

ROOSEVELT TO RUN AGAIN

SURPRISE MEETING ON SAIPAN



PEERING OUT from a cave on Saipan, a Jap mother and her two children receive assistance from a member of a U. S. Marine Corps patrol...

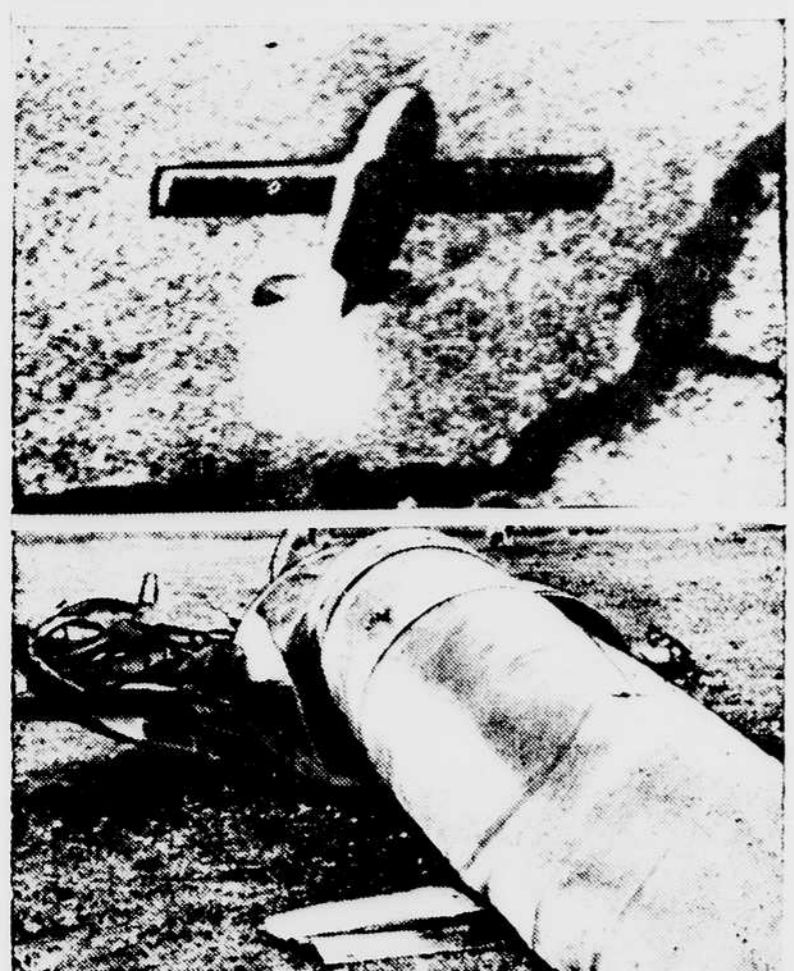
McCormack Sees Full Agreement On Democratic Policy

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—The chairman of the Democratic platform committee, John W. McCormack, said today he expected full agreement at Chicago next week on a plank calling for "sound and international action to prevent war and assure permanent peace."

McCormack, the majority leader of the House, launched a verbal assault on the Republican declaration of policy. "This is no time to compromise on the future peace of the world, as the Republican platform did," he told The Associated Press by telephone from Boston.

The Republicans advocated the use of "peace forces" to keep world order. In Washington, Senator Claude Pepper, Florida Democrat, member of the platform committee, accused McCormack's statement, declaring "there will be no hedging or equivocation" on foreign affairs by the Democratic platform.

ROBOT PLANE IN ACTION AND A DUD



FLAMES SPURTING from its propulsion unit, one of Hitler's robot bombs (top) speeds over English fields. The photo was made by an 8th Air Force reconnaissance pilot flying above and behind the missile.

President Announces Candidacy

If Nominated, Will Accept; If Elected, Will Serve Again

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today he will "reluctantly, but as a good soldier," accept renomination by the Democratic National Convention and serve another four years in the White House, if elected.

