TO ME

By Checky A. Stragen

Gag-writing ought to be a highly paid branch of the literary profession, for the comedians who use the gags are high up in the salary brackets. Perhaps they get most of the compensation, keeping the gag-writers as underpaid slovens, though this is hardly apt to be the case in the lush circles of Hollywood and Broadway where most of the tribe flourish. At least this is true, the performers get all the applause. Whoever heard of an audience calling for the authors of the gags pulled by the radio stars? live in blank obscurity in spite of the fact that their contribution to a radio program's success is fundamental.

One might think, from the recurrence of the same brand of humor in current programs, that radio stars patronize the same jokemills. Not so; the jokesmiths follow the same groove because they try to keep their line up to the minute in news-timing. Thus they have all seized on the obvious likeness in the point system for army discharges to point rationing of foodstuffs. This has given them fresh material to try their wit on -so we have point-jokes in abundance now, some of which have point too (pardon the pun).

Besides the smiths that hammer out the gags (and few of the radio performers hack out all their own) another group which contributes much to the success of a program is the audience. For the response of the living audience af-

If one has a mood to, he can get quite a kick out of concentrating Arthur announced 90 per cent libhis attention during a radio com- eration of Mindanao which with edy program by observing the audience, through his ears, of course. largest island in the Philippines. One can visualize the scene in the Driven to Interior studio theatre, the performers, the orchestra and the auditors, without much effort. The first thing largely reduced to the hill masses which is obvious is the mood of along the central interior." the audience. They have come knowing some famed radio per- captured positions on the Angat sonage is to be funny; so they an- river overlooking Ipo dam, source ticipate humor; they seem to sit of Manila's diminishing water on the edges of their seats, with supply. Closing the pincer on Ipo titilating diaphragms, ready to gig- from the south, were elements of gle and laugh at the funny man's the 14th army corps. gags and wisecracks. The smart Australian and Dutch forces on comedian sets a fast pace, with his oil-rich Tarakan, Borneo, attackphragms. If he lets his patter drag the crowd lets its collective (Continued on Editorial page)

Civilian Goods To Be Turned **Out This Fall**

By Sterling F. Green WASHINGTON, May 15 - (AP) The war production board put a damper on hopes for quickly soaring civilian goods manufacture today, declaring materials will be insufficient for "anything like mass production" until after Sep-

Chairman J. A. Krug, at his first news conference since V-E day, said WPB "will stay in business as long as need be to safeguard the Japanese war program and the war-supporting civilian ecenomy.'

(1) Suggested a one-week vaeation for war workers this summer to let them "relax and prepare for the tasks that lie ahead before the allies have attained

complete victory.' (2) Reported that more than

200 B-29 bombers are being built every month, that 2000 have been delivered, and that Japan can expect raids bigger than this week's 500-plane assault on Nagoya. Cut-Backs Not Numerous

Reporting that armament cutbacks have been less than anticipated, Krug gave this forecast: Manufacturing controls to be

revoked before July 1, permitting "substantial manufacture" in July, August, and September: vacuum cleaners, washing machines, sewing machines, electric toasters, and other household appliances. Manufacturing controls to be re-

tained after July 1: refrigerators, stoves, furniture, radios and build-The WPB chairman left the

question of passenger cars unset-tled, but indicated Detroit would not get its "go ahead" until after mid-year.

Basic Controls to Be Kept

Some 90 manufacturing controls

already revoked include office machinery, cameras and photo-graphic equipment, and food man-ufacturing machinery.

But controls over the flow of - will be retained throughout 1945 in all probability, Krug said, to prevent the possibilfty that an up surge of civilian manufacturing might divert needed metals from war production.

