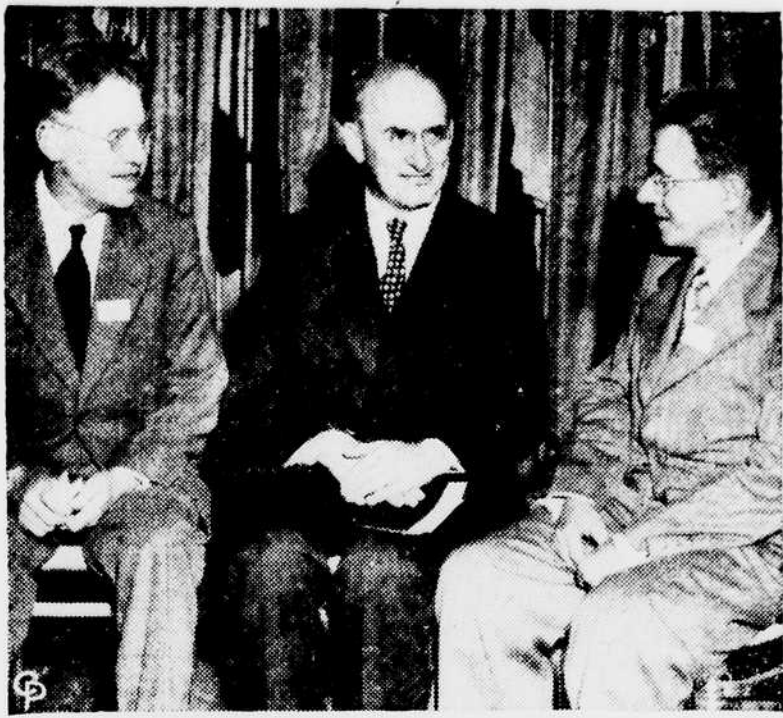


DELEGATES AT MONETARY PARLEY



AMONG THE DELEGATES attending the Monetary and Financial Conference being held at Bretton Woods, N. H. are (l. to r.): J. L. Hisey, Minister of Finance of Canada, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., elected conference president, and M. S. Stepanov, Deputy People's Commissar of Foreign Trade for Russia.

17 More Jap Ships Sunk By U. S. Subs

Large Cruiser And Destroyed Included; Fleet Losses Heavy

Washington, July 5—(AP)—Navy Secretary Forrestal reported today the sinking of 17 Japanese vessels, including a large cruiser and a destroyer, by American submarines operating in Pacific waters.

He disclosed the latest bag of American underwater craft at a news conference, at which he reported that the submarine destroyed the "lion's share of the credit for knocking the props from under Japan's conquest."

Japan, Forrestal said, "is using merchant ships faster than she can afford to," and continuation of the current trends "will leave her by the end of 1944 with a sizable and growing deficit."

"The war against Japan, he said, had moved at a faster pace than we had hoped for. But he warned against over-confidence, saying that the main battles are still to come, and they will be bitter and costly."

"We are now approaching the phase where we are going to Japan in the Pacific to stand up and fight," he said.

Main battles still to come, he predicted, will likely occur on land with infantry organizations beating in Japan.

The new sinkings by American submarines raised to 791 the number of Jap craft of all types sunk, probably sunk or damaged by American subs alone.

Russians Drive Near Baltic Americans Near Rail Center

Capture Of La Haye Now Is Imminent

Doughboys Routing Germans in Bloody Peninsula Battle

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, July 5—(AP)—The American first army has battered the Germans out of 17 villages and hamlets in its explosive assault down the Cherbourg peninsula during the past 24 hours, driving the Germans back to within one mile of La Haye du Puits, western anchor of Nazi defenses in Normandy.

On the eastern extreme of the bridgehead front, Canadiana fought hand to hand today with stubbornly resisting Germans for Carentan, a town three miles from Caen, while the British to the south beat off new German tank attacks with heavy enemy losses.

U. S. Gen. Bradley's fearless American doughboys, attacking in a rugged 20-mile arc from Carentan to the west coast of the Cherbourg peninsula, advanced from one half to two and a half miles in swampy, canal-crossed country.

American columns converging on La Haye, an important six-road junction, were within two miles of the town on the west, three miles on the north, a mile on the northeast and three miles on the east. Capture of the town appeared imminent. Progress was far from easy. The Germans resisted heavily in all sectors, and a particularly violent engagement was going on a half a mile of newly captured St. Jores, east of La Haye.

The long quiet Carentan sector erupted into bloody fighting when the Americans launched an attack down the Carentan-Perriers road. The doughboys advanced half a mile in an attack starting at noon yesterday.

Each foot of the advance had to be covered with artillery. Swamps and canals channeled the fighting to the narrow area along the road. East of Gavrus at the butt of the Odon river bridgehead, the Germans launched a night counter-attack, but it was smashed by General Montgomery's big gun batteries. Another similar attack to the south three hours later also was smashed.

