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### **Chaplin And His Attorney**

FORECAST

ooler Wednesday with resh winds. High yesterday: 58-Low: 37.

YOL. 77.-NO. 65

NORTH CAROLNA: Party cloudy and



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 was 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 trailed in fourth. 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 the basis of first unofficial tabulatlerk announced acquittal on the\* first of the indictment's two inged walnut - paneled courtroom.

Chaplin who has betrayed almost The balifilf rapped for order, and no emotion during the trial sat S. District Judge J. F. T. with his head in his hands both

Connor warned loudly against a before the jury came in and during urther demonstration. The clerk the preliminaries to the verdict. lien read the result on the second the stocky silver-haired producer-The jury of seven women and comedian rose from his chair and

five men cleared the world-famed seized his Attorney Jerry Giesler Fritish-bora comedian of govern- by the hand, a smile broke over rges that he transported

# Voters Favor Japs' Hollandia Base Wrecked Thos.E.Dewey By U.S. Bombers In Great Raid; InWisconsir In WISCONSIF TAKES AN EARLY I Candidate Pledged Commander S Among Top Commander S Commander S

MILWAUKEE, April 4 .- (A. LONDON, April 4.-(AP)-The gov-Candidates pledged to Gov. Thom- ernment of Prime Minister Eamon as E. Dewey, who swore he didn't DeValera announced tonight a even want his name used, took a complete ban on the sale of coal run-away lead tonight in mount- in Eire-reflecting the drying-up ing early returns from Wisconsin of strike-ridden England's export presidential primary which many supplies as well as a further notch politicians had eyed chiefly as a in Eire's belt-tightening. Coal long has been rationed in test for Wendell Willkie.

Eire and tonight's announcement cancelled all existing permits to purchase it for any purpose. The MILWAUKEE ,April 4.- (AP) -Candidates pledged to Gov. Thom- Dublin government long has push-

as E. Dewey of New York, and ed the use of peat as a fuel, since running despite his disavowal the country has large supplies. jumped into an early lead tonight consin presidential primary bal-loting on four state delegates at large to the Republican primary bal-

large to the Republican national convention.

EARLY LEAD

Three Dewey-pledged delegate candidates led in returns from 119 of the state's 3076 precincts. A candidate pledged to Lt. Comnander Harold E. Stassen, form-

er governor of Minnesota, also was in the first four, while his three running mates were close behind.

Although Wisconsin will have four delegates-at-large, the best Dewey could do would be threethe fourth Dewey man having with- the first time bombed the Ruman- of Ovidiopol. From there fleeing drawn after the New Yorker ob- ian capital of Bucharest today, fly- Germans would have to cross the jected to use of his name in the ing to within 200 miles of the six-mile-wide Dniester estuary by

The ticket running in the name third Allied blow in 24 hours at arabia. of General Douglas MacArthur Hitler's Balkan communications.

pledged to Wendell L. Willkie, who miles from bases in southern Italy ing toward the Black Sea, front recampaigned the state for 13 days, to carry out this attack supporting ports said, and the inadequate Odthe Red army troops invading Rumania from the northeast.

Like Budapest, capital of another

Republicans elected 24 delegates, rest is an important rail center of middle Dniester river in the Skala incidents. including 20 by districts and four the Balkans, and its yards have pocket 250 miles northwest of Od-

Budapest.



calities In Their Drive On Odessa

LONDON, Wednesday, April 5,-

tually pinned against the lack Sea closed that the naval task force

ev, said a broadcts bulletin record- their number. ed by the Soviet Monitor.

The capture of Bakalovo, near-

troyed the usefullness of the Odes-

Stormovik fighter planes were The American airmen flew 600 strafing German columns retreatessa-Akkerman route also was vulnerable to bombardment by the big guns of the Soviet Black Set fleet. The Russians also slashed deeper

Nazi satellite, Hungary, which was into the remnants of 15 German pounded twice yesterday, Bucha- divisions sealed off just above the and these do not include random

from the state at large. Democrats been reported choked with supplies essa, the communique said. Mos- ed in the area of a hospital kitchand troops moving to oppose the cow dispatches said these trapped en, killing a cook.

Rusian invaion of Rumania. To-day's smash probably equalled and weaker as the ring closes." Total casualties due to bombing and shelling of the beachhead hosyesterday's 1,000 - ton assault on Killing 3.400 Germans and cap- pitals are 43 killed and 145 woundturing 300 in three days at Tarno- ed.

