

# WALLACE IS LEADING VICE PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTING

## U. S. Will Test Parachute Troops

### Experimental Unit Formed For Training

Plans For Mass Training Of Air Corps Bombardment Crews Announced

WILL SET UP SCHOOL

Parachute Experiment Step In Rebuilding Army Along European Lines



World's Biggest  
Edward Sumnick, New York gem merchant, displays the President Vargas Diamond, largest uncut diamond in the world and fourth largest ever found. Sent to Manhattan from Brazil via London by registered mail, it weighs 726.60 carats, 60/100 of a carat more than the famed Jonker diamond. Compare the Vargas stone with the Jonker No. 1 diamond, mounted in a \$1,000,000 necklace.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Formation of an experimental unit of parachute troops and plans for mass training of air corps bombardment crews were disclosed today by the War Department.

Secretary Stimson announced that a test platoon of two officers and 48 men, chosen from volunteers in the 29th infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., would undergo parachute training from July 29 through August 3 at the Safe Parachute Company, Hightstown, N. J., near Fort Dix.

Instruction Planned

Army air corps men and representatives of the parachute company will instruct the men.

Although the department said the tests would be "purely experimental," it was indicated that the platoon might become the nucleus of larger units after further study of use of parachute troops in European fighting.

In conjunction with the air corps' program to train 7,000 pilots and 3,000 bombardiers and navigators a year, the army announced that a school for multi-engine combat crews would be opened next March 15 at Ellington Field, World War pilot-training center near Houston, Tex.

Such training has been given in the past but not in specialized schools.

An appropriation of \$1,687,800 has been provided for hangars and barracks at Ellington field and the school will accommodate 555 students when completed, in addition to a garrison of 200 officers and 1,279 enlisted men.

Ten Weeks Training

Bombardiers will be given 10 weeks of training.

The experiment with parachute troops marks a further step toward rebuilding the army along European lines. Already, two armored divisions similar to Germany's hard-hitting "panzer" divisions have been organized.

### KIWANIS MEETING SLATED TONIGHT

Approximately 150 Members Are Expected To Attend Banquet At Beach

The annual Kiwanis division meeting and banquet will be held tonight at 7 o'clock at the Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach. Approximately 150 members and their wives are expected to attend. Aaron Goldberg, president of the Wilmington club, will preside.

Representatives from all clubs in the seventh division are expected, including Goldsboro, New Bern, Wilson, Greenville, Jacksonville.

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### WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Generally fair Friday and Saturday except for a few scattered afternoon thundershowers in south and extreme west portions.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:

1:30 a. m.:	72	7:30 a. m.:	74	1:30 p. m.:	85	7:30 p. m.:	86
Minimum:	72	Mean:	78	Normal:	78		

Humidity

1:30 a. m.:	96	7:30 a. m.:	95	1:30 p. m.:	76	7:30 p. m.:	76
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Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.: 0.05 inches; total since first of the month, 1.12 inches.

Tides For Today

High	Low
9:31a	4:28a
10:02p	4:32p
7:27a	1:27p
7:59p	1:31p

Sunrise 5:14a; sunset 7:22p; moonset 5:50a.

### TELEPHONE CALLS INCREASE IN CITY

Twenty - One Per Cent Climb Noted Since Installation Of Dial System

Daily telephone calls through the Wilmington exchange have increased about 21 per cent since the dial system was placed into operation June 22, J. R. Thomas, manager of the office here, said yesterday.

In a check prior to the change to dials, he said, Wilmingtonians averaged 8.8 calls per day per telephone. They now average 11.3 per day per phone.

Wilmington's approximately 6,200 telephones make a total of 70,000 calls each 24 hours, whereas when the manual system was in operation they made about 55,000.

Thomas and other officials of the company said this has been found to be true in each city in which the new phones are introduced. They said, too, that it is no due entirely to the novelty of the new system, because the high rate of calls continues "after the novelty has worn off."

A closer check can be kept on the calls going through the office now due to the fact that it is possible to make a record of each time a phone is lifted from its hook. These are recorded on an electrical machine and permanent records are kept if desired by the company.

Thomas said despite the newness of the dial system, complaints regarding the service have shown no increase. In general, he said, subscribers have been pleased with the service.

With one or two exceptions, he

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### WRITER PRAISES GREENFIELD LAKE

Leonard Roy, Of National Geographic, Says It Is Great Asset To City

"Wilmingtonians evidently don't realize what an asset they have in Greenfield lake," Leonard Roy, writer for the National Geographic magazine, said here yesterday.

He visited the lake and the park yesterday morning, as well as Orton plantation, Castle Hayne, and other places in the county.

Greenfield, he said, is entirely unique. "I've never seen anything like it and if properly developed it could be made into one of the outstanding beauty spots of the entire nation."

