By Cherolay A. Songue

at the conference of the United Nations which convenes in San Francisco on April 25. Poland was not invited.

At least 44 nations will be repdiscuss the future peace of the world, including every nation which has declared war on the resented in this great conclave to which has declared war on the axis-except Poland. Poland, the first of the nations to face the military might of nazi Germany, wasn't invited.

Russia will be represented-So viet Russia which made its pact with Hitler in August of 1939 and so cleared the way for Hitler's stab

Turkey will be representedwar on the axis.

Egypt will be represented— the Germans announced. this war was fright, will not be correct. land wasn't invited.

(Continued on Editorial page)

Marines Drive 2 Salients Into Nip Iwo Lines

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Thursday, March 8-(AP) - In hand to hand combat, United States marines nesday into the rock, intricately fortified north end of Iwo but the Japanese still showed no signs of cracking on the 17th day of the

All three marine divisions, on the second day of a renewed offensive to end the bloody operation, registered gains but they were spotty and officers were not inclined to regard them as signifi-

Enemy resistance continued heavy.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the progress in a communique today.

The Nipponese resistance was with "small arms and machine gun fire." There was no reference to FDR Appoints mortar and artillery opposition.

Chinese Take Terminus of **Burma Road**

CALCUTTA, March 7 - +(AP) American-trained Chinese First army troops under Lt. Gen Dantel I. Sullivan have captured the city of Old Lashio, main terminus of the Burma road, and are only two miles from the city of New Lashio, reports reaching here to-

With the capture of Old Lashio and a nearby airstrip, the fall co New Lashio, which was developed in the late 1930s' was expected within a few hours.

(A BBC broadcast reported in New York by NBC said an armored column of the 19th Indian division had driven to within four miles of Mandalay, Burma's second largest city.)

Officer Kills Young Gunner To End Agony

KUNMING, March 2 (Delayed) Canby; PFC Alfred D. Sturtevant, (P)- A 31-year-old air force offi- son of Mrs. Addie. Sturtevant, cer, whose two shots from his ser- Star route, Lebanon; Sgt. Frank A. wice pistol ended the agonized Swaski, son of Mrs. Katherine screaming of a 20-year-old ser- Swaski, route one, Sweet Home. geant gunner hopelessly trapped in a flaming plane, was acquitted today of a charge of voluntary

Seven colonels deliberated 30 minutes before clearing the lieutenant colonel, commander of a fighter group, veteran of 80 missions and ranking officer at the forward base. The defendant did

tim's was given in this dispatch. Presumably censorship withheld

It was reported that the deciion hinged on reasonable doubt as to whether death was caused by the shots or burning, and on the degree of provocation

Showery Conditions

sunshine. Colder temperatures today in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts the U. S. weather bureau, McNary field,

REDS OPEN ALL-OUT DRIVE ON BERLIN; THIRD ARMY TANKS STORM TO RHINE

Moscow Silent On

Berlin Reports 7 Soviet Armies **Enter Offensive**

By Romney Wheeler LONDON, Thursday, March 8 (A)- The Russians hurled seven Turkey, whose rulers weighed ad- armies yesterday into an all-out vantage with callous cynicism and frontal offensive towards Berlin at almost the 12th hour declared from bridgeheads on the Oder river 30 to 40 miles to the east,

Egypt which was saved from Ital- Moscow was officially silent, as ian and German conquest by the is customary at the start of a armies of the British common-major operation, but unofficial wealth, but which remained out dispatches from the soviet depital of the war until a few days ago. hinted guardedly that the German Egypt, whose only suffering in accounts might be substantially

represented; but not Poland. Po- German broadcasts said the attackers, Marshal G. K. Zhukov's The reason why no invitation First White Russian army group, was sent to Poland is clear. If jumped off after a gigantic 24the invitation had gone to the le- hour artillery barrage and punch- dows shattered by bullets. Downgitimate government-in-exile in ed into the outer defenses of London Soviet Russia would have Kuestrin, west bank Oder river refused to come; and who can plan fortress which was under attack from the north, east and south. Two tank armies were among Zhukov's forces, these alarmed den behind trees and shrubbery, announcers said

Drive Expected A dispatch late last night from Associated .. Press .. Correspondent Gilmore in Moscow said "many signs pointed tonight to early launching of the all-out offensive on Berlin," and continued, "the logical place for the first attack Wartime Flood is Marshal Zhukov's Oder front. "Large scale scouting opera-

tions have been under way for several days out of Zhukov's bridgeheads. "These operations, plus the magnificent victories in Pomera-

to commence activities.'

