

## **Important Decision**

IN the rush of war news last week, no doubt many a reader overlooked the highly important United States supreme court decision upholding a free press in the famed in reverse. Los Angeles Times case.

The high court reversed the conviction of the Los Angeles newspaper, which by a lower court had been held guilty of contempt of court because it had published three editorials criticizing the superior court in Los Angeles. with the falling thermometer. editorials criticizing the superior court in Los Angeles.

Justice Hugo Black read the majority opinion of the slow moving equipment had to be left behind for the reds to slo United States supreme court upholding the right of a free repair and use. newspaper to express its opinions at the time of liveliest public interest. ROADS BLOCKED

"An enforced silence," said Justice Black, "however limited, solely in the name of preserving the dignity of the bench, would probably engender resentment, suspicion and contempt more than it would enhance respect. red . . The assumption that respect for the judiciary can

won by shielding judges from published criticism wrongly appraises the character of American public opinion.

The enlightened decision was in keeping with the by which to supply his advanced forces. He had to get his troops back where he could spirit of the first amendment of the constitution and is a timely reaffirmation of the rights of Americans to criticize public officials. To clamp down on criticism of the feed them. courts would be just a step away from proscribing critihis shortage of manpower. His retreat confessed this. The cism of any public official, and eventually that could lead to the complete dissolution of democratic practices. Restrictions of this sort against published criticism would next be extended to any form of expression, and there you have Mr. Hitler's methods of controlling the thinking of a whole people.

Freedom of the press is a fundamental American liberty; no American liberty is safe when freedom of the press is lost.

## Weather News Restrictions

MERICAN, people have read the weather news in their newspapers for so long that it is hard to become accustomed to the new ruling against publication of forecasts.

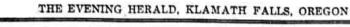
But it is plainly a necessary precaution against giving news which might be of value to the enemy. Weather information is vital to aviation. The American authorities are moving to keep this vital information for the use of only our own and friendly fliers, and to withhold it from the foe.

Hence weather news is restricted, with the restrictions being more firmly imposed upon radio reports than published news, for obvious reasons. It's a wartime measure that the public will gladly tolerate; when the war is over, the weatherman's prophecies will be welcomed back like an old friend.

"Amazing effrontery" is the way the Corvallis Gazette-Times describes a recent speech by Rollo Groesbeck in connection with higher educational affairs. Knowing the imperturbability of our Mr. Groesbeck, we do not worry about him, even when he's in the thick of one of those higher educational ruckuses that periodically stir partisan breasts in the Willamette valley.

Defense measures require the occasional silencing of radios. Best story about it that we have heard told of a Spokane woman who called a station there and asked them if they had gone off the air. Getting an affirmative answer she replied: "Why you can't be. The light is still on in my radio."

It is good news that Long-Bell employes at Weed are back at work—good news here and better news at Weed It is to be hoped that the issues can be settled in fair-it is to be hoped that the issues can be settled in fairness to both labor and management-as fairly with the men at work as if there was still a strike underway. The time has come when work cessation is not a necessary part of the proper settlement of labor difficulties. In war time, we can't afford work cessation.





"She has a normal pulse, fine color and no fever-you might find out whether they're having examinations at school this week!"

The people seem to be ical islands, struck back defiant-Causes of der fuehrer's de more pro-American than the ly at two more packs of Japanese bacle (aside from the obvious government, at times. Former air raiders and penned up three unconquerable courage of the President Justo, who is popular Japanese invasion forces red legions) have naturally with the army, would throw small pockets near the coast. been obscured in communiques Argentina on our side if he An army communique t in An army communique this could stage a successful revolt. (Tuesday) morning said the big No violence is expected, but Olangapo naval base on Luzon (Tuesday) morning said the big Foremost was the factor that Hitler could not keep open neither is an early declaration

island was bombed at 6:45 a. m. for the second time in the war, Brazil has a flexible leader- but that the attack apparently ship, trying to help us and handle a large German and was a light one.

(NBC's Manila correspondent said in a broadcast heard in New York that Manila had had no air raid warnings Monday night to break its rest in preparation for getting up an hour earlier on daylight saving time. It was the second consecutive night without alarms.)

It was announced two more Japanese transport ships had

UP BY COUNCIL An ordiance providing a \$100 fine or 50 days in jail as pun-ishment for blackout violations was initiated at Monday night's

ORDINANCE ON

BLACKOUT SE

meeting of the city council and is scheduled for final passage December 22

This proposed ordinance, first its kind in Klamath Falls' history, makes it unlawful to re-fuse or neglect to comply with blackout regulations set up by civil authorities, the army or the navy. In general, it outlines such restrictions as turning out ex-terior lights and obscuring interior lights, and automobile operation restrictions during operation restriction periods of emergency. trains.

