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HITLER HURT IN ASSASSINATION EFFORT

Bomb Burns, Bruises Nazi Chief, Report

Brain Concussion Also
Rumored; Three Military
Aides Seriously Injured

NEW YORK, July 20.—(AP)—The Berlin home radio said today "the would-be perpetrators of Hitler's assassination have escaped, but the police are on their trail."

LONDON, July 20.—(AP)—Berlin announced that Adolf Hitler was burned and bruised in an unsuccessful bomb attempt on his life today.

Three of Hitler's military leaders were seriously injured, while his chief military advisor, Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl was seriously hurt along with five other generals and two admirals.

(The British radio said that Hitler also suffered a brain concussion, and said this explained a 14-hour break overnight in telephone communications between Berlin and Stockholm.)

The broadcast announcement did not give the scene of the attack, but it obviously took place while Hitler was surrounded by high members of the military staff—perhaps at Hitler's headquarters.

The announcement came 16 hours after Tokyo's announcement of the fall of Premier Tojo, and Berlin said Hitler after the attack received Benito Mussolini, third member of the ill-starred trio who led the axis into war.

Among the seriously injured, Berlin said, was Lt. Gen. Schmidt, chief of the German army's personnel department and chief military aide de camp to Hitler for several years.

Two lieutenant colonels named Brandt and Borgmann and a colonel were also injured.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ST. LO falls to our Americans. Its German garrison counter-attacked hard Monday night, driving the doughboys back. It was merely a delaying operation to cover the German withdrawal.

When Bradley's men went in Tuesday morning, the bulk of the Germans had left.

DON'T fall into the delusion that because St. Lo is taken the war is won. St. Lo is just another place to FIGHT (and kill) GERMANS.

IN his campaign before Richmond, Grant's losses were staggering. But Lee's losses were relatively MORE staggering. When Lee had lost more men than he could afford, Appomattox came.

That's the way wars end. That's the way this war will end.

ST. LO was first fortified by Charlemagne, some 1100 years ago. Largely because it is a good place to fight, it has been fought over off and on ever since.

At Tours, some 150 miles southeast of St. Lo, Charlemagne's grandfather, Charles Martel, stopped for good and all the Moslems, who were advancing northward from Spain into western Europe.

War is old stuff in this part of Europe where our men are fighting. It has been going on practically ever since there were men to fight.

BRIEF note: The weather reported yesterday continues. Our planes are busy. Among

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Wallace Regains Strength In Fight for Renomination

New Votes Pledged To Vice President, Against Truman

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 20.—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace, regarded by many as all but counted out only 24 hours ago, hit the comeback trail in his fight for renomination today as a convention which is overwhelmingly for a fourth term was split wide open in a major row over second place.

Kansas, its 16 convention votes previously unpledged, caucused and balloted unanimously in favor of the Iowa—possibly indicating a new trend among some of the previously uncommitted delegations.

Backers of Senator Harry Truman of Missouri, conceded nothing—many predicting his nomination over Wallace on the first or second ballot.

Truman himself told reporters, however, "I'm not campaigning for anything."

Asked if he had talked to President Roosevelt, he replied "no."

With 684 1-2 votes still unpledged and unclaimed, Wallace had 154 1-2 votes claimed and 165 pledged outright—total of 319 1-2. Truman had only Missouri's 32 pledged outright, with 589 needed to nominate, but apparently had been promised support from big city organizations.

Hannegan Favors Truman

As the convention prepared to renominate President Roosevelt and hear his acceptance by radio, tonight, the lines for the Wallace-Truman struggle were drawn by party leaders. These were headed by National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan, vigorously backing his 60-year-old fellow Missourian.

But Wallace, as today's first caucus vote and hotel corridor talk plainly indicated, made it tough for the strategists who wanted to eliminate him and name the chairman of the senate war-investigating committee on the first ballot.

Wallace got some unexpected help from Secretary of Interior Ickes, who was reported reliably to have sent the President a telegram.

