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Far East Air Forces Add to **Jap Ship Tolls** 

60 Enemy Ships, 47 Planes Hit by: MacArthurmen

By James Hutcheson MANILA, Friday, Aug. 10 .- (AP)-Far east air force and seventh fleet planes in wide sweeps Tuesday and Wednesday destroyed or damaged more than 60 enemy ships and small craft and 47 planes **General MacArthur's headquarters** announced today.

The blitz against the southern Japanese island of Kyushu roared on and planes rained ruin on factories, railroad installations and air strips.

The hunt for Japanese planes was the best for some time, with nine fighters and a bomber shot down and 37 other planes destroyed or damaged on the ground. 400 Sorties

The communique reported 400 sorties by far east planes Tuesday and 200 more in an incomplete tally of Wednesday's raids.

The heaviest concentration struck in successive waves Tuesday at Tsuiki airdrome on Kyushu's north coast, which has been a major pavy air training center. 5000 Frag Bombs

More than 20 Liberators of the largest zinc smelters in Japan. Fifth air force started the attack with 5000 fragmentation bombs. Mustangs raked factories in Yat-They destroyed or damaged 16 sushiro bay area of western Kyplanes and warded off two enemy ushu and reported they probably interceptors.

More than 60 Liberators then roared over followed by 40 Thunderbolts which strafed and fired started by 40 other Thunderbolts, rockets from low levels. **Omuta** Hit

Omuta, western Kyushu industrial city of 180,000 population, American consumers increased was hit by more than 40 Liberatheir spending to a record annual tors and Thunderbolts, whose rate of \$104 billions in the first bombs and bullets started large quarter of 1945.

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Map locates Russian territory (shaded areas) bordering Japan and Jap-held areas on the north as Soviet declaration of war on Japan completed the Allied ring around the Japa. Distance is from Viadivostok area bases to Tokyo, now under threat from the north as well as the south. Black areas are Jap-held. (AP Wirephoto map)

## **U.S. Destroyer Ross Back** fires. Omuta has two of the A force of 90 Thunderbolts and In Action After Heavy Repairs

destroyed a nitroglycerin plant. A string of fires almost the length in action in the Pacific after surof Kyushu's west coast was viving two mine explosions, 286 air raids, a Kamikaze crash and a unloading bombs and jellied gasotyphoon.

The navy told today of the action-packed 30-day ordeal which

put the Ross into repair yards for 110 days. It was estimated in the report that the shortage of skilled workers at Mare Island, Calif.,



WASHINGTON, Aug. 9-(AP)- | held up the job 25 days. The U. S. destroyer Ross is back It began last November when the Ross struck a mine while screening a minesweeping unit south of Momohon island in the Gulf of Leyte where Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces made their first major Philippine landing.

> The explosion killed several men and put the forward engine room out of commission. Drifting helplessly, the destroyer hit another mine 20 minutes later.

Although the Ross was heavily damaged, here commanding officer, Commander Benjamin Coe of San Diego, Calif., continued damage control operations. When flooding was stopped, the Ross was towed to a supposedly safe anchorage but was immediately bombed and strafed by a Japanese plane.

nother anchorage. Temporary re-



The OREGON STATESMAN, Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, August 10, 1945

CHUNGKING, Aug. 9-(P)-U. S. planes and Chinese paratroops - striking as long as a month ago in foreknowledge of Russia's plunge against the Japanese already have "seriously interferred" with the movement of enemy forces northward in China toward the now-flaming Manchurian front, Lt. Gen.+ Albert C. Wedemeyer asserted today. The U.S. 4th air force for a

month has been hammering at Japanese withdrawal routes from south-central China, the general commanding American forces in China declared.

American-trained Chinese parachute troops and commandos also Plant to Prove have done "splendid work" in blocking the Japanese movement and possible transfer of his forces northward, Wedemeyer declared. Chinese parachute forces achieved complete surprise in a dawn drop recently between Kweilin and Hengyang, a big rail hub, and caused great confusion and heavy casualties among the enemy, he said.

**Powerful Soviet armies hitting** spokesman. n to Manchuria completely altered the strategic picture of the alumina, the most common form Asiatic mainland, and observers of which is bauxite. Most bauxite

in Chungking speculated that a is imported. grand Chinese counteroffensive, The experimental plants are at now in the making, would be Salem, Ore.; Salt Lake City, speeded up.