Smashes Fuehrer, Then Buys War Bond

The Oregon Statesman

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, May 16, 1945

Small Nations' Views Rejected

Nips In At Davao

NINETY-FIFTH YEAR

12 PAGES

Yanks Control 90 Per Cent of Mindanao Isle

By Fred Hampson MANILA, Wednesday, May 16. (AP)-Fighting so savage that Americans attacked Japanese with bayonets, knives and their fists, with at least two Yanks drowning enemy troops by holding their heads below the surface of a river, raged west of Davao City on

Mindanao island today. The Japanese had fled westward from Davao toward rugged mountains inland but their retreat was slowed by two rivers, the Talamo and Davao, between which fects the performers and affects Maj. Gen. Roscoe B. Woodruff's the unseen audience of listeners famous 24th division trapped

Meantime, Gen. Douglas Mac-36,906 square miles, is the second

MacArthur said Japanese remaining on Mindanao have "been

On Luzon, the 43rd division

bivouac and supply areas at Sandakan, Tawao and Brunei bay in supporting operations. Other planes swept Borneo coastlines, sinking five freighters, two lug-

WPB Asks Cut In Aluminum From Canada

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- (AP)-The war production board recommended today a drastic cut in purchases of aluminum from the Aluminum company of Canada's

WPB recommended that the government reduce 1945 purch-

Interior Secretary Ickes told the senate small business committee only yesterday that the contract should be cancelled. The controversial Shipshaw

power plant was built with a \$68,000,000 loan from this coun-Ickes contended that the Cana-

dian plan limit development of

Civil Air Patrol To Fly at Albany

Using planes provided by the army, the Salem squadron of the civil air patrol will commence flying from the Albany airport at 2 corporations in this drive until o'clock this afternoon.

Only CAP members in uniform will participate in the flights. Cadet members of the patrol will go up with pilot members but may not make the flights without signed authorization from parents or guardian, Lt. J. E. Cannon, commander of the Salem squadron,

Salem CAP aviators have not \$110 million quota at the end of flown from western Oregon fields the first day, the federal reserve since December, 1941.

south of this city.

may be extensive," and that "if it

(float) is proved to occur in large

How Bloody Pacific Combat Stacking Up



Numbers locate points where the Allies are biting pieces from Japan's empire (black areas) in the Pacific war. The heaviest fire bomb raid of the war (1) hit Nagoya, Americans gained in their southward drive on Okinawa (2), Chinese took Singchang (3) and were on the outskirts of Foochow, British (4) had cleared Rangoon and were preparing to drive east and south, in the Philippines (5) Americans drove toward a junction northwest of Davao, Allies were completing mop up of Tarakan (6) and Australian troops captured Wewak (7). (AP Wirephoto).

gags properly spaced to give welltimed release to those poised diaphragms. If he lets his patter drag phragms. If he lets his patter drag Off To Well-Oiled Start

Important as Bullets

WASHINGTON, May 15-(AP)-

Hodges war bonds than without bullets. The bond

buyer is an indispensable part

of the fighting front."

statement from

Gen. Courtney-

H. Hodges,

c o m m anding

general of the

"We can no

more win this

war without

the help of

war bonds

First army:

Here is a Seventh War Loan

Nation's Payroll Hodges Believes Bonds **Deductions Bring** In Almost Billion

WASHINGTON, May 15.-(AP) The treasury announced today that \$991,000,000 in series E bond mor.ey is already tucked away in the vaults in the Seventh war loan drive which started Monday. It was the first sales figure in

the "mighty Seventh." But it does not include Monday's sales beases from 250,000,000 pounds to cause of the time it takes to get bond money into the federal reserve banks and credited to the treasury's account.

This money reflects for the most part sales by payroll deductions in the advance payroll savings phase of the drive in thousands of industrial plants. The payroll per-

iod started April 9. More than \$3,000,000,000 remains to be borrowed from the the quota for E bonds being \$4,

No sales figure for individuals participation in the drive were will begin to be announced June 19. Securities will not be issued to

The Seventh war loan dates are all quota is \$14,000,000,000, of which the individual goal is \$7.-000,000,000 and the corporation quota the same amount.