In a letter to Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan, Mr. Roosevelt said he personally wanted to retire and avoid public responsibility and serve another four years in the White House, if elected.

"But if the people command me to continue in this office, and in this war," he added, "I have as little right to withdraw as the soldier has to leave his post in the lines."

The President's letter was made public at the White House news conference, which grew tense with expectancy when Mr. Roosevelt told 99 reporters gathered in his office that the doors had been locked. A reporter said that must mean something important was coming.

Another reporter raised the familiar fourth term question, and, grinning, Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that this time the big news was coming. He then read his exchange of letters with Hannegan, who wrote the President in a letter dated July 10 that enough delegates to the party convention starting a week from tomorrow are committed to his renomination to assure it.

"If the convention should carry this out, and nominate me for the presidency, I shall accept," Mr. Roosevelt wrote Hannegan. "If the people elect me, I will serve."

"For myself, I do not want to run," Mr. Roosevelt said. "By next spring I shall have been president and commander-in-chief of the armed forces for twelve years—three times elected by the people of this country, under the American constitutional system."

"From the personal point of view I believe that our economic system is on a sounder, more human basis than it was at the time of my first inauguration."

"After many years of public service, therefore, my personal thoughts have turned to the day when I could return to civil life."

Mr. Roosevelt made no mention of the second place on the ticket, and the status of Vice President Wallace remained unmentioned.

Wallace told reporters last night, after a two-hour conference with the President, that "their conversation dealt solely with China, from which the vice president has just returned."

In Albany, N. Y., Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential nominee, had no comment on Mr. Roosevelt's statement.

FDR Accepts De Gaulle's Committee

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that he is accepting the French National Committee, headed by General Charles De Gaulle as the authority for civil administration of liberated France.

Mr. Roosevelt's new attitude toward the committee, the chief executive made clear at his news conference, results from the talks which he had last Thursday, Friday and Saturday with De Gaulle.

Reds Near Prussian Frontier And Close To The Baltic Sea

EVACUATING CHILDREN FROM ROBOT-BOMBED LONDON



MILLING ABOUT in an English terminal, a group of school children are shown as authorities prepared to evacuate them from London to escape the flying bomb blitz that is now striking the British capital.

Pinsk Now Menaced In Old Poland

German Losses Are Enormous as Result Of Russian Surge

London, July 11.—(AP)—Russian troops, streaming deep into Lithuania, thrust within striking distance today of the East Prussian frontier and moved swiftly toward the Baltic coast in wild enveloping advances, which threatened to entrap two German armies in the north.

Scattered Polish and other army units held toward the rail center of Bialystok, apparently near the East Prussian frontier in Poland, north of the rail center of Bialystok, north of the rail center of Bialystok, north of the rail center of Bialystok.

The Moscow communique said the Germans suffered "tremendous losses" in a general Russian forward surge all the way from the Latvian border to the middle of the Prinet marshes, some 100 miles southward.

A powerful surge of Russian troops into Lithuania at about the midway point of the 100-mile barrier between Danzig, in southeastern Latvia, and the bypassed and blocked German stronghold of Wilno—scene now of blood street fighting.

Premier Stalin announced in an order of the day that the first White Russian army had occupied Luminie, 30 miles east of Pinsk, on the railroad to Brest-Litovsk and Warsaw, and Shchym, 28 miles west of Baranovitz, on the railway to the Polish communications hub of Bialystok, now only 85 miles beyond.

Other columns, striking north through the Prinet marshes, moved within nine miles of Pinsk.

The fall of Luminie and the pressure of a companion column driving from the Prinet marshes to the south, was rapidly making the German position in Pinsk untenable.

German troops had re-entered La Haye du Puits, strategic road center captured by the American first army Sunday.

General Sir Bernard Montgomery, Allied command in France, had been taken since D-Day, and told his American-British-Canadian forces that much has been achieved "with effort and sacrifice."

But weather soon was altering German positions, and the second British army moved in the Cameroons and heavy fighting raged south of the Oden and Oden rivers.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Partly cloudy, warm and humid tonight and Wednesday, with widely scattered afternoon or evening thunder showers.