This was the first American blow pol, the bulletin said the Russians In this afternoon's blistering barof the war at Bucharest, though a now had won most of that torn rage hospital personnel and patients huddled behind sand bags Optimism concerning the request day.

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Twenty-seven American planes were lost in the attacks. Tokyo Associated Press War Editor At least 17 Japanese ships-and radio said the Japanese airforce probably many more-were sunk intercepted the great task force (P)-Red army announced today by a powerful American carrier last Wednesday night, before the Southwest Pacific. Wednesday, that it had captured the greater force making a three-way strike dawn strike at Palau, and contin- April 5.-(P)-Lt. Gen. George C. part of surrounded Tarnopol in close to the Philippines and by ued attacks until Saturday. It Kenney sent more than 300 planes former Poland and smashed to submarines patrolling even deeper caimed two American cruisers against Hollandia Sunday in the within two miles of the last rail escape route for perhaps 200,000 Germans and Rumanians new vir

Secretary of the Navy Knox dis- planes shot down. Bearing down on the big Black Sea port of Odessa from the north-west, the Russians overran 50 lo-califies including Database over a black which began raiding the Palau is-philippines, last week, also hit Manila was blacked

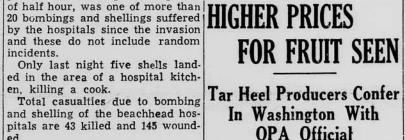
calities, including Bakalovo, two Yap and Woleai harbors was sunk derwent an air raid alarm. Knox 288 planes were destroyed. miles east of Razdelnaya. control or damaged, Knox said. First resuggested it was a sidelight of the junction for Germans fleeing into ports coming through the five-day Palau attack, and perhaps some tons of bombs on the target-more Rumania via Tiraspol and Kishin- radio silence gave no count on Philippines.

Three Japanese warships were caught and sunk outside the atolls. from Foochow harbor on the Cenby Ponyatovka, and the rail sta- Fourteen merchantmen-two tankof Razdelnaya, practically des- by submarines in separate actions. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5) dromes and surrounding areas tion of Veselyi Kut, 18 miles north ers and 12 cargo ships-were sunk

# ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Na-PLES, April 4—(R)—American Fly-ing Fortnesses and Liberators for In Italy Without Damage

### By KENNETH L. DIXON

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY ON THE ANZIO BEACH-HEAD, April 4.--(AP)-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 anese planes last observed at Holperson. The shelling, over a period\*



"We pointed out that some of

**BRITISH FORCED** 

By Daring Carrier Force Greatest Raid Of South

Pacific Rocks New Guineo 'Drome

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, when the attack ceased after an "The naval war progresses with hour and a half of continuous acgreater speed than we had expect- tion the big Japanese base on the northwestern coast of New Guinea Manila was blacked out and un- was only a useless smoking wreck.

The great air fleet cascaded 400 American planes approached the than ever previously expended in a single strike anywhere in the Japanese warships sailed south Southwest Pacific. It's low-flying aircraft-Mitchells and Bostons by tral China coast, Chungking radio the scores - riddled three airwith hundreds of thousands of

rounds of machine-gun fire. The attack began at 10:49 a.m.

by noon, the participating pilots reported that all enemy aircraft sighted were on the ground and 'seemed to be burning or under attack."

By that time the entire Hollandia area was only a field of smoke and flame.

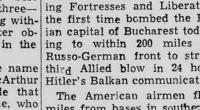
Gen. Douglas MacArtnur said today that every one of the 288 Japlandia had been "demolished or

irreparably damaged." Twentysix intercepting Japanese fighter planes were downed in an air battle over Hollandia against FOR FRUIT SEEN air battle over Hollandia against the loss of only one American air-

craft. Hollandia's runways were left

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

strong force of Liberators flew near it last summer when they (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) tients huddled behind sand bags Optimism concerning the request day. below the earth's surface or sought of North Carolina producers for Allied bombers again hit Truk



ions.

(Continued on Page Eight; Col. 3) As the verdict was announced **FLOWERS PLANTED HERE LAST MONTH** 

# American Fliers Raid Rumanian Capital For The First Time

**BY U. S. BOMBERS** 

ing Fortresses and Liberators for from Odessa to the ferry terminus

was in third position, while that The Dewey delegates came to the





former protegee, 24-year-old ed him on the shoulder. oral purposes.

fler six minutes of deliberation.