PORTLAND, May 15.-(A)-This state's Seventh war loan drive purchases stood at \$14,704,636 of a

ficient sampling had been done to

It was declared that "the large

amount of high-grade gibbsite

Finding of High Grade Bauxite

The Salem area was drawing re- | Chemical analyses of the float

newed interest from geologists show from 50 to 60 per cent alum-

and aluminum company officials ina, 1 to 13 per cent iron, and 2

today following a disclosure by to 6 per cent silica. The Salem

the state department of geology low-grade ferruginous bauxite con-Monday that high-grade bauxite tains about 35 per cent alumina,

float "of large area distribution" 20 per cent iron and 10 per cent

had been found both north and silica. The department said insuf-

enough quantity it will be highly found as float may be significant,"

important as a source of alumina since it is "much more common in

Spurs Interest in Salem Area

U.S. Veterans Agency to Be public through sales of E bonds, Opened Here

will establish a contact office in Salem as soon as desirable space available today. Treasury officials can be obtained and personnel Ed Rostein. expect the first "individual" re- procured and trained, Sen. Guy sults tomorrow. Corporation sales Cordon notified Salem Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday. A contact representative

office, which will be expanded by assignment of additional person-May 14 through June 30. The over- nel as need develops, Cordon's wire declared. Similar offices are to be estab-

> similar to that undertaken here now under sponsorship of veterans' organizations, a service to aid military men returning to civilian life to learn and obtain veterans' benefits for which they are eligi-

ble and to assist them in obtain-

ing other information, jobs, train-

arlier was authorized for Klamath

Initial task to be undertaken by such a unit here might be obtaining of housing for returning veterans, Loyal Warner, Salen Chamber of Commerce president said. The chamber and veterans' organizations are undertaking that task now and may have the problem partially solved before the new office is opened, he indicated, but pointed out that no permanent and easy solution should be expected until the entire population movement anticipated at the close

of the war in the Pacific has been

to supply northwest aluminum the Salem area than in Washing-plants." ton and Columbia counties" where Salem Girl Honored

Retail, Special **And Industrial Divisions Work**

Industrial, retail and special soicitation divisions of the Marion county war bond committee swung into action Tuesday as the seventh war loan campaign finished its second day with dozens of workers combing the downtown and industrial areas.

Under the leadership of Chairman Dent B. Reed, the industrial committee of 19 members organized for enlistment of all employes in the new pay roll savings plan. Allotments of the various plants were discussed and solicitation kits distributed. Committee members are: John Stark, Edward Majek, Bob Minton, Al Brant, Stearns Cushing, Henry Kropp, E. B. Miller, Marion Curry, William Braun, William Dolf, Roy Houck Barney Van Osenoord, Arthur Bone, Russell Frost, Ralph Johnson, Kenneth Torgeson, Russell Mefford, Fred B. McKinney and

With S. L. Stevens as chairman, the following retail committee has organized to contact downtown stores and employes: Jim clerk stenographer will staff the Beard, Ralph Bent, Stanley Keith, Temperatures plummeted as low Fred McKinney, Al Ramseyer, Roy Harland, Russell Bonesteele, Max Williams, Walter Zosel, William Phillips, Al Morris, Tinkham Gilbert, Lief Bergsvik, Charles Mclished in Medford and Bend, One Elhiney, Grant Murphy, Leo Reimann, W. W. Chadwick, Lloyd Hill, Kenneth Wilson, Carl Hal-Work of such an office will be vorson, Carl Gels, Henry Kropp, Henry Morris, Wes Stuart, Paul

> Wilson, Pat Johnson. Special solicitation for large individual subscriptions will be handled by a committee headed by Arthur Smither and George Riches with following members: Jake Fuhrer, Arthur Bates, Fred Mc-Kinney, Frank Spears, Paul Wal-lace, Harry Collins and E. J. Scel-

Arch M. Jerman Dies at Tucson

Arch M. Jerman, long one of this area's most extensive hop- torture camps where thousands of "It is the opinion of your comgrowers died Monday at Tucson, slaves lived like cattle and died mittee that thes practices tuted no less than organization because of ill health. Mrs.

The report of six senators and against civilization and hu Jerman, who notified friends and six representatives who visited the report said, "and those wh relatives here of her husband's three notorious concentration were responsible for them death, is en route to Salem, bring-ing the body here for burial. Their son, John Merton Jerman, AAF, kley (D-Ky) and Rep. Thomason

The twelve concluded that the TOPEKA, Kas., May 15-(R)—
Mrs. R. Norman Jordan smashed
Hitler's head on V.E day and got
a war bond as a reward.

The head, in this case, was a
penny bank containing 1872 pennies. She added the necessary
hitles.

