

FORECAST

WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Mostly cloudy and humid today with scattered thundershowers. Not quite so warm. Temperatures yesterday: High 92—Low 72.

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German Hurl Armor At British

Dewey Asks Party Heads For Support

WELCOMES ALL ADVICE

GOP Nominee Pledges 'Joint Decisions' On Campaign

CHICAGO, June 29.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey invited Republicans everywhere today to share the driver's seat with him for the presidential campaign, pledging "joint decisions" with Gov. John W. Bricker and welcoming any advice from Wendell L. Willkie.

At what he called "the world's biggest news conference," the GOP nominee endorsed his party's platform as "representing my views," declined to join in cabinet speculation, defined his foreign policy stance and welcomed "the support of every good American in the United States."

Then he went to work putting in effect what has emerged as a set policy of drawing the entire Republican organization in the inner councils of the campaign. He began conferences with national committee members, state chairmen and other party leaders, including former President Herbert Hoover.

His day began with a breakfast conference with Governor Bricker, his running mate. Dewey said Bricker would share in all of the campaign plans and would make with him all the decisions of major policy matters.

Bricker went home to Columbus for a civic celebration there tonight and Dewey planned to consult him by telephone particular over the question of filing the national committee chairmanship.

The committee delegated six of its members to consult Dewey on this question.

There have been reports that the present chairman, Harrison E. Spangler, would be placed in charge of the western campaign, with Herbert Brownell, Jr., directing the national show.

Spangler was one of a long line of visitors who streamed in and out of Dewey's suite. Others included Alf M. Landon, 1936 presidential candidate, and Edgar Brown, of the National Negro Council, Washington, D. C.

In what his associates called unprecedented procedure, Dewey was conferring, by groups of states at half-hour intervals, with members of the national committee and state chairmen and vice chairmen.

He talked twice with a subcommittee of the national committee concerning the party's national chairman, who probably will be named tomorrow by the full committee which Dewey has been invited to address informally.

Ten minutes late to his first news conference since he became the nominee Dewey walked into a Stevens' hotel ballroom where more than 500 persons, including some curious spectators, had gathered. The grinning governor, dressed in a light gray suit and appearing fresh despite a handshaking marathon that lasted well after midnight, posed politely for photographers. He confessed that the size of the gathering left him "awestruck."

Sitting on a table and puffing at a cigarette in a six-inch holder, Dewey covered a wide range of issues as reporters popped questions at him from every angle. Those in the rear of the crowded ballroom stood on chairs to see him better.

12,000 Jap Planes Destroyed By U. S.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—American airmen have destroyed more than 12,000 Japanese planes since the war started—better than one plane shot down or bombed on the ground every two hours since the Pearl Harbor attack.

This was disclosed today by a Navy report that its army—Navy and Marine flyers—have shot out of the air 5,521 Japanese war planes since the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Hawaii.

BOND SALES NEAR GOAL WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—War bond sales in the \$16,000,000, 000 Fifth War Loan drive have reached 79 per cent of the quota. Ted R. Gamble, war finance director, announced today.

U. S. Generals Figure In House-To-House Battle



In this remarkable photograph, two American major generals (their identities were not revealed) are seen scrambling over the roofs of sheds during the last hours of the battle for Cherbourg when house-to-house fighting was under way and German snipers were being trapped. The picture dramatically visualizes the type of warfare faced by high ranking officers and men alike. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International).

PEAS, TOMATOES AGAIN RATIONED

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration tonight ordered the restoration of ration point values for canned peas, tomatoes and asparagus, effective Sunday, and dropped a broad hint that other vegetables now ration-free may require points again soon.

OPA assigned a value of five points for No. 2 cans of peas and tomatoes. Asparagus goes back on the list at 10 points.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said the changes were in line with OPA's earlier statement that points would be restored when the remainder of the 1943 pack was cleaned up. Indicating that the time is near for placing other vegetables back under rationing, he added:

"We are already getting into the new canning season, the problem now is to distribute this year's output of canned vegetables evenly, giving everyone an opportunity to buy his share. This could not be done with canned vegetables at zero point values."

Other canned vegetables still ration-free are green and wax beans, beets, carrots, corn, spinach and leafy greens.

Other processed food changes for the period through July 29 include the return of branried, spiced and pickled fruits to rationing. They get the same point values as other canned fruits.

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Attempted Lynchings Reported From Paris

LONDON, June 29.—(AP)—The Berlin radio, broadcasting what it said was a dispatch from Paris, asserted today that residents of the French capital attempted to lynch American prisoners as they were marched through the streets.