5 Towns Added The communique added five other towns to the captured list in the Banska Stiavnica area.

It also credited the First White stage would be reached tomorrow Russian group with final liquidation of an encircled German grouping near the Pomeranian to heavy rains. town of Schivelbein, with at least 8000 of the enemy captured, including a lieutenant general and his staff.

Davis, Taylor To New Posts

WASHINGTON, March 7-(AP)-William H. Davis, newly named economic stabilizer, said today that Japs Ready William H. Davis, newly named months-old policy dispute on fringe demands" would be settled To Bite Foe fringe demands" would be settled

Terms of settlement, he told a Says Tokyo Fred M. Vinson, his predecessor in the top anti-inflation spot and his adversary in the dispute.

Davis said that he would not be teeth in it was reported Wednesbound by Vinson's policies because cay by Tokyo radio. any economic stabilizer has got

to make his own decisions." In naming the 65-year-old Davis ed, he will charge empty-handed today to head the office of eco- and bite the enemy with his teeth, nomic stabilization, President read one resolve of the bypassed Roosevelt elevated George W. Tay-lor, 43-year-old University of as reported by Domei News Agen-Pennsylvania professor, from the cy and picked up by the FCC. labor board's No. 2 spot to its chairmanship.

Three Mid-Valley Men Die in Europe Action

Names of three mid-Willamette valley men are included in a list of Oregon men killed in action in the European theatre of Mrs. Roosevelt Asks war. The men are PFC Robert Russ Women Plans

L. Bates, son of Mrs. Ruby Bates

The Otegon Statesman Reeling NINETY-FOURTH YEAR Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, March 8, 1945

tem and the United Nations.

Bullets Fly Thick,

Bend; Gunwoman,

Aged Seven, Guilty

BEND, March 7-(AP)- Motorists

A sheriff's deputy rushed to the

He found the gunman, too-only

she was playing "war" with her

Threat in Sight

CINCINNATI. March 7-(AP)-

The Ohio river began to slowly

foot crest, 17.2 feet above flood

stage, but at last reports had drop-

Forecasters predicted crests of

from 15 to 20 feet above flood

all long the river and its tributar-

ies as colder weather put an end

The crest here was approximate-

ly 10 feet below the record level

in 1937 when there was more than

a half billion dollars' worth of

Thousands of families along a

1000-mile stretch of lowlands scur-

ried to higher ground and war

production staggered under reduc-

At least eight lives were lost

A Japanese warrior code with

"Though his weapons are dam-

Domei said the Nipponese gar-

rison at Rabaul was prepared for

the "coming of the enemy." This

possibly indicated Japanese fears

that the Australians, who hold the

bulk of New Britain island, are

on the point of endeavoring to re-

WASHINGTON, March 7. -(AP)

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in a

broadcast today asked Russian

capture Rabaul.

aged and his ammunition exhaust-

and the property loss was believed

ed operations.

to be in the millions.

ped .1 of a foot in an hour.

End of Ohio's

parents' rifle.

reported windshields and car win-

town passersby heard gunfire.

scene to search for the gunman.

Americas Ministers Okeh

Invitation to Argentina

MEXICO CITY, March 7-(AP)-Foreign ministers of 20 Amer-

her own steam.

reaffirm his country's "respect for

the personality, sovereignty, inde-

pendence and territorial integrity

an attempt to avoid a declaration

demanding word. Yet, delegates

from twenty nations have injected

into their message, a firm note

Heavies Blast

Main German

Supply Lines

LONDON, March 7 .- (AP)-Ap-

proximately 1200 American heavy

bombers and strafing mighters

Skagerrak, scored a direct hit on

Sell Penicillin

WASHINGTON, March 7.-(AP)-

Penicillin will start moving

through regular drug trade chan-

nels March 15, the war produc-

tion board announced today, but

will be sold only in vials for "par-

enteral medication." This means

for injection into the blood stream

The action will make the drug

available to all hospitals, physi-

Heretofore civilian distribution

in Chicago to 7200 hospitals.

cians and drugstores.

women to disclose their plans to has been made by a WPB office

of all other American nations."

a declaration inviting Argentina to join the new hemisphere sys-

it was a gunwoman, aged 7. Hid. from the draft as it now stands.

of war.

the hemisphere.

warning service.

a big merchant vessel.

