

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

My idea of no place to go this year is the republican or democratic national convention, on the basis of the present prospect. Delegates might about as well send in their votes by ordinary mail and save the expense and the inconvenience of travel to Chicago. For the top selections are all cut and dried, the only chance for a slipup being if Roosevelt's doctors would order him not to run, which is quite improbable.

Take the democratic convention: it will be more completely dominated by Roosevelt and the White House gang than it was in 1940. Then Jim Farley held a protest position of influence. Now he is sidetracked with just a state chairmanship. The delegates accepted Wallace for vice president, but not without considerable gagging. This year the delegates will take him or anyone else the high command dictates with scarcely a ripple of the adam's apple as they swallow. The Roosevelts have become a dynasty. David Lawrence, a good Woodrow Wilson democrat, had this to say in his column the other night:

"Eleven years ago when the Roosevelt administration came into power, it talked a good deal about driving the money changers from the temple. It professed high ideals. It spoke of itself as a 'liberal' administration. But it has turned out to be not a bit different from its republican predecessors — ready and anxious to use political funds and public power to perpetuate itself in office."

There will be the facade of saving the country in wartime, but the fact still remains that the ins want to stay in power.

As for the republicans, Dewey will win on the first or second ballot. The party bosses may let the decision go to the second ballot to give Bricker and Stassen a few grains of comfort, but not beyond that. Behind the scenes now the horsetrading is on for vice president. Gov. (Continued on editorial page)

Eden Proposes Five-Point Plan For After War

LONDON, May 25 (AP)—A five-point blueprint for a postwar world organization, built around the big-four, the United States, Russia, the British commonwealth and China—and pooling military power in a police force to keep the peace, was presented to commons today by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Eden said conversations with the other powers already was underway and would progress even in the heat of climatic battles. He disclaimed—as Prime Minister Churchill did yesterday—any intention to "impose on others in detail our ideas," but offered these as Britain's principles: First—the world organization must be designed to prevent a recurrence of aggression by Germany and Japan and must be fully equipped with force to meet this purpose. Second—to insure this, there must be close political and military cooperation.

Nazi, Bulgaria Relations Bad

LONDON, May 25 (AP)—Five German divisions transferred from Serbia were reported in an unconfirmed dispatch from the Istanbul newspaper La Turquie tonight to have met resistance when they attempted to take over civil administration of Bulgaria.

With only two Nazi divisions known to have been stationed in Bulgaria, the reinforcements were said to have arrived last Saturday. The dispatch did not bring out whether the Germans actually had seized control. Relations between Russia and Bulgaria were obviously tense as Moscow sought, prior to the coming offensives on the eastern front, to dissuade the Nazis' tired Slavic satellite from giving further help to Germany.

The Moscow radio broadcast an article from the official newspaper Izvestia accusing Bulgarian authorities of "pushing their country towards the brink of a national catastrophe."

Albany Pilot Dies In Army Plane Crash

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 25 (AP)—Eight persons were killed and five injured today in the crash of a combat mapping type aircraft near Will Rogers army air field. Col. B. S. Thompson, base commander, said.

The ship was coming in for a landing and the cause of the crash had not been determined. Included among the dead was Lt. Charles C. Hofer, pilot, route two, Albany, Ore.

Anzio Allies Join Main Fifth Army

6000 RAF US Plan Hit Nazis

Allied Heavies Break Through Rocket Barrage

LONDON, May 25 (AP)—More than 6000 allied planes attacked German airdromes and transportation centers on the continent with over 8000 tons of bombs today in a crushing two-way assault during which American Fortresses and Liberators, storming the west wall, ran into an unprecedented concentration of exploding rockets thrown up by suddenly increased ground defenses.

At least 21 rail centers and 15 airfields upon which Germany has been leaning heavily for defense of fortress Europe were pounded in this seventh day of furious pre-invasion air onslaught, a day in which the attacks ranged from Toulon in southern France to the German capital itself.

From 750 to 1000 American heavies based in Britain slammed explosives on four air fields, nine freight yards and other military targets in northeastern France and Belgium, another American daylight fleet from Italy attacked the Mediterranean port of Toulon and the rail center of Lyons, 200 miles farther north, the funnel to the southern French defense zone.

