

Conquest of Cherbourg Completed by Allies

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day, headquarters estimated unofficially today.

The 79th division from Pennsylvania, commanded by Maj. Gen. Ira Wyche, the Fourth division and the Ninth division comprised the Seventh corps which captured Cherbourg.

It was estimated that 32,000 Germans have been captured since the invasion began.

(Berlin said the new Eighth American army corps had landed on the Cherbourg peninsula and taken positions in the southern sector, perhaps for a drive south to cut off the Brittany peninsula and secure such fine ports as Brest, Lorient and St. Malo.)

Supreme headquarters declared "the fall of Cherbourg ends the second phase in the campaign of liberation"—defeating the immediate German tactical reserves and obtaining a harbor for larger operations.

There were indications that Montgomery already had begun the third phase, that of engaging the full strength of the German army and defeating its strategic reserves.

Today's allied communique was issued about four hours after supreme headquarters had given the first official word of the capture of Cherbourg with the terse announcement—"Flash—Cherbourg fallen."

Thus after five days of furious fighting Lt. Gen. Bradley's forces had won for the allies France's third most important port—a great gateway through which to pour vast armies and huge quantities of war machinery to complete the liberation of France and

the conquest of Germany. Some Nazis Holding Out

Although the last resistance in the battered port ended last night several pockets of Germans still were holding out today in the peninsula itself.

One of these held Maupertus airfield five miles east of the port, while the main remaining German force was bottled up in Cap De La Hague, at the northwest tip of the peninsula, where Bradley's men can deal with them at will.

The British were advancing under heavy cloud cover which robbed them of the benefits of allied air superiority and in the face of stubborn resistance.

British Attack Terrific

The attack was typical of Montgomery's famous assaults. Artillery was packed along the front, eight yards from wheel to wheel and the thunderous barrage was the greatest laid down on a single sector since the original landings.

Added to the land artillery was the terrific explosions of naval shells hurled more than 10 miles inland from allied warships standing offshore.

All of the Caen area is within range of these ships and Montgomery was expected to make good use of this floating artillery.

There was every indication that Rommel was determined to defend Caen to the last and an even greater battle than the assault on Cherbourg was likely to develop as Montgomery makes his bid to break out into the open country.

Hitler's Boast Upset

Cherbourg fell to American infantry after house-to-house fighting which climaxed five days of

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A. C. Fries, Jr.

According to announcement by J. H. Booth, vice president and manager of the United States National bank, A. C. Fries, Jr., will become one of the assistant managers effective July first. Fries comes to Roseburg as a transfer from one of the bank's important Portland branches, where he has served in a similar capacity. His service with the bank dates back to 1930 and during the ensuing years he not only served in many of the bank's head office departments but assisted in the operation at various of the bank's branches. Fries is active in the American Institute of Banking, holding a standard certificate, and is a member of various important committees.

Mr. Fries has been assisting in the work of the bank during the past two months, during the absence of Harrie W. Booth, and has now moved his family here after purchasing a home in Laurelwood.

the most bitter fighting of the 21-day campaign.

Gen. Von Schlieffen, 49, who directed its defense, was one of the German heroes of the Orel fighting in 1943 on the Russian front, where he commanded a field division.

The fall of the port came almost four years to the day since Adolph Hitler, surveying a defeated France, proclaimed, "the war in the west is finished."

In its closing phases, the capture of Cherbourg was a bloody grenade and bayonet business by clean-up squads which moved through smoky streets wiping out pillboxes and strong points. Von Schlieffen ignored a second call to surrender yesterday and the last-ditch defenders died by the hundreds in the final hours of their fanatical fight.

Port Easily Repairable

One of the richest prizes in Europe, Cherbourg's outer harbor alone covers 1,250 acres of water and will hold more than 100 of the largest merchant ships. This trans-Atlantic terminus provides a safe anchorage even in the roughest weather.

It was said at supreme headquarters that the Germans have been unable to damage its great breakwaters effectively, although they have done extensive damage to the docks.

It is impossible to block either the outer or inner harbors with sunken ships, as they are too wide and deep.

(Berlin radio declared this morning that the "heaviest explosions" indicated the destruction of the harbor "which was initiated some days ago according to plan," had been continued.)

(The German controlled Vichy radio declared this morning that "it has been estimated it will take the allies at least three weeks to repair the port after the destruction wrought by the Germans.")

Waiting in the English channel for the port to fall was an enormous allied salvage convoy with every type of equipment ready to rush in and repair the dock facilities and remove any sunken ships.

One of America's greatest salvage experts, who cleared the harbor at Casablanca, Oran, Tunis and helped at Naples was waiting with the convoy.

Back From Portland—Fred A. Knight of the Knight-Porter company has returned to Roseburg from a business trip to Portland.

New Deal Lambasted by Warren, GOP Keynoter

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ernor's own delegation praised it in a formal resolution at a caucus today.

"Some of his engravings," said former Governor Frank M. Merriam, member of the delegation which drafted the resolution complimenting Warren, "will become republican history."

Lasting Peace Wanted

Warren declared that the republicans are just as able to conduct a war and bring into being a permanent peace as are the democrats. The generals and admirals know how to command the armies and fleets, he said, and the republican party will see that they have a chance to run the war "without political interference."

"We want a peace that will be lasting," the governor asserted. And, as the crowd applauded, he went on:

"That means a peace that will be just. That means not only justice for the few and powerful but justice also for the many and less powerful."

"We want a peace that is based upon realities and not upon the insecure foundation of mere words of promises. That means a peace which, being mindful of the interest of other nations, does not neglect or sacrifice the interests of our own nation."

"None of these aspirations can be realized under a leadership that plays power politics on a world wide stage."

