MIDNIGHT CURFEW PROCLAIMED FOR NATION

By Sharley A. Sonapue

In his message to the legislature Governor Snell recommended that revenues from the liquor administration be covered directly into the general fund, instead of being transferred under legislative appropriation direct to the public welfare fund. A bill to carry out this recommendation was introduced, but at last report it was laid on table in committee, having failed to receive enough support to bring it out on the floor for consideration.

While there was a criss-cross of fears respecting public welfare financing under such a change, actually the "secret weapon" which has done much to stymie the bill is the liquor lobby. Liquor interests want the dog-tag of public welfare and old age pensions tied to liquor revenues in the belief that this gives them a potent argument in the event of some future battle over prohibition. The question should be settled

from the standpoint of public finance. The moral question of liquor control or prohibition is not involved. The public would be sensitive to the money argument whether the revenues go into the general fund or into the welfare fund. From the standpoint of public finance and of policy the governor's recommendation seems cussion on the floor.

sound. The bill surely merits distwo-fold: friends of old age penmeasure originally) have been warned that old age grants would suffer by the change. On the other hand guardians of the treasury fear that if public welfare includ-

ing old age assistance is taken

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66 Nip Planes In Tokyo Raid

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Tuesday, ing the "request." Feb. 20-(A)-The biggest Superfortress raid of the war Monday on Tokyo resulted in the destruction or damaging of 66 enemy planes, bringing the total since the first B-29 attack on Honshu (Tokyo's island) last Thanksgiving day to 732.

Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay, heading the 21st bomber command, disclosed today that in Monday's big strike, delivered in support of the marine invasion of Iwo Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo, the big ing food. bombers shot down 21 enemy fighters, probably destroyed 20 and damaged 25.

Three B-29s were lost. The Superforts, which obtained

sashina aircraft factory, added quest," the statement said. their bag of 66 to the more than 650 enemy planes destroyed or damaged by carrier planes which hit the Tokyo area Friday and

German Prisoners Working in France PARIS, Feb. 19 -(AP)- France

has put 48,000 German prisoners forces were clearing Goch, most of war to work helping to repair

taken by Americans.

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

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MARINES 'TAKING IWO ISLE'

Keystone

Life Hit By Order Byrnes' 'Request'

Has Teeth; Will **Conserve Fuel**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.-(AP)-A mdnight curfew was proclaimed today for night clubs, theatres, road houses, saloons and all other "places of entertainment" throughout the nation.

The action, taken by war mobilzation director James F. Byrnes becomes effective February 26, and is expected to make New The fears over the change are York's Broadway and countless family to get bus fare home to other amusement centers look like Kansas. sions (who really sponsored the deserted villages after the stroke of twelve.

Byrnes' mandate took the form of a "request" to operators of entertainment places, from swank night spot to neighborhood movie, to have their patrons out and the doors locked up by midnight. Same As Law

But Byrnes invoked manpower ontrols to make compliance, to Superforts Bag all intents, obligatory. He said he would ask the war manpower commission, to "deny ceilings to Manila's Fort William McKinley ment of a \$4200-a-year registrarany places violating this request." lishments of employes.

The war production board, the office of defense transportation and the office of price administration also were asked to aid the WMC as far as possible in enforc-

Byrnes said his purpose "is primarily to save coal consumed in in the fields of transportation. manpower and in other ways."

Places of entertainment were arenas, theatres, dance halls, road put to work tearing chunks out of houses, saloons, bars, "and other similar enterprises, whether public or private, excluding restaurants engaged exclusively in serv-Closing at midnight means that

patrons shall leave in time to permit full closing by that time, the Byrnes announcement said. "The war manpower commission good bombing results on targets will be requested to deny ceilings which included the Makajima Mu- to any places violating this re-

Montgomery Tours His Front in Jeep

WITH BRITISH AND CANAD-IAN TROOPS IN GERMANY, Feb. 19-(A)-Field Marshal Montgomery and Gen. H. D. G. Crerar of the Canadian First army toured the front in jeeps today as their important road hub in this northern sector of the Rhineland. The field marshal and Crerar,

the French First army. France offensive, waved and smiled to the imately 700 children have returnhopes soon to have at her dis- troops as they viewed the results ed to England from America, posal 60,000 additional prisoners of the 12-day old drive. The troops, where they went when England morale high, responded loudly.

