

# GOP Talks Gov. Warren As Keynote

Californian Long Rated as Candidate For Vice President

Chicago, April 19—(AP)—Republican leaders reportedly proposed to the party's arrangements committee today that it name Governor Earl Warren, of California, previously regarded as a vice presidential candidate, as the 1944 convention keynote.

The decision to recommend the selection of Warren was said to have been made by party chieftains after two days of conference.

The 21-member committee, meeting in closed session to decide this question and to fill the position of permanent chairman of the convention, thus had several names formally placed before it as keynote prospects.

House Minority Leader Martin, of Massachusetts, was expected to fill the permanent chairman's post.

J. Kenneth Bradley, Connecticut national committeeman, urged Representative Clare Booth Luce of his state for the keynoting job. Ira Veynon, Nebraska national committeeman, who is not a member of the arrangements group, said he had been granted permission to present the name of Governor Dwight Griswold of Nebraska.

# Allies Score Fresh Advances In India With Use Of Tanks

Downs 25th Plane



CAPT. ROBERT S. JOHNSON of Lawton, Okla., has "hot down his 25th enemy plane in the European theater of operations. The Eighth Air Force pilot attended Cameron College at Lawton and was a member of its football team. (International)

Bitter Fighting Continues, Though, For Disputed Hill

Kandy, Ceylon, April 19—Allied forces have lashed out with tanks in their offensive against the Japanese invaders of northeast India, scoring further advances and taking three small Japanese defensive positions northeast of the plain of Imphal. Allied headquarters announced today.

The communiques said that "bitter fighting continues for a hill feature, the possession of which now has been in dispute two days, west of Bistampur and south of the track to Silehar, the alternative route southwest of Imphal, to the Bengal-Assam railway. Allied leader line."

No change was announced in the Kohima area, 69 miles north of Imphal, where the Allies are fighting to secure the 25-mile main road to Dimapur, on the Bengal-Assam railroad.

Both infantry and tanks joined in the offensive northeast of the plain of Imphal, where the Allied forces for several days have been successfully beating back one of the three original invasion spearheads which the Japanese thrust over the Indo-Burmese border.

Virtually every type of plane of the United States air force, the RAF, and the Indian air force joined in widespread operations over the Burma area during the past two days. Communications serving the Japanese in the Imphal-Dimapur and Mogaung-Myittha areas in the north were strangled and bombed. An American fighter bomber, en route to the Chindit airborne force blocking the railroad at Mogaung, southwest of Mogaung, dropped their bombs in enemy territory, then tangled with 12 Japanese fighters in the Tamu area, destroying three and damaging three.

American heavy bombers in daylight yesterday made an attack on the valuable oil plants at Yamnagaung, 130 miles southwest of Mandalay, sending clouds of black smoke rolling skyward.

Strating planes shot up a total of 72 Japanese river craft and not a single plane was lost in all the Allied operations.

# His Group All Aces



MEET Col. Hubert Zemke, 30, of Missoula, Mont., who leads a fighter group of 28 aces known in the European theatre as the American Zemke group. They have shot down 377 of the Luftwaffe's front line fighters in a year. Zemke, who holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, has 11 Nazi planes to his credit. Capt. Robert Johnson of Lawton Okla., who has destroyed 25 planes, also is a member of the Zemke group. (International)

# 5,000 Allied Planes Hurlled At Continent

GLIDERS AID ALLIED BURMA DUEL



WITH BOTH the Allies and the enemy dueling for vulnerable "behind the lines" positions from which to cut supply lines, the Burma-India battle continues to be filled with potential "dynamite" for both sides. Some of the outstanding recent developments are indicated here. The Japs (1) have undertaken to encircle Imphal and Kohima, while hunkering at the road to Dimapur (2) and the Allied front north of Kohima. Thin arrows show where Allies are clearing the Japs from north of Kohima. British officials have stated they can withstand encirclement tactics by purchasing supplies and even men. The Stilwell drive (3) heads for Mogaung while the most recent dramatic development is the landing of glider borne Allied troops some 60 miles north of Mandalay (4)—steep penetration yet made—creating a serious situation for the Japs. (International)

# 7,000 Tons Explosives Are Dropped

U. S. Bombers Trying To Destroy Roots of German Air Power

London, April 19—(AP)—Sending out more than 5,000 war planes, the Allies have blasted a new road toward "D" day by dropping more than 7,000 tons of explosives on Hitler's Europe in the last 24 hours.

