

GOP Convention Opens, With Dewey Strength Mounting

New Yorker Apparently Sure To Head Ticket; Warren Tops Prospects for Running Mate

By PAUL MILLER

CHICAGO STADIUM, June 26.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey took an apparently insurmountable lead for republican presidential nomination today as the party's 1944 convention opened with the main business of the conclave thus all but settled in advance.

The opening session, called to order by Chairman Harrison Spangler, lasted little more than an hour. It was recessed at 12:20 p. m. until 8:15 tonight C. W. T., when Gov. Earl Warren of California will deliver the keynote address.

As the hour of convening arrived with hundreds of delegates apparently still absent, and the platform itself unfilled, rapid-fire action by individual states raised the Dewey's total of pledged and claimed votes to 681, with 529 needed to nominate.

So far had Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio dropped in the pre-convention determination of state votes that speculation of the delegates switched from the presidency to talk of vice presidential prospects headed by Gov. Warren of California.

Gov. Dwight Griswold of Nebraska, it was announced, will place Governor Dewey's name in nomination Wednesday morning.

Previously, Griswold had been mentioned for the vice-presidency. His designation to nominate, said unconfirmed reports on the convention floor, was part of a piece of high strategy that was discussed as shaping up like this: Griswold, a mid-westerner, nominating Dewey, an easterner, for president—with Warren, far-westerner, as the possible vice presidential choice.

The forces of Gov. John W. Bricker continued their fight nonetheless. "It won't be decided until the roll call actually starts on the floor Wednesday," the Bricker supporters said.

Dewey is known to have made train reservations that will place him in Chicago in time for an acceptance speech Thursday.

Gov. Dwight H. Green of Illinois had the job of officially welcoming delegates to the Windy city in a speech that accused the Roosevelt administration of "political meddling" with the armed forces in running the war.

Green declared that republicans would give the professional fighting men a free hand.

Governor Green denounced "New Dealers" as seeking to remain in power on a "win the war" slogan and asserted:

"The winning of the war is uppermost in the mind of every American... there is no 'win the war' party in America and public opinion has so properly rebuked the attempts of the New Dealers to grab that slogan that they

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WILLIAM L. WORDEN'S account of the Marianas battle is one of the GREAT eyewitness stories of the war.

THE Sunday battle, he says, took place off Rota and Guam islands, just south of Saipan.

Our air scouts reported that the Jap planes were coming—from carriers so distant as to indicate that the enemy fliers intended to land on Jap-held islands to refuel and rearm. Smart Admiral Spruance sent up so many American planes over the islands that the Japs COULDN'T land. Those that weren't shot down in the air fell into the sea when their gas was gone.

Practically NO Jap planes escaped.

WITH the Jap air attack blasted into the sea, our fleet went after the distant enemy fleet from which the planes had come. Late Monday it came within air striking distance, and with only a scant hour or so of daylight left launched its deadly bombers and worked upon the fleeing Jap ships the frightful damage that has already been related.

It was a combination of shrewd, daring leadership and grim fighting courage and skill that leaves us here on the safe home front with a feeling of HUMBLE pride that we are Americans—kin to the bold breed of men who did these deeds.

NOW the aftermath: The chief of the naval press section of Japanese Imperial headquarters, broadcasting from Tokyo Friday on the JAP HOME RADIO, as well as the foreign channels, said:

"The enemy's (American) plan of advance is the greatest since the beginning of the war in the strength of the main force and

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CHERBOURG FIGHT STILL RAGES; RUSSIANS LUNGE INTO VITEBSK

45,000 German Troops Being Cut to Pieces

16,000 of Foe Killed as Giant Offensive Starts On Front of 250 Miles

MOSCOW, June 26.—(AP)—Red army men, fighting their way through the streets of Vitebsk where five divisions are encircled, were reported today to have driven the Germans across the western Dvina river to the central part of the city.

The red flag was flying over that part of Vitebsk on the east bank of the river, soviet dispatches said, and one of the main buildings in the city had been taken.

Vitebsk is the first objective of the red army's summer offensive. (The German Transoceanic agency broadcast said the German bridgehead at Vitebsk has been cut off from rear communications.)

