States today spoke out for political freedom in a European country where Britain has intervened. This time it was Greece.

The action, by secretary of state

Stettinius put the United States on record to let the Greek people noose their own rulers regardless, in the words of Prime Minister Churchill, of whether they "form s government of the right or left." In thus enunciating again a policy which has already brought a clash with foreign secretary Eden of Britain over its application to Italy, Stettinius used words cau-tiously and with very evident regard for kind of effect they might

Too Late to Classify

## YMCA Older Boys' Conference Krug Favors To Open 2-Day Meeting Here | Penalties for

More than 100 boys from Willamette valley high schools will gather here today for the 24th annual Older Boys' conference sponsored by the Salem YMCA and in session tonight and Satur-

"Strength to Match These Times" is theme for all conference sessions, with four addresses centering about the idea of discovery

and development of strength and

the need for it in the world today.

lem public schools opens the con-

at the First Presbyterian church.

The Rev. Willard Hall of Knight

Memorial church will be toastmas-

ter; conference president Jack Sla-

ter will call the meeting to order;

George Adams of Salem Hi-Y is

to make the invocation; Jack Sla-

ter, the welcome; Chester Good-

man and Mrs. Gilbert Wrenn will

lead the group singing; Hap Engel-

bart, president of the Hi-Y coun-

cil, Principal Harry B. Johnson

of Salem high school and Vernon

Merrick, YMCA staff director of

the conference will participate. A

series of three-minute talks by

Dean U. G. Dubach of Oregon

address at the 9 a. m. session Sat-

urday and will lead a forum dis-

cussion. Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion

county health officer, is scheduled

to speak and to conduct a forum

at the one o'clock meeting. Fol-

lowing recreation under direction

Dimit, Bill Barlow, Bob Strebig,

Jim Barlow, Frank Bales and

Dick Gatke and visits to state peni-

tentiary and state capitol build-

Wendell Webb, Statesman man-

aging editor, will speak at the 4

**Hungry People Storm** 

**Rome Black Markets** 

ROME, Dec. 7 - (AP) - Three of

Rome's black markets, where all

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BETTY HUTTON

EDDIE BRACKEN

LAKE

LIBER

marize the session.

Physical Education Director

### Thumbnail of War! (By the Associated Press

Western Europe - U. S. 3rd army fights to 31/2 miles from Saarbrucken against stiffest German resistance since opening of winter offensive; 7th army joins drive on Saar and 1st army reaches Roer river.

Russia - Reds strike within 40 miles of Austria from western Hungary, while a Russian pincer operation squeezes within 19 miles of Budapest from both north and south.

Italy - Canadians seize Mezzano, railway junction on Lamone river 6 miles northwest of captured Ravenna.

Greece - British planes strafe resisting Greek leftists around

Pacific-Americans land near Ormoc, center of Japanese lines on Leyte, and wipe out 13-ship convoy just approaching Ormoc; Nips land 200 paratroopers on other side of Philippine island; Superforts down record bag of 63 Nip planes during raid on Manchuria.

China - Japanese sweep to within 53 miles of Kweiyang in ing under leadership of Jim Hess, drive to cut Burma road, send- Bill Ready, Curt Coe, Wilson Wilt ing Chinese civilians fleeing to and Jack Larson, the convention Chungking and report invasion group will return to the church. of Kwangsi province from Indo

# **Dorsey Case**

By Howard Heyn LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7 - (AP) Superior court dismissed today felonious assault charges against Band Leader Tommy Dorsey, his kinds of edibles are sold openly piquant actress-wife, Pat Dane, at high prices, were stormed toand their friend, Allen Smiley, day by men, women and children Still unanswered after eight dows of stores in various parts hectic days of bewildering, con- of town. Anonymous circulars flicting testimony-counsel called have been distributed calling on it perjury—was this once-burning the people to stage a "hunger question: Who carved up Screen march" on December 16. Actor John Hall's nose and cra-

nium during a bloody fracas last

August on the balcony of Dorsey's

## Canucks Take | Superforts Hit Iwo Jima Isle

apartment?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 - (Fritroops, who captured the Adriatic day) - (P) - Superfortresses, strikcity of Ravenna two days ago, ing from bases on Saipan, bombed advanced six miles northwest up Japanese installations on Iwo the Ravenna-Ferrara highway and Jima island in the Bonin islands