As Court Clerk Francis Cross heard to say to one friend "I had mitted by R. W. Snell, superinten- possibly more-and a year ago this an Roscoe Reeder and read the first count of the verdict "not J. F. T. O'Connor was forced to that he paid for attractive redhair-

The jury announced it had dictment. reached a verdict fully ten minutes

SERVICEMEN TOLD

ABOUT VOTE LAW

WASHINGTON, April 4-(P)-The

law to personnel in the armed

The War Department said it

a circular explaining all fea-

Commanders must give full

general voting information

ublicity," the department said,

provided in the circular, bring

xpressly to the attention of sol-

ers other circulars giving spe-

cific information as to 1944 pri-

aries and elections, make post-

vailable to all soldiers desiring

res and in attesting oaths and in-

ruct the men how clearly and

nders, the department added,

Edward A. Hayes

e of the voting privilege." hiping Administrator Em-

Land, said polling places

be provided on all ships

s attention

tes are prohibited."

((applications for a ballot)

assist in certifying signa-

execute ballot appli-

The circular to com-

ires of the law and the "re-

ponsibilities of commanders."

dered "expedited" distribution facts.

Services.

and Giesler clapp The Park Department during the made a costly but highly effective Berry, to New York City It was a crowded courthroom month of March planted 3,325 attack on the Ploesti oil refineries and back in October, 1942 for im- when the verdict was returned and bulbs and perrenials and trans- about 25 miles north of the capital. the bystanders immediately planted 359 shrubs, A. C. Nichols,

about his shoulders. He was over- department's work for March sub- or four times by the Russians-

took the verdict from Jury Fore- faith in the American people." By its verdict the jury of seven appluse and Federal Judge he asserted from the witness stand days have been lost due to rain.

cang his desk neavily before order ed Joan Berry's transportation to ed at the following locations; along was restored and the clerk could New York with no immoral intent. 3rd Street at Greenfield Park. 3rd roceed with reading of the second That charge was the basis of the Street plaza at Greenfield Street, first count of the government's in- 3rd Street plaza between Church

**'SAWDUST CHART** 

ernment decidea "it could at least

sit on the figures."

"sawdust chart."

of is at least 43 per cent.

mation on the service voting Board panel today to support its

The jury carie in at 6:10 p.m. swarmed around Chaplin pumping City Manager, announced yesterhours and fifty eight his hand and putting their arms day. A detailed report of the Park Bucharest has been bombed three

government's promises and the over one time.

before it returned to the high ceil- (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) Market Street, Market street plaza

**BLS INDEX SAID** 

dent of Parks follows: The park crew has averaged 7.6 women and five men decided that men per day, the tree crew 3 men suilty" a crewded courtroom burst Chaplin was telling the truth when per day, while parts of several

contest.

day's attack. "Flower beds have been prepar-The first Russian raids were in year they were reported to have examination. blown up an arsenal in the capital.

Moscow reported that the Rumanat Harnett Street, 3rd Street plaza at Dock Street, plazas at 5th and

August it was reported Bucharest nected with the following: might be declared an "open city,"

**AMERICA REVISES** 

**STAFF IN ITALY** 

WASHINGTON, April 4.-(P) American diplomatic assignments effort than his service in the

Alexander C. Kirk, minister to

Egypt, goes on the Allied advisory

council for Italy with the personal

rank of ambassador. Britain and

Russia also have membership on

Meany, who conducted the AFL's Dawson Street from 17th to the Despite a Russian agreement to by the state director having juriscase, said he could not accept the city limits and at the Katherine exchange representatives with Ba- diction over the place of employstatement of any government of- Kennedy Home. Considerable ficial that prices have not risen weeding was done in shrub beds doglio, the United States and Britir, the last year and added that in Greenfield park, and one man ain have continued to deal with al induction. after the tailure of the rollback has been on duty patroling the the Italian regime on a strictly and holdback campaign" the gov- park on Saturday evenings and military basis.

The White House announced (ontinued on Page Two; Col. 7) these two appointments:

his council.

He pointed out the formula had failed to maintain a parity with **President Roosevelt's** even the government's living cost figures and described the Bureau Health Is Satisfactory, His Physician Reports

Robert D. Murphy, who has been WASHINGTON, April 4 .- (P)both a member of the council and in detail to re- for groups of workers. Its ceiling Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, political adviser to the Allied com- panic conditions in Rumania, who keeps tab on President Roose- mander in the Mediterranean, Gen. where the Russians are rolling argument or propaganda hourly rates of Januar, 1941. The velt's health, said today that a Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, gives across the frontier and Allied air members of the armed forces BLS index shows a rise of 23.4 comprehensive physical check-up up the council position in order power is newly evident, were inpoints out that polls or straw per cent in that period, and an has shown the Chief Executive to to deal exclusively with Allied dicated in reports today from command political problems.