"Late this afternoon almost 1,000 Allied prisoners were marched through Paris from Gare du Nord to 'Gate de L'Est,'" the broadcast said.

"There were some incidents caused by the population who tried to lynch American soldiers."

Hengyang Stronghold Falls To Jap Hordes

CHUNGKING, Friday, June 30.—(AP)—Encircled and battered Hengyang has been bombed by American planes and left aflame after abandonment of the American airbase nearby. It was disclosed last night by an American communique which referred to that vital Hunan province railway junction as a "Japanese stronghold."

A Chinese communique declared that the city still was in the hands of the defenders, but was based upon reports through Tuesday night, while Stilwell's report of the bombing of the junction detailed operations Thursday.

Hand-to-hand fighting was reported in the outskirts of the city by the bulletin, and a later communique early today reported the Chinese had scored their first success in Hunan in several weeks by recapturing Yiyang, more than 120 miles northwest of Hengyang. A major portion of the enemy forces at Yiyang was annihilated Thursday, and reinforcements have been routed, the Chinese said.

Mighty Air Fleet Hits Plane Plants

LONDON, June 29.—(AP)—Two thousand U. S. warplanes — 1,000 heavy bombers and an equal fighter escort — struck deep into Germany today and smashed at seven aircraft factories and a number of other targets while Allied fighters and medium bombers swarmed over the Normandy battle field in scorching support of ground troops.

Flak and swarms of German fighters challenged this mighty air fleet and 33 enemy fighters were knocked down by the vigilant escort, while bomber gunners picked off three more which fought through to the heavies.

Fifteen U. S. heavy bombers and three fighters are missing. Eleven other enemy planes were shot down over Normandy and four Allied planes were missing in that area.

Methodically the heavyweights unloaded their cargoes of destruction visually on plane plants of Leipzig, Oschersleben, Aschersleben, Magdeburg, Bernberg and Wittenburg all within a 150-mile radius southwest of Berlin, and Fallersleben, 40 miles east of Hannover.

Other bombers hit synthetic oil plants at Bohlen, near Leipzig, and airfields at Celle Stendal and Urg, west of Berlin, as well as two important railroad yards and other military and industrial targets.

Another prong of this ceaseless aerial offensive was aimed again at the Pas-de-Calais coast of France against the German flying bomb installations. As the robot bombs continued to fall on England, RAF heavy bombers swept over the channel during the afternoon and plastered launching ramps and equipment, losing five of the attacking force.

Count Drops Litigation Against Barbara Hutton

LOS ANGELES, June 29.—(AP)—Count Haugwitz - Reventlow, former Danish count, today filed a dismissal of his suit against his former wife, Barbara Hutton Grant dume - store heiress and wife of actor Cary Grant, in which he had sought control of the rearing and education of their son Lance, 9.

One of the most important points stressed by Abbott was that taxes should be collected immediately or before they have time to become greatly in arrears. Collection of taxes by the city and county is upon or by foreclosure, he said. This might be avoided, he added, if a stronger effort were made to collect these past due taxes promptly.

Methods of foreclosing real estate for non-payment of taxes and special assessment and other general problems raised by the officials present were discussed.

This was the ninth in a series of 18 meetings being conducted by the Institute of Government for county and town officials.

Copenhagen Patriots Stage Demonstrations

STOCKHOLM, June 29.—(AP)—More than 1,000 bonfires burned in the streets of Copenhagen tonight as Danish patriots continued anti-Nazi demonstrations in which 11 persons have been killed and 24 wounded, the Free Danish press service reported.

Danes ran through the streets hurling pictures of Adolf Hitler into the fires and singing "God Save The King," the news service said adding that British flags were hoisted at many places.

Nazi Lines Collapsing In Russia

THOUSANDS KILLED

Moscow Heralds Losses 'Greatest Defeat In History'

LONDON, Friday, June 30.—(AP)—Shattered by powerful blows from the air and on the ground, German defenses in White Russia were collapsing today in what some Moscow dispatches described as "The Greatest Defeat In History" — with scores of thousands of Nazi troops either killed or captured and approximately 7,000 populated places liberated in the first week of the Russians' mighty summer offensive.

Operating under waves of Red warplanes, the Soviet armies advanced more than 20 miles yesterday on two different fronts in the blazing central battle — zone and closed to within 30 miles of Minsk, the capital of White Russia, which itself was being bombed and burned by the Red air force.