He praised the work being done by the Greenfield Drive association in developing the spot. He was shown around the lake yesterday by John Spillman, Jr., Louis T.

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## Germans Raid Southeastern Scottish City

### Bombs Smash Tenement And Trap Number Of Persons In The Debris

### SHIPS BATTLE PLANES

### Airplane Of Type Used In Flanders To Scout For Troops Is Sighted

LONDON, July 18.—(AP)—German raiders dropped bombs in the streets of a southeastern Scottish city tonight, smashing a tenement and trapping an undetermined number of persons in the debris.

One bomb fell near a street car, shattering the windows. The passengers were not seriously hurt.

A raider machine-gunned a street and parents rushed out to drag playing children to safety.

Ships Battle Planes

British ships off the northeast coast of Scotland fought off an attack by German warplanes amid shelling and bomb explosions so intense that houses ashore rocked with the vibration.

The sky was lit by the flashes of anti-aircraft shells exploding like fireworks, accompanied by the thunder of bombs.

There were 16 families in the bombed tenement, and authorities said there were "some casualties." The bomber was reported shot down later.

(The British censor deletes the names of bombed places. Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee, are sizeable cities in southeast Scotland.)

The bombing climaxed a day in which Britain was strafed with

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## SPANISH WORKERS WANT GIBRALTAR

### Support Nation's Ambition Of Joining Axis Powers In Sharing War Spoils

MADRID, July 18.—(AP)—The workers of Spain took their cue today from their chief of state and marched through the streets of Madrid shouting for a Spanish Gibraltar.

They sang, too, "Face to the Sun" on this fourth anniversary of the nationalist revolution, and put an outpouring of popular feeling behind Spain's clear ambition to join Germany and Italy in sharing the spoils of the British and French empires.

Two hundred thousand workers marched in the observance after Generalissimo Francisco Franco gave official approval to agitation for Spanish domination of the "rock" which Britain has held since 1704.

Four times the Spaniards have attempted to regain Gibraltar which the British took more than 200 years ago through a naval bombardment and a landing party of 1,800 marines.

Their attacks in 1704, 1720 and 1726 were relatively light, but at the time of the American revolution they were joined by the French in a famous four-year siege.

## F. B. I. Clears Publicity Man



Carl Byoir, above, New York publicity counsel, was cleared of charges of espionage for Germany, made by Representative Wright Patman of Texas. A department of justice spokesman said that investigation by the F. B. I. disclosed "no evidence whatever" that Byoir had engaged in an American activity.

## MANY NAZI TROOPS SIGHTED IN SPAIN

### Movement Of Armed Men Into Country Reported By Returning Americans

NEW YORK, July 18.—(AP)—A concerted movement into Spain of German soldiers—openly armed, uniformed and mechanically equipped—was reported today by Americans who fled troubled Europe through the Spanish peninsula.

Many said that they saw "thousands of Nazi soldiers" entering Bilbao by armored car, as well as choking the streets of Barcelona and crowding the hotels of other Spanish cities.

These first-hand reports from U. S. citizens, who arrived home on the liner Manhattan, came but a day after Francisco Franco, Spain's chief of state, had served notice on Great Britain that he intended to return Gibraltar to Spain.

Today, dispatches came from Europe telling of the first Gibraltar casualties in bombings by planes from unidentified bases and of unknown nationality.

One of the 799 Manhattan passengers, Henry Copley Greene, 68-year-old editor of a historical magazine in Boston, said:

"In my travels through Spain I saw German soldiers everywhere. Barcelona was flooded with German officers—in full uniform and carrying sidearms. There was talk everywhere of Spain getting Gibraltar back from the British. The Spanish people do not want to fight, but their leaders have been influenced by the Germans."

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## Hull To Offer New Plans At Havana Meet

### Predicts Americas Will Deal 'Realistically' With Hemisphere Problems

### U. S. GROUP LEAVES

### Batista Urges Great Care In Dealing With Question Of Protectorates

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Secretary Hull left for Havana today with a prediction that the 21 republics at the emergency inter-American conference would deal "realistically" with hemisphere problems arising from the European war.

The secretary of state, accompanied by 15 aides, took with him guarded proposals for joint international action on a scale unprecedented in the new world.

A carefully-worded statement indicated that such problems as the status of American colonies of invaded France and the Netherlands, fifth column activity, and cooperation to assure the political and economic security of this hemisphere would be discussed.

Spirit of Friendliness

"The American republics approach their task in a spirit of complete friendliness toward all nations demonstrating their will to conduct international relations on the basis of peace and friendship," Hull said.

There was a hint that the conference might be expected to produce only preliminary agreements rather than positive immediate action.

By "complete exchange of information," Hull said, "the ground will thus be prepared for the adoption of basic and concrete measures, having common support, for the common benefit of each and all the republics."

