

Chaplin And His Attorney



Defense Attorney Geisler (left) is shown here conferring with his client, the former Actor Charles Chaplin in Los Angeles during the trial of the latter on charges of Mann Act violation. A jury last night declared Chaplin not guilty.

Chaplin Found Innocent Of Mann Act Violation

By GENE HANDSAKER
LOS ANGELES, April 4.—(P)—Lips trembling, clutching at the knot of his necktie, an emotion-choked Charlie Chaplin tonight heard himself acquitted of Mann Act charges. Yells of "hooray" went up from the jammed spectator section along with a burst of applause as the court clerk announced acquittal on the first of the indictment's two counts.

SERVICEMEN TOLD ABOUT VOTE LAW

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(P)—The Army and Navy and the War Shipping Administration announced today they are sending full information on the service voting law to personnel in the armed services.

BLS INDEX SAID 'SAWDUST CHART'

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(P)—The American Federation of Labor unlimbered its best statistics and arguments before a War Labor Board panel today to support its contention that both the little steel wage formula and the cost of living index are out of line with the government's promises and the facts.

Voters Favor Thos. E. Dewey In Wisconsin

TAKES AN EARLY LEAD
Candidate Pledged Commander Stassen Among Top

MILWAUKEE, April 4.—(P)—Candidates pledged to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who swore he didn't even want his name used, took a run-away lead tonight in mounting early returns from Wisconsin presidential primary which many politicians had eyed chiefly as a test for Wendell Willkie.

EARLY LEAD

MILWAUKEE, April 4.—(P)—Candidates pledged to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, and running despite his disavowal jumped into an early lead tonight in inconclusive returns from Wisconsin presidential primary balloting on four state delegates at large to the Republican national convention.

FLOWERS PLANTED HERE LAST MONTH

The Park Department during the month of March planted 3,325 bulbs and perennials and transplanted 359 shrubs, A. C. Nichols, City Manager, announced yesterday. A detailed report of the Park department's work for March submitted by R. W. Snell, superintendent of Parks follows:

Japs' Hollandia Base Wrecked By U. S. Bombers In Great Raid; Greater Part Of Tarnopol Taken

NEAR ESCAPE ROUTE
Russians Overrun 50 Localities In Their Drive On Odessa

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BUCHAREST HIT BY U. S. BOMBERS

American Fliers Raid Rumanian Capital For The First Time
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, April 4.—(P)—American Flying Fortresses and Liberators for the first time bombed the Rumanian capital of Bucharest today, flying to within 200 miles of the Russo-German front to strike the Hitler's Balkan communications.

AMERICA REVISES STAFF IN ITALY

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(P)—President Roosevelt reorganized American diplomatic assignments in Italy today but made no move suggesting greater recognition of the Badoglio government.

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YOUTHS UNDER 26 TO BE EXAMINED

RALEIGH, April 4.—(P)—General J. Van B. Metts, state director of selective service, said today all men under 26 years of age who had not been examined within the past 90 days would be ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination.

Near Panic Conditions In Rumania Reported; Speedy Collapse Seen

INSTANBUL, April 4.—(P)—Near panic conditions in Rumania, where the Russians are rolling across the frontier and Allied air power is newly evident, were indicated in reports today from Bucharest.

17 Jap Ships Were Sunk By Daring Carrier Force

By LEONARD MILLMAN
Associated Press War Editor
At least 17 Japanese ships—and probably many more—were sunk by a powerful American carrier force making a three-way strike close to the Philippines and by submarines patrolling even deeper in enemy waters, the Navy announced yesterday (Tuesday).

Germans Shell Hospital In Italy Without Damage

By KENNETH L. DIXON
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY ON THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD, April 4.—(P)—Digging in of the Anzio beachhead hospitals during recent weeks paid dramatic dividends today as more than 20 German shells combed the densely packed hospital area without killing or wounding a single person.

HIGHER PRICES FOR FRUIT SEEN

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(Special) Optimism concerning the request of North Carolina producers for increased ceiling prices on fresh fruits and vegetables was expressed here tonight by J. V. Whitfield, president of the Pender County Farm Bureau.

COURT MARTIAL WITNESS HEARD

CINCINNATI, April 4.—(P)—A sharply disputed picture of inspection difficulties which the Army contends resulted in defective airplane engines and parts was drawn by the prosecution today in a general court martial of three Air Force officers accused of neglect of duty and conspiracy.

BRITISH FORCED BACK IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, April 4.—(P)—Fires set in the tinder-dry jungle by Japanese invaders east of the threatened Allied base of Imphal in eastern India have forced desperately resisting British and Indian troops to withdraw onto the Mainpur plain after having killed at least 900 Japanese in a week of hard fighting it was reported today.

M. R. Hobbs Is Victim Of Hit And Run Car; Condition Is Good

M. R. Hobbs, 401 Wright street, was the victim of a hit and run driver between third and fourth on Wright street last night about 8 p. m. The car was a black '36 Ford sedan with yellow wheel and tire on back, loaded with Negroes; W. J. Millis and Earl Williamson, investigating officers, reported they did not have any trace of it.

400 TONS EXPLOSIVES

Greatest Raid Of South Pacific Rocks New Guinea 'Drome
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Wednesday, April 5.—(P)—Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney sent more than 300 planes against Hollandia Sunday in the greatest single raid ever attempted by his Fifth Air Force, and when the attack ceased after an hour and a half of continuous action the big Japanese base on the northwestern coast of New Guinea was only a useless smoking wreck. 288 planes were destroyed.

Tar Heel Producers Confer In Washington With OPA Official

WASHINGTON, April 4.—(Special) Occupation of Rambutyo island just southeast of Manus island in the Admiralty group was announced. After a naval shelling troops moved ashore and took the island without opposition on Monday.

STATE TO APPEAL RAIL FARE RULE

RALEIGH, April 4.—(P)—Governor Broughton said the State Utilities Commission, which conferred with him today, had decided to appeal in the Federal District Court from the Interstate Commerce Commission's recent order to raise intrastate coach fares from 1.65 to the interstate level of 2.2.

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