A US strategic air force campaign reported that nine enemy aircraft were destroyed in the sweep against the west wall, against a loss of four American bombers and 12 fighters. There was no fighter opposition to this assault, the American planes going down before the strong anti-aircraft fire and a spectacular rocket defense.

The Luftwaffe, frayed from (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Congress OK's LC Increase

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Congress gave final approval today to legislation authorizing the navy to spend \$1,800,000,000 for 1,000,000 additional tons of landing craft.

Navy Secretary Forrestal said the authorization would provide the means to deal with "whatever contingencies may develop" in the "vast amphibious operations which lie ahead."

"The extent to which replacements will be required to cover losses experienced in those operations cannot be safely predicted," Forrestal said in requesting the new fund.

He said 450,000 tons of landing craft and district craft to service the fleet, would be ordered immediately. Previously, congress had authorized 2,000,000 tons of such vessels and as of April 1, all but 50,000 tons had been built or were under contract.

Yank Submarines Sink 15 More Enemy Ships

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Cutting down the Japanese merchant fleet at the rate of better than a ship a day, American submarines have sunk 15 more enemy vessels. And to protect allied ships from U-boats the navy has a new weapon—rockets.

This was disclosed today in a communique listing the latest bag by American submarines operating in the Pacific, and in the first announcement that rockets, fired from torpedo bombers have been used to destroy a German unders raider.

"Attacking with rocket projectiles developed by the US navy, and backing up this new-style onslaught with older weapons, the American aircraft apparently destroyed the enemy without damage to themselves," the navy reported in telling of the probable sinking of "a big German U-boat in a matter of minutes."

The communique telling of American submarine successes added another Japanese destroyer to the 46 Japanese warships they already had been credited with sinking. It, with the 14 other ves-



As a prelude to the sale of 10,000 poppies in Salem, which begins today, Mrs. James A. Garson, president of the American Legion auxiliary, pins a poppy on the lapel of E. W. Richey, Jr., one of Salem's first disabled veterans of the second world war. Richey was wounded while serving with the navy, and has been discharged. Looking on are Mrs. E. A. Lee, auxiliary poppy chairman for Salem, and Verne Ostrander who served with the 91st in the first world war and was wounded in France. (Statesman photo)

Nimitz Announces Marcus-Wake Raids

By LEIF ERICKSON
US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, May 25 (AP)—Carrier-based aircraft of a Pacific fleet task force blasted Marcus and Wake islands, Japanese reconnaissance outposts in the west central Pacific, in an attack extending from last Friday to Tuesday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Only four planes were lost in the twin slashes which developed a surprising weakness in the aerial defense of Marcus and an utter lack of interception over Wake.

Marcus island, less than 1200 miles southeast of Tokyo, was battered May 19 and 20 with 148 tons of explosives in 373 sorties. Although that airbase had not been attacked since last August 31, when a similar carrier force worked it over for eight hours, only two Japanese planes were seen. One of the aircraft, a medium bomber, was shot down near the target and the other strafed on the ground. Airdrome installations were hard hit, supply dumps destroyed, gun positions and buildings.

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Iceland Decides To Become Republic

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, (Delayed)—May 24 (AP)—One of the oldest democracies in the world has decided to become the world's youngest republic, the people of Iceland, with probably the largest participation in a referendum ever recorded in any democratic country, having voted to sever all ties with the Danish crown.

His votes tabulated today showed an overwhelming percentage of the nation's eligible voters favored the foundation of a republic, which probably will be proclaimed June 7, an Icelandic national holiday.

Reds Contact Japs for US

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—State department officials revealed tonight that the soviet union is making representations to Japan on behalf of war prisoners in acting for the United States as well as for Great Britain.

British Foreign Secretary Eden told the House of Commons today he had requested Russia to approach Japan for alleviation of conditions governing prisoners of war.

Several days ago the state department announced it had received a note from the Japanese saying that under certain conditions they would receive and distribute to American prisoners in the far east the 1500 tons of Red Cross relief supplies piled up in Vladivostok. The state department said it was studying the conditions laid down by the Japanese but has not revealed their nature.

Wind Whips Up White Caps on Dover Strait

LONDON, May 25 (AP)—A strong southwesterly wind whipped up white caps in Dover strait tonight as the weather turned suddenly much cooler.

The sky was overcast after a sunny day and visibility was limited to two or three miles. The temperature was 45 at dusk and, although the barometer was nearly steady, the air seemed to hold a threat of rain.