To Embark Today

The party, including trade, agriculture and monetary experts, left by train for Miami, Fla., where tomorrow the group will embark on an overnight boat for Havana.

The conference of foreign ministers or their representatives, will open in the Cuban capital Sunday. It was summoned hurriedly last month to consider measures to prevent Allied possessions from falling into German hands and to combat axis economic and political penetration.

### CALLS FOR CARE

HAVANA, July 18.—(AP)—President-elect Fulgencio Batista of Cuba cautioned tonight that the recently-discussed question of establishing protectorates over European possessions in the western hemisphere must be handled with great care by the American ministers' conference.

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### DENMARK WITHDRAWS

BERLIN, July 18.—(AP)—A DNB dispatch from Copenhagen said tonight Denmark had withdrawn from the League of Nations.

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## SECRETARY GETS 422 VOTES ON FIRST TRY; BANKHEAD IS SECOND

### Walker Is F. R.'s Choice For National Chairman

BY JOSEPH H. SHORT

CHICAGO, July 18.—(AP)—Urbane, publicity-shy Frank Comerford Walker of New York city was said on high authority today to be President Roosevelt's choice for democratic national chairman, replacing James A. Farley.

Close friends of the chief executive said the selection was based on the understanding that Farley, chairman since 1932, would decline another term. "Genial Jim" is expected to take over the presidency of the New York Yankee baseball club.

Walker, associates asserted, has not yet agreed to take the job but presidential advisers said they expected Mr. Roosevelt to "charm" him into it. Walker has declared repeatedly throughout the democratic national convention that his candidate for chairman was Farley.

A man with large business interests, Walker is said to have pleaded that he could not take out time from his many managerial and directorial posts to the chief party wheel-horse. Among other things, he is president of the Comerford-Public corporation, operating moving picture theatres in New York and Pennsylvania.

Persons participating in conferences connected with choosing a new chairman predicted the selection would not come out of tomorrow's meeting of the democratic national committee, which theoretically does the picking. They said a sub-committee probably would be given authority to follow the President's will.

These informants also asserted that in the event Walker flatly refused to serve that a strategy board, including Walker, would run the 1940 presidential campaign.

Although formerly in one of the top administration posts, director of the old National Emergency Council, Walker is one of the least known of Mr. Roosevelt's intimates.

### BERLIN WELCOMES VICTORIOUS ARMY

### High Command Reports New And Destructive Raids Upon Britain

BERLIN, July 18.—(AP)—The bells of Berlin rang jubilantly tonight to welcome home victorious troops from France, while in western skies the German airforce struck with new fury against England.

Even as throngs gathered along Unter den Linden, the high command reported new and destructive bombing raids in Britain and announced German troops had occupied the French island of Ouessant, opposite England's Land's End and commanding the southern entrance to the English channel.

Nazi bombers, said the high command, attacked Britain's key shot, 30 miles from London, and smashed at airports, industrial plants and harbors in southern and central England. Other raiding planes set afire several British vessels in the channel and Nazi warships "somewhere overseas" sank 30,000 additional tons of British shipping.

Among objectives reported hit by bombers were the airport at Tunbridge Wells, an industrial plant at Eastbourne, Portland harbor and a large armament factory at Greenock, Scotland.

The returning troops, soldiers of the first Berlin division, were welcomed with a speech by Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels after they goose-stepped through the Brandenburg gate into Paris Platz, in the heart of the city.

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### M'NUTT RUNS THIRD

### Large Part Of Convention Balks At Roosevelt's Choice Of Secretary

### F. D. R. DELAYS TALK

### Adams, Jones And Farley Also Nominated For Second Place On Ticket

FIRST BALLOT

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 18.—(AP)—Unofficial tabulations of the first ballot for a democratic vice-presidential nominee showed 627 7-10 for Wallace; 327 4-15 for Bankhead and scattered votes for half a dozen others.

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 18.—(AP)—After Tennessee had cast its vote and with many states yet to come, tally clerks said tonight the first ballot for a democratic vice-presidential nominee showed:

Wallace	422 6-10
Bankhead	222 1-10
McNutt	53 8-10
Adams	11 1-2
Jones	5 9-10
Farley	4
Barkeley	1

### Coast Line Detective Arrested For Murder

ROCKY MOUNT, July 18.—(AP)—N. F. English, Coast Line railroad detective, was arrested today on a charge of murder brought in connection with the shooting and death of James Dixon, unemployed Charlotte painter.

English posted bond pending a preliminary hearing in city recorder's court July 26.

Deputy Sheriff Felton of Edgecombe county found Dixon lying on a road yesterday morning with a bullet wound in his abdomen. He died today.

Officers said that Dixon was caught hobnobbing and was accidentally shot while trying to escape.