Tope KA, Kas., May 15-(R)—
It was not better the Alcoa Mining company is now who was on leave in Tucson with his parents, arrived here Tuesday. Jerman is also survived and diabolical program of planned on the German government—an inmorrow as vice president of the German government.

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Carriers Hit Jap Mainland

Planes Raid Airfields to Help Okinawa

GUAM, Wednesday, May 16.-(AP) Carrier planes hammered 18 Nipponese homeland airfields and destroyers, damaged or strafed 357 enemy planes in a sweep beginning Saturday night and continuing through Monday.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, announcing the carrier raids on the fields from which Japan has been staging aerial onslaughts on the American forces at Okinawa, said fierce ground fighting continued there today.

A strong Japanese counterattack on the west flank was beaten In Streets of back by the 22nd marine regiment of the sixth divisions, veterans of Eniwetok and Orote peninsula, while 77th divisions troops captured "chocolate drop" hill about 1,800 yards northeast of fortress Shuri after five days of bitter fighting.

First Strike in 2 Months The three day attack on Kyushu and Skikoku was the first American carrier strike in force since the inland sea raid of March 19. Radio Tokyo previously had reported 900 planes were involved. It started with a torpedo plane strike on Kyushu Saturday night. that 10 U.S. planes were lost. Railroad installations in Kyushu were heavily hit. An oil train,

four locomotives, a railroad station, a chemical plant and a num-ber of large buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged. Planes also struck buildings barracks and aviation installations at airdromes in Saeki, Oita, and other points on Kyushu; and at airfields on Shikoku.

Fortresses Drop Fire Bombs The carrier strikes occurred while a great fleet of more than 500 Marianas-based Superfortresses fire-bombed Nagoya, on Honshu, third largest city in Japan, and its chief aircraft production

On Okinawa, at the suburbs of Naha, the 22nd regiment of the Sixth marine division, hurled back Happen Here an enemy assault in hand to hand fighting. The attackers were finally driven back into the interior of Kakamotoji town with heavy

An attempt to land small craft behind the marine lines in the bitterly gained Machinato airfield sector was broken up by naval

Snow, Hail and Frost Hit West

By the Associated Press A post-season cold spell, accompanied by snow, frigid rain and suggestions of frost, nipped western states Tuesday.

The snowfall varied from light flurries to a maximum of 10 inches at Ruxton Park, midway up Colorado's famed Pikes peak.

A mass of cold air moving south ward from Canada brewed a mix- PFC Kendall Helgerson ture of snow and rain in Wyoming, New Mexico and western Ne braska. Utah reported up to an Hail thumped down on parts of

Oklahoma, which also had wide

spread rains, high winds and chilling temperatures. At Leflore, a

Gen. Ike Finally Finds Time to Celebrate Victory

LONDON, May 15. -(A)- Gen. Eisenhower came back to London today for a personal belated victory celebration and was given a heros welcome by cheering throngs which surged about his car, crowded up to shake his hand and applauded his appearance at a theater and night club.

"This is the general's own private V-E day celebration," a member of the party said at a night club where the general went after seeing a musical comedy, "Strike It Again.

"It's his first night out since before the war," the aide said. Eisenhower, Bradley and several aides flew here this morning and were joined by a few friends for an evening of relaxation. With the group was the general's son, Lt. John Eisenhower.

Chinese Fight Seaport Town

Cinese high command said tonight nomic sanctions was defeated 23 that fierce street fighting was con- to 7. tinuing in the east coast seaport of Assembly Gives Way Foochow which the Chinese entered Friday and both sides were suffering heavy casualties.

The communique said Chinese communications center in Chekiang province north of Fukien province and 120 miles southwest A preliminary check revealed of Shanghai. The communique question whether the assembly said the Japanese offered only

The reoccupation of Chenghsien any matter relating to mantenfollowed earlier recapture by the ance of peace being dealt with the Chinese of Sinchang, 10 miles council.

In Hunan province where the emy units were surrounded in the world league. vicinity of Kaosha, 50 miles west Japanese Hunan offensive.