"I can say to you," he told re-"hary Knox' office, said the "Let me remind you," said porters, "that the check-up is sat- a press conference that it was the cease hoarding and to merchants age naval personnel in the formula itself were based on mak- his bronchitis and one of his si- lomatic assignments. was concocted to prevent inflation. 62-plus we had very little to ar- ington for three months for con- Governor Obnescu of the National

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) ture.

**YOUTHS UNDER 26** Sometimes called the most bizar-TO BE EXAMINED re and corrupt of all capitals,

RALEIGH, April 4.-(P)-General month the government made a half - hearted attempt to remove the civilian poupulation. But the Soviet raids probably were in nothing like the strength of to-

past 90 days would be ordered to if the first shell hadn't been a submitted. The delegation was (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) June, 1941, and in July of that report for pre-induction physical had time to take cover.

Metts said directives from national selective service headquarians had constructed a dummy ters at present indicated occupa-Bucharest' near the real city in tional deferments would be rean effort to fool the bombers. Last stricted to vital war activities con-

> Landing craft, tires and tubes, ucts, aircraft, a i r b o r n e radar,

rockets, submarines, transporta-CINCINNATI April 4.-(P-A should be recommended." tion, and possibly a few others. sharply disputed picture of inspec-The general said he believed that tion difficulties which the Army 'few young men would be grantcontends resulted in defective aired agricultural deferments, in view

of the need for young men in the plane engines and parts was drawn (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5) 2.2. Filing of the appeal automatiby the prosecution today in a genarmed forces," and that a "registrant could hardly be found eseral court martial of three Air sential unless his over-all produc- Force officers accused of neglect President Roosevelt reorganized tion contributed more to the war of duty and conspiracy.

One witness, a former inspector at the Wright Aeronautical Corp. A registrant may be granted ocplant at Locklard, O., testified that

cupationa deferment. Metts said, ir July 1942. 250 engines, rejected if a form 42-A special is approved ment and received by the local meet its quota.

But the witness, William J. board before the registrant's actu-Ratchford, now working in the Mainpur plain after having killed Metts said North Carolina would Ford Motor Plant in Hamilton, O., that he knew of no engine from day.

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) the Lockland piant that ever failed in flight.



spectors complained the company fully laid fires to rout them from dominated and frustrated their their positions. Some Allied troops INSTANBUL, April 4.-(AP)-Near work. Clark, whose duties included through the flames and others were periodic check-ups on plants in the machine-gunned.

district, admitted under crossquestioning by Maj. Edward F. Cavanagh that there were serious have lost 3,600 men killed and personal differences between him

Secretary of State Hull said at Repeated calls to the people to and Maj. W. A. Ryan, former inof the Navy Department Meany, "that the whole stabiliza- isfactory. The only thing we need increase in such problems which to halt speculation are construed spection officer for the procurebeen and is to assist and tion program and the little steel to finish up on is the residual of brought about the revision of dip- as signs that the population foresees a speedy collapse.

Bucharest.

ing wage rates stay even with liv-ing costs. The little steel formula rapidly. We decided for a man of Murphy, who has been in Wash-Murphy, who has been in Wash-Neagu and tion section of the AAE metonial Lt. Col. Frank C. Greulich of Detion section of the AAF materiel division at Wright Field, and Masultation but has now gone back Bank of Rumania were interpreted blications for ballots, en- effect. It has submerged wages Mr Roosevelt has been troubled to Italy, has responsibility for Bal- here s signs of a crack in Ruman- jor William Bruckmann of Cincin-

Wright plant.

haven under flak roofs of wood increased ceiling prices on fresh in the Carolines, dropping 46 tons and sand bags erected over cots. fruits and vegetables was express- of bombs on docks and warehouses "They threw more than 20 shells ed here tongght by J. V. Whitfield, of Dublon atoll the largest and in around the tents, but nobody president of the Pender County most important in the Truk atoll. was hurt." said Pfc. Samuel Ute- Farm Bureau.

sey, Edna, Tex., hospital worker. "We just sweat it out."