Nearly 2,000 United States bombers and fighters aerially bombed, including lighter plane formations, a strategic airbase last night, yesterday, sandwiched between France was a night assault on French rail junctions by more than 1,000 British bombers, the heaviest force ever dispatched by the RAF against occupied territory. Lighter bombers joined in the assault, United States Mustangs against northern France and British Mosquitos against Berlin.

The eighth day of heavy, continuous daylight incendiary plane formations and aircraft attacks on western Germany.

The RAF sent more than 1,000 planes against targets in France and swift plywood Mosquitos struck at Berlin in a toby-up blow to a smashing dash attack on the German capital by American planes yesterday.

United States headquarters for the European theatre of operations disclosed that objectives in yesterday's daylight raid included aircraft factories at Oranienburg and Rastenburg, Germany.

The first reports that United States bombers were continuing in great force the campaign to destroy the roots of German air power came from the Berlin radio. The Germans reported that violent air battles were raging as Nazi fighters tried to beat off raiders sweeping over northern France in the overnight operations, which included extensive mine laying in enemy waters.

The British air ministry said that the greater part of the RAF force dispatched to Europe last night concentrated on vital railway communication in France, including yards and workshops at Nancy, Le Sac and Juvisy, near Paris, and at Rouen and Terguier.

This indicated that the operations probably represented the heaviest RAF night attack ever carried out on occupied France.

# Airdrome In Truk Area Is Knocked Out

Allied headquarters, Southwest Pacific, April 19—(AP)—One more airdrome in the defense ring around Truk, in the Caroline islands, was wiped out by the Japanese today.

It was the air strip on Satawan island, in the Nonoa atoll, about 150 statute miles southeast of the once fearsome Truk fortress. Satawan's airdrome was neutralized by a 24-ton bombing Sunday noon, and the force of four-engine Liberators encountered neither aerial opposition nor anti-aircraft fire. Bypassed areas were also hit.

A spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur said today the attack was made in force, and the weight of explosives carried was sizeable, in view of the 2,000-mile round trip over-water flight from Solomons base.

Allied airmen continued the pressure on the Japanese along the bomb-pocked north coast of New Guinea, and gave Rabaul, the enemy's last remaining base at the northern tip of New Britain, a bad mauling.

Far to the west, Liberators tore up the airdrome and supply areas at Fun in the Kai islands with 21 tons of bombs, and in the Pala island, a patrol bomber shot down a Japanese four-engine flying boat. The Kai islands are between Timor and New Guinea, and the Papua islands are north of the New Guinea "turkey neck."

# Court Rules On Property For Women

State Tribunal Is Divided Upon Law From Constitution

Raleigh, April 19—(AP)—The State Supreme Court today adjourned the superior court action in allowing Mrs. Berdie S. Buford, of Wilson county, to recover property which she claimed to own jointly with her husband, who died in 1938.

The case was related directly to a proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted next November to the people, concerning private examination of married women in the case of a homestead.

In a dissenting opinion, however, Associate Justice M. V. Barnhill took issue with Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy, and was joined by Justices W. A. Dixon and A. A. F. Scowell.

The opinion set forth that the plaintiff, a divorced woman, had been engaged in business under the name of Mrs. Berdie S. Buford. She was in default and her property was about to be sold under foreclosure. In an attempt to save her equity, she contracted to sell her real estate to the defendants, who knew her as a single woman. After arriving at an agreement, she left the State and remarried her former husband, who did not live in the same town. Upon her return the deed was drafted, and she allegedly represented herself as a single woman. The defendants accepted the deed and paid their money on the strength of the representation. She then, according to the dissenting opinion, vacated until the defendants had converted the property into a safe and profitable investment and then sought to recover it.

Freely cited in both opinions is the private examination of married women, now required by law in the conveyance of a homestead, but which would be repealed under a proposed constitutional amendment.

# Germans Say Rome Is Now An Open City

London, April 19—(AP)—The German news agency has proclaimed again that Rome is an open city and suggested to Prime Minister Eamon De Valera and the United States to contribute toward its preservation by refraining from what the news agency describes as "senseless" air attacks.