Moving Day in Ohio



Heavy damage is being caused by flood waters in Ohio and here home-built barge is being used to save the househol for a flood-area family in Cincinnati. (AP wirephoto)

The statement aroused mixed British Fleet to Play 'Full and feeling here. Since the declaration on Argentina implies that Worthy Part' in War on Japs Buenos Aires go to war, some officials saw Ameghino's remark as

By Alex Singleton LONDON, March 7-(AP)-Britain is determined to range her The resolution on Argentina is navy alongside U.S. naval forces in the Pacific to play "a full control computation of the dicated that Zhukov may be ready len stream earlier reached 69.2phrased so carefully that it does not contain a single menacing or not contain a single menacing or pire," A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, said in the final action (details on page 7).

house of commons today. He said that this would be done in spite of a renewed threat making it clear that only concrete of a German U-boat offensive that and far-reaching action by the Ar- might require strong British naval Solons Reject

gentina government can reunite action in Atlantic waters. His declaration came as London 2 Proposals naval circles denied reports that British war vessels are likely to prove, a minor factor in Pacific For Draft Bill naval operations. Without referring to the reports, Alexander told commons that "We have been steadily massing forces for the far east, with the great fleet train of supply, accommodation, repair and amenity ships which they will

require to sustain them." "Operations already conducted," stepped up the offensive aimed at he said, "are but the beginning of isolating the Ruhr from main Ger- the tasks of the British Pacific many supply lines today with at- fleet and the East Indies fleet, tacks on three rail belts running which will continue to be reininto the menaced German indus- forced and supplied so that they may play an ever-growing part in While the rail lines were being the defeat of Japan."

hammere, four motor fuel plants within the battered Ruhr were Italy's Bonomi bombed in a coordinated assault. RAF bombers were reported over western Germany again tonight by the Nazis' "Achtung" Receives Vote During the day British Hali-faxes, continued round-the-clock Of Confidence During the day British Haliattacks on enemy shipping in the

ROME, March 7 -(P)- Premier Ivance Bonomi weathered his 2 Salem Men Reported political crisis in three months tonight as the cabinet in Missing in Action an extraordinary session convoked after the riot at the royal palace yesterday reaffirmed confidence in the premier who promed a swift fascist purge.

The expression of confidence came after a long session in the Viminale palace while rifle-bearing policemen, supported by two tanks commanding the driveways sloping up to the palace, guarded the ministers.

A cabinet announcement, issued as opposition press clamored for overthrown of the Bonomi regime, said the four-party coalition government "has agreed there is no reason for breaking up the coali-tion which first planned and already has begun vast action for intensifying the war and bettering Italy's position in the world."

After Allies Cross Rhine

WASHINGTON, March 7-(AP)

Liquor Coercion

By Wendell Webb

Frayed nerves and a liquor issue gave the tired house its worst time of the current session Wed-

voted to adopt a majority committee report on senate-approved SB 117 authorizing the confiscation of all property and furnishings on any premises not licensed by the state, which is held in violation of the Knox law.

The vote came after the chamwith demands that the commisasked to cope with the problems

Minority Defeated

used for school purposes (HB 419) and requiring owners' permission before signs can be placed along county and dedicated roads or streets (HB 392). It also passed senate bills requiring doors on public buildings to open outward (SB 96) and limited the sale of uncertified seed (SB 218).

WASHINGTON, March 7-(AP)-The senate rejected today two pro-The house, too, adopted a senposals for compulsory manpower ate joint resolution (SJR 10) procontrols, clearing the way for a viding for a committee to invesvote-probably tomorrow - on a tigate lower-bracket salaries of milder bill recommended by the 18) urging development and use state employes, and another (SJR

In midafternoon, the members turned down by a vote of 60 to 23 an attempt by Senator Bailey (D-NC) to apply the work-or-fight principle to men between 18 and 45 years of age not engaged in an 'essential" occupation.

