# Truman, Churchill See Berlin Ruins

Truman Arrives in Berlin



President Truman leaves his plane at Gatow airport in Berlin as he arrives for the Potsdam conference with Churchill and Joseph Stalin, In the doorway is Adm. William D. Leahy. (AP Wirephoto)

By ISABEL CHILDS

City Editor The Statesman

Votes of two aldermen Monday

Tom Armstrong and David

O'Hara, after expressing their

growing distrust of any system

under which such an ordinance as

that fixing salaries for city em-

ployes must be "railroaded," cast

the negative votes on a motion to

men to dig ditches under the old

Salem must wait for sewer con-

nections until the new ordinance

himself willing to attend a special

meeting of the council to vote on

the bill but declared he would

read it. City employes whose pay

is established in the budget will

O'Hara and Lewis Mitchell cast

the dissenting votes on the park-

ing meter resolution. Lloyd Rig-

don questioned the wisdom of

(More city council action on

receive the new scale.

night of its introduction.

night held up passage of the Salem

# City Pay SEEMS Measure

By Cheeley A. Stragen

Missouri adopted a new state constitution, it was the first time city salary ordinance, and — to in 35 years that a state had ap- quote others — "left things in an proved of an entirely new con- awful mess' so far as the next stitution, from preamble to clos- street department payroll is coning schedule. In August, Georgia's cerned. But two "nays" weren't voters are to pass on a new con- enough to defeat a resolution by stitution, the eighth in the state's which the city recorder was authhistory, which was submitted to orized to call for bids on parking them by the last legislature meters. Voters in New Jersey, under the leadership of Boss Mayor Hague of Jersey City, rejected a new constitution last fall, which had given promise of needed reforms

Back in 1920 Missouri adopted a constitutional amendment suspend the rules so that the salwhich provided that every 20 years the question should be submitted on whether to call a constitutional convention "to revise and amend the constitution." The first such convention in 1922-23 proposed a series of amendments but only six were approved by the voters. This time the convention did the constitution all over and the voters endorsed it almost

One thing about the new constitution is that it is about a third shorter than its predecessor. is passed, Alderman C. F. French Among the changes made from maintained. Armstrong declared the 1875 constitution are:

Provisions of freedom of speech extended to radio; rights of employes to organize and to bargain not vote on it without having collectively were recognized. A bicameral legislature was re-

tained but provision (Continued on Editorial Page)

#### Linn Welfare Budget Said to Be Too Low

hurrying through such action ALBANY, Ore., July 16 -(AP) without public hearings and was Higher living costs, population told that bids, though called, need growth and more old age benenot be accepted and that there ficiary claims will make it diffiwas still time for such hearings. cult for Linn county public welfare department to get along on Rigdon said he favored the methe estimated \$375,000 on the ters and believed the businessmen 1945-46 budget, Mrs. Ruth Cotter, who opposed them five years ago administrator, said today. She would like them if they were insaid the office needed \$450,000.

#### Ammo Dump Blows Up

STRASBOURG, France, July 16 -(A)-A munitions dump blew up sons and injuring ten, and auperature was near 100.

**Animal Crackers** By WARREN GOODRICH



# Meeting To Open Today

POTSDAM, July 16 .- (AP)-President Truman and Prime Minis-Premier Stalin and there was the possibility that the big three might be together tonight.

Authoritative quarters refused to say whether the big three already were meeting but soviet sources said information about Stalin and Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov might be released within a few hours.

It was generally believed that Stalin and Molotov already were in Potsdam when President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill made independent and unheralded tours of conquered Berlin during the afternoon. At that time, a soviet spokesman said merely that Stalin and Molotov "will be here in time for the opening of the conference." Might Meet at Night

Evening conferences are customary at the Kremlin but there was no positive indication that the big three would work that

Truman and Churchill at any rate were awaiting the first session of the momentous conference which is believed to have nated Fred M. Vinson as secretary the war with Japan high on the agenda and the peace of Europe definitely on the list of talks.

reconversion.

cial decisions.

Confirmation of both appoint-

year-old Kentuckian, was sent to

the senate earlier than planned.

President Truman had expected

to send it up after he returned

from his present trip to Potsdam.

