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GERMANS ARE PUSHED WELL BEYOND CAEN

DE GAULLE VISITS PERSHING



SEATED IN HIS ROOM at the Walter Reed Hospital, Gen. John J. Pershing (right), American commander in the last war, is pictured with Gen. Charles de Gaulle, chief of the French National Committee, during the latter's visit. Pershing told him the war is nearing its end. (International)

Report Roosevelt Will Not Dictate His Running Mate

Nelson Will Likely Win On Production

Washington, July 16.—(AP)—Chairman Donald Nelson's close colleagues in the War Production Board predict he will override military objections and put into effect his orders permitting limited civilian goods production. They say, moreover, that Nelson will not "water down" or compromise the announced program, which would let industry start preparations for reconversion, and, while the war continues, devote the men, machines and material not needed for munitions to the manufacture of consumer goods. The military opposition came into the open Saturday night when the Joint Army and Navy chiefs of staff made public a letter signed by Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of staff to President Roosevelt as commander-in-chief. It declared: "The issuance of orders at this time which will affect our ability to produce war materials is not consistent with the all-out prosecution of the war."

Bombers Back Allied Smash Into France

London, July 16.—(AP)—Large forces of Allied bombers and fighters streamed across the English channel in improving weather today in support of the British and American troops advancing on the Normandy front. During the night RAF Mosquito and Boston bombers ranged deep into France and attacked 18 trains and railroads leading to the German front, highway convoys and Seine river bridges. German reinforcements struggling westward across the Seine near the coast just east of Le Havre on ferries and pontoon bridges were bombed and strated over a 30-mile stretch. The German radio said single Allied raiders were over northwest Germany early this morning.

FIRES UNCHECKED IN DISMAL SWAMP

Raleigh, July 16.—(AP)—Week-end rains in some eastern areas helped to curb forest fires, but the dismal swamp area fire continued unabated, the State Department of Conservation and Development reported today. The ground fire already has burned over 12,000 acres, and a change in wind sent a heavy smoke into the direction of Elizabeth City. The fire is mostly in Camden and Currituck counties.

To Leave Wallace To His Fate With Chicago Meeting

(By The Associated Press) The word spread in Democratic circles today that President Roosevelt apparently has decided to let Henry A. Wallace stand or fall on his own record and to leave entirely to the Democratic National Convention the choice of a 1944 vice presidential nominee. That word, of which most party leaders are protesting, came as Wallace headed toward Washington to report to Mr. Roosevelt Tuesday and to re-assess the political scene after several weeks in China and Russia. Decisions as to a fourth-term nomination for the President are no longer expected. Word seeping from inner party councils indicated that if the convention consults the chief executive as to his wishes, he will express a preference for Wallace. He may let the preference be known anyway. But he is represented as not prepared to dictate a choice to the convention, which starts July 19 in Chicago. And if the convention discards Wallace, it would be the party taking the action rather than the President, who is noted for loyalty to the men in places around him.

Wallace has his supporters, but there is a strong element of opposition to him in party ranks, much of it from the South. Virginia emphasized that Saturday by voting to instruct its 24 delegates to the convention to ballot against Wallace for re-nomination. Virginia left her delegates instructed on the presidential issue, but told them to vote as a unit.

Wallace, in a radio broadcast at Seattle last night, remarked that "unfair freight rates" had long held back the Northwest. In the same conversation, Senator Stewart, Tennessee Democrat, said at Washington that he intends to sponsor a platform plank advocating rail rate parity for the South and West, with the East. Governor J. M. Bowen, of North Carolina, a candidate for the vice presidential nomination, said at Chicago that victory, loss and peace will be the Democrats' three great issues.

DALLAS IN TRIBUTE TO ER. GEO. TRUETT

Dallas, Texas, July 16.—(AP)—With simple rites, Dallas and the capital world today paid formal tribute to Dr. George W. Truett, famous preacher and international religious leader, who died Friday.

BROUGHTON OPENS QUARTERS MONDAY

Raleigh, July 16.—(AP)—The Broughton Ice Vice President Committee announced today that National headquarters would be opened Sunday and Monday in the Stevens hotel in Chicago. The Democratic convention opens July 19.

Nazi Collapse In East Grows

Foe Retires To Lithuania And Poland

Capitulation Of Wilno Imminent; German Vicious

Moscow, July 16.—(AP)—The Red army fought for the second day in the streets of the Lithuanian capital of Wilno today, but the city appeared doomed to early capitulation. (London dispatches said the Russian army, leaving large forces of tanks and infantry to battle the Germans in Wilno, was dashing westward toward Kaunas, 50 miles beyond Wilno, as the disordered Germans fell back across Lithuania and Poland in a military collapse that grew more disastrous by the hour.