James said that "the situation growing out of the action of the State Democratic Convention warrants close examination and consideration by every Democrat of the State."

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JAP AIRPORT WRECKED BY U. S. BOMBS



THIS IS HOW the Japanese airport, Sorong Island, last effective Jap air base in New Guinea, looked after it was raided by U. S. Fifth Army Air Force bombers. Fifty Jap planes were destroyed at this point. Note the delayed bomb being parachuted (arrow) to the ground right next to the tail of a Jap bomber. U. S. Air Force photo.

May Arrive Upon Border By Week-End

Vital Rail Line Is Almost Within Grasp of Soviets

Moscow, July 5—(AP)—Two powerful Russian armies pushed on toward Latvia and Lithuania at a pace that may reach one or both of the Baltic republics in three or four days, menacing Daugavpils in Latvia and Wilno and Kaunas in the Soviet Lithuanian republic.

Some 200 miles to the north, the German high command said, Nazi forces evacuated Estonia and Poland. Moscow made no reference to Kowal or this central front.

Berlin also declared the Russians had landed on five islands in Narva bay, between Estonia and Finland. The Russians crossed the Estonian frontier in an offensive last winter, pinning off five islands on the bay.

The RMB (Russian Maritime Battalion) attacking Estonian coast, with heavy fighting, including on a third. Light 300-ton naval forces and German naval units, "successfully engaged" Soviet supply boats, it added.

Field dispatches disclosed the Germans appeared widely unable to halt the Red Army drive toward Latvia and Lithuania.

Business planes, including Wilno in southern attacks.

Beating back disorganized German resistance, the first Baltic army pressed up the valley on the western Dvina river toward Daugavpils, key rail junction in southeastern Latvia, while the third white Russian army made fast progress toward Wilno and Kaunas.

By London estimates, the advancing Red army troops were within ten miles of holding the Baltic or eastern Poland. Without it, other task would be extremely difficult.

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Warren believes G. O. P. chances good if they make fight correctly. Sacramento, Calif., July 5—(AP)—Gov. Earl Warren, asked what he thought of the chances for a Republican victory in November today said, "They are good if we make the fight that should be made."

The Governor, just back from Chicago, described the Dewey-Bricker Republican presidential ticket as a "good combination."

The Governor, his wife and daughter, Virginia, were greeted at the train by his four other children, his grandson and a crowd of State officials.

Warren, who declined to be a candidate for the vice presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention, and his plans had been developed on his particular part in the campaign.

"But whatever they ask me to do I'll do," he added.

Prominent House Leader To Frame New Platform

Has Perfect Teeth



FAME SMILES on Lois Price, 18, of Jefferson, Iowa, because she has a perfect set of perfect teeth. Announcing her as a "discovery," a national journal for dentists credits her diet with much of the perfection. Formerly and appropriately a dental assistant in her hometown, she is a waitress on the ss. North America. (International)

Wagner Turns Down Job Held Before; Credentials Scrap

(By The Associated Press.) Senator Robert F. Wagner, New York Democrat, two-time chairman of the platform-making resolutions committee of the Democratic National Convention, has declined the job again, and party leaders were reported today to have offered it to a prominent House member.

The Democratic National Committee expects to announce the name of the new chairman before the week ends. That will permit appointment of a subcommittee which will assemble in Chicago before July 17, hold hearings and put up a scoping-up for election of the 1944 national party platform.

The subcommittee will have no power to act. The convention itself, which begins July 19, must create the resolution and all other major committees.

It will be in the credentials committee that a scrap may develop over seating fourth term or anti-fourth term delegates from some states. The committee on rules and order of business will have to pass on southern demands for the restoration of a rule that a two-thirds vote is necessary to nominate.

One reason Wagner turned down the resolutions chairmanship is that he is attending an international monetary conference at Bretton Woods, N. H. The conference probably will overlap the Democratic meeting.

Except for the Democrats planning the Fourth of July was largely a holiday politically. Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the Republican presidential nominee, took things easy.

In Georgia, a quiet Democratic primary was marked by the efforts of Negroes to vote. They were refused permission, but their efforts laid the basis for a court test.

Jesse Jones Hits Texas Restriction

Houston, Texas, July 5—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones today protested the Texas State Democratic Convention's conditional binding of its electors, saying Texas Democrats may be effectively prevented from casting their vote for the party nominee.

In a front page editorial in the Houston Chronicle, which he publishes, Jones declared "no political convention has the authority to deny a qualified voter the right to vote for any candidate he wishes to support."

He asserted that two resolutions passed by the Texas convention places the Texas convention above the national convention.