It was transmitted today at the

suggestion of retiring Secretary

Morgenthau so Vinson could pro-

ceed at once with pressing finan-

U. S. Can Land

In Japan Soon,

WASHINGTON, July 16 .- (AP)-

tonight that American forces may

not wait until the end of the ty-

Seventh amphibious force com-

mander said that while the wea-

ther is important "it will take

more than a big wind to stop us."

Japan and China are "equal pos-

sibilities" and that an invasion

force could be readied within 30

to 90 days, depending upon the

Reiterating his prediction that

Japan can be forced to surrender

within a year if there is no slack-

ening of the war effort at home,

Barbey declared that Japan is

"Her leaders must make a de-

cision," he said. "She can follow

the German example and see her

cities destroyed or she can be

realistic and save something for

**Liquor Control** 

PORTLAND, Ore., July 16-(A)-

The state liquor control commis-

sion today announced organization

of a new hard liquor enforcement

Davis, Portland, veteran Oregon

peace officer, to head the new di-

"This new division is being es-

tablished to carry out policies of

the Knox law and other Oregon

legislation," Administrator Ray

Davis, chief of interior security

police for the western defense

command until August, 1944, is a

**Tuesday Hours Changed** 

**Head Named** 

now at the crossroads."

size of the force.

the future.

Barbey said that landings in

ered a foregone conclusion.

Truman has instructed Vice Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission, to come to Potsdam immediately and | April as federal loan administrabring members of his staff with him. The action suggested that the conference agenda would include discussions of postwar shipping and utilization of the United States great merchant

Each Tours Berlin Emerging separately from behind the wall of secrecy and the thousands of crack American, British and Russian troops guarding the Kaiser Wilhelm castle, Truman and Churchill, each with military chiefs traveled through the wreackage of Berlin during the afternoon.

It was the first time in history that an American president had visited Berlin. Truman, in fact, is the first American chief executive to set foot on German soil. Says Admiral ary measure might be given its

#### final reading and passed on the Ban Proposed Only salaries for which money is provided in the new budget for On Compulsory which the budget does not specify individual pay scales are wages of certain employes of depart-**Army Training** ments under the city engineer's office. The engineer can't find

WASHINGTON, July 16-(AP)salary scale, so new residences in House Republican Leader Martin today proposed a world-wide ban on compulsory peacetime military service but advocates of a training program dismissed his idea as merely something "grand to contemplate."

The Massachusetts congressman announced in a statement that he will introduce tomorrow a resolution calling on the administration to work for an international anti-conscription agreement "before the United States adopts compulsory military service."

Chairman Woodrum (D-Va) of the house postwar military committee which recently recommended a system of universal peacetime training for this country, voiced the criticism.

Albany Man Decorated PORTLAND, July 16-(AP)-Outstanding performance of duty in the Pacific has won the Distinguished Flying Cross for Lt. Col. Jack R. Cram, Albany. He was

### near here today, killing eight per- Civilians Must Wait Until '46 thorities said the explosion was caused by hot weather. The tem-

WASHINGTON, July 18 .- (AP)-1 Secretary of Agriculture Anderson declared tonight that, on the basis of present indications, civilians will have to wait until 1946 for any material improvement in the domestic food situation.

"Because of the time it takes to produce food, not much relief from actual shortages can be expected during 1945," he said. "The supply of food we have

available to use at this time was fixed by what was done a year or more ago, just as what we do now will determine the food supply that will be on hand next

For the months ahead, he said, meats, food fats and vegetable oils, sugar, condensed and evaporated milk, and canned fruits and vegetables will continue in short supply. In addition rice and government and foreign demands; dried beans will get shorter. The only bright spots, he said, are production and supplies in food milk notatoes and fresh vegetaonly bright spots, he said, are milk, potatoes and fresh vegeta-bles

"The total demand for meat will continue far above our supply," he said.

Anderson gave this picture o the prospective food supply - picture which he described as "not an optimistic one on the whole" - in a talk over the American Broadcasting company network and at a news conference held earlier.

The report on the food outlook the first broad one given by him since he became secretary of agriculture July 1 - - said the government was taking "positive steps" to deal with shortages. Those steps were listed as follows: (1) To increase production to the limit of our ability; (2) to improve distribution, with particular attention to "choking off" black markets; (3) to pare down

larly in South America.

former Deschutes and Klamath counties sheriff's deputy and state police investigator.