Eugene 'Nazis' Show 'It Can

EUGENE, Ore., May 15.-(AP)-Search was under way here today for vandals whose desecration of Lane county's only Jewish synagogue resembled nazi terrorism. Swastikas were scratched on walls, the servicemen's honor roll defaced, and the American flag knocked down. Crayon marks in four rooms were so high, investigators said, that a small child could not have made them. Altar velvet was half ripped away, and the flag staff's gold eagle broken. City council offered a \$100 reward for information leading to the vandals' arrest. Police Chief L. L. Pittinger said the damage followed "a pattern of religious

persecution of the worst kind." A member of the congregation, entering the synagogue for the first time since last Friday's services, discovered the vandalism last night. A side door bolt had been forced and inside the building lay a ten-inch knife, apparently used in the defacement.

Dies of Battle Wounds DALLAS, May 15-PFC Ken-

dall Helgerson, 20, died in England of wounds received April 8 in Germany, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford P. Helgerson, have been notified. Besides his parents. flash flood swept away three miles he is survived by a sister, Pvt. of Frisco railway trackage and in- Elogene Helgerson, WAC, staundated hundreds of acres of bot- tioned at Dale Mabry field, Talla-

Congressmen Indict Germany For Mass Murder After Tour

the gruesome story of Germany's SS and gestapo.

WASHINGTON. May 15 .- (P)-1 the German army either. He said In shocked silence, congress heard it was inconceivable that the genfrom its own eyewitnesses today about the savage practices of the This Area Killed

Big Five Frown On Proposals

Regional Pact Must Yield to World System

By Douglas B. Cornell SAN FRANCISCO, May 15-(P)-Great powers appeared tonight to be clinching control of a projected world organization for peace when small nations lost three significant test votes in the United

Nations conference. Along the way, the Big-Five nations-China, France, Britain, Russia and the United States-made few conciliatory gestures toward small nation views in shaping the

pattern of the post-war world. These were the key decisions, taken in various conference com-

1. A Mexican proposal to lift an all-nation general assembly to the levelt of a proposed 11-member security council in approving CHUNGKING, May 15-(AP)-The action involving military or eco-

2. A New Zealand amendment to require a concurring vote or a

review by the assembly-except in case of extreme urgency-in introops had recaptured Chenghsien, stances in which the council would apply force, was rejected. It mustered only four votes. 3. Also turned down was the

> should be able on its own initiative to make recommendations on Dozens of other small-nation

amendments still are up for argu-Chinese stopped a Japanese drive ment, but today's ballots evidenced on the American air base at Chih- the ability of the great powers to kiang the high command said en- play the dominant roles in a new Stettinius used the interval for

of Paoching, main base of the another consultation with Latin-American foreign ministers on the question of blending a Pan-American security plan into a world peace-keeping organization. Stettinius expressed confidence

to reporters thas this can be accomplished successfully, but he made it clear that if it comes to a choice between the inter-American and world systems, the world plan "is paramount in our minds."

"The United States delegation is in San Francisco," he said. "to write a charter for a world organization, and as precious as is the inter-American organization to us, we pursue that wider objective." Stettinius asserted American plan would: "I. Recognize the paramount

authority of the world organize in all enforcement action. "2. Recognize that the inherent right of self defense, either individual or collective, remains unimpaired in case the security council does not maintain international peace and security and an armed attack against a mem-

ber state occurs."

The secretary's statement on self-government pointed up Anglo-American opposition to a Russian demand for guarantees of full, ultimate independence for dependent areas. The Soviets have raised it in connection with the trusteeship problem.

In a mid-day news conference, Stettinius proposed that once the world organization is set up, its first job should be drafting an international bill of rights based on the four freedoms.

The Big Five pulled a surprise naneuver in one committee meeting by bringing in an entirely new redraft of a portion of the Dumbarton Oaks blueprint for a world

It would expand to some extent the powers of the general assembly, in line with some small nation ideas. Delegates suggested in corridor conversations at conference headquarters that these concessions probably were intended to fend off small nations bids for even greater authority for the as-

Four Soldiers From

Pvt. Harry C. Rhoads, jr., whose wife, Evelyn G. Rhoads, is a Sa-lem resident, and Cpl. Doyle O. Mullikin, operates the Mullikin beauty shop in McMinnville, have been killed in the European thea-