The statement was Jones' first on the split in Texas Democratic ranks, which saw a pro-Roosevelt group leave the regularly constituted Texas presidential convention in Austin May 23 and name its own electors and delegates to the national convention.

In referring to the State convention, Jones said, "No one has contended that the convention lacks the support of the majority of its delegates. No one has even suggested that its proceedings were other than regular."

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Stab Toward Tokyo Features Fourth In U. S. War In Pacific

Seven-Eighths of Saipan Now Held By U. S. Invaders

U. S. Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 5—(AP)—Guns of American warships and rockets of carrier planes shattered Japanese bases on the Fourth of July 700 miles south of Tokyo.

Saipan, on the invasion route to Japan, is seven-eighths in the hands of still advancing Yank Marines and soldiers.

News of the invasion route to the Philippines, is falling in a lightning succession to intermarriage, as interest in paratroopers.

The latest task force, first toward Nippon, aimed at the Kazan and Bonin Islands, resulted in the sinking or beaching of seven Jap destroyers, the sinking of two other ships and the destruction in sky battles of from 64 to 80 planes, at a cost of one American carrier aircraft.

These fast-breaking developments along a western Pacific axis, first more than 2,000 miles from the Bonins to Dutch New Guinea, and then single days were reported in a series of communique last night and today.

Tokyo radio, adding to the big picture, the recent arrival of the first news-based American planes and of Gipsy, south of Saipan, Monday. The enemy air base at Haha, between Guam and Saipan, was bombed by warships and bombed by carrier planes Sunday.

The Kazan Bomb attack was a two-day operation, which failed to sink the number of Nipponese ships sunk and to 800 tons total of enemy planes destroyed since the western Pacific offensive opened June 10.

American losses for the same period were listed as 160 planes—and four warships damaged, but none sunk.

Admiral Nimitz said the Fourth of July attack also left an enemy destroyer dead in the water and burning, damaged several small cargo ships and set fire to harbor installations and warehouses.

Carrier planes opened the operation the day before, blasting Iwo Jima in the Kazan group, shattering down 39 interceptors for certain, probably bagging 16 more, and destroying or damaging 24 on the ground.

Three raiders were lost. On the second day, cruisers and destroyers moved in to shell two Japs, while rocket-firing planes attacked both it and Haha Japs in the Bonins. In that attack 23 enemy planes were downed and six raiders were lost.

BOMBED CHILD DREADS ROBOTS



A BURNED CHILD dreads the fire no more truly than this wounded English tot dreads the air from which one of Hitler's robot bombs dropped recently among innocents. Her wounds dressed, safe in her mother's arms, the child still looks skyward in fear. (International)

Deaths 439 During Long Holiday Run

(By The Associated Press.)

America celebrated a comparatively safe Fourth of July with 439 persons meeting death in accidents throughout the country over the long holiday week-end, less than half the toll of 1,000 expected by the National Safety Council.

But, the fatality record was nearly 150 more than last year, when 293 deaths were reported over the three-day week-end.

Traffic fatalities again headed the death list, 170 reported in 38 states, and the District of Columbia. Last year, 127 persons were killed in highway accidents, while in 1943, before travel restrictions, there were 309.

Drownings claimed 110 lives, and 129 persons died from air-recreational causes.

No fireworks fatalities were reported this year.

JUNIOR CONVENTION

Raleigh, July 5—(AP)—John W. White of Raleigh has been named chairman of the general arrangements committee for the fifty-fourth annual convention of the State Council of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, to be held here Aug. 22-23.

Among those to attend are Deputy National Councilor P. A. Norris and National Vice Councilor William Murphy, both of Norfolk, Va.

WAR PRISONER ESCAPES

Charlotte, July 5—(AP)—The escape of a German prisoner of war from Camp Davis, near Wilmington, was announced today by Ed Schodt, special agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the FBI.

The prisoner, Helmut Hacherein, escaped sometime between roll call last night, when he was present, and roll call this morning.

Americans Fight Nazis in Streets Of La Haye Puits

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, July 5—(AP)—American troops fought the Germans in the streets of La Haye du Puits late today, the Supreme command announced.

The Americans advanced along the entire La Haye front for more than two miles.

On the British front around Caen, there was heavy fighting between Ferny and Esquay, as Marshal Rommel sought to break into the British lines.

Canadian troops consolidated their position around Carquet, airfield nearby.

During the first month of the campaign, the Allies liberated more than 58 villages, towns and cities of Normandy, supreme headquarters said.

Cotton Moves To High Level

New York, July 5—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 5 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were 35 to 75 cents a bale higher, July 22-15, October 21.55, December 21.39.

Table with columns: Month, Close, Open. July: 22.08, 22.12; October: 21.45, 21.48; December: 21.27, 21.33; March: 21.15, 21.26; May: 21.00, 21.07.