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Fire Damages F. Siroy Home, Razes Two Sheds

Fire originating in a woodshed at the Frank Siroy home, 726 West Mosher street, Roseburg, late Wednesday night, destroyed two sheds and caused considerable damage to the residence. Origin of the blaze was not learned. The fire scorched neighboring residences.

Jumping from the sheds into the rear of the Siroy residence, the fire burned into the attic and destroyed the roof and caused much damage to the rear of the building.

Despite the close grouping of sheds and residences, the fire department exhibited great efficiency in saving the adjoining structures.

The Siroys suffered considerable loss of household and personal effects, but loss is reported to be covered by insurance.

Service Men Nabbed in Auto Reported Stolen

Howard C. Leslie, 24, and Carl Gilbert Evans, 28, one a sailor and the other a soldier, were in custody at Roseburg today following their arrest by state police when apprehended driving an automobile reported stolen from Grants Pass. Military authorities are being contacted before action is taken in civil courts, according to Sergeant Paul Morgan of the state police, who reported the arrest.

"Tired Old Men" Issue Draws Fire From Keynoter Kerr and Chairman Jackson at Democratic Convention

Oklahoma Governor Argues Against Change in Regime While America is at War

CHICAGO, July 20.—(AP)—Inspired by the ripsnorting keynote speech of a governor, the fourth term democrats laid their 1944 campaign strategy squarely on the line today and it amounted to this:

If, as republican Thomas E. Dewey says, President Roosevelt and his new deal colleagues are "tired old men," so are Churchill, Stalin and Chiang Kai-Shek. The 42-year-old Dewey raised the age issue when he became the republican nominee; the democrats threw it right back at him as they prepared to give Mr. Roosevelt his fourth consecutive nomination and offered to fight out the election on just that line.

Spokesman for this challenge was Oklahoma's Governor Robert S. Kerr who roused the democratic convention delegates to their highest pitch of the week last night by his keynote address.

It was built around one theme—a change in administration while the nation is at war.

Kerr depicted his party under Roosevelt as the party of achievement; the republicans as exemplified by Dewey as untested with no program except to "oppose."

The Oklahomaan brought down the crowded house with references to "twelve long years when America 'hardened' under Harding, 'cooled' under Coolidge and 'hungered' under Hoover."

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German Lines in Poland Tottering Before Red Blows

MOSCOW, July 20.—(AP)—The German army showed signs of breaking in the hotly contested battleground west of the Niemen river before east Prussia today as seven fronts flamed battle.

(The German radio said Russian troops had reached Augustow, at the base of the Suwalki triangle which was annexed to east Prussia out of Polish territory in 1939. The town is eight miles from the pre-1939 frontier of east Prussia.)

The string of German-held cities of Lwow, Brest Litovsk, Bialystok, Kaunas and Dabavpils was tottering, with the Russians fighting to the outskirts of Lwow in southern Poland and possibly in the suburbs of Brest Litovsk in northern Poland.

In the south the Russians for the first time had smashed through the Bug river defense which from 1939 to 1941 formed the dividing line between Russia and German-held Poland.

The soviet air force was out in a strength never before equaled, giving sure cover for masses of tanks, cavalry and infantry which swarmed upon the Germans from the western Bug river to the bogs of the north.

Battle-scarred Lwow, hub of six important rail lines and in soviet hands the last time in 1941, appeared certain to be lost by the reeling German defenders, who fell back over 13 miles in the last 24 hours.

Angler Drowns

BEND, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—The body of Forrest Marr, 24, was sought last night after he fell from his boat into deep waters of Three creeks west of here while fishing.

Ballot Box Must not Become "Hitler's Secret Weapon," Says Conclave Gavel Wielder

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 20.—(AP)—Senator Samuel D. Jackson of Indiana, declaring wartime is no time to change administration, told the democratic convention today that the ballot box must not become "Hitler's secret weapon."

The commander-in-chief, he said, must not be taken from the fighting forces overseas.

Taking over as permanent chairman, Jackson told the convention he was confident of an election victory next November because "the American electorate will not vote for change, interruption and delay" in winning the war.

"America will win this war finally and completely, no matter who is elected president of the United States next November," he said.