Attacking with shattering force on a 250-mile front in one of history's greatest land offensives, four powerful Russian armies drove westward through the broken German "fatherland line" in White Russia, leaving behind an island of 45,000 trapped enemy troops. These were being cut to pieces in the battle-torn streets of

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Allies In Italy Still Face Strong Enemy Resistance

ROME, June 26.—(AP)—American troops of the Fifth army seized the port of Piombino without opposition yesterday, thereby gaining a valuable advanced supply base for continued thrust up Italy's west coast, while both American and French troops converged on the inland town of Siena, allied headquarters announced today.

Pressing after the enemy, who was compelled to evacuate Piombino to avoid encirclement, American infantry and tanks stabbed within five miles of Suvereto and within 38 miles of the important port of Leghorn. Piombino is almost directly opposite the captured island of Elba.

The reinforced enemy was employing considerable numbers of big Mark VI Tiger tanks, which were defeated in a midnight battle in the area of Massa Maritima. The enemy delaying position in that sector was by-passed or wiped out.

A Fifth army force stabbing toward Montefiore still was locked in a bitter tank and infantry battle with desperate Nazi defenders south of Montefiore and eight miles north of Massa.

Across the entire Fifth army front Marshal Kesselring was employing the 88 mm. guns of his Tiger tanks as mobile artillery. Most of these weapons were from a Nazi tank battalion, which was rushed from France three weeks ago.

More Prisoners Taken An official spokesman said there was other evidence that the Germans were attempting to "bring reinforcements to the front to relieve badly battered units."

It also was disclosed that Lt. Gen. Clark's troops had taken an additional 1,000 prisoners in the past few days, bringing the total captured since the start of the present offensive to 24,000, exclusive of many thousands seized by the Eighth army.

An allied spokesman said the German prisoners taken recently included 17-year-old youths who "nevertheless have been in the German army long enough to become disillusioned about Nazi doctrines."

Heads Defense of West Coast Area



(NEA Telephoto) Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bone, above, former commander of United Nations forces in Iceland, succeeds Maj. Gen. Dr. Los Emmons as western defense commander. Emmons is to be transferred to a new post, as yet unannounced.

Rev. R. A. Feenstra is Retained Another Year

The Rev. R. A. Feenstra, pastor of the Roseburg Methodist church, has been appointed by the Oregon Methodist conference to continue his present pastorate for the ensuing year. The only change made by the conference in Douglas county was in the appointment of the Rev. Clarence Currier to the Elkton circuit, replacing the Rev. S. S. Hotchkiss, who was transferred to Myrtle Point. F. Gene Elliott will continue to serve the Dillard circuit; Fred O. Hunt will remain in the Drain-Yoncalla pastorate, and Levi E. White will continue his work at Days Creek. The Sutherland-Wilbur pastorate is to be supplied, and will probably continue under the Rev. J. B. Needham, retired.

Commercial Vehicles' Rationing Transferred

PORTLAND, June 26.—(AP)—Rationing of new commercial vehicles will be transferred July 1 from the bureau of motor carriers and the Interstate Commerce commission to the office of Defense Transportation.

North Umpqua Timber Will be Tapped on Huge Scale, Forestry Estimate Indicates

Approximately 143,000,000 board feet of timber per year will be coming out of the Umpqua National forest in the North Umpqua working circle, according to estimates made by the forest service, V. V. Harpham, supervisor, reported today. The Little River watershed is expected to reach its sustained yield capacity within the next year and will produce approximately 43,000,000 board feet of timber per year on a sustained yield basis.

It is anticipated that the North Umpqua timber will be developed more slowly, as operators will cut privately owned timber in the Calapooia area before moving their logging operations to the main North Umpqua watershed. It is anticipated, Harpham reports, that the North Umpqua, exclusive of Little River, will furnish approximately 50,000,000 board feet annually for a period of from 10 to 15 years, but within

Japs at Bay In Northern End of Saipan

Strategic Peak Taken by Americans; Hengyang's Fall to Foe Imminent

(By the Associated Press) Saipan and Hengyang bore the main weight of the Pacific war today, the allies steadily enlarging their hold on the Marianas island and Japan counter-attacking with a grand-scale land drive seemingly about to engulf the Chinese city.

