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FR Fourth-Termers Trounce Opposition In Tuesday Voting

Borrowed Sight



Blind in an accident, Claude Wood, machinist in a Tacoma, Wash., ship yard, is back at a bench helping to "keep 'em sailing" because a diving woman willed him her eyes. After 11 delicate operations, his eyes are so good he does precision work on equipment for Navy vessels.

Ickes Office Deferments Are Criticized

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—The Interior Department's draft deferment policies for its white collar workers drew the fire today of the House Appropriations Committee, which asserted that the situation must be eliminated without undue delay.

In a report accompanying submission to the House of the department's \$47,672,530 supply bill for the fiscal year starting July 1, the committee said it was "disappointed" at the department's request for deferment of draft age personnel.

On February 13, the report related, there were 6,696 male employees between 18 and 23 years of age in the department, and 2,221 of them held occupational deferments, 2,072 of whom were deferred at the request of the department.

The committee said it was of the opinion "that some persons now holding white collar jobs could in a great majority of cases be replaced without detriment to the war effort." It expressed regret "that so many deferments have been requested for single men as well as married men with no children holding positions in the department which the committee considers not to be essential."

HITLER'S TRAIN IS BLOWN UP IN RAID

Ankara, Turkey, April 26.—(AP)—Reports circulated in Ankara today that Adolf Hitler's special train was blown up in a recent Allied raid on Stuttgart only a short time after Hitler himself had left the train. All the occupants of the train were said to have been killed.

Pitt Grand Jury Indicts Meadows For Embezzling

Greenville, N. C., April 26.—(AP)—The Pitt county grand jury today returned true bills of indictment against Dr. Leon Meadows, president of East Carolina Teachers College, charging sixteen counts of embezzlement and one of false pretense in the handling of special student and college funds. The sixteen counts charging embezzlement cover approximately \$12,000 of the \$18,636.34 which a recent State auditor's report charged Dr. Meadows had not satisfactorily accounted for. The college board of trustees exonerated the college president of this charge. The indictment charging false pretense was a companion bill to the one charging embezzlement and covers only one point in the 16-count

Massachusetts Has Big Vote That Way; Dewey Pennsylvania

(By The Associated Press) Roosevelt fourth-termers bowled over the first tangible opposition in the Massachusetts presidential primary yesterday, while Pennsylvania Republicans indicated through writ-in-votes that Governor Thomas E. Dewey is their overwhelming choice for the G. O. P. presidential nomination. President Roosevelt himself received a fair sized write-in endorsement in the Keystone State Republican primary while picking up unchallenged 72 more pledged Democratic delegates. Dewey is apparently assured of Pennsylvania's 40 unpledged delegates.

Incomplete returns today showed delegates in Massachusetts favoring renomination of Mr. Roosevelt ran well ahead of a partial slate pledged to former Governor Joseph B. Ely, a fourth term opponent. The make-up of the 34-vote Democratic delegation is still in doubt, as is that of the 35-member Republican delegation. All delegates in both parties are technically unpledged.

Democratic State Chairman Wilford from a sick bed saying the "insane" plan H. Burke issued a statement "sentiment" among Massachusetts Democrats favors the renomination and reelection of President Roosevelt. He predicted Ely, one-time follower of Alfred E. Smith, would endorse Mr. Roosevelt for another term within 48 hours.

The President's name was the only one entered in either party primary in Pennsylvania, but Dewey took a big early lead in the G. O. P. write-in voting and held it throughout. At one time the President was running second in the Republican penciled choices, as he did in 1910, but later returns dropped him down a bit, though still ahead of some G. O. P. prospects.

The Republican vote from 5,414 precincts of 3,197 voters; Governor Dewey 98,484; Governor Ely in Martin of Pennsylvania, 3,116; General Douglas MacArthur, 3,922; Roosevelt 2,397; L. C. Conner, Harold Stassen, 1,442; Wendell Willkie, 924; and Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, 1,888. The Democratic vote from 5,219 precincts gave Roosevelt 265,920.