Then, just before quitting for the day, they defeated, 54 to 27 a complete substitute bill sponsored by Senator Revercomb (R-WVa). In addition to authorizing the war manpower commission to establish employment ceilings, the Revercomb proposal would have prescribed the work-draft for men of 18 to 45 "not performing substan-

military affairs committee.

been reported missing in action the past week.

Wayne Louis Baker, 19, former employe of the Salem Hardward company, had ben in the navy since May, 1943, at sea approximately a year. Howard J. Smalley, jr., was was a house bill (HB 348). pro-

employed by the state highway department in civilian life; he en- dents in Washington, D. C. listed in the fall of 1943. (Further details pages 9 and 11.)

Charged

House in Heated Argument; Many Bills Approved

Managing editor, The Statesman

After a two-hour argument, it

bers echoed with charges of coercion, with criticism of the liquor control commission's staff, and sion be given the authority it of enforcement.

A minority report, which the house refused to substitute by a vote of 42 to 16, would have limited confiscation to liquor, glasses and mixers, but would not have restricted such action solely to in 58 hours, making the western

The house Wednesday also passed bills empowering union high schools to dispose of property not

Probe Approved

of Oregon coal, The senate, meantime, passed 22 bills, including senate bills eliminating inspection of grain and hay at warehouses if inspection has been done at the point of origin (SB 282), suspending seed

inspections for two years (SB 258) removing the \$500,000 limit to property which religious or charitable organizations can hold (SB 257), and providing for protection from the cold of animals in transit (SB 253). Transfer Authorized

The senate also voted to transfer from the state board of health tial work in a lawful occupation." to the state board of pharmacy the enforcement authority under the state narcotics law (SB 266); validate marriages consummated before the statutory six-months' waiting period after a divorce (SB Two Salem navy men have 288), and authorize a tax levy for armories in 22 Oregon cities (HB 362). The latter bill now goes to the governor.

Defeated in the senate was a bill (HB 85) barring the return of unsold bakery products, and sent back to senate committee viding for statues of Oregon resi-

The house will meet at 9:30 service a. m. today, the senate at 10:00. (Legislative news page 7).

Marion Donates 30 Per Cent Of Its 1945 Red Cross Quota

first report, three more rural com- Lake workers are Mrs. Calvin munities and one school district Masson, Mrs. Cooksley, Mrs. Don were over the top and Marion Hammack and Mrs. E. Wheeland. county as a whole had approximately 30 per cent of its quota in Gervais, where Henrietta Allenthe 1945 Red Cross war fund bach is chairman, had more than campaign Wednesday night, with filled its quota Wednesday, Lu-\$24,012.44 collected.

The women's division, with a \$1605.15, topped only by the mer- in its Wednesday report \$209.50. cantile report of \$1670.50.

top by a considerable margin and students and faculty, who con-Mrs. Paul Townsend announced ducted a rummage sale last week get to work," the gtory said.

Women workers made their | Mission Bottom, she said. Clear cille Booster of Gervais reported. Dr. E. Boring, chairman of the Allied Leaflets Land quota of \$9000 for residential mercantile division, which has areas of Salem, reported in \$6423 of its \$7200 goal, included

representing 100 per cent contri-Bland Speers brought in the butions from Safeway Stores em-Aumsville report of \$414 (quota ployes, and \$278.50 from a partial \$350) Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. list of Montgomery Ward em-Harry Johnson, educational di-Mrs. David Looney reported vision chairman, reported \$152 The master of German propa-

Germans In Defeat

Patton's Men in **Greatest Surge** Since Normandy

By Austin Bealmear PARIS, Thursday, March 8-(P) Tanks of the American Third army stormed up to the west bank of the Rhine northwest of Coblenz last night, having plunged more than 50 miles inside Germany in a whirlwind advance that sent the

enemy reeling in chaotic defeat. The German collapse on the Third army front, started by the Fourth armored division's breakthrough at Bitburg three days ago, soon developed into a rout with other units of the Third army plunging eastward and the First army swinging southward after

the capture of Cologne. It was the Ardennes breakthrough in reverse. The Germans obviously had nothing with which to prevent the American sweep from enveloping Coblenz and

No Front Left Dispatches said there actually was no semblance of a front in

the Third army sector. Virtually all resistance had been overwhelmed and the German troops appeared concerned only with retreating to safety or surrendering as quickly as possible. Masses of Nazi equipment were destroyed and supply dumps were captured so rapidly that the loot had not been evaluated.