Allied headquarters in Naples said today, however, that heavy enemy traffic was noticed moving into Rome from the northeast.

A Berlin broadcast received by the ministry of information last night said Valera had sent a note to Berlin March 20 begging that the belligerents find a way, through intermediaries, by which the holy city could be saved.

The prime minister was said to have expressed "Erst's" concern "because of the lack of any measure by the belligerent powers to assure its security." The Nazi news agency referred to an Axis announcement March 22 that Rome was being demilitarized, and said a German reply handed the Irish charge (De Valera's stated De Valera's statement "does not correspond to the facts so far as Germany is concerned."

ROME'S FATE RESTS WITH GERMAN, ROOSEVELT SAYS

London, April 19—(AP)—Replying to a plea from Eamon De Valera that Rome be spared, President Roosevelt has told the Irish prime minister that the city's status rests with Germany, while the Germans again have sought unilaterally to declare Rome an open city.

President Roosevelt's message, dated April 13, was made public in Dublin today.

"If German forces were not entrenched in Rome, no question would arise concerning the city's preservation," the President said. He asserted the Allies "often act scrupulously to spare religious and cultural monuments."

The German reply was broadcast by DNB, Nazi news agency, shortly before Allied headquarters in Naples announced heavy enemy traffic was noted moving into Rome from the northeast. The Germans suggested De Valera advise the United States and Britain to contribute toward preservation of Rome by refraining from what DNB called "senseless" air attacks.

# Telephone's Employees To Demand Vote

Representation In Management Sought By Workers' Union

New York, April 19—(AP)—For the first time in the long history of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, its stockholders will be called upon today to decide whether to allow 60,000 of its employees who own stock in the company to be represented in the management through a labor union.

Henry Mayer, attorney for one of the Bell system labor groups, the United Telephone Organizations, announced he and two union leaders would attend the annual meeting armed with proxies representing 13,000 shares of stock, and present a program designed to secure broader representation of labor in the affairs of the company. There are about 143,700 shares of stock outstanding and labor company records show about 140,000 employees in the network of companies making up the Bell system.

The labor group, Mayer said, had 10,000 members, employees of the down-State plant department of the New York Telephone Company, a principal unit in the system, and the drive for proxies was confined to the New York metropolitan area. Mayer added, however, that there were almost 100 labor organizations in the Bell system, and "the potentialities for garnering proxies are immeasurable."

The group will seek representation on the nominating committee, put up its own slate of directors, seek a change in the pension plan and oppose sale of the company's teletype-wire and leased wire business to the Western Union.

A statement by the group said the step was "a new adventure in labor-management relationship," regarded as logical in view of the large number of telephone workers that own stock.

"There is no danger that employees may take over or control the board," the statement said, "since the financial power behind the company have protected themselves against that contingency by their sway over large blocks of the stock and their ability to attract proxies by moving in the company's printed form-proximate public figures."

# Russians Preparing Combined Assaults On Sevastopol Port

Germans Resisting In Desperate Fight Upon Soviet Hordes

Moscow, April 19—(AP)—A Soviet communique said today that Axis troops were "resisting desperately" as crack Russian marines pushed through the valleys southeast of Sevastopol, apparently on the verge of joining up with the main body of the fourth Ukrainian army for a combined assault on the big Crimean port.

"The Germans are heaping as many obstacles as they can in the way of our troops and are blowing up bridges across mountain streams," declared the communique. It added that Nazi machine gunners were firing on their Romanian allies, if they showed the least sign of retreat or surrender.

General Yeremankov's marines yesterday captured the coast town of Balaklava, scene of the historic "Charge of the Light Brigade" and today one arm was advancing along the Balaklava-Sevastopol highway, less than seven miles from the port proper, while another moved toward the city along the Sevastopol-Yalta road, threatening the base from the south and southeast.

The marines were in sight of Sevastopol as they fought through tremendous barbed-wire built around, cut down and mired trees, thrown across the highway southeast of the city, one front dispatch said today.

The Russians staked at the Tchernaya river, the dispatch said, but were meeting stiff opposition as they scaled historic Fevkin heights, where the Germans were firing from every crag and numerous concealed strong points.