### BURKE PROMISES TO HELP WILLKIE

### Nebraska Democrat Offers To Lead Campaign Against F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(AP)—Describing as "sacred" the traditional limitation of two terms for a president, Senator Burke (D-Neb) publicly pledged his support to Wendell Willkie today and offered to lead a campaign of "education" against another four years for President Roosevelt.

The Nebraska democrat, who has long been at odds with some new deal policies, made public a letter to the republican presidential nominee, in which he stated that "in the light of present world conditions it is essential that our country to maintain the two-term limitation on the tenure of office of president, I shall work for your victory at the polls in November."

In Colorado Springs where he is vacationing, Willkie said he was "greatly pleased" and that many "other leading democrats" would back the republican ticket.

J. C. Quigley, Nebraska's democratic national committeeman, said Burke "is finally getting into the political party he has been supporting for the last six years."

From comments of republicans on the renomination of Mr. Roosevelt, it was apparent that they expected the third term question to figure greatly in the campaign.

Representative Martin of Massachusetts, the party's national chairman, said in a statement in New York that it would give the people a chance to determine "whether they want to toss aside this historical protection against a one-man government."

### CONVENTION BALKS

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 18.—(AP)—A huge segment of the democratic national convention, talking tonight at President Roosevelt's choice of Henry A. Wallace for the vice presidency, loudly, wildly and lengthily applauded Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security administrator, for that office.

And when McNutt, placed in nomination against his will, came forward to withdraw his name, it fort-rightly refused to let him speak, begging and imploring him to stay in the race.

Only when Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, the convention chairman, begged the crowd to be quiet, reminding them that the entire nation was listening, would it let McNutt proceed.

Declares Himself Out

Standing at the lectern, tall and bronzed, the perspiration streaming over his handsome features, McNutt declared himself out of the race. By the sentence declaring his intention was all but lost in the din of objection that was raised.

"America needs strong, logical, liberal and able leaders in the kind of a world in which we live today," he said. "We cannot take chances now. A nation only gets one chance these days. If it makes a mistake, it is lost. We must have leaders who will keep this country safe and free."

"We have such a leader in Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He is my commander-in-chief. I follow his wishes, and I am here to support his choice for vice president of the United States."

The crowd yelled its disapproval of McNutt's statement. Gravelly he nodded his head and withdrew to the rear of the platform.

The opposition to Wallace was otherwise expressed in prolonged boos, and shouts of derision, which went up in competition with applause was mentioned.

Face Battle

Administration leaders readily admitted they were in for a battle in their effort to obtain Wallace's nomination. Nevertheless they claimed that they had enough votes to do so.

"It looks like we've got a fight on our hands," said Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, administration follower, after circulating among the delegations. "This may be an indirect stop-Roosevelt fight put on by those discontented persons who failed to do it directly."

Related to Pepper's last statement was word from the White House that Mr. Roosevelt would have to revise the address he has prepared for delivery to the convention by radio if some other than Wallace were chosen.

In fact word spread through the delegations that unless the convention chose Wallace, Mr. Roosevelt would refuse the nomination for first place on the ticket.

Other Names

The names of Speaker Bankhead, Senator Alvah Adams of Colorado, Senator Prentiss M. Brown of Michigan, and Jesse Jones, the

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## CHURCHILL ASSERTS PRESENT DANGERS FORCE BRITISH TO YIELD TO JAPANESE

LONDON, July 18.—(AP)—England was told today in cold and matter-of-fact phrases by Prime Minister Churchill that her peril at home is such that the nation's ministers must sleep beside their desks and that the dangers to her empire have made it essential that she yield to Japan on the other side of the world.

He made a brief, unemotional statement and answered questions in the House of Commons where, yesterday, news of Britain's decision to close temporarily the remaining routes for supplies to the

nese government brought cries of "appeasement" and "Munich."

In surprisingly sharp language, Churchill also put his foot down on any "large scale exodus" from Britain to overseas.

He said: "I do not believe the military situation requires or justifies such a proceeding—having regard to the relative dangers of going and staying—nor, in fact, is it physically possible."

In his far-Eastern statement, Churchill reiterated Britain's often-expressed desire to contribute to "a process of peace and conciliation between Japan and China."

He made these points:

1. Britain and Burma have agreed to suspend for 3 months the transport of ammunition, gasoline, trucks and railway material to China both from Hongkong and over the road from Burma.

2. Britain has not forgotten her obligations to China nor her desire to see her free and independent, but the dominant fact now is that "we ourselves are engaged in a life and death struggle."

3. "Rapidly growing tension" with Japan over passage of supplies to China demanded that something be done, yet permanent closure of the supply routes would be repudiation of British promises to help China; therefore, "what we have made is a temporary arrangement in the hope that a solution just and equitable to both."

Churchill needed no emotional flourishes to drive home his point about the king's misbehavior.

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