Late Night Political Clash Threatens Long Session; Demos Ired By Jab at Portland Clerk Of Goch

Pension Approved

The 43rd legislature was well on

the way to a record-length ses-

Gleason's ire was aroused Mon-

new appointive office of registrar

democrat, of Multnomah county.

Other tactics, also apparently

retalitory, included action by Rep.

Jack Bain of Portland, democrat,

in demanding repeated "calls of

the house"-thus delaying final

votes on bills until absent mem-

bers are rounded up or the "call"

The delays left the house far

The clash was precipitated on

county commissioners, by Donald

R. Van Boskirk, Multnomah coun-

Multnomah legislative delegation.

Democrat opponents failed, too,

to eliminate the emergency clause

which would place the measure

in immediate effect and thwart ef-

forts at a referendum vote. (Regis-

tered democrats outnumbered re-

publicans in Multnomah county

Most vociferous opponent was

Rep. Warren Erwin, Multnomah

democrat, who mentioned "politi-

manipulation," spoke of "shocking

conditions . . . due to one-party

republican group to such demo-

cratic organizations as the Tom

Pendergast machine of Kansas

City and the Kelley-Nash tribe of

Chicago. He called Brown an

"efficient county officer . . . not

Multnomah democrats indicated

they would continue in the senate

their fight to eliminate the emer-

gency clause, even though the sen-

ate also is predominately repub-

A motion to re-refer the meas-

ure to committee for removal of

Monday's session in the house

also brought the 37 to 21 passage

of the oft-entered firemen's pen-

sion bill which now goes to the

Bomb Heads Back

Toward Germany

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE

BOMBER STATION, England,

force airmen over Holland today.

Fortresses saw the rocket spiral

upward, then head back toward

"At first we couldn't believe it,"

said Capt. Frank Emory, Mount

Vernon, Wash. "The rocket shot

up, then slowly curved in the op-

Members of a large formation of

(Legislative news page 10).

the clause, failed 40 to 18.

a politician."

enate.

Will Fight in Senate

Referendum Killed

from finishing its Monday calen-

is rescinded by majority vote.

Asks "Call of House"

comes up for final passage.

Civilian Life Is Tough Agrees War Vet From Kansas

PORTLAND, Feb. 19-(P)-Civil- sion today - unless Rep. James ian life is tough, agrees Gordon Gleason of Portland rescinds from Keith Anderson, 23, Sunflower, his expressed determination to Kan., overseas war veteran who ask that every bill from 1 to 50 was burned while helping to res- pages, be read in full when it cue persons from the Tacoma hotel in last Saturday's fire.

Enroute home, Anderson got off day when the republican-dominata bus here this morning and was ed house voted 40 to 18 (detailed slugged, robbed of \$40 and badly vote on page 10) to create a cut on the wrists.

While a nurse sewed up his of elections in Portland and take wounds, he told police "I'm plumb away the election authority now tired out." He telegraphed to his held by County Clerk Al Brown,

Yank Mortars Tearing Walls Of Intramuros

MANILA, Tuesday, Feb. 20-(AP) a measure, calling for appointwas seized Sunday as heavy mor- of elections by three Multnomah walls of the Intramuros where the cornered Japanese defense garrison is holed up for a bloody final

Some of the 7000 civilians held as hostages within the ancient Intramuros (walled city) may have reached freedom already. At least a few were reported to have filtered to the waterfront and esity. But it will also be helpful caped in small boats. Japanese fire from the walls is still heavy. Mortars were taken across the

> Pasig river on pontoon bridges and the thick outer wall of the Intramuros so tanks and infantry can Three days ago the Japanese

> commander was asked to liberate the civilians within the walled city. No formal answer has yet been received.

Fort McKinley, at the southern outskirts of Manila, was entered by 11th airborne and first cavalry spearheads. Other Yanks, swarming over Corregidor, mopped up the Japanese defenders and pursued enemy remnants on Bataan.

Morse in Top Spot

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- (AP) Senator Morse (R-Ore) presided over the senate during part of today's session at the invitation of Vice President Harry Truman. It was the first time Morse had occupied the chair.

