

FORECAST

NORTH CAROLINA: Friday partly cloudy and continued warm with scattered showers and thundershowers in west portion. Temperatures yesterday: High: 73—Low: 61.

Wilmington Morning Star

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR AND BATAAN

Kwajalein Becomes Base For Navy Task Force



All types of ships comprising a large U. S. Navy task force in the central Pacific are anchored off Kwajalein Island former Jap base in the heart of the Marshall Islands. The tents in the foreground are those of the Seabees who are rebuilding the stronghold. Some of these ships may have taken part in the raid on Truk last week in which 126 Jap planes were destroyed. No American ship was damaged. Navy photo.

N. C. Democrats Back 4th Term; Broughton Wanted As FR's Mate

410 DELEGATES BACK ROOSEVELT

Belated Florida Returns Cut Into Senator Claude Pepper's Lead

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina Democrats endorsed a fourth term for President Roosevelt yesterday and lined up 30 more national convention delegates behind him.

This brought to 410 the number of delegates already pledged or claimed for Mr. Roosevelt out of 510 thus far selected. It requires 369 to nominate — one more than half the 1176 convention votes.

The 410 figure excludes four prospective Florida delegates who are pledged to Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia but whose votes may go to Mr. Roosevelt under the unit system.

Florida democratic party rules require that the state's 18 national convention votes must be cast as a unit if two-thirds of the delegates agree on a candidate.

Late returns from Tuesday's primary indicate 14 delegates favoring a fourth term and four pledged to Byrd were elected.

The belated returns cut into Senator Claude Pepper's lead over opponents, but it still appeared probably he would win renomination and avoid a run-off primary.

The North Carolina Democrats, in state convention, voted to support Gov. J. M. Broughton for the vice presidential nomination. The Tar Heel executive also has been endorsed by the Oklahoma league of young Democrats for the vice presidency and friends are trying to line up a Southern bloc behind him.

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WAR BOND MEET SLATED SATURDAY

WINSTON-SALEM, May 4.—Clarence T. Leinbach of Winston-Salem, chairman of the North Carolina war finance committee today called a meeting to be held in Raleigh Saturday at 11 a. m. of all area and regional war bond managers to make initial plans for the fifth war loan drive in this state.

At the conference Leinbach will pass along to war bond officials information he obtained at a meeting of representatives of the Treasury Department with war finance chairmen from southeastern states held at Atlanta, Ga., April 24.

Within a week to 10 days following the Raleigh meeting, Leinbach expects to arrange for regional meetings to be held throughout the State along the lines of those conducted prior to the launching of the fourth war loan.

In the regional meetings, plans for the fifth war loan will be transmitted to county war finance chairmen, women and campaign workers.

The fifth war loan is scheduled to begin June 12 and run through July 8.

30 VOTES PLEDGED DEMOCRATS NAME THEIR DELEGATES

State Convention Upholds Party's Record In Past 12 Years

By BLOYD W. BRITT

RALEIGH, May 4.—(AP)—North Carolina's 30 votes in the National Democratic Convention were pledged today to a fourth term for President Roosevelt and to Governor J. M. Broughton for the vice presidency by a state convention which vigorously upheld the party's record in the last 12 years of Democratic administration.

The delegates were instructed to support Mr. Roosevelt as long as his name is before the convention and to "place the name of your governor before the convention and work in his behalf until his nomination is secured.

The platform, adopted with a minimum of debate, included a plank declaring that "the provision in the federal constitution requiring a two-thirds majority of the senators present for the ratification of treaties has enabled a minority of the senators to thwart the will of a great majority of their colleagues, to disregard the considered opinion of the American people and to defeat the best interests of the United States.

"We strongly approve and urge an amendment to the federal constitution that will make the process of ratification more democratic in nature."

More than 3,500 delegates from the state's 100 counties filled the floor of the convention hall and thunderously applauded Mr. Roosevelt and Governor Broughton when the resolutions were presented.

Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney and life-long friend of the government, made the endorsing speech after the resolution was offered by State Senator Rivers D. Johnson of Warsaw.

Speaking extemporaneously, (Continued on Page Eight; Col. 3)

METHODISTS VOTE TO SUPPORT WAR

KANSAS CITY, May 5.—(AP)—Methodists voted today to support the war because "God himself has a stake in the struggle."

The resolution adopted after lengthy debate by the first general conference since Pearl Harbor said in part:

"God himself has a stake in the struggle. We repudiate the theory that a state, even though imperfect in itself, must not fight against intolerable wrongs."

The action, exact vote of which was not announced, repudiates the church's stand taken in 1940, which said the church would "not officially endorse, support, or participate in war."