Bobruisk, the fortified German stronghold which the speeding Russian troops had by — passed two days before, was captured and five trapped German divisions there were liquidated at a cost of 16,000 dead and 18,000 prisoners, Premier Stalin announced.

A special Moscow communique also enumerated the German toll of the fighting around Vitebsk in the first four days of the offensive placing the dead at 52,000 and the prisoners at 25,000—a total of 11,000 Germans killed or captured in these two sectors exclusive of the enormous losses the Russians have described, from day to day on all fronts since the new campaign got under way.

Far to the north of this German debacle, the Nazis' warring partners, the Finns, also were being routed all along the Aunus isthmus between Lakes Ladoga and Oneshkoe, and Stalin announced the recapture of the Karelian Soviet republic capital of Petrosavodsk, clearing the last stretch of the Murmansk - Leningrad railway. This triumph gave the Soviet free use of the entire railway from the Berents sea in the north to Odessa on the Black sea in the south.

Three thousand Finns were killed in one sector of the northern front, Moscow said, and Soviet troops liberated 30,000 civilians held in Finnish concentration camps.

Gas Unit Explodes At Bakery Plant; Houses Damaged

A regulator on a gas heating unit exploded last night at 11:45 o'clock at the National Biscuit Company bakery at Fourth and Brunswick Sts., causing damage to surrounding dwellings when the concussion shattered windows, broke mirrors and blew over trees.

The unit was located next to a 6,000-gallon fuel oil tank in the rear of the bakery, but the tank did not explode. Minor damage was done to the bakery. No fire resulted and no one was injured.

TAX OFFICIALS HOLD MEETING

Collection of property taxes, foreclosure of property taxes and special assessments were discussed yesterday by city and county officials from Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties at a district tax collector's meeting conducted by the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, under the direction of Peyton B. Abbott, assistant director of the Institute.

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Recreation Head Resigns City Job

Earl B. Underwood has resigned his position as athletic director of the city recreation department to return to his family in Elizabeth, N. J. Jesse Reynolds, recreation department director, announced yesterday.

Underwood went with the department December 1, 1943, and since that time, has organized several basketball and softball teams in the city. He also organized the Municipal League of eight softball teams.

The staff of the department honored Underwood at a luncheon given in the Woodrow Wilson hut yesterday and presented him with an all-leather brief case.

Nance Chadwick will replace Underwood as athletic director. Chadwick has been with the department for some time.

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Nation Warned Toughest Fight Still Remains

Sombre Report By Top Military Commanders

Cautions People Against Over Optimism

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt tonight made public a report from his military commanders warning the nation that "there is still a tough fight ahead of us" in the war.

"The battles now in progress entail heavy losses in material which American industry must replace," the report said.

The sombre report, warning against over optimism on the home front, reached the President from Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, Adm. Ernest King, and Gen. H. H. Arnold of the Air Forces, the three United States joint chiefs of staff.

They said that upon their return from the fighting in Normandy they discovered "a state of mind in this country against which we believe the public should be warned."

The report said favorable news from the fighting fronts appears to have started a public feeling that the war is as good as won and declared the prospects of victory will be cut down unless that idea is checked immediately.

The three top men of America's armed forces declared the war "is not yet won; it will be won the soon, if everybody in war work sticks to his job till complete victory has been attained."

The three military commanders visited the Normandy front shortly after the Allies smashed into the French coast. Today's report to President Roosevelt, the commander in chief, was their first detailed analysis on home front reaction to the invasion. They said the progress of the fighting deserves "the highest gratification" of America, but warned a home front let down may prove disastrous.

CLARK'S ARMY GAINS 5 MILES

ROME, June 29.—(AP)—Fighting stiffening heat and against intense German resistance, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American troops climbed up the west Italian coast yesterday and captured the town of Castagneto, 25 miles from the major port of Livorno (Leghorn).

Another Yank column, plunging inland up Highway 73, hurled the Nazis out of Monticiano and continued on within less than 12 miles of the communications center of Siena, 31 miles below Florence.

Highways behind the hard-hitting American troops were littered with every dead and burned-out and abandoned enemy equipment. The roundup of German prisoners continued, with more than 25,000 now in Fifth army enclosures, and an Allied spokesman declared that the Nazis were "showing signs of confusion" in the coastal sector.

In an effort to check Clark's relentless pursuit, which has been aided in recent weeks by the capture of several usable ports, the Germans were resorting to the most elaborate demolitions — even to felling trees across the roads and stringing the limbs with booby traps.