Conway said.

At Salem Ration Board Salem war price and rationis board offices, in the Argo hotel ouilding on Center street, will not be open this afternoon or any other Tuesday afternoon until further notice. The office is open Tuesday night from 6 to 10, Tuesday morning from 10 to 12:30, and chow. daily other week days from 10

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# BRITISH, U. S. FLEETS UNITE FOR NEW BLOW ON TOKYO

## ter Churchill talked informally today preliminary to meeting 25,000 Acres Afire Along Both Sides Of Wilson River

PORTLAND, Ore., July 16.-(P)-Forest patrols struggled tonight to clear lanes across the path of fires in the Wilson river the visitors from Camp Adair were area where 25,000 acres are blazing on both sides of the river. good-natured even about the lack western Oregon operations have joined crews organized by the camp Sunday afternoon and

Fred M. Vinson Nominated for junction for the crossing was reported by Associated Press corres-Treasury Post

He reported three lumber camps and all reforestation in the Tilla-WASHINGTON, July 16-(AP)out. Companies estimated damage President Truman today nomi- at \$90,000 to camps and logs which of the treasury and John W. Snyder to step into Vinson's post as Gov. Earl Snell and State For-

ester N. S. Rogers toured the fire lines today where 415 bluejackets Snyder, former St. Louis bankfrom Astoria, Ore., Tongue Point er, succeeded Vinson only last station joined loggers.

forest department officials who

Rogers said 200 more soldiers vill come from Geiger field, near Spokane, Wash., 300 are due from ments by the senate was consid-Fort Lewis tomorrow and others will be called from naval stations The nomination of Vinson, .55and army barracks in the area.

District Fire Warden Cecil Kyle, Forest Grove patrol station, said flames were reaching an area where men soon can organize and make effective use of equipment.

urgent call for civilians to help, pilot. while upper Willamette valley forests in the area are "like a

Forest officials said the 3000under complete control and some out about midnight Sunday. of the 250 soldiers from Vancouver barracks may be shifted to the Wilson river area tomorrow.

#### Limitation on Vice Adm. Daniel Barbey hinted **Troops Would** phoon season to invade China or **Ruin Charter** Discussing invasion prospects n an NBC radio interview, the

WASHINGTON, July 16.-(AP)-The senate foreign relations committee declared today that a congressional limitation on the use of American military forces under the proposed world security council "unquestionably" would force renegotiation of the United Nations charter.

In a formal, favorable report on the 50-nation agreement, a 21member majority asserted that any attempt - - either by reservation or by subsequent legislation - - to restrict the use of US troops by requiring that congress pass on each individual case would clearly violate the spirit of one of the most important provisions of the charter."

state department aides and subscribed to by the majority in approving the report, appeared to forecast strong opposition to any subsequent move to limit the au- In Oregon, Washington thority of the American representative on the power-wielding security council.

### Chinese Take division and appointment of R. D. Rail Town in

**Kweilin Drive** 

CHUNGKING, July 16-(P) Chinese troops fighting toward Kweilin, site of a triple-airfield base abandoned last October by Chicago Times, in a dispatch from ing on Kyungfu, 31 miles southwest of the city, the Chinese high command said today.

In a coordinated assault, Chi- estate in Pantagonia. nese troops seized Hwangminhu, on the Hunan-Kwangsi railroad, from Buenos Aires," DePascal 51 miles southwest of Kweilin, on wrote, "I am virtually certain Saturday, a communique said. Adolf Hitler and his 'wife.' Eva Part of the attack hit along the Braun, the latter dressed in masrailroad, and part along the culine clothes, landed in Argenmain Liuchow - Kweilin highway. tina and are on an immense, Ger-Hwangminhu is 40 miles north- man-owned estate in Pantagonia." east of Chinese - controlled Liu-

Some of the enemy fled northa. m. to 3 p. m. The new schedule ward toward Paishou, highway are living on one of a number of hours was drawn when working hours of employes were cut, but were intercepted and fighting sanctuaries f - the nazi overlords

Basilo Pertine at a banquet on June 4:

"I am glad to announce that nique added. "if and when their schemes for our friends are safe at last." continues, the commu

### Soldier Visitors From Adair Draw **Praise of Police**

"About the finest group of young fellows we've had in Salem," according to Chief of Police Frank Minto, crowded the capital city's restaurants and hotels Saturday night and Sunday.

