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RUSSIANS CIRCLING RUMANIAN STRONGHOLD

THE HOME FRONT

WITH PRIMARY SEASON AT HAND THIS IS HOW U.S.A. PARTY LINES ARE DRAWN



AS WENDELL WILLKIE goes definite footing in the open primary spaces of the West and one of the toughest of the nation becomes particularly interesting. The light areas have Republican administrations and the dark areas have Democratic governors. There are 26 Republican and 22 Democratic state administrations. The 534 votes. Of course, party strength within a given state does not necessarily indicate that the party will dominate a national election, but it does point out the strength of Republican organization and party control—factors which might figure importantly in a close election. (International)

21 Dead In Blaze Differential Called Incendiary Likely For In San Francisco

FDR May Let Voting Bill Become Law

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OPA Tobacco Head Says Principle To Be Recognized Now

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Calling Of 4-F's Seems Near

Gen. Hershey Says Group Must Serve

Will Insists That Some Be Used For Replacement Duty

Providence, R. I., March 28.—(AP)—Major General Lewis B. Hershey, national director of selective service, said here today that he believed the nation would have to dip into young men not eligible for 4-F to meet the needs of the armed forces.

"There is no way we will meet our obligations without using some men under 20 years of age, young men who are not eligible for 4-F and determined physical, mental or moral reasons."

General Hershey pointed to findings of his committee

that there were in the nation about a million and a half men under 20 years of age who are classified as 4-F and determined physical, mental or moral reasons.

"I am taking the stand that some of them will be taken for service," he said, "and keep on increasing. We have seen something happen in the last four or five weeks that has never happened before. This has accelerated—it wants young men."

"I don't know exactly why the Army is not demanding young men, but I believe it is because they want infantry replacements, not 4-Fs."

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BABY SURVIVES EIGHT-FLOOR FALL



Lt. VERA BROWN, Army nurse, attends Bryce Taylor Jr., eight months old, who fell from the eighth floor of an Army hotel in Miami Beach, Fla. Otherwise the tot, the son of Edward and Ethel Taylor of Atlanta, Ga., is doing well after his narrow escape. Official U. S. Army Air Force photo. (International News Service)

Strangling Czernowitz Connections

Nikolay All But Occupied by Reds In Black Sea Area

Moscow, March 28.—(AP)—Russia's troops in the Bucovina appeared to be strangling the communications of Czernowitz from northernmost Soviet positions, and part, while Red artillery along 80 miles of the Prut river poised salvo after salvo into enemy ranks.

There was no immediate information that the Red forces crossed the Prut, but the Bucovina, Bessarabia and Transnistria provinces are now being held by Soviet troops, and the Red Army is continuing its drive westward, capturing the town of Bessarabia, the capital of the former Moldavia, and the town of Buzau, 100 miles southwest of Bucharest.

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