Americans Gain Three Miles

Over 2,000 Planes Assault Continent

New York, July 11.—(AP)—The German radio asserted today that Allied bombers were over Bavaria, Franconia and southwest Germany. This indicated a wide strike from Italy-based American bombers. The OWI reported the incident.

A sky-scrambling fleet of 2,000 American planes, 1,000 of them heavy bombers, attacked targets around Munich, in south Germany, today after British Mosquitoes before dawn bombed Berlin.

The target were not immediately identified. Weather was foul, forcing Fortresses and Liberators to fasten their high explosive loads by instrument through cloud layers.

The Munich attack was the second mass American blow at the Reich in five days. Last Friday, a star-studded armada, swarmed oil refineries and airplane plants around Leipzig, destroying 141 German planes at a price of 36 bombers and six fighters.

The Germans told six battleships, Munich, southern German frontier city for the Nazi party. In a message this was declared the town of the attackers, Munich (population 882,233) is a railway center for passing into Italy and France and a present Allied target. It is Germany's fourth city, the capital of Bavaria and 25 miles north of the port of the Alps.

While the group of Mosquitoes was being another sleepless night, other formations of this "night cavalry" of the air, crossed over northern France, harassing German troops and interrupting transports. Berlin and Mannheim, near the Reich's western border, were the main targets.

One Mosquito was lost, destroying Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, July 11.—(AP)—United States troops and tanks pounded today to a point within two miles of St. Lo, key road hub forming the Germans' central fortress in Normandy, gaining two to three miles in a furious new offensive spreading the American attack over a forty-mile front.

Spears led by Lt. Gen. Bradley's American first army, jumping off under the screen of a pulverizing artillery barrage, reached the outskirts of Lizienne and Mesnil-Rexelin, just north of the road junction in the heart of Normandy.

St. Lo Threatened; Fall Would Force German Withdrawal

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Guam And Rota Attacked As U. S. Plans New Blows

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 11.—(AP)—American ships and planes struck fresh blows at Guam and Rota over the weekend, bringing complete neutralization of the Marianas—or perhaps new invasion operations—a step near today.

Guam and Rota are less than 150 miles south of Saipan, which has been captured by American Marines and soldiers.

Light cruisers and destroyers shelled Guam Saturday for the second time since Japan took the island on December 11, 1941. Guam first was shelled June 15, while the Saipan landings were in progress.

A Pearl Harbor communique said the Saturday shelling damaged Japanese defense positions, buildings and small craft along the beaches.

Republican Governors To Meet Aug. 2-3

Albany, N. Y., July 11.—(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey announced today a conference of Republican governors would take place August 2 and 3 in St. Louis.

Dewey, G. O. P. presidential nominee, will attend the conference with the other 47 Republican governors, including John W. Bricker, of Ohio, the vice presidential nominee.

Dewey said the conference would be concerned with the "responsibility and obligation between states and the Federal government and how those obligations to the people can best be performed."

Asked to outline the purposes of the conference, the Republican standard-bearer said:

"There has been continuing concern ever since the New Deal took office over the area of responsibility between the states and the Federal government."

Crop Outlook Assures Food Coming Year

A Washington, July 11.—(AP)—Department food officials today announced that the outlook for the coming year is bright.

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A record wheat crop of 1,112,000,000 bushels, and a very large corn crop of 2,300,000,000 bushels was expected. These crops will be supplemented by fairly good crops of other livestock grains, such as soy and barley, and by a good second crop of hay.

While wheat is not considered primarily a food crop, large amounts have been diverted to the pulp and paper industry.

TRUCK HITS BUILDING CAUSING \$100 DAMAGE Asheville, July 11.—(AP)—Loaded with South Carolina peaches, a truck crashed into a corner of the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Transportation Company's brick warehouse at Baltimore yesterday, doing damage to the building estimated by police and company officials at between \$300 and \$400.