Soldiers in suntans and boots evening. By the time next weekare recruiting every man in the end's crowds arrive, the USO plans to have a longer list of rooms in One bridge on the Wilson river residences to offer and cots will highway where several routes have been set up in at least two

# were being salvaged from the ten Still Unlocated

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn., July 16-(AP)-A huge B-29 which disappeared into the night after being abandoned at an altitude of 9500 feet by its nearly asphyxiated crew was hunted tonight from Minnesota to the Pacific coast.

rescued from the woods of northern Minnesota and from a lake, said the bomber carried enough gasoline to fly it to the Pacific ocean. They doubted, though, that its altitude would carry it over western mountains. When they last saw it, it was headed due State Forester Rogers issued an west, controlled by the automatic

Search continued in the northvestern minnesota lakes an woods region, however, because it was though possible that the ship exploded. It was filled with gasoacre Salmonberry river fire was line fumes when the crew bailed

### B-29 Will Be Midget Beside New 'Hercules'

CULVER CITY, Calif., July 16 -(AP)-The Howard Hughes Airplane Manufacturing plant today took the wraps off its "Hugest Hercules," which is to be the world's largest seaplane, and disclosed that the massive cargo carrier will weigh 425,000 pounds. Its cost will exceed \$20,000,000.

The plane has a wingspread of 320 feet, or large enough to accommodate a Superfortress on each wing. It will have eight engines to generate 24,000 horsepower for its maiden flight some time next year. Delivery of the engines is expected next January. The Hercules will be able to

carry a 60-ton tank, complete with armor and crew, or three light tanks. Used as a hospital ship, it would accommodate 350 patients on stretchers with doctors and nurses to care for the wounded. As a transport, it would carry This interpretation, written by 750 infantrymen from Honolulu to Tokyo, nonstop.

### Rail Workers Needed

PORTLAND, July 16-(A)-Railroad manpower surveys tonight skilled railroaders must be retation load of the months ahead. Brazilian troops in Italy.

## **Greatest Flat-**Top Force in **History Strikes**.

GUAM, Tuesday, July 17-(AP)-The United States More than 1000 soldiers and sailors will be fighting in of accommodations. Crowded bus- and British fleets, combined to form the greatest carrier the zone or enroute by morning, foresters said. Loggers from es carried 2000 of them back to striking force ever assembled anywhere, hurled some 1500 planes at the Tokyo area today. The tremendous onslaught still is in progress.

The great blow, starting at dawn, followed by possibly less than an hour a 2500-ton incendiary bomb assault on four Japanese cities by hearly 500 American Superfortresses.

It was the latest in a rain of bombs and shells from sea pondent Paul W. Harvey to have been destroyed this afternoon. Crew Bails Out and air that in four days has spread length of the enemy's home islands. and air that in four days has spread ruin along the entire

The naval shelling opened "the pre-invasion phase" of mook burn of 1933 has been wiped Of B-29: Plane the war on Japan, in which the allies rely upon the twin strategies of an ever-tightening blockade and destruction by shells and bombs "of an ever-tightening blockade and destruction by shells and bombs "of every industry and resource which contributes to Japan's ability to make war," Adm. Chester W. Nimitz declared in a radio broadcast to America immediately following his announcement of the present op-

The American fleet-the third-shelled the enemy home islands of Honshu and Hokkaido on Saturday and Sunday and with its thousand-odd carrier planes burned out three Japanese industrial cities and destroyed or damaged 128 enemy vessels.

Whereabouts Kept Unknown Yesterday it clamped on a radio blackout, and its whereabouts were unknown until this morning, when Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that it had joined the British Pacific fleet in a gigantic and continuing blow against the Tokyo area. The American carrier planes Crewmen, all of whom were had smashed the same area's airfields in a great strike one week ago

It is the first combined American-British operation of the war against the enemy homeland, and is commanded by U.S. Adm. William F. Halsey, jr. Nimitz identified one British carrier, one battleship, two cruisers

and five destroyers, and it was clear that other unidentified units were participating. He named the battleship King George V, completed since the war

began; the fleet carrier Formidable, the six-inch gun cruiser Newfoundland, the 5.25-inch-gun light cruiser Black Prince, the destroyers Troubridge, Undine, Barfleur and Grenville and the Australian destroyer Quickmatch.