Today's decision was reached after more than five hours of oratory and more than 30 speeches. So hot was the debate that at times more than a dozen delegates were on their feet, shouting "Mr. Chairman."

Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N. C., lawyer, led the successful fight for a committee minority report.

Setzer Given 20 Years For Manslaughter

BURGAU TRIAL ENDS

Judge Harris Immediately Passes Sentence On 20 Year Old Youth

BURGAU, May 4.—(AP)—The baffling murder trial of Richard Setzer, charged with the New Year's eve slaying of Stedman Hall Carr ended tonight in Pender County Superior court, with the youth being found guilty of manslaughter.

He was immediately sentenced to 20 years at hard labor in the state penitentiary by Judge W. C. Harris, who told the jurors, that considering all the evidence which had been presented by the state, they had been "Exceedingly merciful."

A. W. Shaw acted as foreman for the 13 man jury, summoned on a special venire from Bladen county because of the impossibility of securing an impartial jury in this county.

Before the judge pronounced sentence, R. W. Brandis, a defense attorney, read a letter from Judge E. T. Allen of the western district of North Carolina, who said he knew the defendant's family quite well and any clemency Judge Harris could show would be appreciated.

The Willard youth took the verdict quite calmly, as he had the entire trial.

Present for the final stages were Mrs. Carr, wife of the slain man, together with several members of her family, and numerous spectators.

The jury had deliberated for seven hours, and returned the verdict of manslaughter at 9:45 p. m. The case had been given them at 1:45 p. m. This afternoon and they had taken an hour out for supper.

The 20 year sentence was the maximum for manslaughter.

The baffling mystery was given the jurors at 1:45 p. m. today after Judge W. C. Harris had told the men they had four possible verdicts: first degree murder, second degree murder, manslaughter or not guilty. Setzer was being tried on charges of first degree murder.

In his message to the jury this morning, Defense Attorney Roy Francis said the state was basing its case entirely upon circumstantial evidence, and that the evidence as presented was not enough for a first degree verdict.

The defense closed its case without submitting any evidence or calling any witnesses.

Solicitor Clifton Moore told the 13 men in the box of the "mass" of evidence which the state had presented and contended that it was sufficient for a verdict of first degree murder.

For the second time, Sheriff J. T. Brown quoted the youth as admitting guilt. The sheriff said this second admission was made yesterday when he carried Setzer's lunch to him in the cell where he is being held. Shortly after Setzer was arrested last January, the sheriff said that he had admitted shooting the well known merchant.

SEDITION TRIAL DEFENDANT DIES

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—Elmer J. Garner of Wichita, Kas. one of the defendants in the government's trial of 30 men and women accused of sedition was found dead in bed in his Washington room today.

Garner, 80, was listed by the Department of Justice as the editor of "Publicity."

His lawyer, Marvin F. Bischoff, said Garner's body was found in a Washington rooming house late today. The defendant was in court yesterday, the attorney said, and appeared to "be in good spirits."

The indictment against Garner probably will be nolle prossed and the government will go ahead with the trial of the other 29 defendants.

The case is temporarily in abeyance now during a hearing on a contempt of court citation against James J. Loughlin, one of the defense attorneys.

STETTINIUS RETURNS

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., returned today from a "most successful" five-week trip during which he held pre-invasion diplomatic discussions in London and met American diplomats in Marrakech, Morocco.

During his three weeks stay in London he saw all the principal United Nations Diplomats, including British Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden. According to a statement issued there he was successful in ironing out Anglo-American diplomatic wrinkles and the Soviet and Chinese governments were kept informed of his discussions with the British.

Two More Landings Made On Dutch New Guinea By U. S. Sixth Army Troops

1,750 Bombers Plaster European Targets With 6,000 Tons Of Bombs

LONDON, May 4.—(AP)—American Flying Fortresses delivered a sharp attack on a Nazi airdrome in Holland today, highlighting the 20th straight day of the Allied aerial offensive — a day in which 1,750 bombers striking from Britain and Italy by night and day dropped 6,000 tons of explosives on Hitler's Europe.

American Marauders and Havoc light bombers and RAF Mitchells struck a wide variety of supply depots and military installations in northern France by daylight and American Mustangs conducted an offensive sweep over Brunswick, Germany.

All the Fortresses, about 250 in number, returned safely, as did the medium and light bombers. Their fighter escort lost three planes and downed nine Nazis, while the fighters over Germany shot down the only German plane sighted.

The RAF sent out a fleet of 750 heavy bombers in a series of early-morning moonlight raids on France and Ludwigshaven, Germany, losing 49, and the Mediterranean air forces staged their first night attack on Bucharest, Rumania.