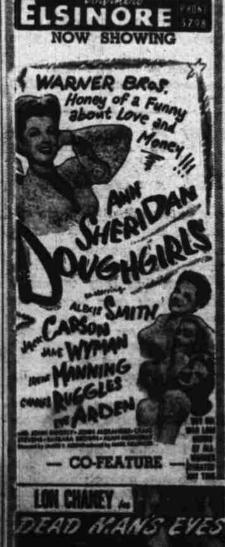
With Mezzano's capture the sell's 21st bomber command, it nazis were deprived of one of was announced by General H. H.

An allied announcement said A communique from General enemy resistance east of the La- Arnold's headquarters said demone river was "virtually at an tails of the attack will be anend" all the way from north of nounced when more information

# More Funds for Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 -(AP) The house voted today to allow its members \$3000 more yearly for clerical help.

Backers of the plan pushed it through the house and on to the senate by a roll call vote of 202



ACQUANETTA

# Rule Breakers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. - (P) -Chairman J. A. Krug of the war production board called upon congress today for penalties against employers and employes who ignore decrees channeling labor toward key war jobs.

A present shortage of 311,000 Supt. Frank B. Bennett of Saworkers will be overcome this month by voluntary methods, he ference tonight with the princitold the senate war investigating pal address at the 6:30 dinner, committee, but cautioned: which like most other of the If recurring shortages are to be weekend meetings is to be held

prevented in key industries, the war manpower commission must have statutory backing for its regulations preventing workers from leaving key industries and prohibiting civilian employers from hiring above fixed quotas.

In a spirited exchange with Senator Ferguson (R-Mich) Krug testified that only 59 workers (net) had been added in tire manufacturing plants since last spring because the commission needed "more teeth."

### Fag Shortage high school boys is on the pro-**May Continue** State college will deliver the main Indefinitely

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7-(AP)-An adequate supply of cigarettes is available for overseas troops, senators were advised today, but the shortage for civilians may continue indefinitely.

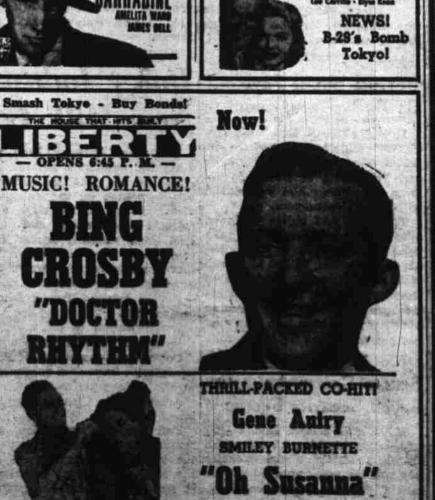
Announcing the opening of full-fledged inquiry into the nationwide scarcity of fags, Chairman Mead (D-NY) of the senate war investigating committee said a preliminary inquiry had developed that:

1. Failure of troops to receive rigarettes in some war theatres is o'clock session and the Rev. Clay due to shipping, unloading and Pomeroy, assistant pastor of the delivery difficulties. First Christian church, will sum-

2. The war department has procured adequate supplies for soldiers and has assured senators "all efforts are being made to deliver cigarettes to the troops."

Club Slates Meeting Members and friends of El Circulo Espanol de Salem will meet at the YWCA at 7:30 tonight, Raul Valle will give a birdseye view

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CHAPTER 7 "THE PHANTOM"



By ISABEL CHILDS Mrs. Virginia Adams, 1145 North 15th street, is pretty much upset over the loss of a billfold for several reasons. She has suggested that, although it contained "all my money for food for December for myself and children" (four of them), if whoever found "can't return money" she today. would be glad to get the billfold back. It belonged to her husband now dead, and the pictures it contains are of him and of her

As one of a great organization of billfold losers, we are crossing our fingers, saying our prayers and hoping this may be one time when the billfold AND money will be returned.

children, she says.

