

Wallace Leads Senate Poll For Vice-Presidency Choice

12 Votes Of Total of 41 For Wallace

Broughton Gets One; Some for Wallace If FDR Wants Him

Washington, May 19—(AP)—Forty-one Democratic senators, naming their choices for the party's vice presidential nominee in an Associated Press poll today, gave twelve votes to incumbent Henry A. Wallace and split the rest among ten other possible candidates.

Fifty three of the Senate 58 Democrats were asked to name their personal choice for second place on a ticket next to their own names will be headed by President Roosevelt.

Of those polled, twelve said they had not made up their minds; six supported Speaker Sam Rayburn, Texas, of the House; five each voted for Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the majority leader, and Chairman Truman, Missouri, of the Senate's war investigating committee; and four named War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, a former South Carolina senator.

Three members suggested Senator Gillett, Iowa Democrat, for the vice-presidential nomination, Senator O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, was the choice of two and the following received one vote each: Circuit Judge Sherman Minton, former Indiana senator; Henry Kaiser, shipbuilder; Governor J. M. S. Brough of North Carolina; and James A. Farley, New York State Democratic chairman.

Of those unwilling to express a choice, three said they were against Wallace's renomination, and one said that a southerner ought to be chosen. On the other hand, some of those who named others as their personal choice said they were prepared to support Wallace if the President should indicate he wants the sacrifice in 1944 as that which won in 1940.

House Completes Its Hearings Over Army-Navy Merger

Washington, May 19—The House postwar military committee today completed four weeks of hearings on proposals for eventual Army-Navy consolidation.

Chairman Woodrum, Virginia Democrat, said whether a recommendation on unification will be submitted to the House depends on the committee's desires. Should the decision be against statutory consolidation, he added, no recommendation will be necessary.

The Army has strongly advocated postwar merger of the services, while the Navy has voiced opposition to the proposal.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

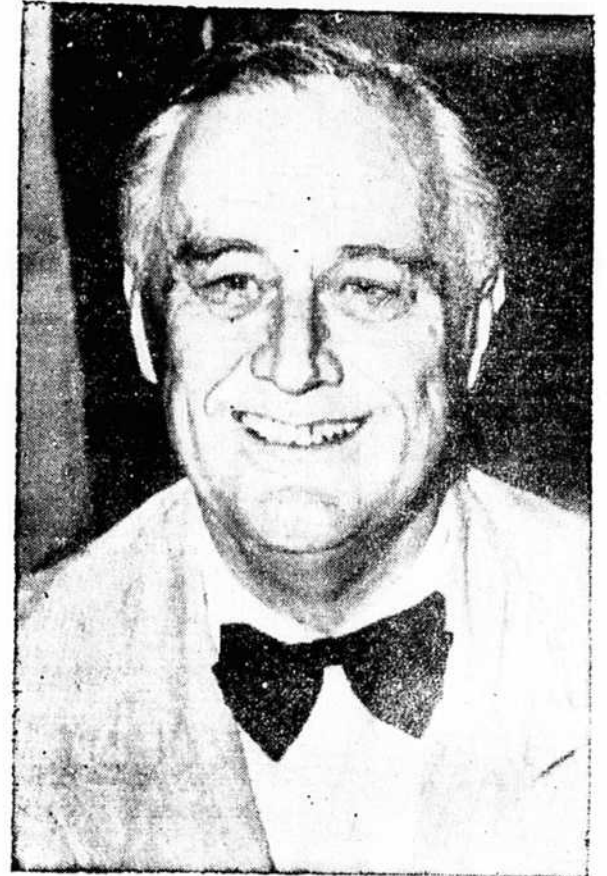
Primary Vote Estimated At About 300,000 Total

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Raleigh, May 19—With just one more working week before the primary on May 27, political prognosticators and prophets are making guesses on size of the vote to be cast. A few of the estimates go as high as 375,000, some as low as 275,000. What is judged to be about the average, or what might be called consensus opinion, is that there will be approximately 300,000 voters put into the boxes by voters in person. To that must be added, for the total, whatever absentee soldier vote is cast. Majority opinion around the figure in the soldier vote will not exceed 25,000, may fall as low as 15,000, more likely will be about 20,000.

The vote for governor in the Democratic primary of 1940 with seven candidates running was 465,369. This time there is less interest among voters, but the main reason for a smaller vote is the absence from home of so many citizens in

Health Restored, F. D. R. Back at Work



In good health again, President Roosevelt is shown in one of the first pictures made since his return to Washington from a month's vacation at Bernard Berch's plantation in South Carolina. Flashed by colds throughout the winter, he regained his health, as his face reflects on his resuming work at the White House. (International Soundphoto.)

Million Tons Of New Landing Craft Is Voted by House

Washington, May 19—(AP)—The House approved without dissent today legislation authorizing the Navy to build an additional one million tons of landing craft, largely to be used in Pacific operations.