Reserves Set Up At Monday night's meeting the council passed ordinances setting up police and firemen reserves Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose eported 73 turned out for the firemen reserve drill Sunday, out of 118 who had registered. "I guess the others think we are playing," said Ambrose

Additional space will be explained the city was be-He ing divided into nine districts for per year. fighting The reserve will protect the residential districts, which are covered by the regular fire department. Wood regular fire department. working plants will set up their own fire-fighting organizations Police Chief Frank Hamm aid 180 or 30 more than he had asked for, turned out for a space two hours before services

police reserve meeting Sunday night Charles Lederer district at. torney of Modoc county and de-

fense coordinator at Alturas. spoke to the council, urging that a sound system on streets for broadcasting Christ-Flamath and Modoe counties work together in blackouts and other defense emergency activi mas music. ties. Klamath Falls, he sai might be a military objective. he said

Cooperation Pledged Mayor Houston assured him of Klamath's desire to cooperate and asked him to confer with

Police Chief Frank Hamm and Orth Sisemore, ARP chairman for the Klamath defense council The council received a letter from the California Oregon Power company discussing blackout arrangements, particularly in connection with turning off street lights. Cooperation was pledged by Copco and the light and water committee was detailed to confer with H. P.

These regulations will be

taken from the airport levy fund oan Association. Radio Station KFJI Herald and News.

> Courthouse Records MONDAY

SCHULTZ . WOOD. Bernard Thirl Schultz, 19, Klamath Falls crossing which will be used in mill worker, native of North holding trains north of the cross-Dakota. Anna May Wood, 16, Klamath Falls, student, native of Oregon.

SMITH-HARDIE. Weston Scott Smith, 21, Klamath Falls, railroad clerk, native of Oregon Donna Hardie, 19, Portland 19. Portland, stenographer, native of Ne

Birdine Cooper, 33, Woodburn, timber faller, native of Mis-souri, Vella Elaine Cummings,

The report favors giving serv ice stations and drive-in markets two driveways, from 25 to 30 Nevada. **Complaints** Filed feet wide, on one or two streets.

Benton County State bank versus L. Wayne and William Maust. Suit to collect on promissory note. William Kuykendall Lester G. Ochler, attorneys for

sus Arthur Lundgren. Suit to collect promissory note. William Ganong, attorney for plaintiff. **Justice** Court

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## **Red Cross Lists Places to Take** Contributions

Contributions to Klamath Falls' voluntary Red Cross drive for war funds will be received at the following places; Red Cross Headquarters. Bosworth, Copco manager, on the problems involved. First National Bank. U. S. National Bank. The council authorized money First Federal Savings and

to be used in relocating power lines around the airport proper ty. The relocation is necessary because of airport enlargement. Signal Plan

Councilman Harvey Martin reported he had received assur-Marriage Licenses ances from the Southern Pacific company that a signal will be installed at the Portland street

ing when they stop before enter-ing the S. P. yard. The result will be that the crossing will not be blocked by standing The council approved Street

Committee Chairman Bussman's report on plans fo, regulating the size of driveways and other braska. COOPER-CUMMINGS. Daniel

matters affecting available park-ing space in the city. 25, Keno, housekeeper, native of

the owners at \$2 a front foot Garages would nave two driveways per building on one or two streets to conform with plaintiff. Moty and Van Dyke Inc., ver

the garage doors. Used car lots would be permitted two 20-foot driveways per lot. Funeral parlors would be permitted to place no parking markers on needed

Christain Glenn George, no operator's license. Paid \$10 fine. bodied in an ordinance to be

ODD GATHERINGS brought before the council The council gave the retail A total of 836 congresses, as-sembles and exhibitions were trade bureau authority to use downtown ing Christ. Among the most unusual were the International Congress of

Story with moral: Grandpa's gress of Lodgers and a gathering pappy liked Wieland's Beer, tool of 20,000 herring fishermen



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# ITALY VULNERABLE

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from both Moscow and Berlin.

But, equally important, was

retreat confessed this. The trained daredevil battalions of

through the winter, the

Hitler pretended, in his significantly sober reichstag speech, that he had all Europe, outside of Russia, securely in his grasp. This may not prove

The prospects of the Libyan campaign furnish hope that a British invasion of Italy will ome next year-and that is where we may come in.