MAROONED FLIERS START LONG CLIMB

GRAND CANYON, June 29.—(AP)—Three army fliers who have been marooned in a little-explored area of the Grand Canyon for more than a week started the long climb today to civilization today under the guidance of a ranger - native of the Canyon country and an eastern college professor whose hobby is mountain climbing.

If all goes well the trio, who were reported to be uninjured and in good spirits, should reach the nearly 9,000-foot elevation of the north rim of the world-famous gorge some time tomorrow.

Parachuting from a B-24 bomber at 2 a. m. June 21 from an elevation of 14,000 feet the three men had the good fortune to descend onto the same small plateau, one of the thousands of formations inside the mile-deep gorge which at some points is 10 to 12 miles wide.

Human Skeletons Found Beneath Thalian Hall

Workers digging beneath Thalian Hall have discovered what appear to be six human skeletons, none of them complete, under the old furnace room which is now being made into a recreation room for the city police department.

Whose bones they are and why they were there remains a mystery, but city officials suggested yesterday that at one time the grounds may have been a burial place of the Indians.

Thalian hall was built in 1855, but there are no authentic records bearing out the supposition that the structure was built on a cemetery, although several old Wilmingtonians hold this to be true.

Adding to the mystery were reports by workmen of the discovery of a piece of jajer near some bones. It was an old theater program dated March 10, 1870, 15 years after Thalian hall was built over the spot where the bones were found.

First Group Thrown Back Below Caen

NAZIS RUSH RESERVES

Additional Help Streams From Central France And Germany

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Friday, June 30.—(AP)—The Germans hurled all available armor last night in a bold bid to lop off the menacing British thrust five miles below strategic Caen but were thrown back as more enemy reserves streamed from central France and the Reich itself for the developing showdown battle of Normandy.

A British staff officer told Associated Press Correspondent Roger D. Greene that Field Marshal Gen. Karl Rudolf Gerd Von Rundstedt had sent his tanks hammering at the flanks of the firm bridgehead across the Odon river to try to dent the lines but "he is not succeeding."

Only 2 1/2 miles north of Caen, astride the road to Paris, the British clung out local gains in fierce fighting, the Supreme Headquarters communique announced.

Allied air might, which smashed at the strategic troop reserves Wednesday night with an RAF raid on the big rail center of Metz, turned its attention to the tactical reserves speeding up from Paris over devious routes already attacked by bombers and had a field day in smashing more than 100 vehicles.

Casualties Heavy Tommies who stormed Gavrus, a mile and a half north of Evreux, and tanks which approached near the right flank of the bridgehead, said enemy casualties were heavy on this front.

The communique said the positions across the Odon, which at points reach within a mile of the big Orne river, were "strengthened after further heavy fighting" in which all counterattacks were "firmly repulsed". The Germans were reacting swiftly and vigorously to this threat to Caen, coming closely on the fall of Cherbourg.

Although Caen does not compare with Cherbourg as a naval port, its peace-time commercial cargo tonnage was roughly 10 times greater than Cherbourg, a source at supreme headquarters said.

The Germans loosed one counter-attack at 6 p. m. yesterday on the right flank in the Grainville area and were met by a terrific barrage laid down by British artillery and tanks.

Across the Caen-Villers-Bocage road the British stormed Gavrus, and at last reports held most of the town. On the left flank of the river bridgehead, British infantry mopped up enemy remnants in Colleville and Mouden, the latter five miles southwest of Caen.

Artillery Hits Hard The ranks of enemy reserves were decimated by the massed artillery of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and by fighter-bombers which struck road and rail bridges near Montfort-sur-Risle, Cherisy, 40 miles west of Paris, St. Paul-Courtonne about 45 miles east of Caen, and ranged far south and hammered trains at Orleans and near Flors.

The Germans, throwing in their air force during the generally unfavorable weather, lost at least 44 air craft in air battles that swirled over the French front and deep into Germany itself.

The Germans fought the British encircling move south of Caen mainly with armor, but the Nazi line of tanks—thinned by the loss of 292 wrecked or disabled since D-Day—including 121 destroyed—was being pressed steadily back upon the Orne river.

It appeared that the first big German counterblow was being shaped as Field Marshal Gen. Karl Gled to mass men and armor in the Rudolf Gerd Von Rundstedt struggle of Allied blows raining down from the air. The supreme command said a "major co-ordinated counterthrust" was expected.

CHINESE ADVANCE

CHUNGKING, June 29.—(AP)—Elements of Chinese forces have reached a point only three miles north of the main Japanese Yunnan province base of Tengchung, in the Salween river offensive aimed at reopening an overland supply route to China, a Chinese communique said tonight.