Kentucky Republicans completed the naming of a delegation of 22 yesterday, and instructed them to vote for Governor Simon S. Willis as a "favorite son" candidate for the presidential nomination as long as his name is before the convention.

Glut of Markets Causes Decline in Prices for Hogs

Raleigh, April 26.—(AP)—Hog prices have declined from ten to fifteen cents since March, principally because of the heavy flow of hogs to market. Bailey Rich, marketing specialist with the State Agriculture Department, said today. Rich said that government purchases for lend-lease and for military supplies had declined and there was a lack of labor in terminal plants. The Richmond market closed today until Monday. Rich said that farmers should hold their hogs, especially the light weights.

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'ROAD BACK' GROWS SHORTER



WITH 60,000 JAPS declared isolated in New Guinea by the landing of MacArthur's troops at Hollandia and Aitape (1), U. S. forces will soon be within about 1,200 miles bombing distance of the Philippines, as the map shows, Palau (2), which has been under terrific attack recently, appears marked for greater attention in the near future now that 140,000 troops from New Guinea to the Solomon islands have been neutralized and are strategically impotent. (International)

Hollandia Airdrome Now In Sight Of Americans; Few Japs Encountered

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, April 26.—(AP)—Covered by war planes operated off the captured Tadij air field near Aitape, one spearhead of the American and Dutch invaders of northern New Guinea was virtually within sight of the main airdrome at Hollandia, today's reports indicated.

Opposition still was negligible, General Douglas MacArthur reported, and the only actual indication was from a lone Japanese plane which bombed one of the Hollandia beachheads, causing moderate damage and light casualties.

The three-way Tadij airfield was captured after the landings at dawn Saturday and immediately American and Australian engineers went to work with bulldozers and graders while troops chased the Japanese into the hills and jungle.

Captured enemy guns were of up-arm defense weapons and ground crews worked even at night by flood lights to whip the homesteaded light into shape. Fifth air force Australian planes based at Tadij then were put to work in the campaign of annihilation

against 60,000 isolated New Guinea Japanese. General MacArthur said the Aitape airfield chain had been cleared of Japanese, but made no mention of Aitape village, five miles northwest of the airdrome. Allied bombers struck at every point from which the Japanese could mount aerial counter blows, while ground forces in the Hollandia area, advancing from the northwest in ankle-deep mud at the base of the towering Cyclops range, were last reported well beyond Soron. This would put them three miles or less from the Hollandia airdrome, largest of three within the Yankee and Dutch pincers.

The force which landed 35 miles to the northeast was well beyond Pim village, which is eight miles from the Tami air field. Thus the jaws of the pincers were about twenty miles apart. While the muddy and rugged terrain still presented about as much opposition as the few Japanese encountered, one Dutch correspondent wrote that the main Japanese force had not yet been engaged. This force has been estimated at 14,000 troops.

Draft Calls For 1944 Largely Men Under 26

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—House Military Committee members saw in latest selective service figures today an indication that, barring a big upset on the fighting front, draft calls for the rest of this year will be filled mostly by men under 26, with few fathers over that age being inducted.

However, in making that prediction, Chairman Costello, California Democrat, and other members of the draft subcommittee, emphasized that if strategic plans require unusually large calls in some months, then to the extent that younger and older men now being inducted under current policies are not available in those months, larger numbers of older men must be called. Figures given Costello's committee by Selective Service showed a

pool of 1,509,000 fathers and 750,000 non-fathers in class 1-A on April 1. Just how many of these were under 26, the report did not show, but a recent Selective Service report estimated that more than 25 percent of the 1-A's would be inducted.

In the agricultural and industrial occupation deferment groups on April 1 were 3,463,000 men, of whom 2,748,000 were fathers. Most of this group, held occupational deferments of the type now being reviewed with the idea of inducting more men under 26. On March 1 there were 541,000 men under 26 with industrial deferments.

Selective Service, Costello pointed out, has estimated that between 60,000 and 70,000 men will either enlist at age 17 or be inducted upon reaching 18 each month.