British Children Return

who is commanding the northern LONDON, Feb. 19-(A)-Approx

Cleared Bill for Registrar Is Passed; Firemen's

Third Expands Assault Lines, Takes 7 Towns

By Austin Bealmear PARIS, Feb. 19 -(AP)- Scottish

troops and tanks virtually cleared the Siegfried line keystone of Goch tonight, and east of that town 14,000 other forces battled south a mile and a half in a drive threatening the rear of the wavering enemy defenses of the Ruhr

In the center of the western front the U.S. Third army expanded its assault lines in the Eifel mountains to 55 miles, engulfed seven more German towns and hacked clear through the three-mile deep Siegfried line on a seven-mile sector south of the Rhennish Prussian gate at Bit-

One division went over to the attack farther south in the Moselle valley and gained a mile to a point near Muzingen, five miles inside the reich.

tured 1000 prisoners as it fought six miles southeast of the province's capital of Saarebruecken in ty republican chairman and signed by the republican members of the e limited attack.

The Roer river on the U. S. First and Ninth army fronts in the area of Aachen was dropping slowly, The reservoirs upstream feeding the flood were expected to be drained within several days, and the river above the reservoirs also was receding as the effect of recent thaws waned.

Rumors Insist Nazis Pulling cal machinations, chincanery and Out of Italy control," and likened the Portland

ports that German forces already have begun withdrawing from northern Italy came from the Swiss-Italian frontier tonight, but the allied command maintained silence on the subject. From Chiasso, Swiss border

town, came word that fascists in northern Italy frantically were seeking means of assuring their own safety as nazi troops began filtering northward. Previously there had been reports that German units from Italy already were in action on the Russian front. The newspaper Der Bund

dered the evacuation begun last week and that four divisions already were moving through the Brenner Pass and toward Graz in

Boomerang Rocket \$1,000,000 Fire Strikes Joliet JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 20-(A)-Fire,

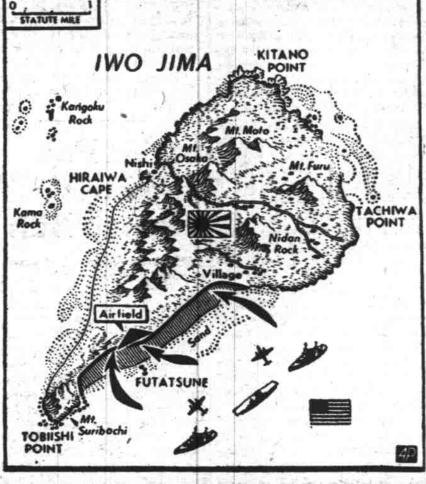
driven by a strong southwest wind, destroyed 10 buildings and Feb. 19-(P)-A boomerang V-2 rocket bomb startled Eighth air was spreading to other structures in the industrial area early today. There were no early reports of deaths or injuries. Chief Roy Mygren of the Joliet department said the blaze started

in a sample room of the Ruberoid company, roofing manufacturers. Unofficial estimates placed damage in excess of \$1,000,000. Equipment was summoned from the neighboring Elwood ordnance plant, E. Joliet, and Lockport.

Texas Bill Would End Closed Shop AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 18.-(AP)-The

lost by a vote of five to twelve. reason of membership or non- it." embership in a labor union.

Marines Land on Iwo Jima



Shaded area indicated beachhead won by United States marines in vading Iwo Jima, Japanese base 750 miles' south of Tokyo. The Americans had reached the southern end of an air field and had penetrated the air field's eastern defenses. (AP wirephoto map)

The U. S. Seventh army cap- Reds Capture Vistula River Fortress Town of Nowe; Germans Counter Attacking

LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 20-(AP)-Russian troops, advancing up to six miles, yesterday captured the Polish Vistula river fortress town of Nowe (Nuenburg), 47 miles south of Danzig, while Berlin said that other Soviet forces temporarily had captured Guben, key road hub 51 miles southeast of the reich capital. An early morning Soviet bulletin said 1500 enemy troops

break out of encircled Grudziadz, 10 miles south of Nowe. Enemy broadcasts said

of men" into the Berlin front, get-

ting ready to launch a heavy blow

from his bridgeheads across the

Oder between Kuestrin and Fuer-

"The storm will break very

soon," one German broadcast said.

had penetrated the area of Lau-

city of Goerlitz, which is on the

the Bohemian border of Czecho-

counterattacks later expelled the Russians from Guben and also re captured the strongholds of Sommerfeld, Sorau and Sagan, on a 35-mile front southeast of Guben.