The Fourth armored division reached the river just northwest of Coblenz in a drive which carried 29 miles in 12 hours. In its greatest surge since Normandy the Third army had covered 65 miles

retreat and offered but little resistance as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's men rolled through town after town and streaked past thousands of prisoners, captured in such numbers they could not all be

chaperoned to the rear. To the north the US First army struck southward along the Rhine's west bank from captured Cologne to a point only two miles from Bonn, the First and Third armies together having formed in the past week the greatest Allied

breakthrough since St. Lo. The Allied prisoner bag on the western front soared past the onemillion mark as General Patton's men rounded them up by the thousands with such speed an accurate

count was not possible tonight. The German army which fled before the Third "was the most complete picture of defeat the war in the west has produced," wrote the veteran Associated Press correspondent Edward D. Ball. "Its" men were beaten, its equipment destroyed."

Thousands of German vehicles and armor were blasted into flaming wrecks and German prisoners streamed westward in droves through the Fourth division's narrow corridor, many of them unescorted and carrying white flags over their heads.

House Okehs Nurse-Draft, **Includes Men**

WASHINGTON, March 7. -(P)-Nurse-draft legislation broadened to include men as well as women not over 44 or under 20 years of age won house approval today by a top-heavy vote. The administration - requested

measure written by the house military committee to meet the needs of the army and the navy for an estimated 18,000 additional nurses was set to the senate by a roll-call vote of 347 to 42. It was virtually rewritten during three days of debate, but its

major provisions, including a ban against drafting married women, were retained. Written in during the closing hours of debate was a requirement that before any nurse, man or woman, may be inducted, he or she

must be offered a commission by the army or the navy.

STOCKHOLM, March 7 -(AP) A bomb loaded with allied leaflets landed in the yard of Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels' ministry at Berlin during a recent air raid, says an account received today by the Free Danish

ganda had to wade through it to

Patton Twice Swam Sure River in January Under Heavy Fire to Inspire His Troops BALTIMORE, March 7-(P)-The said Defibaugh, a member of the thing they could carry because

promote world peace.

story of how Lt. Gen. George S. Fourth infantry division which they were 'sitting pigeons' for the Patton twice swam the 150-foot Americans trapped at Bastogne by or three feet out of the water. (Neither his name nor the vic- Sure river in Germany in Janu- German counter-offensive last ary under heavy machine gun and December. artillery fire, inspiring "thousands

soldiers, who followed Patton togne.

of troops to follow him," was told chine guns and artillery at us as tops of their heads as targets to them, military men said today. today by one of the men who we came up to the river bank," the enemy gunners. continued Defibaugh, now tour-Staff Sgt. Thomas J. Defibaugh ing war plants in the Baltimore and to inspire the troops, General firmly established and Allied of Cumberland, Md., one of the area with other heroes of Bas- Patton jumped into the water and forces have driven 50 or so miles

across the Sure, said "there was "Just before dawn we started then swam back. Thousands of will be possible to fix a date for about a foot of snow on the ground going across in three-man boats. troops followed him."

when we got to the Sure river The river was very swift and cold Inspired by Patton's daring, the sistance. somewhere near the meeting place and had pieces of ice floating in soldiers fought "like madmen" for At that point in Germany, the that Mission Bottom had filled its to raise the funds; students of the Luxembourg, German and it.

Bettendorf, Defibaugh related, and Allies would be well on the way quota. She is chairman also at Merritt Davis School of Com-Belgian borders.

"After a while though, General they took it after a bitter day and the town of Bettendorf on the opposite side and do it quickly,"

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"He figured the men would have better chance swimming since Once Allied armies leap the Rhine,

"To show us it could be done that once a bridgehead has been swam across to the opposite bank, beyond the Rhine's east bank, it

Victory Seen

"The Germans began firing ma- they would then present only the the Germans won't be able to stop Moreover, one authority said the end of organized German re-