Most of the address was given over to a "pointing with pride" analysis of republican aims and abilities. But Warren did not neglect to lambast the new deal, which he said was not the democratic party but a clique within the party.

Democrats Try to Belittle

In Washington, democrats sniped at the address. Senator Hatch (D-N. M.) said that "as a matter of reality his speech constitutes a complete endorsement of what this administration has been doing."

But Senator Chavez (D-N. Mex.) said Warren was right in advocating "the opening of the door for all Americans not just for jobs but for opportunity, keeping war out of politics, politics out of war" and in "his opposition to arrogant power and intoxicated bureaucracy."

Rep. Johnson (D-Okla.) asserted, however, that it was "a typical republican speech, saying nothing that hasn't already been said 100 times."

Foreign Policy Plank Given Approval by Committee of G. O. P.

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language with the assertion that it might mean no international organization at all. But despite the implied threat of a Willkie bolt, the platform makers paid only passing attention to the New Yorker's demands today.

They concentrated on pleasing the governors, who insisted they are not "insurgents" but merely want to be consulted before the platform reaches the convention floor.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, who headed a postwar advisory committee which drafted the tentative plank, told a reporter he was assured no "significant" changes would be made.

"World State" Opposed As it was approved by the committee, the foreign plank pledges prosecution of the war to "total victory" and proposes to achieve peace aims "through international cooperation and not by joining a world state."

It favored "responsible participation" by this country in a "cooperative organization among sovereign nations" to prevent aggression and said such an organization "should develop effective cooperative means to direct peace forces to prevent or repel military aggression."

Warren, most discussed possibility for second place on the ticket, told the delegation before the convention opened Monday that he did not want his name placed in nomination or a California vote if someone else nominated him.

Warren has taken the position he was elected in California on a platform calling for the development of projects that will require years. Moreover, he has insisted

he can be "of more use" to the party in California than in Washington. But he is a staunch party man.

Hoover Pledges Aid

Arriving to address the convention, Herbert E. Hoover said today that he would participate vigorously in the election campaign.

"I am going to stay in this fight until I die," the only living former president told newspapermen. "The fight is for everything that is precious to the American people."

Hoover would not say whether he expected to "barnstorm" for the republican ticket, but left no doubt that he would contribute all his energies to the republican ticket.

Asked about Wendell Willkie's criticism of the foreign affairs plank preliminary draft for the platform the former president commented "the platform, so far as I have seen, is in the right direction. That includes the foreign plank."

Going into the jammed second day of the party's 23rd convention:

1. Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 nominee, issued a statement in New York criticizing the proposed peace plank in the party's platform, declaring its "net result would be no international organization * * * for the suppression of aggression." Willkie's point was shrugged off by most platform drafters, but a group of governors suggested that the plank be patterned after Dewey's public utterances, which include a recent declaration in favor of world organization employing military force to secure the peace.

2. The name of Gov. John W. Bricker was heard in vice-presidential speculation, but the Bricker camp—far from dropping out of the presidential picture—called a caucus amid expressions of new hope that some state delegations might split over what they termed "pressure tactics by Dewey leaders."

3. Rumors spread that Governor Dewey might fly here Wed-

nesday to accept the nomination if the delegates carry out advance notices and overwhelmingly choose him for president that day. Dewey people made no secret of their efforts for an early decision but the best guess is the convention will run through Thursday. If Dewey flies he'll duplicate President Roosevelt's Albany-to-Chicago flight of 1932. That's one reason he's more likely to arrive by train about 9 a. m. Thursday.

4. Directors of the American Society of Newspaper Editors urged both major parties to adopt planks on the issue of a free press and unrestricted world news transmission facilities.

Dewey Far In Lead

The total of pledged and claimed delegates for Dewey stood at 735 for Dewey, 576 of those being pledged outright with only 529 needed to nominate.

Both Anchors of German Line Fall to Russians

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south might be coupled with an allied advance from Italy to pinch off the Balkans.

The soviet communique said the Germans were abandoning giant stores of ammunition and equipment, including 1,100 trucks found in Vitebsk, and retreating in some sectors "in great disorder."

This was the progress which Moscow said had been made by the Russians as they advanced toward the four vital naz bases:

Soviet troops captured Obel, only 20 miles from Polotsk. The line of this new front extended 55 miles southward to captured Chereva, 58 miles southwest of Vitebsk.

Pischalovo, less than two miles north of Orsha, was in soviet hands and the process of encirclement of Orsha was under way. Other troops were 23 miles northwest of Orsha and other columns cut the Orsha-Lepel highway and

rail lines, nazi escape routes to the west of the city.

The offensive against the Finns was maintained without letup, with more than a fourth of the Murmansk-Leningrad railway liberated. Izvestia's correspondent reported soviet shipping already under way on the Svir river. He said a great amount of Finnish equipment is being seized, particularly horses, carts and trucks.

Battle Continues for Saipan's Biggest Town

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capture of Kagman peninsula on its northern shores. Today American shipping lay boldly in this bay, close to shore.

Associated Press Correspondent William L. Worden said small boats moved offshore unmolested. The Japanese for the first time were too busy fighting inland to expend shells or bullets seaward.

In the strike at two airstrips on Guam, seven enemy planes were destroyed on the ground and 10 to 12 damaged. Two aircraft were destroyed on the ground at Rota.

Liberators of the 11th army

air force and navy Venturas bombed Paramushiro and Shimushu islands in the Kuriles before dawn Saturday. Navy Hellcat fighters and marine divebombers and Corsair fighters raided Japanese islands in the Marshalls. Army Liberators from New Guinea bombed Truk, in the Carolines.

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