

RUSSIAN ARMIES ROLL ON AS NAZIS FLEE

Hard Fight Likely For Democrats

Free-For-All For Vice Presidency Appears Probable

(By The Associated Press) Predictions by Democratic leaders that "the boys will have a little fun" in choosing a vice presidential candidate and that "it's not going to be a cut and dried convention" pointed today to a lively time at next week's Chicago gathering.

These forecasts, the first by Governor Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, the convention keynote, and the second by Mayor Edward J. Kelly, of Chicago, came as politicians still awaited the expected pot on the back from the White House for Henry A. Wallace, who wants to be the President's running mate again.

With time running out fast, the convention is to meet Wednesday and to ballot for the vice presidential nomination one week from today. There were the other developments:

1. Henry Ward, associate editor of Senator Allen Barkley, said that Barkley has approved a plan for his name to be present for the job Wallace now holds, and to be kept in nomination until a candidate is named.

2. The CIO political action committee emerged at Washington into the national citizens political action committee, out to work for the reelection of a Roosevelt-Wallace ticket and for the election of a "progressive Congress."

3. Dewey declared in an Albany speech "One of the big tasks of the next few years will be to bring government closer to the people and to bring the people closer to the practice of self-government."

4. Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri reiterated at Kansas City that he does not want the vice presidency and Governor Kerr said at Chicago that he is not a candidate.

5. Senator Hatch, New Mexico Democrat said at Washington that he does not fear a close race between Democrats and Republicans on a vice-presidential ticket, but that "I am afraid of no issue, of a weak candidate program at both parties and the top men are afraid to face determined stands."

Wants South To Unite On Its Candidate

Moble, Ala., July 11—(AP)—Gen. T. McCorvey, chairman of the Alabama State Democratic Executive Committee, said today a "number" of party chairman in fourteen states agree "one hundred percent" with his proposal that southerners unite at the Chicago National Convention in support of a strong southerner for the vice presidential nomination.

McCorvey said all State chairmen replying thus far to a letter he sent "seeking their support favored some united action on the part of the Southern delegates."

Similar letters, he said, have gone to Democratic national committeemen and committeewomen from each of the southern states.

McCorvey said "if we all center on one good, strong southern man, and he receives 200 to 300 votes on the first ballot, then you will see many delegates from other sections of the country who would not favor a radical such as Wallace voting on the second roll call in support of one candidate."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; scattered showers and thunderstorms, moderately high temperatures.

Predicts Rate Suit To Fail

Columbia, S. C., July 11—(AP)—Governor Olin D. Johnson said today that a \$60,000,000 freight rate suit against twenty railroads, filed by Georgia's Governor Ellis Arnall, would be "kicked out" of the United States Supreme Court.

Arnall filed a suit in the Supreme Court June 20 asking damages for his State and its shippers on the grounds that the freight rate struc-



STORMOVIK ASSAULT PLANES, making tree-top sweeps, carried the war to East Prussia as the Nazis prepared the first defense of their homeland against Russian forces (1) already striking but fifty miles from it. Red Army artillery has opened up on Pinsk (2) from positions eight miles away. Other Soviet units (3) were driving hard to oust the Germans from the last bulge into Russian soil on the long front. Using Kowel (4) as a supply base, Stalin's troops pushed forward in the drive that may eventually carry them to Warsaw. (International)

Max Gardner To Be Brought On Leader; Hoey To Nominate

Raleigh, July 11—(AP)—Former Governor O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, now a Washington attorney, will act as floor manager for Governor J. M. Broughton in the latter's candidacy for the Democratic vice presidential nomination.

Gardner will be assisted by William Smith of Raleigh, former speaker and delegate from the fourth district. Smith now is in the North for a series of conferences with delegates and party leaders at several states.

Broughton for Vice-President headquarters, which is being transferred to Chicago Sunday, also announced that Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, and long a prominent figure in national Democratic circles, would serve as toastmaster at the Broughton breakfast July 19, expected to be attended by at least 300.

Roosevelt To Be Buried This Evening

With American Troops in Normandy, July 11—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.—"Teddy" to his troops—will be buried tonight with full military honors in the land he twice fought to free from the Germans.

Roosevelt, one of the most colorful and best loved generals in the Army, died from a heart attack late Wednesday night after an exhausting tour of the front, which he made against his doctor's advice. He refused to rest, despite the fact he had suffered a slight attack only four days before.

High ranking officers, including Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the first army, and Major General Joseph Lawton Collins, conqueror of Cherbourg, and commander of the United States seventh corps, and scores of doughboys will attend the burial ceremony in an American cemetery.

His son, Quentin, a captain in the first infantry division, which his father once served as deputy commander, also will be present. The fourth division band will give a musical salute.

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ture imposed on Georgia and the South was "discriminatory and detrimental," and that it was "the creature of pernicious sectional politics."

Johnson said that Arnall had undertaken his Supreme Court action without consulting other southern governors, who had been working for equitable freight rates since 1934.