While not named by Nimitz in the present action, the British fleet carriers Illustrous, Victorious, Indomitable and Indefatigable previously have been listed as operating in the Pacific—against the Sakishima group of islands south of Okinawa.

The Japanese radio, quickly acknowledging that Tokyo was under heavy air assault, said 10 carriers were in the task force.

No American ships were named, but Nimitz' communiques on the strikes of the past week have identified the Carriers Lexington, Essex, Independence and San Jacinto; the new Battleships Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana, Massachusetts and South Dakota; the Cruisers Chicago, San Juan, Springfield, Atlanta and Quincy; and the Destroyers DeHaven, Samuel N. Moore, John Rodgers, Schroeder, Cogswell, Heerman, Southerland, Aul, John W. Weeks, Coloham, Wedderburn, Rowe, Caperton, Frank Knox, Erben, Black, McGowan, Mormon Scott and Remey.

Huge U. S. Fleet on Hand Since the Americans suffered no damage in their earlier strikes, t is fair to assume that all those named, and more, are on the present Tokyo raid.

Their primary mission probably was to attempt to find and destroy the remnants of the Japanese air force, but Nimitz' brief announcement, after receipt of flashed word that the assault was on,

Tokyo already has suffered the loss of 53.6 square miles of the heart of the city from previous raids - - principally from Superfortress firebombs - - but the low-flying carrier planes could be expected to locate and destroy remaining pinpoint targets considered worthy of

The combined fleet, the most powerful ever assembled in a single task force anywhere in the world, is under over-all command of Adm. William F. Halsey, commander of the US Third fleet. Rawlings Commands British

The British commander under Halsey is Vice Adm. Sir Bernard Rawlings, with Vice Adm. Sir Philip Vian in command of British

(The fact that Vian, famed since Malta convoy days, was listed as in command of carriers showed that the Formidable certainly was not the only royal navy carrier in the operation.) Other Brftish task group commanders included Rear Adms. E. J.

Brind and J. Edelston - - a hint as to the extensive nature of the forces involved.

Nimitz identified the targets only as being "in the Tokyo region" and said the carrier planes struck at dawn. His communique, issued at 10:15 a. m. Guam time (8:15 p. m., Monday, Eastern War time), said the assaults were still in progress.

#### Brazil Awards Clark Southern Cross Order RIO DE JANEIRO, July 16-(AP)

gave no details.

Gen. Mark Clark was awarded reveal 2000 semi-skilled and the Brazilian Order of the Southern Cross by President Getulio cru and for Oregon and 3000 for Vargas today in a ceremony in Washington to neet the transpor- Catete palace. Clark commanded

### Correspondent Nearly Certain Hitler, Eva Braun in Argentina

CHICAGO, July 16. -(A)- The world conquest went awry." and Eva Braun landed in Argen- surrender to the allies. tina and are on a German-owned

"From information just received

This information, which the

"The pair reportedly landed," the Americans, have captured a Vicent DePascal, Montevideo cor- the dispatch continued, "on a lonerailroad stronghold and are driv- respondent, today reported he was ly shore from a German subma-"virtually certain" Adolf Hitler rine which suposedly returned to

the Argentine government may have known nazi U-boats lurked off its shores. Certainly there are enough nazi sympathizers in Argentina who would jump at the chance to give a haven to the living symbol of national social-

writer said was received from said, "the utmost significance is "reliable channels" is that the two now attached to the words of Gen. Basilo Pertine at a banquet on

FORECAST (from U. S. wes

Airmen Down

24 Nip Planes

GUAM, Tuesday, July 17.-(AP)-

Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima

shot down 24 Japanese planes

and probably destroyed another

16 in a wild dog fight over the

Nagoya-Osaka area Monday - the

first extensive opposition they had

encountered in weeks of harrass-

A large force of P-51s ran into

the Japanese planes enroute to

the homeland targets and the me-

lee spread from a scant hundred

Although the enemy intercep-

tors dived from above in their

first attacks, the Mustangs out-

flew the Japanese in 75 encoun-

ters. Two Mustangs were lost-

neither due to direct enemy action.

ing raids over the empire.

feet to three miles altitude.

Weather