The sly nazi tank general Rommel has been forced back into the Libyan hills, southeast and southwest of Tobruk. The main section of his army was encircled there, early in this second British drive. Two Brit-ish raiding parties have swept around to the sea behind him to cut off retreat. The British idea is to pound him arginat

idea is to pound him against the coast and exterminate him. Rommel still had two nazi tank divisions, one Italian tank so, but army officials believed division and two Italian motor-ized infantry divisions, at last up their targets.)

count. He cannot expect much garrison there was isolated and ships which must have been anchored far beyond the horizon.

MANILA, P. I., Tuesday, Dec. 16 (UP)—First details reached here today of a battle at Lingayen beach, 110 miles northwest

of Manila, where a Filipino army division, lining the shore with artillery, blasted 154 motor boat loads of invading Japanese sold-iers without letting one of them reach land alive.

and at last report the Filipinos were holding the beach and the

their ground "to the last man." Await Attempt

correspondent of the Daily Herald. He quoted the colonel, whom he did not identify, as saying:

the nazis have been used up in continuous assaults. They can-not be replaced. He dare not large newspaper is pro-axis. But her people and government hold long lines. He must draw in, reorganize, plan to marshal are pro-American. Temporary fence-sitting is likely to result every available energy, there for a while. every tank for a new campaign in the spring. It must be conceded then, realistically, that his chances look fairly good. He still has a formidable army and the Rus-lane badly with the russians badly need equipment which they are not likely to

roads

get in sufficient quantities be-fore the weather clears again. The jackal has merely retir-ed to lick his first wounds.

The battle lasted three days. It began last Wednesday night

colonel in command sent word to Manila his force would stand

Details were brought here by

"We eagerly awaited the Japanese attempt to land. The enemy showed up Wednesday night counted 154 motorboats in all. We held our fire until they were near. (The dispatch did not say

"Then," the colonel continued,

**Division Wipes Out Invaders** 

population. Pro-axis

but Brazil will come in on our

sells Tokyo much cotton. Her

Peru has 40,000 Japs, and

revolts are possible,

### OBITUARY JOSEPH LINDSEY FOTHERINGHAM

Joseph Lindsey Fotheringham last 30 years a resident of Merrill, Ora., passed away at his late residence on Saturday, December 13, 1941, at 10:40 p. m., following a brief illness. He was a native of Garner, Iowa, and, at the time of his death was aged 54 years and 12 days. Surviving are his wife Mrs. Harrist Fotheringham of Merrill, Ore.; three daughters, Mrs. Annabell Colt of this city, Mrs Geraldine Peterson of Hauser, Ore., and Miss Louise Fothering hem of San Jose, Calif; two sons, Joseph C and Walter W. of Merrill, Ore., and one brother, Wal-ter Fotheringham of Merrill. Ore.: also one grandchild The remains rest in the Earl Whit-lock funeral home, Pine street

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THE PICTURE THAT MADE HER FAMOUS

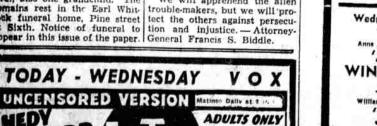
FUNERAL JOSEPH LINDSEY FOTHERINGHAM

back of France. Funeral services for the late SOUTH AMERICA Joseph Lindsey Fotheringham

South America is coming around, but don't expect too much, too fast. Each nation there has its own peculiar in-ternal political problem to work out, before war can be declared. who passed away at his home south of Merrill Saturday evening after a brief illness were held in the First Presbyterian church at Merrill, Ore., on Tuesout, before war can be declared. day, December 16, 1941, at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Lawrence H. Mitchelmore, pastor, officiating. Commitment services and vault entombment family plot in the IOOF cemetery, Merrill, Ore Arrangements were under the

direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home of this city.

We will apprehend the alien trouble-makers, but we will protect the others against persecuat Sixth. Notice of funeral to tion and injustice — Attor appear in this issue of the paper. General Francis S. Biddle. tion and injustice. - Attorney-



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If Rommel is wiped out, Mus-Since then the enemy has at solini will see a great concen-tration of allied troops (no tempted to land but each time he has been frustrated.

doubt including Americans) on the shores of Tripoli, preparing to leap upon his shoulders, which have been drooping con-tinuously since he directory Planes Shot Down The correspondent reported when the colonel promised to fight to the last man "he was tinuously since he first raised merely voicing the sentiments of men of all ranks whom I interthem to plunge a knife in the viewed." The colonel was said to be convinced the Japanese would never gain a foothold in

his sector. There were reports from Dagupan. 10 miles east of Lingayen, that three more Japanese planes were shot down today two by Chile is the touchiest spot, with elections next year. The pro-American left wingers are powerful, but if they win, the anti-sircraft guns and one by an pilot local fascists may start shoot-ing. Argentina is also diffi-