Allies Improve Position On The Anzio Beachhead

Allied Headquarters, Naples, April 26.—(AP)—Allied troops continued to improve their positions on the Anzio beachhead yesterday and today's bombers blasted an aircraft factory at Terni headquarters announced today.

Other heavy bombers attacked a bridge at Parma, in north central Italy, and rail yards at Ferrara. Thirteen Allied heavy bombers and three other planes were listed as missing from more than 1,400 sorties yesterday against the destruction of 14 enemy aircraft. The raids included the pounding

of communications north of the beachfront. Allied beachhead troops have been breaking the hill below Rome the last three days with several limited attacks in the Campano area in the central sector, which have netted more than fifty prisoners.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Cloudy and mild, with scattered showers and thundershowers tonight and Thursday.

Reds Start Attacks On South Front

Nazis Claim Local Victory at Gains; Soviet Count Points

London, April 26.—(AP)—The Red army has launched an attack on a broad front in southern Russia from the Carpathians to the Black Sea, German and Romanian reports said today.

A German communiqué said the Nazis had scored a "complete defensive victory after heavy battles" when the Red army attacked in the lower Danube yesterday with strong artillery and air strength. The Nazis asserted they had sealed off Soviet breakthroughs. Since last Saturday the Russian communiques have omitted mention of any large scale land fighting.

The Germans said their forces, along with Romanian troops, had driven into Russian lines northwest of Iasi yesterday and smashed enemy offensive preparations, and added that Hungarian troops had frustrated Soviet counter thrusts supported by tanks in an area between the Carpathian mountains and the upper Danube.

The Red army, meanwhile, intends to drive into Germany in a mighty continuation of its 1944 offensive to smash off Adolf Hitler's legions and bring about the Nazis' final capitulation in close collaboration with the Allies, an authoritative Soviet war review said. The review, broadcast by the Moscow radio, declared that 500,000 Axis troops had been slain or captured and enormous booty swept up in less than five months on the lower Russian front, without counting the Crimea. Since last summer the Red army has liberated more than 6,000 localities and more than 310,000 square miles of territory, the review added.

"By its victories, the Red army has been facilitated for our allies the possibility of opening military actions on a large scale in the west and south that are being expected with impatience by the whole world," declared the article, written by a member of the central committee of the Communist party.

"Based itself on the victories it has achieved," the review said, "the Red army sees its task today in the complete expulsion of the enemy from the Soviet Union, in pursuing and finishing off his armed forces, not only on the territory of his own state and the states subjugated by him, but also on the territory of Germany itself, and in achieving in close collaboration with our Allies the final defeat of the German fascist army and the capitulation of fascist Germany."

Lend-Lease Approved By Senate Group

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after one of its shortest hearings on record, today voted its approval of the lend-lease extension bill, already passing overwhelmingly by the House.

Only a one-day hearing was required to produce committee endorsement, reported by committee attaches to have been unanimous.

Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley told the committee the lend-lease program must be continued until the United Nations armies finally march down the street of Berlin and Tokyo.

Appearing in support of House-approved legislation extending lend-lease another year, Crowley, who directs the vast program, under which \$22,000,000,000 in war materials have been sent to the nation's allies, declared:

"To achieve final victory—and to achieve it at the earliest possible moment, and at the least cost in lives, it is more essential than ever that the United Nations continue to combine their material resources through lend-lease and mutual aid."

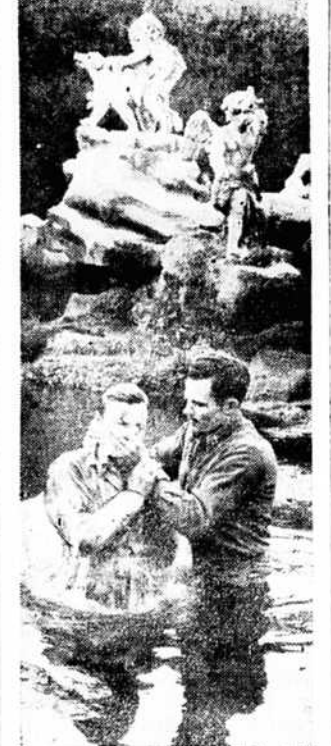
Total War Costs To Both Sides Are Trillion Dollars

St. Louis, Mo., April 26.—(AP)—All the belligerent governments have spent almost one trillion dollars on World War II, more than twice what the last war cost.