American marines and infantrymen backed the thousands of Japanese beleaguered on Saipan into its northern half and apparently could take the island's major city, Garapan, whenever they wished. The city, of some 10,000, offered no resistance to patrols and possibly has been evacuated.

A report from the U. S. expeditionary fleet said Mt. Tapotehau, 1,354-foot peak which dominates much of the island, was captured and held against counter-attack.

Hengyang Appears Doomed

Hengyang, important junction of the Hankow-Canton railroad, was under increasing pressure from several Japanese forces developing multiple attacks such as encircled and felled Changsha to the north. One column was four miles from the city, others were six and nine. Chungking authorities professed extreme pessimism over the developing battle. Success for Japan at Hengyang would greatly advance her aim of severing east and west China by making a barrier of the railroad from Hong Kong to Peiping.

The Japanese drive down the Canton-Hankow railway threatened to cut China in two, with the Japanese obviously determined to upset allied plans to use China as a base.

Since early spring the Japanese drive southward aimed at splitting China in two has captured more than 575 miles of the rail line from Peiping to Canton. Less than 200 miles of the railway now remains in Chinese hands, except for a few small gaps north of Hankow.

If the Japanese can gain control of the entire line they would have a north-south supply line to supplement their southward sea supply lanes, now menaced by the American Pacific campaign.

The Chinese reported heavy fighting was raging in the Hengyang vicinity. American 14th air force planes have been thrown into the struggle, bombing and strafing Japanese troops, river supply craft and troop ships, and

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Air Armadas Of Allies Give Nazis No Rest

Reich, Budapest, Robot Lairs Blasted; Battle Over Vienna Reported

LONDON, June 26.—(AP)—Versatile RAF Mosquitos flying from Britain maintained steady allied air pressure on the enemy both in Normandy and the German homeland overnight while bombers from Italy hit Budapest, Hungary's capital.

(The German radio said that violent air battles raged this morning over the area around Vienna and further east along the Danube valley as German fighters attacked formations of allied bombers—presumably striking from Italy.)

Continuing the allied air operations that on Sunday kept five air armadas—four from Britain and one from Italy—drumming German installations in France virtually all day, the Mosquitos last night attacked German troop concentrations, railroads and supply dumps near the French battlefront and industrial objectives in the German city of Homburg, northwest of Dusseldorf.

Unfavorable weather this morning threatened to limit today's operations over the beachhead sectors.

Beyond the Normandy front lines, the Mosquitos left German supply dumps hidden in the forest of Bretonne on the Seine a mass of flames. Crewmen said the fires stretched two miles and were advancing in a series of semi-circles when they left.

The Mosquitos bombed German troops in the village of Evercy, southwest of Caen. Railroads north of Laigle and at Argentan were among other targets.

Robots Blasted

In Sunday's attacks two of the mighty fleets, one American and one British, battered the Nazi winged bomb replacements at Pas-De-Calais. Absent from English skies during daylight yesterday, the robots began coming over again during the night but many were blasted before they got across the channel.

Allied losses for the day were placed at 43 planes, including 20 heavy bombers. Fifty-nine Germans were downed.

Some 1,000 Flying Fortress and Liberators, escorted by 500 fighters, thrust to within 60 miles of the Spanish coast in the day's first bomber strike from Britain. They blasted a fuel depot and air dromes near Toulouse and other airfields in the Bourges area, 125

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Two Children, U. of O. Medical Student Drown

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—Guy Junior Jackson, 10, was drowned in the Rogue river about 8 o'clock last night, Chief of Police Carl Dallas said today. The body was found at 9:15 o'clock wedged against a pier of the railroad bridge thirty feet up the river from the point where he had been wading.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Jackson, the parents were at a theater. Four other children, including the boy's younger sister, were also wading when the boy stepped into deep water, Chief Dallas said.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—The body of two-year-old Byron Townsend, who wandered away from his parents in the Mount Hood National forest yesterday, was found in Zigzag river this morning after an all-night search by 40 volunteers.

