

Russians Gain On Wide Front

New British Thrust Dents Nazi Line In Normandy

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE AT PRE-CONVENTION PARLEY



MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE of the Committee on Resolutions meet at convention headquarters in Chicago to make plans for the forthcoming Democratic meeting. They are (l. to r.): Sen. Carl Hatch, New Mexico; Sen. Claude Pepper, Florida; Congressman John McCormack, Massachusetts; Congresswoman Mrs. Mary T. Norton, New Jersey; and Congressman Thomas D'Alessandro, Maryland. (International)

Byrnes Appears Out In Front In Vice-Presidency Contest

Challenge Offered Wallace, Barkley; FDR Favors Wallace

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—In a rapidly tightening race for the Democratic vice presidential nomination, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes pulled up to a challenging position today along with Vice President Henry A. Wallace and Senator Alben W. Barkley in a contest a dark horse might win.

Byrnes, who acted as President Roosevelt's personal agent in helping to bring the 1940 party convention into nominating Wallace, apparently was working behind the scenes here in his own interests. Whether he had a "go-ahead" signal from Mr. Roosevelt remained an unanswered question, but one fact was made clear in the Byrnes camp—his name will go before the convention, which opens here Wednesday, only if strategists are convinced he can obtain a majority of the vote.

The former Supreme Court justice and former South Carolina senator kept his own counsel, but such friends as Senator Burnett Maybank of South Carolina were openly advocating his choice as the second man on a wartime ticket, combining the commander-in-chief and his No. 1 homefront assistant.

They believed that publication, possibly today, of a letter President Roosevelt has written to Senator Samuel Jackson of Indiana, the convention's permanent chairman, would crystallize delegate sentiment.

Jackson has the letter but refused to discuss its contents pending formal release. However, one person who had seen it said it contained a "very strong personal appeal" in behalf of Wallace.

The letter was said to trace briefly the Roosevelt-Wallace association over the last twelve years, eight of which Wallace spent as secretary of agriculture and four as vice president, stating that if the President were a delegate he would vote for Wallace's nomination.

However—and it was on this point

Germans Are Surprised By Attacks

Breakthrough To Plains of France Purpose of Drive

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, July 17.—(AP)—British tanks and infantry stormed into the village of Noyers today and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting in the streets as Lt. Gen. Miles Dempsey's British second army attacked on a nine-mile front southwest of Caen.