Last night's lone casualty was ferred here, begining Monday, J. Van B. Metts, state director of caused by a "lucky hit" on a pa-tient's most tent said But Neillie tient's mess tent, said Pvt. Neillie fice of Price Administration's divi- enemy bastion. selective service, said today all J. Halgruks, Comanco, Tex., kitch- sion of fresh fruits and vegetables, men under 26 years of age who en worker, who had a close call to whom facts concerning asserted- northeast New Guinea, has served had not been examined within the but was not injured. He said that ly "excessively low" prices was

> "lucky hit" the cook would have headed by R. Flake Shaw, of ad time to take cover. Generally speaking, personnel of Carolina Farm Bureau. New STATE TO APPEAL

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) Hanover county was represented by R. W. Galphin, of Wilmington.

**COURT MARTIAL** WITNESS HEARD

Seven out ot 60 intercepting Japa-Whitfield was one of a delegation nese aircraft were shot down and of Tar Heel producers who con- the attackers lost five planes.

This was the twelfth raid in less

Hollandia, near the border of



the current vegetable ceilings are RALEIGH, April 4.-(P)-Goverhardly above cost of producction", declared Whitfield, "Mr. Gindicks nor Broughton said the State Utiliagreed to study the cost of pro- ties Commission, which conferred duction data and decide whether with him today, had decided to our request for increased ceilings appeal in the Federal District Court from the Interstate Com-Shaw suggested to Gindicks that merce Commission's recent order 1944 ceiling on fruits and vege- to raise intrastate coach fares tables should be at least 50 per from 1.65 to the interstate level of

> cally stays enforcement of the ICC ruling. The North Carolina utilities commissioners said they would **BACK IN INDIA** ask commissioners of three other states affected by the ruling -Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky

-to support the appeal. NEW DELHI. April 4-(P-Fires The North Carolina utilities comset in the tinder-dry jungle by mission last July denied the railby civilian inspectors because of Japanese invaders east of the roads' request for an increase in oil pumping, were accepted by the threatened Allied base of Imphal Army to enable the company to in eastern India have forced fares. At a hearing before the desperately resisting British and ICC the commission contended: That ICC's assertion of authority Indian troops to withdraw onto the over purely state matters was unat least 900 Japanese in a week of warranted; that the intrastate be required to furnish its propor- rord Motor Plant in Hamilton, O., at least 900 Japanese in a week of quality of railroad service did not declared under cross examination hard fighting it was reported tojustify an increase; and that the railroads failed to prove need of

For days the defenders threw an increase in revenue. back attack after attack on the Three members of the 11-man Inshell-swept Sangshak plateau 30 terstate Commerce Commission miles east of Imphal, receiving dissented from the decision orderfood and munitions by plane, being the increase in coach fares.

fore the Japanese resorted to care-M. R. Hobbs Is Victim perished as they attempted to dash Of Hit And Run Car; Condition Is Good In the month since the Japanese

began their invasion of India they M. R. Hobbs, 401 Wright street, was the victim of a hit and run ed as they infiltrated in numerous driver between third and fourth small columns over 200 miles of on Wright street last night about fcot rails along the India-Burma 8 p. m. The car was a black '36 tire on back, loaded with Negroes; ceeded in cutting the main supply W. J. Millis and Earl Williamson, investigating officers, reported munique from Admiral Lord Louis they did not have any trace of it. munique from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters did de as satisfactory by hospital au-

The two other accused men are border, a front dispatch declared.

(ontinued on Page Two; Col. 7) thorities late last night.

of Labor Statistics' index as a The little stee! formula is a costoi-living pay adjustment schedule on dissemination of is 15 per cent above the average

AFL-CIO study claims the increase be in satisfactory condition.

seamen would be furnish- It has had exactly the opposite gue about."

and instruction on voting further and further below the con- for several weeks with a head stantly mounting rise in prices." cold and bronchitis.

at 17th Street, and the Willard Street fire station. "Practically all flower seeds but nothing more was heard of high tenacity rayon for war prodhave been sown in flat in the it. greenhouse and in cold frames. Ap-

proximately 350 narcissus bulbs were lifted and "heeled in." 35 WASHINGTON. A pril 4.-(R)- shade trees were dug and planted

### Army and Navy and the War The American Federation of Labor at various places throughout the Scipping Administration announc- unlimbered its best statistics and dug in front of the City Hall and ed today they are sending full in- arguments before a War Labor transplanted on S. 5th Street. "The grass at the filter plant has contention that both the little steel been fertilized, practically all roses

wage formula and the cost of liv- in the plazas have been tied up and ing index are out of line with the all winter grass has been mowed in Italy today but made no move armed forces." "Approximately 75 crepe myrtles suggesting greater recognition of Secretary - Treasurer George and small trees were pruned on the Badoglio government.