The South Carolina governor instructed his attorney general, John

Whole U. S. Front Is On Move From St. Lo Area To The Sea

Germans Conducting Orderly Withdrawal; No Breakthrough Yet

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, July 11—(AP)—American infantry and tanks, driving down the Cherbourg peninsula, have advanced from one to three miles, and the supreme command announced today that "the whole United States Army front from St. Lo to the sea is on the move."

Headquarters said the Germans apparently were conducting "an orderly withdrawal."

The Americans occupied several important villages. Advancing up a ten-mile front on the west coast, they closed in more tightly against the German stronghold of Lessay, some elements approaching to within a mile and a half of the town. In the fighting for strategic St. Lo, on the inland end of the 30-mile American battle front, the first army made progress to the south in a drive flanking the city from the east.

On the eastern sector of the Normandy battleground, there was little activity, but it was revealed the British had lost St. Honorie, a mile north of Colombeles, in recent counter attacks.

Lt. Gen. Bradley's American forces pushed three miles down the west coast to St. Germain-sur-Ay, three miles northwest of Lessay. A five-mile inland along the highway from La Haye de Puits to Lessay, advanced units approached the village of Beaufort, a mile and a half from Lessay.

Four of the nine roads leading into St. Lo are under American control. The drive against this most important of all central Normandy highway junctions advanced on the east beyond captured La Barre de Semilly, two miles east and slightly south. At last reports the Americans were only a mile and a half from the town on the north.

Despite the widespread American pressure along the whole front, there was no indication that a breakthrough had been achieved anywhere. Progress was being made in close forward pushes against strong German rear guards, who fought desperately for each foot of ground, while the bulk of the forces withdrew.

Lt. Gen. Lear To Command Ground Unit

Washington, July 11—(AP)—The War Department announced today that Lt. Gen. Ben Lear has been assigned to command of the army ground forces, relieving Lt. Gen. Lesly J. McNair, who has been given an important overseas assignment.

McNair has commanded the ground forces since March, 1942. While on an inspection trip in North Africa, in April, 1943, he was wounded by shell fragments. Lear assumed temporary command of ground forces at that time.

Lear, former commander of the second army, was assigned a year ago to the army group, a pool of general officers which is drawn upon for all specified assignments. He was born in Hamilton, Canada, May 12, 1879. He came up from the ranks after enlisting in the third Colorado infantry volunteers on May 1, 1898.

to Sicily with the 38th Infantry Regiment, serving as regiment chaplain. Here the captain said the Italian resistance was slight, in comparison, and operations went smoothly. While aiding a wounded American at Palermo, Captain Hood injured his knee in a shell hole. He was returned to Africa and spent 40 days recuperating.

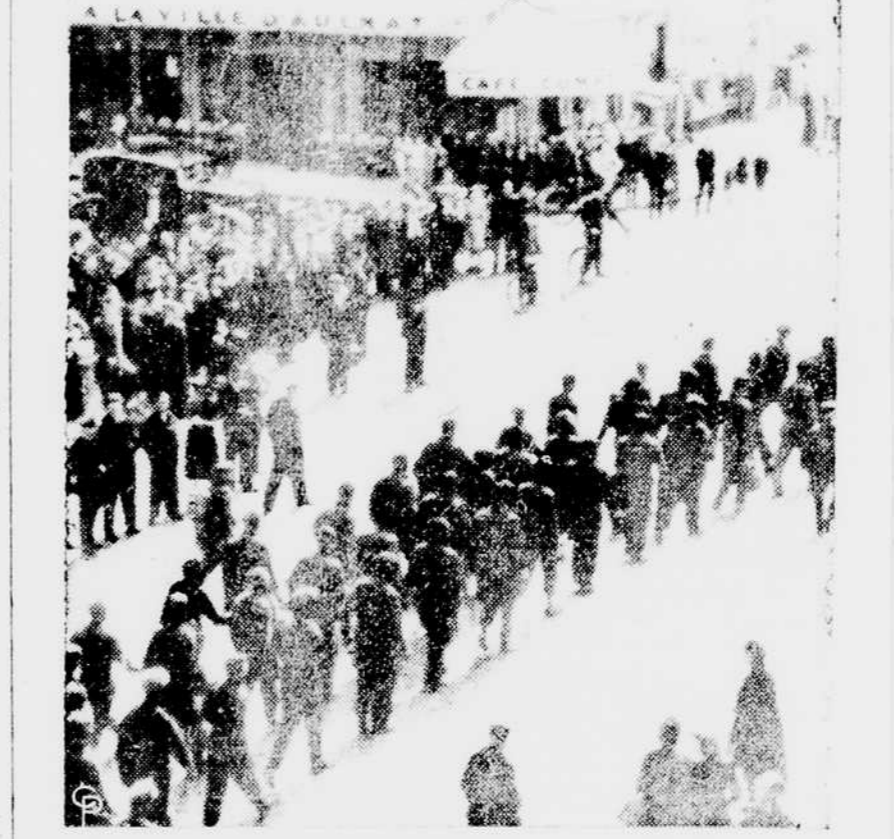
After regaining his feet again, the captain joined the 45th General Hospital Unit and went to Italy. Here it was that he saw the Red Cross mark bombed.