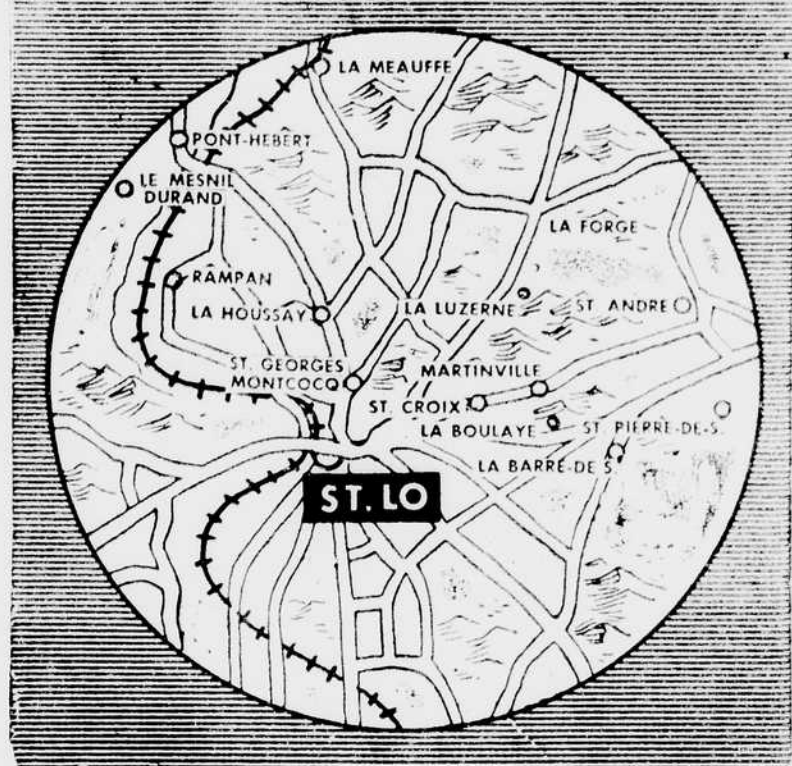
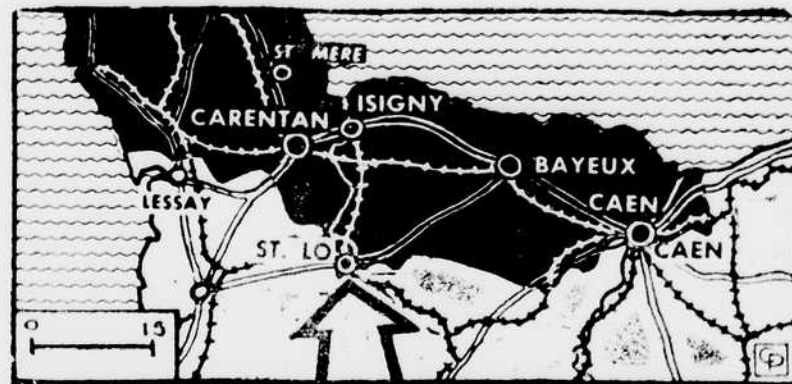
Caught off balance by the British thrust, which began Saturday night, Field Marshal Rommel threw five divisions into the battle, and one of the biggest contests since the invasion of Normandy promised to develop as Dempsey attempted to broaden his springboard salient for a major offensive out of the Normandy peninsula.

To the west American troops attacked St. Lo for the seventh straight day, groping through early morning mists, and field dispatches said operations were grinding down diminishing German resistance. The Americans pushed forward about 100 yards and stood in one and a quarter miles of the town on the east and on the west.

In the center, Lt. Gen. Bradley's warriors pointed a deadly spearhead at the road between Periers and St. Lo, capturing Remilly-sur-Lozon at

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MOVE FORWARD IN NORMANDY



A COMMUNIQUE from Supreme Headquarters announces that the whole U. S. Army from St. Lo to the sea is on the move. Our troops pushed south for gains up to three miles and captured St. Germain-sur-Ay, Lessey's harbor. Unable to advance frontally against St. Lo (close-up, lower map), American forces deepened their lines on the south and overran La Barre de Semilly, two miles east of the city. Four of the nine roads leading into St. Lo are now controlled by the Yanks. Another thrust by American units carried to the outskirts of Le Mesnil Durand, three and one-half miles northwest of the city. (International)

Reds Edge Ever Nearer To Prussia

DNB Commentator Hints Soviets May Advance Into Trap

Moscow, July 17.—(AP)—Red army troops pushed forward today along a broad front stretching from the Baltic to the Pripyet marshes after capturing the German-held fortress city of Grodno, described by Premier Stalin as "covering the approaches to East Prussia."

Grodno, which the Germans announced earlier they had evacuated, is only 45 miles from the East Prussian border. With its fall, the Germans have no natural barrier between it and their homeland, to which it appeared the fighting soon would be carried.

The Germans fell back at Grodno to the west bank of the Niemen river, which parallels the East Prussian border in that sector. Field dispatches said a new crossing of the Niemen was made during the Grodno battle. The river has been crossed by the Russians farther north in the Alytus sector, where the Red army, pushing west of Wilno, has driven within fifty miles of East Prussia.

The Russians have consolidated a bridgehead on the west bank of the Niemen river, taking more than forty positions across the stream in the Alytus sector, front dispatches said.

Martin Hallensleben, military expert for the German news agency DNB, suggested in a Berlin broadcast that the Red army might be entering a trap in its lightning offensive, threatened to isolate German troops in the Baltic.

