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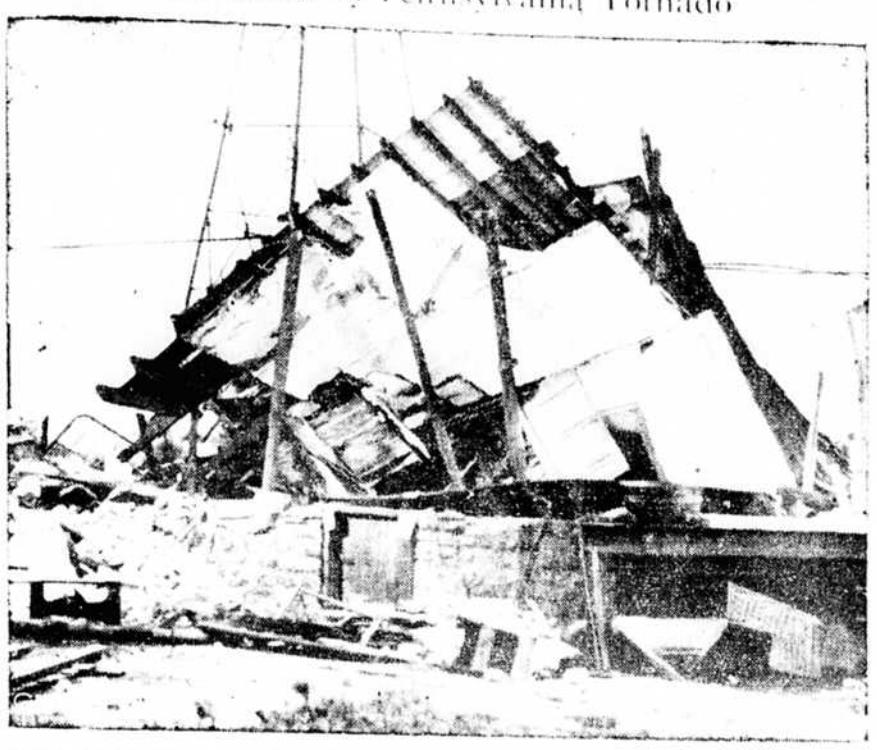
NAZIS BEING CLEARED OUT OF CHERBOURG

House Razed by Pennsylvania Tornado



This shattered structure at Dravosburg, Pa., is one of hundreds that were blown apart by the tornado that struck western Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia. Two children were killed when it collapsed and their parents and four other persons hospitalized. The death toll was estimated to be about 130, and more than 650 were reported to be injured by the freak storm. (International Soundphoto)

Four Mighty Russian Armies Crack German Lines In East

Defeat of Nazis This Year Is Aim In Pincer Effort

London, June 26.—(AP)—Attacking with buffering force on a 250-mile front in one of history's greatest land offensives, four powerful Russian armies drove westward through the broken German "Fatherland line" in White Russia today, leaving behind an island of 15,000 trapped enemy troops. These were being cut to pieces in the battleform ruins of encircled Vitebsk.

And at least four other great Soviet armies, equipped to part with American weapons, are poised on the Polish and Rumanian fronts—waiting for the signal for a concerted push toward Berlin in connection with Allied armies in the west and south.

Moscow said more than 50,000 Germans had been killed, 8,000 of them in the area south of Vitebsk alone. Hundreds of big guns, trucks and other equipment also has been seized.

RED DRIVE HAMMERS VITEBSK

PENETRATION of the German line north and south of Vitebsk, one of the four important points taken by the Russian armies. (International Soundphoto—radiophoto via Washington.) Vitebsk is the fortress city on the Dvina River which was one part of the new pincer attack in the east. (Map of the new front is on page 2.)

Germans In Full Flight From Port

Only Small Knots Of Resistance Left; Smash Made Sunday

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 26.—(AP)—Lightly armed troops have broken the backbone of German opposition in Cherbourg and are dealing out the last knots of resistance in the ruins of the port city, it was reported this afternoon. The Germans declared today on the eve of the fall of the port that they would "blow up everything" in the harbor.

By A. P. Roberts, the American took 2,000 prisoners and many details were still being rounded up today. Many more Nazis have been captured in the last days of the fall of Cherbourg.

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Dewey On First Ballot Seems Assured At GOP Convention

State After State Joins Bandwagon of New York Governor

OPA Act Is Assurance Of Parity To Farmers, Georgia Solon States

Washington, June 26.—(AP)—America's farmers are "absolutely guaranteed parity prices for their products," Representative Pace, Georgia Democrat, said today under terms of the price control act compromise finally adopted by Congress.

Dewey-Warren Ticket Looms As Probable

Chicago, June 26.—(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York took an apparently insurmountable lead for the Republican presidential nomination today as the party's 1944 convention opened with the main business of the conclave thus all but settled in advance.

As the hour for convening approached and passed, with hundreds of delegates apparently still absent, and the platform itself unfinished, rapid fire action by influential states raised the New Yorker's total of pledged and claimed votes to 668, with 529 needed to nominate.

Japanese Squander Planes, Carriers In Reckless Defenses

747 Planes and Six Carriers Lost Near Marianas in Week

America To Help Rebuild Old Russia

Americans In Third Of Cherbourg

TO SET EMPLOYMENT CEILINGS IN STATE

ECTC Board Will Meet Friday And Hear Professors

759 BOMBERS BLAST VIENNA DURING DAY

London, June 26.—(AP)—The United Nations radio at Algiers said 759 Mediterranean-based bombers attacked Vienna today.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; mild tonight; moderately high temperatures Tuesday.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBER PARALYZED

Violent Air Battles Rage Over Continent In Allied Offensive