

REDS CRACK DEFENSES OF BREST-LITOVSK

FDR Gets Byrnes Out Of Race And Favors Truman

Mr. Barkley Weighs His Words



Reading the speech with which he will nominate President Roosevelt for a fourth term at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago is U. S. Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, majority leader of the senate. Reports from Chicago quote observers as believing that Senator Barkley himself may be regarded as a "dark horse" possibility for nomination as Vice President. (International Soundphoto)

Horton Is Elected As Committeeman Of North Carolina

Chicago, July 19.—(AP)—A North Carolina citizen at the National Democratic Convention elected Governor Horton of North Carolina as the first pick in the demand for recognition of the South in national party affairs.

Governor Broughton, who is a candidate for the Democratic vice-presidential nomination, was named chairman of the North Carolina delegation. W. P. Horton, of Pittsburg, was unanimously elected national committeeman, and Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, was selected as national committeewoman.

Gardner conceded Broughton's nomination would be a miracle, but added that miracles do happen.

Joseph Daniels, former secretary of the navy, was named to the convention platform and resolutions committee.

Washington, July 19.—(AP)—A Navy Court of Inquiry proceeded today with preparations for investigating all circumstances connected with Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

The Douglasses Are There



Pictured in Chicago at the Democratic National Convention are Mrs. Emily Taft Douglas (left) and Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, two of the leaders among women of the party, and each a candidate for Congress. Mrs. Emily Taft Douglas, wife of Marine Captain Paul Douglas, is running for Congressman-at-Large from Illinois. Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, wife of Army Captain Melvin Douglas, is the actor, seeks election in California and is scheduled as one of the principal speakers at the Chicago convention. (International Soundphoto)

President May Force Own Choice

Democrats Open Convention With Chicago Ceremony

Chicago Stadium, July 19.—(AP)—Saying he was "acting in deference to the wishes of the President," War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes withdrew from the race for the Democratic vice-presidential nomination today, just one hour and ten minutes before the opening of the party's national convention.

The move, which made independent and while the South Carolina delegation.

Chicago, July 19.—(AP)—Vice-President Wallace arrived today to take personal charge of his campaign for renomination by the Democrats.

Told when he stepped from the train that War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes had taken himself out of the vice-presidential race, Wallace remarked: "Well, that takes care of that."

Refusing to say what he thought his own chances were, Wallace added: "I'm just out here as chairman of the Iowa delegation."

still stood well among the leaders, apparently left Senator Harry Truman of Missouri, the top contender for the office of Henry A. Wallace.

Roosevelt To Address Convention

Chicago, July 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is expected to address the Democratic Convention by radio tomorrow night, Democratic headquarters announced today.

Mr. Roosevelt's address presumably will be in the nature of an acceptance speech, since the convention schedule calls for his nomination for a fourth term tomorrow afternoon.

President Roosevelt was reported authoritatively to have listed Senator Harry Truman, of Missouri, and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as his second and third choices for the vice-presidential nomination at the Democratic con-

Battleships Destroying Japs On Guam

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 19.—(AP)—Battleships, using spotter planes, are blowing up Japanese defenses on Guam at anti-miss range, while Southwest Pacific commandos sent to the ocean bottom the men and supplies needed by other hard-pressed enemy garrisons. This outlying base development—piled on those which already have caused Japan to reshuffle top army and navy posts—was sketched today in reports of Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur.

REPORT NAZIS WITHDRAWING TO 'INNER FORTRESS'



GERMANY'S SUPREME WAR COUNCIL, according to Madrid sources, plans to withdraw its forces from occupied countries. On three fronts—east, west and south—Nazi manpower is spreading thin after almost three years of war. Because of mounting losses, the perimeter of Nazi conquests appears to be too long to be held with limited forces. Military observers believe that Hitler will withdraw to his inner fortress (black area on map) by throwing overboard his outermost conquests—the Balkans, Norway, Baltic states, and part of France (white area), to concentrate more on an impregnable fortress closer to the heart of Germany. Some of the Nazi fighting units are now operating about 25 percent below battle strength, and pulling in troops to build these divisions to their full strength is said to be the German answer to the problem. (International)

British Breakthrough Moves Five Miles On Road To Paris

Rail Yards, Airfields Are Bombed

Double Attack On Munich Area Made; Vital Plants Hit

London, July 19.—(AP)—Nearly 2,000 American heavy bombers and fighters attacked a large array of railroad yards and airfields today in southern Germany.