(Northwest of Wilno the Red army had reached to within 30 to 40 miles of East Prussia at unspecified points, these reports said.) While some troops of the third White Russian army battered down resistance inside Wilno, others were deployed on the left flank and captured the railway junction of Lidz, 100 miles to the south. The third army forces captured more than 500 other points, it was announced.

Forces of the first Baltic army struck northeast of Wilno and seized Scentyami, 48 miles from the capital, and just inside the Lithuanian border, bringing the Wilno-Daugavpils railroad under fire. The Nazi garrison in Wilno fought stubbornly for every street, square and house in the city, but with the line southwest to Dziavstok and northwest to Kaunas the only remaining rail communication, it appeared doomed to early destruction.

The second White Russian army, which has been lagging behind the others in the advance, crossed the Lidz-Barnawice railroad, taking 150 towns including Dziavstok, 30 miles south of Lidz and Novegrodsk, the same distance to the southeast. A Soviet war bulletin asserted the Russians had captured the main railway station and airport in Wilno and were inflicting tremendous losses on the Germans.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Tuesday, with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

CAPITAL OF SAIPAN AFTER AMERICAN BLASTING



JUST THE WALLS of buildings remain after U. S. land, sea, and air forces had shelled and bombed Gapan, capital of Saipan, in the Marianas. When this photo was taken, the city was still the scene of bitter street fighting between our forces and the retreating Japs. Since the island was invaded, our troops have killed approximately 10,000 Japanese soldiers and retained many.

Polio Cases Now Number 255 In N. C.

Epidemic Hasn't Reached Its Peak, Officials Think

Raleigh, July 16.—(AP)—Health officers from seven southern states said today there was little experience of an infantile paralysis outbreak in their states, but North Carolina spokesmen reported they already had records of 255 cases since June 1 and they feared the peak had not been reached.

Health officials in Virginia, Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana reported they had not yet received reports of any cases in their states. All spokesmen said preparations were being made for a possible epidemic.

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Capture Of Saipan Opens Way For New Hard Blows At Japs

De Gaulle Happy Over FDR Views

Washington, July 16.—(AP)—General Charles de Gaulle, reporting his conversations with President Roosevelt today, said the general was "delighted" to find a better understanding between the two nations. He said he was "delighted" to find a better understanding between the two nations.

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Strategic Value Of Pacific Island Declared Immense

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 16.—(AP)—Vast new possibilities of sea and air smashups toward Japan and the Philippines surged into view today with the conquest of Saipan and Negeles islands in the western Pacific.

Outstanding American forces, which had captured Saipan Saturday from a 10,000-man Japanese garrison, stepped up today to capture Negeles, a 1,000-man Japanese garrison, which had been captured Saturday.

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British Are In Mile Of River Orne

Fresh Offensive Is Launched After Inland City Falls

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, July 16.—(AP)—The British second army struck a hard blow eastward at the Germans, left flank three miles south of newly-occupied Caen today, capturing Etoville in short order and advancing to within less than a mile of the river Orne.

The attack was made while the bulk of the main German force was engaged by the British sweeping through the woods of Caen toward the suburb of Rignes, the Germans, from the German, were making a stand.

In the first two and one-half hours of the new attack, south and east of the Orne river, the British captured key 400 112, three smaller of a mile north of Etoville on the road to Caen, as well as Etoville, three miles southwest of Caen, on the same road.

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Field dispatches assessing the extent of the British-Canadian victory at Caen said the German 12th SS panzer division and a field division had been badly mauled in trying to hold the town. The 12th SS panzers were reported whittled to 15 percent of their normal strength, a loss of perhaps 5,500 men.

The capture of Caen was so badly battered that the British had to bring up reinforcements to push the battle aside, because vehicles could not get within 300 yards of the river.

"The Germans have suffered a severe reverse," the supreme command asserted in commenting on the capture of Caen, holding on the eastern wing of the headlong front, but "not broken." "They have not yet suffered a single defeat in the field."

