

GERMANS ADMIT SEVERE CRIMEA REVERSES

Congress Convenes After Vacation To Tackle Naval Bill

GOP Keynote



REP. CLARE BOOTH LUCE of Connecticut is expected to be a member of the State's delegation to the National Republican convention in Chicago this summer...

GOP May Drop For Time Its Fight on Subsidies Measure

Washington, April 12—(AP)—Enactment of the biggest naval appropriation bill in history was the first order of business today as Congress returned from its Easter recess.

The measure calls for more than \$30 billion and if post-Pearl Harbor precedent holds it will steam through unopposed.

Second large item, however, will be held up by Congress, it was expected only by the \$40 billion bill for the Army last year.

Since July 1, 1910, approved obligations for defense and war activities have approximated \$372 billion, a substantial portion of which has not yet been spent.

While some Republicans demanded action for the political war, there were some in Congress who favored the largest amount of budget available, might not be passed.

Some Republican leaders indicated a disposition to drop their fight, for the time being at least, for legislation outlawing the use of emergency subsidies to hold down food prices.

Two other major legislative items stand before Congress and a late June recess (in time for the national political conventions)—and extension of lend-lease aid for the Allies a year beyond June 30, and a "G. I. bill of rights" providing benefits for veterans of World War II.

Yes, there is a possibility the Senate may tangle again over a House-approved bill to outlay poll taxes.

Storms End In 49 Dead Over Nation

Near 200 Injured; Most of Country Hit in Some Way

(By The Associated Press.) Storms which battered most of the United States the past two days, leaving 49 dead, subsided today after a final swing at the eastern seaboard and the Great Lakes area.

Nearly 200 persons were injured in the tornadoes, rain squalls, wind storms and snow storms from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean.

Lighter rains extended west to California.

Many remained homeless in Kansas and Oklahoma as rivers continued flooding in the wake of torrential rains.

Altogether, with deaths in a series of tornadoes, was the worst suffering. Six were killed in Fort Wayne, Ind., by a wall blown over by a high wind.

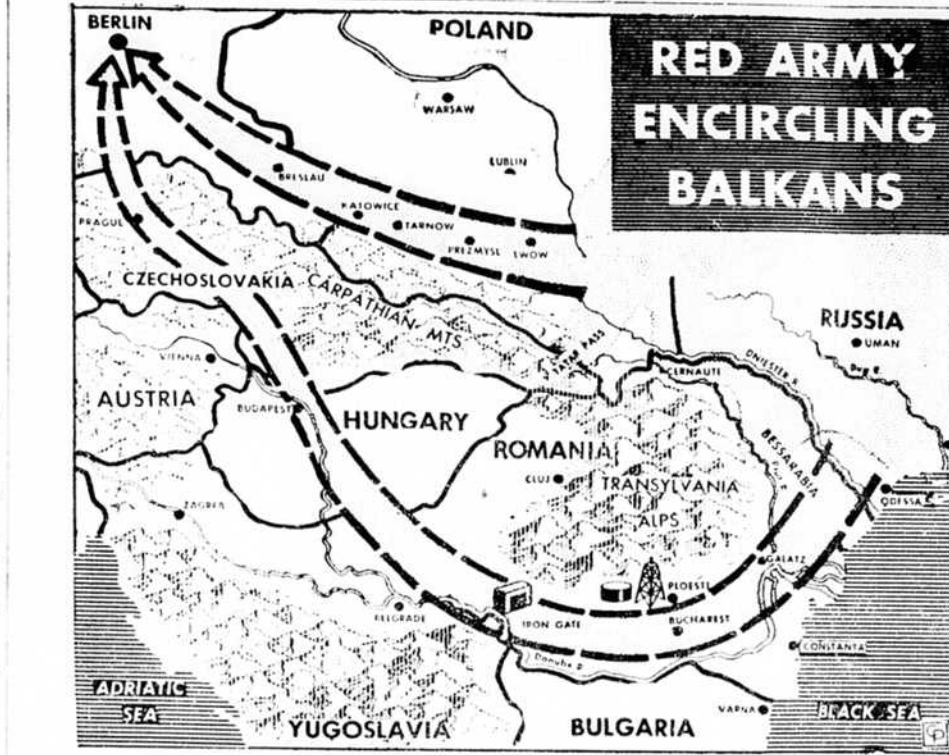
South on the Colorado-New Mexico border, other snow squalls closed by fifty miles of snow, and reopened communications with several communities, which had been isolated by the storm.

Florida, a gently snowed area in Michigan and South Carolina were lashed by wind storms.

A tornado struck near Wadmaloa, S. C., killing one woman and covering power lines.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy to cloudy and cooler tonight; partly cloudy and cool Thursday.



THIS PANORAMIC CONCEPTION of the huge Eastern European theater of war indicates the encirclement positions which the huge Red Army is now so successfully launching...

MacArthur And Stassen Are Strong In West's Balloting

Emanuele To Retire When Rome Falls

Chinese Make New Advance Upon Japs In Northern Burma

Dewey And Roosevelt Are Likely Opponents In November Election

Dewey Very Strong In Nebraska Vote As Elsewhere Also

(By The Associated Press) General Douglas MacArthur and Lt. Col. Harold E. Stassen, the Army and Navy entrants, emerged with demonstrated midwestern popularity in the Republican presidential race today.

With his name and that of Wendell L. Willkie on the ballot, Stassen won yesterday's Nebraska presidential primary.

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Army Textile Buying May Be Changed

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Nazis Break Ring Around 15 Trapped Divisions In North

Except This Sector, Russian Victories Still Rolling On

London, April 12.—(AP)—The German communique today told of fresh retreats in the eastern and northern Crimea, where the Germans and Romanian troops "disengaged themselves in hard fighting toward positions further south."

Some 250 miles to the northwest, the Russians said they had fought into the streets of Tiraspol, Dniester river port and oil junction, while on the middle Dniester the Germans cranked through the Russian cordons around remnants of fifteen trapped divisions around Skala.

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Other major battles were said by the Germans to be in progress in Romania northeast of Iasi, around Kovil, an old Poland and southeast of Odessa.

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Scorns New Post



DECLARING the latter ill-fit, Gen. Charles de Gaulle has refused to accept the post of commander in chief of the French Army as demanded by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, head of the Committee of National Liberation. He signed the post of Inspector-General, calling it an honorary position.

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