Wedemeyer conferred with Rusleyville, SC. sian military representatives today.

## **Mike Reppond Dies** Services Set **For Felix Amort**

accident occurred near Salem Funeral services will be held while he was employed as a caterpillar man for the Ritney Logging Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church company.

for Felix Amort, farmer of 1110 Reppond is survived by his par-Donna ave., who died at his home ents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reppond of Salem. Funeral arrangements late Thursday. Amort was born in Austria May will be announced later by the

14. 1859, and came to the United Clough-Barrick company. States 78 years ago. He has been

a resident of Oregon for the past Cameron Lumber 45 years, coming to Salem about

**Company Sale Noted** five years ago. ALBANY, Aug. 9 -(P)- Sale of Survivors include the widow. Mrs. Mary Amort of the home, the Cameron Lumber company to four sons, Albert and Paul Amort H. L. Maloney, Coos Bay, and J. leaving 100 persons homeless.

of Portland, Louis W. Amort of L. Chambers, Astoria, was an-The ship was moved then to Salem and Ted Amort of the U.S. nounced today by owner C. C.

To Be Dominated by Military By Bonnie Wiley OKINAWA -(P)- The Japanese Red Cross, claiming to be the sec-and lamast in the second largest in the world, was dis- States. A membership of 10,000

**Japanese Red Cross Reported** 

ments discovered here.

have military approval.

don (R-Ore) said today.

closed as virtually an adjunct of was claimed on Okinawa. Nippon's military machine in docu- Red Cross women got a trem The partly destroyed paper, Hakuai, which devoted many found in the ruins of an office pages to pictures of their activibuilding in the Okinawa capital ties as nurses on hospital ships, of Shuri, showed that with the in front-line hospitals and in rear outbreak of the war the Japanese area convalescent wards. The pic-military stepped in and took tures showed them as trim young scretary added. He said the test charge. Even before the war, of women wearing snappy military must be the number X men "which ficials of Red Cross units had to uniforms, with red crosses on their sleeves, steel helmets, slightly more becoming than the Ameri-An American Red Cross supervisor, Monroe Sweetland of (48 can army type, and gas masks.

"One of the military jobs of the N. Tillamook st.) Portland, Ore., has the stack of material. Trans- Red Cross in wartime seems to lators are working on it for him. be to re-educate Japanese women along modern lines," Sweetland said. "For example, a lot of this literature was devoted to encouraging the Japanese women to take wartime factory jobs. The dresses, **Own Feasibility** long and flowing, were not recommended for wartime, the maga-WASHINGTON, Aug. 9-(AP)zine suggesting the Japanese Four government plants producwomen wear slacks and do their ing alumina from clay will be hair in a neat knob on the backs operated until feasibility of the of their head rather than piling process is determined, Sen. Cor- it high. The latter, it was pointed out, was likely to get caught in The statement was confirmed



EUGENE, Aug. 9-(AP)-A spectacular blaze which threatened a congested industrial area includ-After Embankment Fall ing several large oil companies Mike Reppond, 45, 315½ N. Commercial st., died at a Salem destroyed the Owens Lumber company sawmill here tonight. hospital late Friday night after a fall from an embankment. The Company officials estimated loss at between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Eugene and Bethel fire departments kept flames from spreading to nearby oil companies, a plywood plant and a

> sawmill The fire, of unknown origin, roke out about 9:30 p.m. Eugene firemen rushed four or

five pieces of equipment to the scene in a futile attempt to save the mill.

This was Eugene's second disastrous fire within two weeks. The first one razed the threestory Bartle Court apartments,

**Mott Opens Office Here** 

## War Leaders To Check Needs

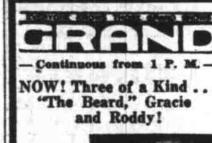
WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 -(AP) Secretary Stimson said today that the war department will check over the Pacific war situation to see if atomic bombing and Rusdous play in the unit magazine, sia's entry will permit another cut in the size of the array. But the possibilities of both of those new elements "had been in our minds for many months," the we believe may be needed for the complete defeat of Japan with the least possible loss of American

> AFL Asks Release **Of "Freeze" Measure**

lives."

CHICAGO, Aug. 9. -(AP)- The AFL executive council, noting the swift developments conductive to an early end of the war, today called for immediate complete abandonment of the wartime wage "freeze."

The council said that with the return to peacetime economy the war labor board "is now entering its final phase."



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