Moscow's communique did not mention that vital sector, where the First White Russian and First secret air weapon - possibly to Ukraine armies under Marshals G. district home attention from mili-K. Zhukov and Ivan Konev were trying to weld their flanks secure-Moscow radio and other conti- ly in preparation for an all-out

nental sources reported disorders blow toward Berlin. Berlin said that while Konev's in bomb-blackened Dresden and Saxony towns imperilled by the troops were fighting their way without a bloody fight." abreast of Zhukov's men along the soviet offensive. Oder bend southeast of the capi-Public demonstrations occurred tal. Zhukov was pouring "masses

in Dresden, Chemnitz and other towns against the dispatch of volkssturm men to fight in Silesia, a Moscow broadcast said, and anti-nazi slogans have appeared Bern, Switzerland, said Hitler or- on walls in Dresden calling for "an end of Hitler and this war."

Slav Leaders Return LONDON, Feb. 19 -(AP)- The

Nazis Boast

Of New Sub.

Air Weapon

Moscow radio, quoting a delayed dispatch of the official soviet news agency, Tass, said tonight that Premier Ivan Subasic and road to Dresden and 13 miles from other members of the Yugoslav the Saxony frontier where it joins government have arrived in Belgrade from London.

Defense **Tokyo Concedes** 20,000 Yankees **Already Ashore**

Savage

By Elmont Waite US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Tuesday, Feb. 20.-(A)-Thousands of marines of Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt's Fifth marine corps "are taking Iwo island," Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said with conviction today, although front line reports made clear the battle is fierce and is costing considerable lives.

Tokyo radio conceded that 20,-000 marines already have been put ashore and said "the enemy is constantly bringing up reinforcements and landing them," Nimitz, whose last communique

said the leathernecks had carved out a beachhead 4,500 yards long and 500 yards deep on the southeast coast in a drive which has reached one airfield, expressed confidence in the success of the operation in a message to the Nimitz Confident He said in his message that the

same skill, courage and teamwork Tokyo "are now being displayed by forces which are taking Iwo island only 660 (nautical) miles from Tokyo." The statute mile distance is 750.

Broadcasts today from Guam all agreed a costly and savage battle is raging on the tiny island in the volcano group. Nimitz' message to the fleet said

display of the same qualities now also were slain as they tried to bearing fruit in the current operations "will bring success when our troops land in Japan itself." The marines landed Monday morning.

In a broadcast two hours later from the bridge of Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner's flagship, Don Pryor, representing the combined networks, said there had been a continuous "vast display of fireworks." From the flagship, Iwo looked

to him "like a garbage scow serviceable but without charm." He said the marines had to drive up straight rocky hillsides to reach a plateau "and the Japs are showing that they won't let go

Welders Vote To Keep Idle

SEATTLE, Feb. 19 -(P)- Striking welders at the Todd Pacific shipyards here, after a weekend Enemy broadcasts also said that of conflicting orders in which Marshal Konev's southern wing they were ordered first to return to work and then to remain on ban, west bank Queis river town strike, voted tonight to continue 12 miles east of Silesia's second their walkout.

The vote announced by the Seattle local of the United Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters and Helpers was 173 to 89.

Early today the strikers, who have been out in a jurisdictional dispute with the AFL Welders union since February 9, established picket lines at the two Todd Pacific yards for the first time. The pickets did not attempt

however, to prevent anyone from yard management announced that a total of 419 welders had returned to work from the 1000 who went on strike.

Japs Preparing To Stop Invasion

Gen. Ho Yin Chin, Chinese chief care of Lone Oak Village outside company said it would be diffi- of staff, estimates the Japanese they must move the garage they Chinese mainland, into efforts to prevent any American landing on

> ese field headquarters at Kunwith allied movements toward victory."