The program calls for an estimated cost of \$1,800,000,000. The Navy had previous authorizations for two million tons. The Army obtains its amphibious craft from the Navy. Chairman Vinson, Gov. Democrat, of the naval affairs committee, said, and thus this measure is an "overall proposition" for the entire armed forces in their invasion tactics.

Many Stocks Score Gains

New York, May 19—(AP)—It was another case of selective investment demand in today's stock market, with only a handful of stocks in their popularity, and scattered industrial, registering a fair amount of profit. Ahead were Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Railway, Pepsi-Cola, Westinghouse and U. S. Rubber. Insurgent retailers were U. S. Steel and General Electric.

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the armed services or on war jobs. Guessing on the size of the total vote and attempting to predict who they will be cast for are different matters. As previously stated, whatever judgment about the State may be cast, the primary vote is for Cherry for Governor. It is therefore only natural that estimates should favor him. Probable majority vote for Cherry is estimated from very close, to a land life in his favor. The most generally heard estimate is that Cherry will get 160,000 and McDonald 140,000 of the 300,000 personally cast ballot. Because of the extra effort made by Cherry supporters and the appeal of his services in the other way, even McDonald partisans concede that Cherry will likely get a substantial majority of the soldier absentee vote.

The foregoing estimates are not unanimously agreed upon. There are some observers who think McDonald will win, many others think the vote will be extremely close. The 160,000 to 140,000 represents the most often quoted estimate.

Allied Air Battering Is Resumed

American Forts And Liberators Number to 1,500

London, May 19—(AP)—American Fortresses and Liberators and fighter escorts, described officially as a strong force, and probably numbering up to 1,500 planes, resumed the Allied aerial offensive after a five-day lapse today, and struck at targets in the Berlin and Brunswick areas.

The attack, coming less than 24 hours after General Henry H. Arnold, chief of U. S. Army Air Forces, had declared Germany had not yet seen the full weight of Allied air power, precipitated a running battle over the German capital, German broadcasts indicated.

The ensuing bombardment—the United States strategic air forces' fourth attack on the Nazi hub, and the third on the capital this month—was so heavy that it disrupted German new broadcasts.

From the RAF and the USAAF Berlin has fallen about 46,000 tons of bombs up to today.

Chanel observers said the parade of aircraft setting out for the continent today was the largest seen during the war.

While the American "heavies" were en route to Berlin and Brunswick, small formations of Allied expeditionary air force and RAF Messerschmitt, Spitfire and fighter bombers attack unpermitted objectives in northern France this morning, taking advantage of clear skies to press home the attack.

Worst Air War To Come, Nazis Told

Washington, May 19—(AP)—To German Europe, battered by the combined bomber offensives, went word today from General H. H. Arnold that "the worst air attacks, worse as they are, have yet to reach their peak."

In his first press conference here in months, the commanding general of the air forces presented to reporters yesterday the outline of a combat organization of 2,300,000 officers and men which doesn't know its own strength, but has an impressive record of achievement.

Arnold used a map, a chart, a

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Dozen Gravel Cars Wrecked at Dillon, Blocking the ACL

Dillon, S. C., May 19—(AP)—All traffic on the Atlantic Coast Line's main north-south route was blocked today by a dozen gravel cars wrecked on the tracks by a freight train wreck inside Dillon's city limits early today.

Twelve cars of a southbound train were piled up, eight of them steel gondolas loaded with granite gravel. Railroad men said they were unable to account for the wreck.

There were no known injuries. About 30 trains a day use this detoured.

Roadmaster W. L. Freeman said it was possible one track might be cleared by midnight.

The twelve cars wrecked were in the middle of the train.

Forrestal Is Given Oath As Navy Head

Washington, May 19—(AP)—James Forrestal, 52-year-old New York investment banker and legislator, who first served as secretary of the navy in the first World War, today took the oath as secretary of the Navy, succeeding Frank Knox, who died April 28.

Rear Admiral Thomas S. Gates, judge advocate general of the Navy, read the oath at a brief ceremony in Forrestal's office, attended by high ranking officers as well as members of Congress.

Among the first to congratulate the new secretary was Admiral Ernest King, Navy commander-in-chief. Others included admirals representing all branches of the naval service and the chairman of the congressional naval committee, Senator Walsh, Massachusetts Democrat, and Representative Vinson, Georgia Democrat.

NEWTON GROVE MAN REWARDED IN ITALY

Allied Headquarters, Naples, May 19—(AP)—Award of 48 stars stars to officers and men of the 26th "Tropic" division by Major General Fred L. Walker was announced today.

Among the recipients was Private William W. Wanzick, Newton Grove, N. C.