The Budapest radio went off the air with an air raid warning late tonight, indicating that the Allied air forces based in Italy were returning to the Balkans for the second straight night.

Alarms of Allied planes also were sounded from the Balkans northward to the Alps and in western Germany. After the Budapest radio had fallen silent, the Berlin station announced, "several enemy bombers are over the Danube and the Alps area. Nuisance raiders are approaching western Germany." Then the Frankfurt radio

likewise called out, "Enemy raiders are approaching."

While the overall scope of the day's raids was light in comparison with recent mass assaults, the nature of the targets was notable. Having directed a long and shattering campaign against German factories, then against rail transport, the air forces now were centering their blows on German defensive installations and vital front supply dumps which the enemy will need instantly the moment invasion comes.

The opening of the western land front was being drawn perceptibly closer while the bulk of the heavy bomber forces rested from their prodigious labors in anticipation of new efforts to come.

The medium bomber attacks today raised such clouds of dust and smoke that accompanying fighters said damage was difficult to assess.

EXTEND HOLDINGS

One Force Lands At Demta As Other Goes Ashore At Torare Bay

BY LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor American Sixth Army troops made two new landings on Dutch New Guinea to consolidate and extend their holdings in the Hollandia area, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

The new landings were made by the same forces that less than two weeks ago swept 500 miles up the New Guinea coast to seize the Hollandia sector and its four airdromes, within bombing range of the Philippines. One force landed at Demta, extending American control of the coast 16 miles deeper into Japanese occupied territory. The other splashed ashore on Torare Bay, 12 miles from the town of Hollandia and midway between the original invasion points.

Infantrymen Protected Protecting the seaborne infantrymen, Allied bombers heavily blasted the Wakde airdrome, nearest Japanese base still in operation.

Other heavy bombers smashed at Wewak, by-passed New Guinea air base, and Timor in the Dutch East Indies, while other air sweeps and motor torpedo boat patrols accounted for one enemy ship, three planes and nine barges.

Emphasizing the increasing American threat to Japanese conquerors in the Philippines, Mitchell bombers from China have sunk an enemy ship in Amoy harbor, 450 miles northwest of the Philippines, and Central Pacific Liberators have made a heavy land based raid on Truk.

Truk Also Hit Truk, 1700 miles east of the Philippines, was hit in a quick follow-up of the devastating carrier raid last weekend. The defending garrison, still suffering from the shock of that 800-ton bombardment, put up only "moderate" anti-aircraft fire, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday. The usual two Japanese night fighters watched the Americans set off explosions and start fires in ground installations, but did nothing about it.

The attack on Amoy was part of an offensive by Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's China-based American bombers. They also made sweeps over enemy rail facilities in Indo-China.

Chungking conceded the 80,000 Japanese troops overrunning northern Honan province had made further gains. In the last two weeks the invaders have whittled down the Chinese-held segment of the Peiping-Hankow trackless railway from 175 miles to 60. This remnant, lying between Japanese-captured Minkiang and threatened Yen-cheng, is caught between pincers drives from the north and south.

To the north the Chinese garrison (Continued on Page Five; Col. 1)

SETTLEMENT MADE IN BABY MIX-UP

LOS ANGELES, May 4.—(AP)—An out-of-court settlement was effected today in the \$500,000 suit of Mr. and Mrs. James Hardwig, Jr., against the hospital they claimed gave them a baby girl to take home after Mrs. Hardwig contends she gave birth to a son last summer.

The settlement was announced shortly before Mrs. Hardwig was to have taken the stand in Judge Charles E. Haas' court.

Attorneys announced the adjustment was "satisfactory to all concerned," but they declined to discuss its terms.

The father, executive of a wholesale concern, was asked by newsmen if he approved the settlement.

"Well," he said, "even if it was proved we didn't have the right baby, we wouldn't give up the one we have under any circumstances."

Hardwig wouldn't discuss the terms of the compromise, but he said "the education of our daughter, Patricia Lynn, is assured."

The Hardwigs sent announcement cards to their friends after the birth, saying they had a boy. They named the child Richard Allen Hardwig. They sued the South Hoover Hospital on the grounds that Mrs. Hardwig was given the wrong baby.

Dr. John M. Andrews, the attending physician, had testified that his concern over the mother's condition, rather than any lack of professional skill, caused him to mistake the sex of the baby at the time of the birth.

WARD EXECUTIVE ARRESTED BY U. S.