#### V-Bomb Explodes Near U. S. Army Hospital, Kills 26, Wounds 50

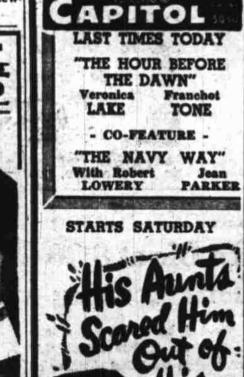
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS LLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Dec. 7 -(P)- A Vbomb which exploded recently in the courtyard of an American army hospital in Belgium killed 18 American military personnel and eight Belgian civilians and wounded 50 persons in the medical corps, it was disclosed today.

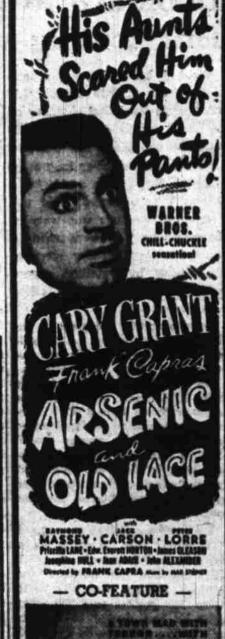
The victims included doctors, nurses, enlisted personnel and patients. Four ambulances in the courtyard were demolished and a three - story wing of the hospital was destroyed. Fire started in the pharmacy, where oxygen tanks and alcohol exploded.

### Only Fraud on Loans Will Affect Pensions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7-(P)-No deductions will be made nom veteran's disability pensions in connection with GI bill loans 'unless there is evidence of intent to defraud."

Even then, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, said today, deductions will be made only if collections sonnot be made in any other way.







### Japs Destroy B-29, Damage 2 at Saipan

US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7 (P)- One Superfortress was destroyed and two others damaged the morning of December 6 in the strongest counter - raid the Japanese have made on the B-29 base on Saipan, the navy announced

About 10 twin - engined "Betty" bombers made the attack on the base from which the American sky giants are attacking Tokyo, said Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

Six of the enemy bombers were shot down by antiaircraft fire from shore guns and warships.

Personnel casualties suffered on Saipan were one man killed, one seriously wounded and a number slightly wounded.

### Japs Push to Crush Chinese

CHUNGKING, Dec. 7 -(AP)- The apanese drive in Kweichow province is within 53 miles of the provincial capital, Kweiyang, it was disclosed today, as simultaneous thrusts toward Kunming led to belief the Japanese were implementing their long-standing master plan to crush China.

Extent of the Japanese gains in Kweichow was disclosed by an American communique announcing the P-51 Mustangs had bombed and set afire the town of Tuyun, northern terminus of the Kweichow-Kwangsi railway, 53 miles south-southeast of Kweiyang, in one of a series of attacks on advancing Japanese columns.

### E Bond Sales Lagging As Oregon Approaches Mark in Other Series

PORTLAND, Dec. 7 .- (A)-The first Oregon county to top its E bond quota is Sherman, where sales of \$110,179 went 10.2 per cent over the \$100,000 goal, war

The county exceeded its quota for all series bonds by 26.5 per cent, reaching a total \$189,793. Shortly afterwards Gilliam goal. It had already reached the all-over quota.

Meanwhile total sales in Oregon climbed to \$87,181,560-81.5 per cent of the 107,000,000 quota, while E bonds-\$13,513,013 sold toward a \$34,000,000 goal-still H. C. McWhorter, \$900; Mrs. Leo

### Valley Packing Co. Over Top

Employes and owners of the Valley Packing company yesterday joined the growing list of Saer the top during the Six War Loan drive. The company subscribed for \$20,000 worth of bonds. Other industrial purchases included Salem Laundry with \$3000 and Blake, Moffit & Towne with \$1000.

Residential block leaders under Miss Hazel Harper, chairman, made several substantial reports of purchases with the following showing the way to the others: Mrs. Viletha Bort, \$4394; Mrs. W. N. Thompson, \$1988; Mrs. R. M. Bishop, \$1750; Mrs. Estella Teal, \$975; Mrs. Albert Gille, \$937; Mrs. C. Dean, \$619.

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