Doubt Expressed That Liquor Investigation Will Get Anywhere But Continuance Likely

The four republicans and one democrat named to investigate Oregon's liquor business might deny it, but there were indications from sources close to the committee today that it would prefer now more than ever to call off the whole \$25,000 probe. That preference-if there is one

and if it was made vocal-would who purport to see irregularities it contributed to the overthrow of message because, he said, comin the purchase of 29,378 barrels the administration in that state- ments regarding the Kentucky of Kentucky whisky for \$3,225,000. but it didn't show much beyond purchase reflected on men of in-For that reason it may never be the contention that Harry Collin tegrity and should not go unchalexpressed. And for that matter, of Toledo, O., who held options on lenged there is no precedent for any rec- the Waterfill & Frazier and Shaw-

there was a feeling that the com- Testimony of witnesses in Ore- was no indication yet that the committee had arrived no place in gon thus far-liquor commission- mittee intended to widen its scope three hearings; that a fourth audit ers Hugh Kirkpatrick, Paul to that extent. of the affair doesn't seem likely Crooks and George P. Lilley and The committee includes Sent to uncover much, if anything, that Administrator T. Ray Conway— Paul Patterson and Angus Gibson, hasn't been covered by three prehas been to the effect that Oregon and Reps. Henry Semon, Ralph
vious ones; and that cries of needed the liquor to thwart black white wash" would not be much markets and meet a legal demand; Semon are republicans.

Yet, some feel there would al ways be a doubt if the probe wasn't carried through.

The auditing firm of Smith and state. Kimberling of Portland has been the Arthur Anderson and Lesher chase, and by Washington state.

The latter, which came to light mendation to cancel such a han distilleries and with whom ing the probe also was permissive But it is generally understood chase, profited by around \$900,000. than the Kentucky deal, but there

louder now than later-and at less; that the state would profit to the extent of \$4,500,000, and that if anyone got any extra money it wasn't anyone connected with this

The witnesses also have testified retained on a pay-by-the-day basis, that the Office of Price Adminis-Other audits were conducted by tration, the Bureau of Internal Revenue and members of the state firms, in connection with the pur- board of control were fully in on The investigation was asked by

last October, caused such a furore Gov. Earl Snell in his biennial The legislative action authoriz-

the states dealt in the joint pur- in regard to transactions other

posite direction.' Sgt. Wayne J. Seifer Killed in Germany

Seifer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Seifer, Gervais, was included in a list of Oregon men killed in ac-Sergeant Seifer was killed in action in Germany, December 13,

his parents have been notified by the war department. Cloudy today with intermittent light

rain showers in the mid-Wil-

The name of S/Sgt. Wayne J

tion in the European war theatre fairs committee favorably report- the resolution. ed tonight a bill outlawing closed shops in Texas. It was approved

Resolution to Sever Lone Oak Sewer Voted Down by Council The Salem city council by a en 60 days to find another park-

vote of seven to five last night ing place for their buses now kept refused to adopt a resolution di- on the streets near Marion square, recting the severing of the Lone that a public hearing be held.

basements are repeatedly flooded, the report.

Oregon Motor Stages were giv-

Oak Village sewer line from the and a similar time to move their city sewer and re-referred it to garage, when the council adopted the sewer committee directing a report of the public utilities committee. Objection of residents The plight of Rosedale resi-dents, within the city limits, where rage operators was the basis of while the city attempts to take A representative of the stages

the city limits, was stressed by cult to find another parking place have thrown up 50 divisions, or house of representatives state af- councilmen favoring adoption of in the allotted time and that if two-fifths of their army on the Other councilmen urged less would not be able to refuel their haste, in which they were sup- buses in town from 12:15 a.m. to the Chinese coast, the Central ported by Rich Reimann and sev- 6:15 a.m., Lawrence N. Brown, News agency said today. eral other property owners in the city attorney, asked for an inter-Lone Oak Village. Relmann inti- pretation of the ordinance under mated that property owners and which it was adopted, said there ming, said this did not include the corporation would resort to could be no objection to putting Antonio, and C. E. Nicholson, of the courts relying on the contract passoline in the buses. Making resions stationed in Manchuria, and pairs at night had brought obslight of the courts relying on the contract passoline in the buses. Making resions stationed in Manchuria, and pairs at night had brought obslight of the courts relying on the contract passoline in the buses. Making resions stationed in Manchuria, and pairs at night had brought obslight of the courts relying on the contract passoline in the buses. Making resions stationed in Manchuria, and pairs at night had brought obslight of the courts relying on the contract passoline in the buses. Making resions stationed in Manchuria, and pairs at night had brought obslight of the courts relying on the contract pairs at night had brought obslight of the courts relying on the courts relying on the contract pairs at night had brought obslight of the courts relying on the courts relying on the courts relying the courts relying on the courts relying the cour criminate against a worker for try; it may be we are stuck for said noises were offensive and effective offensive to collaborate