Hallensleben, admitting it was poor strategy to hold in the north while giving up "comparatively extensive areas" in the middle of the

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South's Demands Placed Before Democratic Chiefs

16 New Cases Of Paralysis Listed During Week-End

Edinburgh, July 17.—(AP)—Sixteen new cases of infantile paralysis were reported to the State Department of Health today, bringing the total in the State since June 1 to 318.

Most of the cases are concentrated in the Piedmont and upper Piedmont areas.

New cases: Alamance 1, Ashe 2, Burke 2, Caldwell 2, Catawba 1, Lincoln 2, Mecklenburg 2, Polk 1, Rutherford 1 and Yadkin 1.

No additional deaths were reported, the number remaining at fourteen.

Tropic Storm Heading Out In Atlantic

Wilmington, July 17.—(AP)—A tropical storm of hurricane velocity which has threatened the North Carolina-Virginia coast for their out in the Atlantic Ocean early today.

The storm warning service at Miami, Florida, in a 5 a.m. advisory, said the storm, centered about 230 miles off the Carolina coast, apparently began moving slowly in a northwesterly direction.

The service warned, however, that

Federal Meddling Must Cease, Under Assurance Sought

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—Dicke's widely heralded demands for greater voice in selecting presidential nominees and less of what it calls Federal "interference" with State handling of racial questions had their first pre-convention test today.

The Democratic National Committee set a hearing for 3:30 p. m., central war time, to name subcommittees to hear delegates seeking contests from Texas and South Carolina.

Chairmen of the 43-vote Lone Star delegation and the 18-vote South Carolina group, both named at regularly-called State conventions, and both uninstructed as to a presidential nominee, said they were ready for the contest and expressed confidence their groups would be seated.

Contesting their seating are a Texas group named at a rump convention and instructed for a fourth term nomination for President Roosevelt, and an all-Negro delegation from South Carolina calling themselves the Progressive Democratic party, and also favoring the President's renomination.

Former Governor Dan Moody of Texas heads the "regular" delegation from his State, and Senator Burnett Maybank is chairman of the all-white South Carolina group.

The Moody delegation—and a 20-vote uncommitted Mississippi representation—are under orders to fight for restoration of the two-thirds nominating rule, which comes before the rules committee, and for platform plank, before the resolutions group, declaring the handling

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Dies at Duke



H. R. DWIRE

Durham, July 17.—(AP)—Dr. Henry R. Dwire, 61, vice president and director of public relations at Duke University, died early today at Duke hospital.

Dr. Dwire underwent an operation at the hospital a week ago Saturday. For many years he was co-publisher of the Winston-Salem Sentinel.

He was a native of Winston-Salem and a graduate of Trinity College, which later became Duke University. He was a member of the State School Commission.

Dwire's activities at the University were many and varied. He was a director of the Duke University press, managing editor of the South Atlantic Quarterly, editor of the Duke Alumni Register, and had charge of the University catalogue and other publications.

He was graduated from Trinity College in 1907, and for a period was a member of the faculty of Fishburne Military School of Waynesboro, Va. Then, for a period of 22 years, he was editor of the Town City Sentinel, Winston-Salem, and for the last eight years of that time was co-publisher.

Brief services for Dr. Dwire will be conducted in the Duke University chapel tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Burial will be Winston-Salem, tomorrow afternoon, following funeral services at 5 p.m. at Centenary Methodist church.

There are no immediate survivors.

ROBERTSON LEADS SECOND INFANTRY

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, July 17.—(AP)—The United States second infantry, the "Indian Head" division, in Normandy is commanded by Major General Walter Robertson, headquarters announced tonight.

Americans Are Storming Leghorn, Big Italy Port

Flanking Movement Also Is Under Way To East of Center

Rome, July 17.—(AP)—American troops stormed relentlessly on Leghorn today after capturing the dominating height of Monte Maggiore, and pushing on up the Italian west coast to the edge of Montecore, only four miles from the heart of the big port.