"The Germans were bombing the harbor at Naples and not trying to hit our hospitals, I believe. However, one of the bombs did hit a building that boldly displayed the Red Cross."

In recounting his many adventures, Captain Hood said that he had often carried wounded men for two miles through combat areas.

Captain Hood arrived in the States on June 9 and is temporarily at the replacement center at Camp Butler in Durham.

ALLIES SEE PARIS, SAY NAZIS



THESE MARCHING MEN, says the German caption accompanying the photo, are American and Canadian prisoners-of-war taken in Normandy and are shown being marched through a Paris street while French civilians look on. The Allies have taken 54,000 Nazi prisoners since D Day. Gen. Montgomery announced, offsetting German claims that thousands of our troops are captured. (International Radiophoto)

Japs' Admiral Who Made Attack On Pearl Harbor Killed In Saipan Fight

Captured at St. Lo



SHOWN ABOARD A U. S. Coast Guard ship en route to England is Lt. Col. Hans Franz Muller, four times decorated for his war exploits. The German officer was captured in the fighting around St. Lo, France. Official U. S. Coast Guard photo. (International Soundphoto)

Hinckley To Handle War Contracts

Washington, July 11—(AP)—President Roosevelt has selected Robert Hinckley, former assistant secretary of commerce, to serve as director of contract settlement and arbitration in which he will be responsible for terminating billions of dollars worth of munition contracts when the war ends.

Hinckley has resigned a vice president of the Sperry Corporation to accept the new position. The White House announcement today said his nomination will be sent to the Senate when Congress meets again.

Originally from Ogden, Utah,

Nippon Reverses In West Pacific Growing Rapidly

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 11—(AP)—Death amidst humiliating defeat at Saipan of the Japanese admiral who led the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor added weight today to Nippon's western Pacific reverses, even at Tokyo radio betrayed increasing concern over Guam.

Admiral Nimitz disclosed last night in a communique that Vice Admiral Chuichi Nagumo, who directed the blow which opened the Pacific war, perished along with 16,000 other Japanese on Saipan.

Nimitz in an earlier communique announced the death tonight of two vice admirals and two rear admirals, United States troops captured and killed the Japanese admiral, Chuichi Nagumo, who directed the blow which opened the Pacific war, perished along with 16,000 other Japanese on Saipan.

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Stocks Steady Under Buying

New York, July 11—(AP)—Selective buying helped the stock market keep its balance fairly well in today's market, although many leaders slipped to moderate or lower levels.

Occasional gains of fractions to a point included U. S. Rubber, Sears Roebuck and American Gas. On the other side of the line were U. S. Steel, Chrysler and Western Union A.

Bonds were steady and unimportant.

Cotton Sags Near Close

New York, July 11—(AP)—Cotton futures opened a rally, a half higher to ten cents. Lower cotton prices were due to 28-cent, a high level, July 22-24, October 21-22, December 21-24.

	Close	Open
July	22.75	22.28
October	21.58	21.73
December	21.57	21.56
March	21.40	21.39
May	21.23	21.22

YANKS' CASUALTIES AGGREGATE 265,000

Washington, July 11—(AP)—Officially announced American war casualties since Pearl Harbor 1941 placed at 226,414 today, including 38,902 killed, but the total did not pass 20,000 or more Normandy and Saipan casualties.

Acting War Secretary Robert P. Patterson said that army casualties through June 30 total 187,078 as total, 22,240 killed, 77,440 wounded, 39,142 missing and 34,196 prisoners of war. Of the wounded, 36,414 have returned to duty.

The navy total of 40,363 navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties shows 20,362 dead, 11,123 wounded, 9,433 missing and 4,661 prisoners of war.

Patterson said American army casualties in Italy from the time of the first landing on the mainland last September through July 3 comprised 12,655 killed, 47,457 wounded and 10,297 missing—a total of 70,300.

Reds Within 28 Miles Of Kaunas City

Germans Evacuate Pinsk, on Vital Railroad Route

Moscow, July 11—(AP)—The Russian army pushed on today from captured Wilno, where the Germans lost 15,000 dead and prisoners, and urged to within 28 miles of Kaunas.

Germans have evacuated Pinsk in the western Pripyet marshes, 100 miles from Brest-Litovsk, the German radio said. The town is on the railroad from Luminiec to Warsaw and has been outflanked several days.

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The Red army was closing two huge arms around Pinsk. The city appeared doomed and its inhabitants could already hear Soviet artillery.

On the middle Baltic front, the Baltic army group of General Arzhanovskiy and Bagration made steady progress toward Daugavpils and Riga. Bagration's left flank has almost connected with the third white army forces between Guadalupe and Grodno.

Pinsk was surrounded in a domestic broadcast that their country might soon be outflanked by a complete collapse of German resistance on the Baltic front where the situation was described as "most critical." United States monitoring heard the reports.