The child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Townsend, Portland. Charles Thurston, district forest ranger, directed the search for the child.

CANNON BEACH, Ore., June 26.—(AP)—The body of Charles Deyette, 21, University of Oregon Medical school student who drowned Saturday, had not been recovered yesterday.

He was caught in an undertow while swimming. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Charles Deyette, a sister and a grandmother, all of Portland.

Aleutian Volcano Forces Army Unit To Leave Island

ELEVENTH ARMY AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Alaska, June 26.—(AP)—The eruption of Mount Cleveland, which began June 10 and is still continuing, has prompted the evacuation of an army installation on Chuginak island and possibly has taken one life, the 11th army air force announced.

Mount Cleveland is a volcano on Chuginak island in the islands of the four mountains group in the eastern Aleutian area.

Eruptions accompanied by severe earthquakes began in full force during the afternoon of June 10. Army personnel stationed there reported rocks "as large as automobiles" belched from the crater over the entire island.

A rescue party headed by Capt. Donald Dreyes, Minneapolis, Minn., arrived that night but while evacuation and recovery of material was going on the following morning "the entire mountain top blew off," army witnesses reported. Lava and rock were scattered over the island and the Bering sea for miles around.

The volcano is on the direct line of flight of army and navy bases in the Aleutians but flying personnel report they have not had to change course to avoid the volcano at any time although dangerous sulphur fumes have been noticed.

Sergeant Melton Fogel Wounded in France

Sergeant Melton Fogel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fogel, 731 W. Mosher St., Roseburg, has been wounded in action, according to word received by his parents. The parents received official notification from the war department that their son suffered serious wounds while participating in the invasion on the French coast. The action in which he received his injuries occurred June 9.

Nazis Shell Port From Nearby Cape

House-to-house Battle Finishing Mop-up; Take Of Prisoners Mounting

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 26.—(AP)—American troops have reached the waterfront in part of Cherbourg and are fighting house-to-house to dig out the last fanatic Nazis, but the Germans are pumping heavy artillery shells into the city from their final sledge stand on the cape to the northwest.

The mop-up of Cherbourg came as British forces battered forward in a powerful drive on the opposite end of the Normandy front.

Tanks and doughboy troops have reached the beaches in the prize harbor city, but "at 11:30 a. m. today we cannot say Cherbourg is entirely ours" even though the backbone of enemy opposition has been broken, Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead said in a dispatch from Cherbourg.

German artillery shells crashed into the city from Cap De La Hague to the northwest, toward which Nazi remnants were fleeing, he added.

Prisoner Take Increasing In 24 hours the Americans took 3,340 prisoners and hundreds more were being rounded up today. At least 20,000 Nazis have been captured in 20 days of invasion fighting.

"Patrols pushing into the central part of the city met small arms fire from a few snipers, and small knots of resistance," Whitehead reported.

Field dispatches today said Lt. Gen. Bradley's command had sent a second ultimatum to Nazi garrison troops in Cherbourg demanding "immediate unconditional surrender."

(The German communique said the ultimatum had been ignored.) The cleanup of the port came as the British on the eastern Nor-

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Canyon Presents Hard Rescue Task

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., June 26.—(AP)—Seasoned rangers rode horseback today along the rocky walls of the Grand canyon on a 40-mile trip to the nearest accessible point to an army airman stranded on an inner gorge plateau 500 feet above the Colorado river and 4,500 feet below the north rim of the great chasm.

A second party, including a U. S. coastguardman, readied here a knockdown boat and ocean-type rescue equipment, flown from the Pacific coast. Pack animals will carry them to a camp which the rangers will set up 400 feet across the roaring stream from the base of Tonto plateau.

The unidentified flier is believed one of three who parachuted last Wednesday from a bomber when it encountered temporary motor trouble over the canyon.

A searching plane dipped low through treacherous air currents in the gorge yesterday to drop food and water after crewmen sighted a parachute and a man walking nearby.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The Germans started this war for "lebensraum" (living room). To date they can't complete any of lack of plastering. Appropriate hangings will follow in due time.