



Cherbourg Conquest Complete

Soviet Drive Crushing German Eastern Wall

MRS. LUCE CONFERS WITH GOP GROUP



AMONG THE FIRST of the "four attractions" to reach Chicago... Mrs. Luce confers with a group of people.

Martin Sees Great Republican Victory

Warren Urged To Take Place Beside Dewey

Tells Convention Constitution Will Be Saved for U. S.

Chicago, June 27 (AP)—Representative Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts took up the fight as permanent chairman of the Republican National Convention today with a declaration that his party would "save constitutional government at home and abroad at any cost."

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Former Bund Man Tells of Plot On Uprising in U. S.

Former German Bund member and anti-Nazi activist, who testified before a Senate subcommittee, said he had been part of a plot to overthrow the U.S. government.

Air Assault Among Worst Of The War

Bridges and Supply Lines at the Rear Are Being Smashed

Moscow, June 27 (AP)—Under one of the most terrific air assaults of the war, Germany's White Russian forward wall formed by the Orlow, Mogilev and Bobruisk bridges, appeared to be collapsing today, with the entire salient of more than 100 miles in immediate danger.

On the ground four powerful Red armies, advancing about a 50-mile front, began converging on the Minsk railways to Warsaw and Hitler's Reich.

Despite this stubborn resistance, the Red army was closing in rapidly on the three bridge cities. Units were already in the outskirts and outlying sections of both Orsha and Mogilev, battering at a deep system of trenches and concrete fortifications.

A Red correspondent, Pavel Pavlenko, the first newsman to enter liberated Vitebsk, reported the tanks were thronging with retreating residents. The correspondent said the Germans had evacuated the civilians southward, westward and northwestward, but the sudden blows at the Russians interrupted their plans, and they abandoned thousands of women, children and old people.

Despite a heavy bombardment, the city of Vitebsk, a strategic rail center, was held by the Red army. The city was surrounded by German forces, but the Red army was closing in.

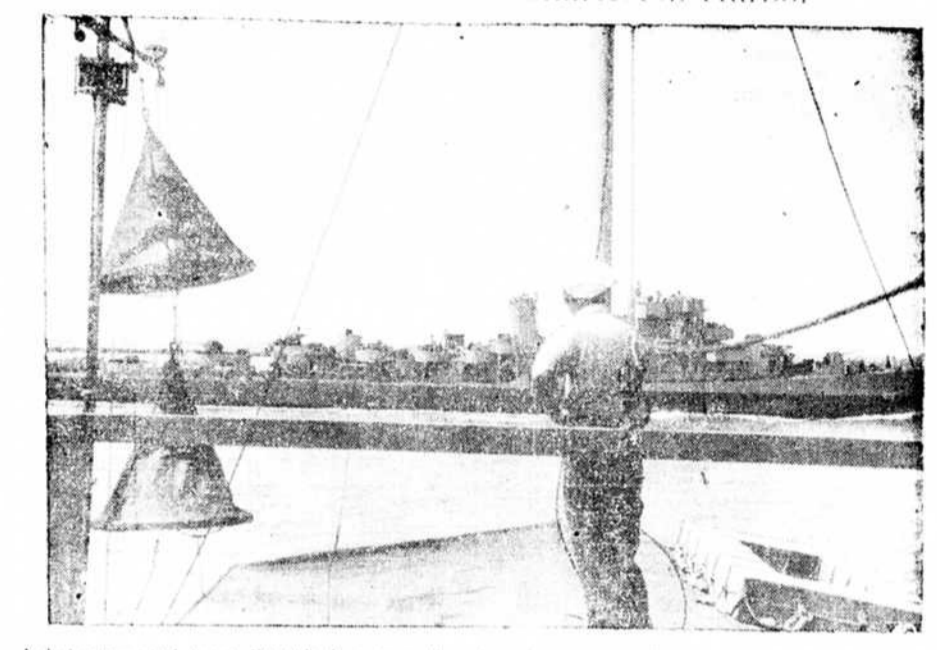
Congress of PTA Surveys Activity During the Year

Washington, June 27 (AP)—The Congress of the PTA, held in Chicago, will survey the year's activity of the organization. The congress will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

500 U. S. Bombers Hit Balkan Strong Points

London, June 27 (AP)—The U.S. Army Air Corps today hit 500 German strong points in the Balkans with heavy bombers. The bombers were part of a large-scale attack on the German rear.

Submarine Net Guards Charleston Harbor



A destroyer escort passes through the net in the harbor, the Charleston, S. C., harbor. Every ship of any size passing through the harbor entrance is carefully identified and cleared before being permitted to pass.

Reduction Of Buyers Is Protested

Durham, Lumberton Farmers Heard at Raleigh Gathering

Raleigh, June 27 (AP)—Governors from Durham and Lumberton protested before the market committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States today against a proposal to cut the number of buyers from all major tobacco auction markets and to reduce selling hours.

Stalin Lauds U. S. For Contributions Made to the War

Moscow, June 27 (AP)—Joseph Stalin, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, talked business with Premier Marshal Josef Stalin for two and a half hours in the Kremlin last night, and emerged with the declaration that the conversation had been "very successful."

War Loan 29 Pct. Subscribed so Far, Treasury States

Washington, June 27 (AP)—Bond subscriptions for the 1944 War Loan drive have climbed to 29.01, 000,000, or 29 percent of the goal, the Treasury reported today.

Crops Critical In State Due To Serious Drought

Through June 26, 1944, the state Department of Agriculture said, the general picture of crop conditions in the state of North Carolina is "critical" because of the drought.

Japs Stiffen Lines But Yanks Push On In Marianas Drive

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British Make Great Lunge To The East

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 27 (AP)—The Germans have lost "not less than 20,000 men" in killed, wounded and captured since D Day, headquarters estimated militarily today.

Americans Impose Huge Losses Upon Defending Germans

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, June 27 (AP)—American troops completed capture of the Cherbourg water tower port of a harbor today, while a powerful British offensive swept up three more towns and punched a hole three miles of the eastern Germanic bastion of France.

Leaf Men Choose All Old Officers For Another Year

Washington, June 27 (AP)—The Leaf Men, a group of old officers, have chosen all old officers for another year. The group is a part of the military establishment.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

For the north, cloudy with occasionally high temperatures today and Wednesday.