"But how many battleships would a democratic defeat be worth to Tojo?"

"How many nazi legions would it be worth to Adolf Hitler?"

"Frankly, could Goebbels himself do better to bolster axis morale than the word that the American people have upset this administration—the administration that made it possible for the Russians to drive the nazis back to the Prussian border?"

Jackson developed the theme also that the republicans thwarted moves for a lasting peace after world war I, sought to hamstring defense preparations before the current conflict, and in three terms under Harding,

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Leipzig Area War, Oil Plants Bombed

LONDON, July 20.—(AP)—Another 2,000 American planes blackened the skies of central Germany today, bombing a great array of airplane factories and synthetic oil plants around Leipzig.

Enemy broadcasts declared other American bombers from Italy were striking the roofless reich for the third straight day, this time in Tyrol and Bavaria.

RAF bombers streamed across the robot bomb platforms of northern France after bombing caves housing the missiles at Thiverny, 30 miles northeast of Paris, at dusk.

American bombers also jabbed against air opposition nearly to thern France after bombing caves yards at Chaulnes, 20 miles east of Amiens where much German activity had been noted. Waves of Marauder bombers were reported over the battles in Normandy.

Death Toll in Blast of Two Ships Stands at 322

PORT CHICAGO, Calif., July 20.—(AP)—The death toll of the explosion of two ammunition-laden ships here Monday stood at 322 today with a navy announcement of 213 names of men known to be dead or missing. No Pacific northwest men were included.

Meat Sellers at Fault

PORTLAND, July 20.—(AP)—An OPA check showed 93 out of 100 Portland area retail meat markets were upgrading or violating OPA price regulations. Earl C. Hald, district price executive, said last night.

Demos' Platform Sets Brevity Mark; Racial Issue Hot

CHICAGO, July 20.—(AP)—The "shortest platform the democratic party ever had" was written by the drafting committee early today and set for a test in the afternoon before the convention, on the seething racial issue.

The document was reported to embody a "permanent peace" plank, assumed to have President Roosevelt's approval, calling for American participation in an association of nations with the use of arms if necessary to control warlike nations.

Torn between demands for racial anti-discrimination legislation, poll tax repeal and a federal law against lynching on the one hand, and southern insistence on maintenance of "white supremacy" on the other, the party planksters toiled far into the morning to complete the drafting of party principles and philosophies.

Full Accord Lacking

Asked about the racial plank, Senator Pepper of Florida said "any document in which more than one person collaborates is not satisfactory to every one," but he said "we have a good platform."

The Floridian said the document was "stretched" a little beyond "post card size," but that "it is Coolidge and Hoover 'led us into'"

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Gains of Allies in Italy are Increased

ROME, July 20.—(AP)—American troops, reaching the south banks of the lower Arno river on a 25-mile front in hot pursuit of the Germans fleeing to their Gothic line defenses beyond the river, have captured Colle Salvetti, seven miles northeast of allies-held Livorno, allied headquarters announced today.

The latest town to fall to the Americans, fanning out against decreasing nazi resistance, is about 30 miles southeast of Pisa, on a highway leading directly to that important enemy anchor position.

At the other end of the front Polish and Italian units pushed on from the west coast port of Ancona and cut the coastal road three miles west of the city.

The enemy left much valuable equipment in the Ancona sector. With allied armies closing toward the Gothic line, allied warplanes continued their methodical destruction of Po valley communications, attempting to isolate eventually the divisions in the line. They bombed oil stores at Trieste and Fiume.

Installations near Lake Xynias, Greece, supplying alloy for German steel, were attacked.

Twenty-five allied planes were lost and seven enemy aircraft were destroyed.

Crash of Bomber Near Walla Walla Kills 12

WALLA WALLA, July 20.—(AP)—The entire crew of 12—six officers and six enlisted men—were killed yesterday when an army Liberator bomber from the Walla Walla army airfield crashed near Touchet, 17 miles west of here, Col David Wade, base commander, reported.

Witnesses said the plane had exploded in the air. Wreckage and bodies, some with opened parachutes beside them, were scattered over a three or four-mile area.