For E. Hendrickson, deputy director general of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, presented this estimate today in a speech prepared for the annual convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Allied war costs for 1944 are

Americans Pressing Air War On Nazis, Who Fight Fiercely

Baptism in Italy



CHAPLAIN Tilford Jenkins of Birmingham, Ala., is shown baptizing Capt. Norman Bankhalter of Glenside, Ga., into the Baptist Church in a fountain on the grounds of Caserta Castle in Italy. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (International)

German Areas And Channel Districts Feel Plane Might

London, April 26.—(AP)—American heavy bombers smashed at targets in Brunswick, German aircraft production center, early today, carrying the pre-invasion aerial offensive, heaviest the world has ever seen, through the twelfth consecutive day.

The bomber fleet, which thundered into Germany for the third time in as many days, was described as of "medium strength," escorted by up to 750 fighters.

This indicated the total force was similar to that of over 1,000 planes from Britain, which hit three Nazi airfields in France and industrial targets in Germany yesterday, but smaller than the 2,000-plane armadas sent out in daylight five times since the gigantic offensive began.

The German radio declared the American force invading the air over the Reich tangled with Nazi fighters in fierce battles as the air drive, which has ranged enemy targets in a 700-mile arc across Europe, rolled forward.

While the heavy bombers continued their unprecedented campaign to knock the enemy's air defenses flat, hundreds of fighter planes blackened the skies over the channel in an onslaught against targets in occupied territory similar to the attacks which met three bombers yesterday. The explosions from their assaults were heard all the way across the channel.

In eleven days this mightiest of sky offensives has blasted the Germans with over 50,000 tons of incendiaries and thousands of incendiaries and cost the American and British probably more than 2,300 aircraft and 300 planes.

Most of the 2,300 men aboard these lost aircraft are believed to be safe as prisoners. But that personnel cost does not include the dead and wounded on planes that returned home after sky battles.

The material cost includes about \$50,000,000 in aircraft, probably as well in education expenses of fliers and crewmen, and tremendous amounts for bombs, fuel, maintenance, wages and dozens of other items involved in hitting the enemy with huge air strength.

Both Parties May Yet Each Name General

Political observers on Capitol Hill are predicting privately that the November election may see general pitted against general in a nip-and-tuck race for the presidency.

Their predictions, of course, are based on the possibility that President Roosevelt will not run for a fourth term and that somehow or other New York's Governor Thomas E. Dewey either will not be nominated or will refuse to accept the GOP candidacy.

Such conditions, while admittedly remote, would leave the field open for "draft MacArthur" Republican forces to nominate the Southwest Pacific commander and for the Democrats to counter with a military leader of their own.

Present chances of MacArthur are regarded as none too good, despite his tremendous popular appeal of the general, who could be a potent political factor.

In the Democratic picture, there is forecasting that Mr. Roosevelt, re-emerging from general fatigue, may decide he cannot win and therefore will not run.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D.) of Montana, arch foreign policy foe of MacArthur, said today.

more than \$50 billions, Hendrickson figured. Up to now, he said, the Allies and the Axis had had to spend about the same amount, but Allied costs are advancing faster.

German Plane Production Cut To Less Than Fourth

Washington, April 26.—(AP)—American and British forces are now restricting their air force to one-man fighters.

With Russia knocking at Hitler's back door in Romania, Germany is also faced with the dire prospect of insufficient manpower to resist a western thrust from Britain. If the initiative Hitler decides to defend the vital Ploesti oil fields in Romania—source of one-third of his oil—he will need an estimated 20 divisions. Where will they come from? At present he has an estimated 30 to 50 divisions in reserve along the West Wall. This is his chief source, and his most pressing problem.