The correspondent said "tremendous losses" were suffered by the enemy as Black Sea warships, bombers and even submarines blasted their self-propelled barges trying to escape west of Balaklava.

He added that the Russians now held all airbases in the Crimea.

(The communique did not mention the fighting on the northern and eastern approaches to Sevastopol yesterday.)

# Trial Starts



PRESCOTT DENNETT, one of the 30 men and women gathered in Washington, D. C., for the greatest mass trial of alleged seditionists in American history, walks towards the court for the opening session Monday. A soldier, he was ordered to appear in civilian attire to prevent any bias his uniform might give in his favor. (International)

# Tar Heels Put On Burley Committee Recently Formed

Washington, April 19—(AP)—Formation of a burley tobacco industry advisory committee representing handlers of burley from its harvesting to its processing, including sale at auction, relieving and stemming of the leaf, was announced today by the Office of Price Administration.

North Carolinians on the committee included J. W. Glenn, Winston-Salem; N. C. Harry B. Caldwell, Greensboro; N. C. Arch B. Taylor, Winston-Salem; N. C. and James I. Miller, Wilson, N. C.

# Plan Reports On Moving Of Strawberries

Raleigh, April 19—(AP)—A Federal-State marketing news service will open April 21 at Chadbourne to give daily reports on prices, crop movements and conditions of the North Carolina strawberry area.

R. B. Etheridge, market division chief, said the information would be supplied from the principal shipping plants and the leading terminal markets.

Inspection offices opened Monday at Chadbourne, Tabor City and Wallace, and the Burgaw and Mount Olive offices will be opened within the next few days. About 25 inspectors are in the territory.

# WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy tonight, Thursday mostly cloudy and continued moderately cool, with showers and thunderstorms.

# German Bombs Kill Many In London Hospital Raid

London, April 19—(AP)—Rescue workers dug through the wreckage of one of London's largest hospitals today in a search for casualties after the building had been blasted and set on fire by a direct hit during a German air raid on the capital early this morning.

Nearly 2,000 patients were in the hospital and it was feared a number of them were buried under the debris. A ward housing male patients was completely destroyed.

The raid—the first on London in four nights and the third attack this month, started about 1 a. m. and lasted for about an hour.

Anti-aircraft batteries hurled up a terrific barrage but it failed to turn back the raiders, and incendiaries and high explosives rained down on the city. At least 13 enemy planes were reported shot down.

Firemen and air raid workers quickly extinguished the fire at the hospital and rescue squads worked through the night hours seeking victims.

Some of the extricated patients were injured badly.

# Cotton Trend Still Weak

New York, April 19—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale higher to 35 cents a bale lower.

	Pe.	Close	Open
May	20.47	20.36	20.47
July	20.46	20.47	20.47
October	19.78	19.76	19.76
December	19.59	19.52	19.52
March	19.35	19.33	19.33

# Four German Attacks On Rome Beachhead Beaten

Allied Headquarters in Naples, April 19—(AP)—Allied troops yesterday repelled four raids against one position on the Anzio beachhead, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, headquarters announced today.

Allied artillery and artillery were active along the entire Italian front, a communique said, with artillery destroying an ammunition dump.

The bulletin declared bad weather and poor visibility curtailed all major operations yesterday, but Allied fighter bombers and fighters flew nearly 4,000 sorties, striking German planes grounded in northern Italy and hitting of Nazi communications, as well as patrolling the battle front.

Nine enemy planes were destroyed in combat. Eight Allied craft failed to return.

Front dispatches said that Allied gunners broke up two attacks southwest of Cassino, 21 miles below Rome, after the Germans launched diversionary thrusts in the western sector of the beachhead, and after heavy enemy traffic was observed moving toward Cassino and also into Rome from the northeast.

The traffic flowing into Cassino, important hub astride the Apennine Way, and a railway feeding Axis forces on the main front, came from Ardenne and Veldrid, north of the beachhead. Significance of the movement, first observed Sunday night, was not immediately determined.

Ten prisoners were seized yesterday by Allied raiders on the right flank of the beachhead.

Pilots who raked Nazi communications said German fighters appeared in some strength for the first time in many days.