A number of the targets were in the Munich area, where the Nazis previously reported a double attack from Britain and Italy.

Munich, hub of five trunk railroads, one leading through the Brenner Pass to the German front in Italy, is believed to be one of the German's top manufacturing and flying bomber bases in strength against southern England today.

Objectives included the great bearing plant at Schweinfurt, a frequent American target earlier this year. Another was a chemical plant on the outskirts of Munich, a camp making oxygen and hydrogen used for the robot bombs.

Brandeis' reports of the heavily attack on the north largest German city followed closely upon a night in which the RAF struck heavily at seven objects, including Berlin, Cologne, the Ruhr and France.

At least 266 of the enemy's dissembling force of planes were destroyed yesterday on the basis of official Allied accounts of the cost of around 100 craft. The Russians said 128 planes were destroyed in battles above the eastern front. Mediterranean air forces claimed 66, and those based in Britain and France added 72 on the basis of incomplete reports. Actions over Normandy yesterday were the most extensive since D-Day—7,350 flights. Another 2,100 sorties were flown from Italy.

New Offensive Is Greatest Yet Made On European Soil

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, July 19.—(AP)—British and Canadian troops, breaching Rommel's Orne river defenses, crashed through the Caen suburb of Fambourg de Vatteux into open tank country to the southeast today, and a field dispatch said they had penetrated at least five miles, reaching Gagny on the main road to Vimont.

General Montgomery said a powerful offensive against the German front, ordered by the Allies, had captured 50,000 prisoners and 1,000 tanks.

"It is an absolutely astounding feat," he said, "to have penetrated 150,000 German miles."

On the western portion of the Normandy front, American units moved up and occupied strategic St. Lo, cutting off a force of Germans in a salient two and a half miles east-north of the town. The Yanks also cut the St. Lo railway road between the Fambourg and Vatteux rivers, north of the village of Vatteux, which is on American hands.

The Allies' surprise attack against the Orne river defenses, which had held up the Allied tide since the beginning of the battle.

Montgomery made an statement concerning the new offensive, containing himself with the announcement that his troops had breached the German Orne defenses. This is the side of the front toward Paris, 120 miles to the east.

The new offensive, in preparation more than forty days, was the heaviest in weight of men and armor the Allies have unleashed in Europe. It was a straight pincer punch.

Leghorn Is Captured By U. S. Forces

Pincer Movement Forces Nazis From Big Italian Port

Rome, July 19.—(AP)—U. S. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army captured Leghorn today, executing a wide pincer movement which forced the Germans from their third largest seaport in Italy a few hours after Polish troops had seized Ancona, important port on the Adriatic.

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Army Moves On Lwew As Tidal Wave

Curzon Line In Poland Crossed, Nearing Prussia

London, July 19.—(AP)—Moscow dispatches said today that Russian troops were crashing the outer defenses of the great fortress city of Brest-Litovsk on the eastern front, and that other Red troops had crossed the Curzon line into Poland proper, 45 miles to the north.

The fresh Russian offensive, sixth major strike in the summer campaign, was declared sweeping upon Lwew like a tidal wave. North of the old Polish rail center 31,200 troops of the first Ukrainian army group were reported fighting in the direction from the north.

In the Brest-Litovsk area, a Moscow cable said the Russians were advancing toward Lwew, 100 miles after crossing the Curzon line. Other Red troops were reported 100 miles from Brest-Litovsk.

Red army units, it was frankly admitted by German officials, were moving toward Lwew. A German agency correspondent said German offensive troops were being pulled back to the Curzon line.

Such a retreat, however, the Soviets had made in the past across the Curzon line. Heavy fighting was reported in the area, but there was no mention of a German advance. The Russians are close to East Prussia here.

Red Army reported it was supported by one of the great Red forces ever hurled against the Germans in the east.

Tobacco Men Of State Join Price Demand

Raleigh, July 19.—(AP)—North Carolina tobacco growers, including growers and manufacturers, voted unanimously to join in a price demand, and announced a political coalition for the purpose of asking that selling price be set at a minimum of 10 cents.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy and warm. Partly cloudy and hot Thursday with scattered thunderstorms.