Simultaneously other American forces advanced forward in the Etruria valley to within five and one-half miles of the Arno river in a local flanking movement well east of Leghorn and Pisa.

The newest gain brought the fifth army up against strong German defensive positions, and fierce fighting raged all about the front, with the enemy launching sharp counterattacks.

An official announcement said troops of the fifth army, which were credited with capturing Poggibonsi over the week-end, had driven back one enemy counterattack and were holding their positions.

It was the first indication from an Allied source that the Germans still were fighting for possession of Poggibonsi, although the Nazis twice had claimed recapture of the road town from town since it first was entered by the French on Bastille day. The heaviest German counter thrust came in the Etruria valley of Camporeale, the point of the deepest American penetration.

Growers To Vote About Leaf Recess

Columbia, S. C., July 17.—(AP)—Carolina and Virginia tobacco growers will vote at meetings to be arranged before Wednesday night on the question of a sales holiday to force the Office of Price Administration to announce "satisfactory"

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KEYNOTER ARRIVES AT CHICAGO



ADJUSTING THE TIE of her husband, Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, is Mrs. Grayce Kerr, just after the couple arrived in Chicago to attend the forthcoming Democratic Convention. The governor has been chosen to make the keynote speech. (International Dispatches)

Six Points Farm Plan Presented

Chicago, July 17.—(AP)—Six points constituting a statement of policy of the National Association of Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors of Agriculture were outlined today before the platform committee of the Democratic National Convention by Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott, of North Carolina.

Designated to act as the association's spokesman, Scott listed these points:

1. Agriculture must be considered as an essential war industry and given equal status with other war industries in securing labor and material priorities.
2. The parity concept is fundamental and basic to a sound economy.
3. The maintenance of parity prices as a wartime minimum based on a

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Jap Claims Leave Us Only Very Few Planes in Pacific

New York, July 17.—(AP)—A Japanese announcement asserted today that 1,150 planes, including eleven B-29 Superfortresses, were destroyed or damaged in June against Japan's losses of 269 craft. The enemy claim, recorded by OWL, said seven Superfortresses were shot down and three heavily damaged in northern Kyushu. Another was reported damaged in China.

The assertions were far in excess of the facts as reported from American communique.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and partly cloudy and rather hot tonight and Tuesday with slightly higher temperatures in east portion this afternoon.

Pessimistic Note Given By Broadcast At Tokyo

U. S. Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 17.—(AP)—American sea and air attacks on Guam and Rota islands, in the Marianas, for twelve straight days underscore Tokyo's homeland warning that "the war situation does not allow a moment of optimism."

Admiral Nimitz, Pacific command-in-chief, announced that carrier-based bombers poured rockets and bombs on Guam, Japanese-occupied United States possession, and Rota to the northeast, in Saturday's assaults which blasted buildings, started fires and shattered vital automotive and railroad equipment.

It was the twelfth attack in as many days on the islands, which are only a little more than 100 miles south of Saipan, recently conquered by Americans. One bomber was downed, but its crew was rescued.

Bridges Back Of Nazi Battle Line Hit by Bombings

London, July 17.—(AP)—Up to 750 United States heavy bombers, attacked a dozen river bridges leading to the Normandy front, the Belport railroad yards in eastern France and a flying bomb supply dump near Rheims today in one of the largest scale attacks by four-engine aircraft during the invasion.

Up to 500 fighters escorted the four-engine bombers, flying Fortresses and Liberators.

Radio Berlin said the Reich itself was under attack for the fifth time in a week. It was one of the rare days since invasion that clear skies have permitted full use of overpowering Allied air power.

Belport is near Switzerland and 215 miles southeast of Paris. Rheims is 75 miles northeast of the capital and closer to the Calais coast, where the robot platforms hurl buzz bombs at London.