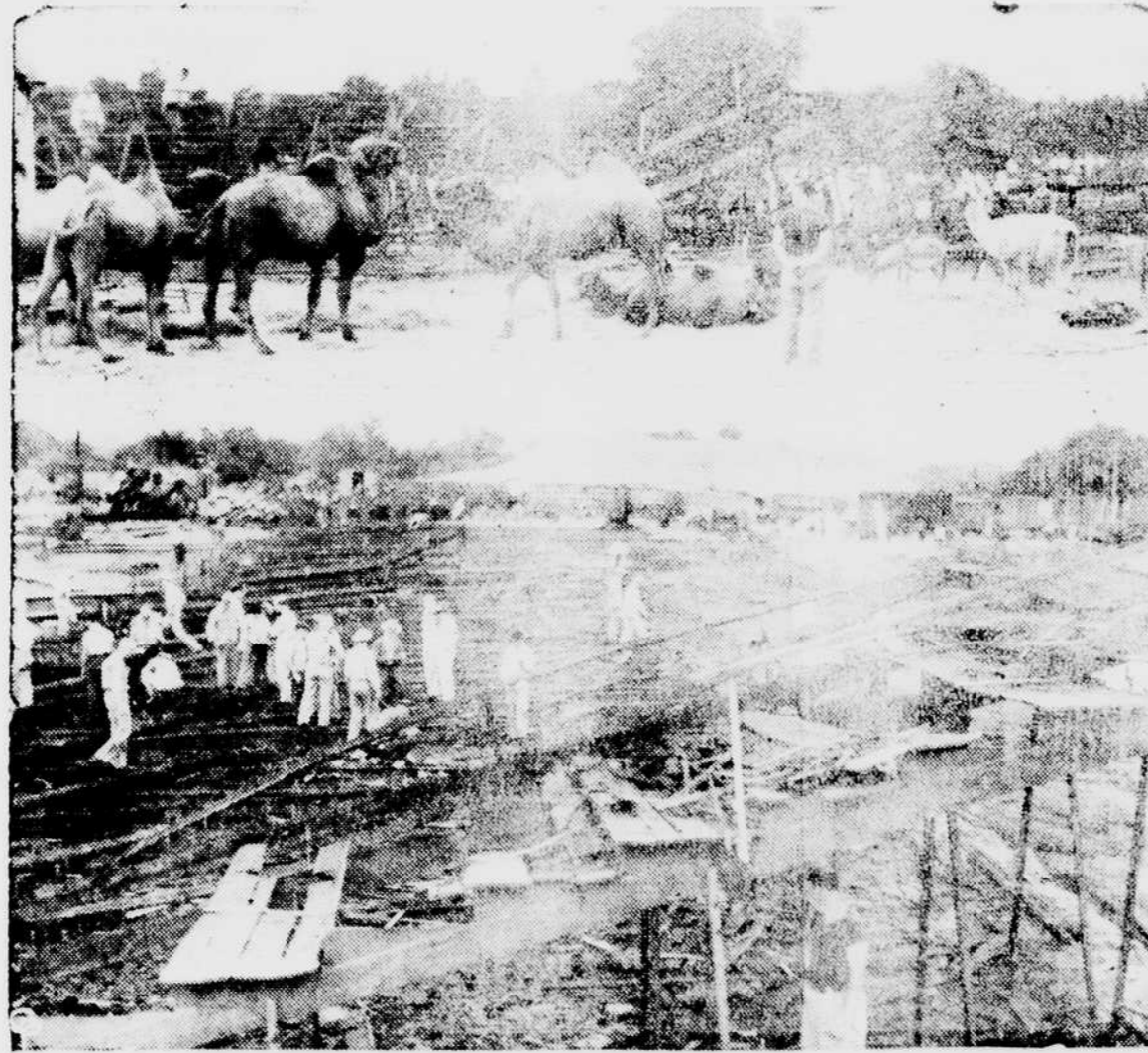
More Towns Captured In French Area

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BLACKENED RUINS AFTER CIRCUS CATASTROPHE



CAMELS AND OTHER ANIMALS wander about (top) on the outskirts of the burned out Big Top in Hartford, Conn., after fire had extinguished the conflagration in which at least 127 persons perished and hundreds were injured. Rescue workers (bottom) search the ruins for the effects of victims that might help to identify them. In the foreground is part of the flame-seared grandstand.

Americans In Italy Advance Four Miles

Rome, July 16.—(AP)—Overcoming dogged enemy resistance, American infantry crossed the river today, captured the German trenchhold of Vignola, have knitted forward another four miles and driven a significant wedge in the German defenses, fronting the so-called "Gothic line," Allied headquarters announced today.

Action of the doughboys in driving the Nazis from Vignola was generally officially as a setback to the enemy's intentions of regaining the