Sowell Charged With Removing Government Poster From Wall

CHICAGO, May 4.—(AP)—FBI agents arrested an official of Montgomery Ward and company today as he was removing a government poster in one of the firm's Chicago plants that have been under federal control for eight days.

The official, Paul D. Sowell, assistant mail order operating manager of the concern, told reporters he saw the poster — a mimeographed notice that no workers were to be dismissed without the approval of the federal operating manager — and ascertained that it dealt with employee-management relations. He added:

"Rather than stand in the hall reading it, I was removing the thumb tacks in order to take the poster into my office and read it in its entirety, and abide by it, of course. After all, I have quite a few employees under my direction."

Sowell was taken into custody by the agents, who, Richard Hosteny, acting chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, reported, were stationed at the Ward facilities "at the direction of Attorney General Francis Biddle."

Hosteny said Sowell was not handcuffed when he was taken from the building. He was brought to the U. S. District Attorney's office, and then to the U. S. Marshal's office. His attorney, James C. Leaton, said he was fingerprinted "before service of any warrant."

Sowell was handcuffed as he (Continued on Page Five; Col. 3)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

National League Pittsburgh 6; St. Louis 3. Boston 8; New York 4. Cincinnati at Chicago (postponed.)

Brooklyn at Philadelphia (not scheduled)

American League Chicago 2; Cleveland 1. St. Louis 2; Detroit 0. (Only games scheduled.)

German Fighter Planes Whittled

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—German fighter plane strength and replacement ability has been whittled down so far, Secretary Stimson said today, that the enemy is now relying chiefly on anti-aircraft batteries for defense against large formations of American bombers.

In a news conference discussion, the war secretary also expressed the opinion that damage already done to German transportation facilities is beyond the Nazis' ability to repair. Such communications are a vital spot in the German defenses. The enemy must maintain them insofar as possible for movement of armies and supplies to combat any Allied invasion.

In order to conserve their remaining pursuit planes, Stimson said, the Nazis send them mainly against small groups of bombers or crippled or straggling planes.

As a result, he said, American bomber formations now return from missions in many instances with no losses while doing greater damage than ever.

The mark of our progress is that the opposition is less continuous and the damage we inflict is greater," he said, but added that the German air force is still capable of putting up bitter opposition when Allied planes make very deep penetrations of Germany to strike at vital targets.

BAILEY PLANNING NEW DRAFT BILL

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(Special)—A "work-or-be-drafted" proposal, by North Carolina's Senator Josiah W. Bailey, heads a list of measures to be given primary consideration by the Senate Military Affairs committee, Senator Robert R. Reynolds, his colleague and committee chairman said today.

Returning from a Florida vacation, Reynolds declared his committee would immediately tackle the Bailey bill, a modified version of a National Service Law proposed by the War Department.

The Tar Heel senator's proposal would subject any draft registrant between the ages of 18 and 45 to possible military service if such registrant should shift from essential to non-essential employment.

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U. S. And Britain Tighten Economic Blockade On Axis As Attack Nears

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(AP)—The United States and Britain tightened their economic blockade of Germany today with a warning to neutral European businesses not to assist the enemy in its final struggle for existence.

The warning was sounded in advance of the final Allied military drive to victory. It was based on a policy statement for 15,000 business concerns and individuals which have already been black listed because of their cooperation or trade with the Axis.

Under this iron-handed policy sanctions against those firms will be maintained after the war for an indefinite time, thus giving concerns which have cooperated with the Allies an initial advantage in competing for post-war markets.

Ten thousand of the black list firms are in Latin America and it

was indicated that sanctions against those would be eased first because Axis commercial intrigue has generally been brought under control in areas remote from the war zones.

The remaining 5,000 firms are in European neutral countries. They face the possibility of prolonged sanctions which include restrictions to prevent their doing business with British or American concerns. By a rough estimate, officials said, they represent a third or less of the firms still operating in that part of the world.

The remainder includes about 5,000 companies and individuals which have cooperated with the Allies, and a somewhat larger group which has stayed more or less in the middle.

It is this latter group that the Allied economic warfare directors

are seeking to reach, with their warning that if those firms play ball with the United Nations they need not fear economic sanctions after the war but that if they give assistance to the enemy they too will be blacklisted.

Francis H. Russell, chief of the State Department's division of world trade intelligence said in a speech to the American drug manufacturers association at Hot Springs, Va., today that sanctions will have to be continued during the period of transition back to peacetime economy.

As for the long range policy, Russell made it clear that sanctions eventually would be lifted, saying that this government "does not consider the proclaimed list (the blacklist) as an appropriate part of the type of normal peacetime trade policies which it hopes eventually will be established."

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