POP TAKES SON TO INDUCTION



WHEN ALBERT CAPONETTI, 29, reported for induction at Fort Sheridan, Ill., he had his 11-months-old son in his arms. He told army officers that his wife was ill and there was no one to care for the boy. While Caponetti was worn in two nurses' looks after the child, Pop is shown with the baby in his duffel bag after he had been granted a 24-hour pass to take him home. (International Soundphoto)

Hitler Line Cracked At Center by Allies

German Reverses Etched On Boss' Face



The look of a man who stares at defeat is expressed in the face of A. Hitler (top), the kingpin of Naziland, as he meditates on the private railroad car somewhere in Germany. His problems increase each day as our heavyweights drop their blackbirds to shatter rail facilities in what tactical experts dub "Operation Strangle." The purpose of which is to choke off supplies destined for the imperial east. (International)

Retreat Of Nazis Made In Disorder

Attack is Made On 25-Mile Line; Nazi Losses High

Allied Headquarters, Naples, May 19—(AP)—French troops and Allied tanks broke into the Hitler line at its very center today in a smash toward Sant'Oliva, a front di-patch said, as the Allies hammered all along the front at this new mountain wall manned by the Germans after a "disorderly retreat."

Sant'Oliva, only four miles from the sea, was the main road supplying the Nazi front, but at the tip of a peninsula broke down into the mountains between Pontecorvo and Fondicchio in Italy.

A headquarters officer declared the Germans had made a "disorderly retreat" instead of a mere withdrawal between the Liri valley and the sea, when they fell back from their shattered Gothic defenses in the Hitler line since captured American and French tanks.

The break, a 25-mile high losses in equipment and their artillery strength, particularly the diminished, he said.

Both in the frontal, supported by American tanks, and in the rear, the British, American and French troops struck the Hitler line at the tip of a peninsula, the German army and British troops were pushing eastward from their victory at Cassino on the northern flank.

Allied troops assaulted the Hitler line along a 25-mile line stretching toward the sea. Apian was junction of Liri and Frosinone, carrying deeper into German mountain defenses in the middle.

The German high command reported the heaviest fighting in the sector of Ponte Corvo and to the eastward, acknowledged a "local success" in the Hitler line at Sant'Oliva, but said it was "sealed off."

The Allied assault was French-driven, with British tanks on the right and American tanks on the left, the British army pushing toward the sea, the American army pushing toward the mountains.

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A German broadcast betrayed incoherence, but the army troops of the Ninth Army might begin an attack in an effort to join the Allied forces in the Frosinone area, but the Allied command said the beachhead remained quiet.

Gliders Are Ready To Take Germans On Attack on England

London, May 19—(AP)—The Germans have massed gliders and transport planes in concealed hangars along the European coast in numbers sufficient to drop at least one airborne division on Britain, the London Daily Mail said today, asserting its information came from "excellent sources."

The British do not rule out the possibility of such a German counter invasion. The enemy troops might be assigned to knock out nerve centers vital to the Allied war machine.

Only last Saturday Field Marshal Lord Ironside, commander of the home guards and former chief of the British imperial defense staff, warned that it is quite possible that when we make our great invasion, the Germans will make some sort of effort to land in this country.

The Daily Mail said the German force, if used, could include about 100 gliders, each capable of carrying 100 men.

Like the Allies, Germany has been gradually building up its invasion force since the outbreak of the war. A Soviet broadcast today said the Soviet army had captured the German gliders and transport planes.

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Jap East Indies Bases Again Raided From Air

New York, May 19—(AP)—The Tokyo radio said today that Suraebata, one of the Japanese key bases in the Netherlands East Indies, had been raided twice by Allied bombers on the mornings of May 17 and 18, and the Japanese account suggested that Allied naval and air task forces from India were carrying out another of their bold sweeps.

This time in coordination with U. S. Pacific forces.

The raid on Suraebata, a key Japanese base in the Netherlands East Indies, was the second in a series of attacks on the island.

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, May 19—(AP)—Another lightning stab in General Douglas MacArthur's accelerated Philippines offensive today gave the Allies virtual possession of strategic Wadke island, a potential base for:

1. Throwing a fighter plane umbrella for bombers over all the rest of Japanese-held northwestern New Guinea.

2. Battering Halmahera, enemy land guardian between MacArthur and the Philippines, to which he has vowed to return.

3. Bombing Palau, Japanese

47 RAF Officers Shot By Nazis After Escape

London, May 19—(AP)—Forty-seven RAF officers, shot down by German fighters after escaping from a plane, were today reported to have been executed by the Nazis.

Several officers, paratroopers in the British Isles, told the House of Commons. Fifteen were reported captured alive, and 41 still were at large.

Some were shot, some were captured, and some were executed. The British government has requested the protecting

International law sanctions shoot-down of a plane, but provides that after capture, if there is no resistance, the most severe penalty, can only be imprisonment.

RUSSIAN AIRPLANES BOMB FINNISH CITY

London, May 19—(AP)—Russian dive bombers attacked Kotka, in southern Finland, 70 miles east of Helsinki, early today, causing damage and casualties, and seven bombers and fighters were shot down, the Finnish communists said.

Finnish planes raided a Soviet air base on Annus isthmus last night, the Communists added.