Dictator, Aides Quit as Sequel To Military Defeats; Admiral, General are Joint Successors

(By the Associated Press)

Premier General Hideki Tojo, who led Japan into war against America and Britain and had been virtual dictator for two and a half years, has fallen with his entire cabinet, and Tokyo announced today that Emperor Hirohito had ordered another general and an admiral to form a new government "in cooperation."

Hirohito's mandate was given General Kuniaki Koiso, governor general of Korea, and Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, premier in 1940, two of the most powerful leaders of the fighting services. The choice indicates there will be no fundamental departure from the principle of military rule. Both Koiso and Yonai have been known as aggressive proponents of Japanese expansion.

The designation of two men is unprecedented and signifies a determination to combine all elements of the army and navy in a government to cope with the acknowledged peril of defeat by the United States and its allies.

The ousting of Tojo was a sequel to the series of defeats climaxed by the loss of Saipan July 10, bringing American air and naval power within a few hours' bomber flight of the Japanese homeland and confronting the empire with what Tojo himself called an "unprecedentedly great national crisis."

His fall constitutes one of the most drastic governmental upheavals of the second World War, since his position generally had been considered abroad similar to that of Hitler in Germany and Mussolini in Italy.

Domel, the official news agency, indicated that Tojo had fought a losing battle for the past week to maintain his power.

New Men Also Warlike

Koiso, 64, long considered one of the toughest and ablest of Japanese generals, came first to world notice in 1932 as chief of staff of the Kwangtung army, then engaged in the conquest of Manchuria in defiance of the league of nations and the expressed disapproval of the United States. He was largely responsible for framing the policies that turned the tide of Japanese aggression southward toward the rich Asiatic colonies of France and the Netherlands. This was at the time Hitler's victories in Europe had practically cut those colonies adrift.

Yonai, also 64, is a former commander in chief of the Japanese combined fleet and known as a strong adherent to the tradition-

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Heads Jap Army



Gen. Toshihiro Umezu, above, who last Tuesday was appointed chief of the Japanese army general staff, one of the posts held by Premier Tojo and yielded by the latter prior to his resignation as premier, announced today at Tokyo.

Belgians Join French In Revolt Against Nazis

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 20.—(AP)—An underground revolt in Belgium was reported tonight in a special communique from Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters.

The communique said the Belgian patriots had joined with the extensive French activity.

The French were said to have destroyed 26 bridges in ten days and made widespread attacks on the Germans.

"A complete train carrying flying bombs in eastern France was destroyed by French forces of the interior," the special communique said.

Oregon Motor Stages Strike of Brief Duration

PORTLAND, July 20.—(AP)—Oregon Motor stages were playing their regular routes today following a one-day drivers' walkout which halted all transportation between Portland and the northwestern Oregon coast.

Drivers returned to 100 idle buses after protesting a decision of a War Labor Board panel which they claimed did not follow previous agreements and failed to provide sufficient wage increases. The walkout was not sanctioned by the AFL union.

Both Pilots Die When Fighter Planes Crash

REDMOND, Ore., July 20.—(AP)—Two single-seated fighter planes from Portland army air base crashed here yesterday within a 12-hour period, killing both pilots instantly.

Officials identified the pilots as Flight Officer Joseph S. Pusateri, Cincinnati, Ohio, and 2nd Lt. Warren H. Schnitzer, Los Angeles, Calif.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Although the democratic national platform, as drafted, is of record brevity, it could be trimmed to three words without disturbing its basic meaning. Those three words start with the letters F. D. R.

I SAW

By PAUL JENKINS



GEORGE (TID-BIT) TRAPALLIS as he did a "Daniel" in the cage of Tuffy, big African lion showing here this week under the auspices of the American Legion.

"George," one of the officials had said to him, "we want you to have your picture taken with one of our animals, for a publicity stunt. What do you say?" "Sure," said George, "but what kind of an animal?" "What kind do you prefer, George?" "Well," replied George unhesitatingly, "bring me a turtle dove!" It was explained to him by a fellow countryman that the name Trapalls in the Greek language