High tide at Dover and Calais tomorrow: 3:27 a. m. (9:27 p. m. Thursday, Eastern war time) and 3:43 p. m. (9:43 a. m. EDT).

65 Carriers Now in Fleet

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Artemus L. Gates, assistant secretary of the navy for the air, disclosed tonight that 65 aircraft carriers are in active service in the fleet.

He gave the figure in an address prepared for the "March of Time" program, and to picture the magnitude of the carrier fleet, he said their combined flight deck area is equal to that of 120 football fields, or to an airstrip seven miles long.

Gates also disclosed that navy airplanes of all types "will now total some 37,700" and declared 1000-plane raids against the Japanese by carrier-based planes are "only the beginning."

Train Travel In England Apt to Halt

LONDON, May 25 (AP)—Thousands of British families have cancelled plans for the traditional Whitman holiday weekend travel under the stern warning that train service is subject to stoppage without notice as the hour for the invasion of Hitler's Europe nears.

Germans tried to probe the secrets of the gathering allied storm, by E-boat patrol dashes across the channel today and by spy-plane coastal raids.

A Tass dispatch from Moscow said it was rumored in Berlin that Heinrich Himmler, German general chief, had left suddenly for France. Virtually the entire Nazi hierarchy with the exception of Hitler himself, have been reported in France during the last month, checking the defense system and tightening control over the restive population.

One explanation of Himmler's reported eleventh hour trip was that it was an attempt to counteract the "purposeful broadcasts" of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's invasion instructions to the European underground.

Meanwhile other German propaganda sought to ease the shocks of continued Nazi retreat in Italy by proclaiming the imminence of invasion from the west, against which all available Nazi forces (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Hemingway Does Well in Hospital

LONDON, May 25 (AP)—Ernest Hemingway, American author, who suffered injuries in an automobile accident here last night, was reported progressing well today at the London St. George's hospital after a minor operation.

Special examination disclosed the author of numerous best sellers, including "Farewell to Arms" and "For Whom the Bell Tolls," had no skull fracture, although the wound was sufficiently deep to require stitching, surgeons at the hospital said.

Hemingway was injured when the car in which he was riding with a British physician struck a water tank. He arrived in London about a week ago as a correspondent for Collier's magazine.

Roosevelt Called On Strike

Spokane Plant Asks President To Take Over

SEATTLE, May 26 (AP)—The Spokane branch of the Timber Products Manufacturers' Association today telegraphed President Roosevelt an invitation for the government to take over their plants and end the mill walkouts which have halted manufacture of ammunition boxes.

It was the highlight of the workers currently spreading demonstrations against the war labor board's rejection of their wage increase demands.

Meantime, J. B. Fitzgerald, secretary-manager of the lumbermen's industrial relations committee here, disputed assertions that wages in the lumber and sawmill industry are out of line with other war industries and the requested wage boost was within the little steel formula.

He said the average wage paid in the logging and lumbering industry in western Washington and Oregon, by lumber commission and WLB testimony, increased from 82 cents an hour January 1, 1941, to 119.9 cents in May, 1943, or 46 per cent. The little steel formula allowed a 15 per cent increase in the same period.

On a base pay basis, he said the increase was from 67½ to 90 cents an hour, an increase of 33½ per cent.

But Michael T. Costello, secretary of the Puget Sound council of lumber and sawmill workers (AFL), countered with the assertion the 90 cent minimum is not in general effect, "and plenty are only getting 70 or 75 cents."

The unionists asked the minimum rate be boosted from 90 cents to \$1.05 an hour. At Everett, Wash., one mill resumed operations when workers returned to their door and veneer department work from "fishing trips."

Additional walkouts, however, were reported at Albany, Salem (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Old Type B, C Gas Coupons Soon Void

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Old type B-2 and C-3 gasoline ration coupons, which lack serial numbers, will not be usable by consumers on and after June 1, the office of price administration announced today.

Supplemental rations renewed since March 1 have been issued in the form of serially-numbered, strip-type B-3 and C-3 coupons. Holders of unused B-2, C-2 coupons can exchange them after June 1 at local ration boards.

Filling stations will have until June 10 to turn in B-2, C-2 coupons presented them prior to June 1.

County Court Starts Job Of Going Over Budget

The county court Thursday afternoon began the tedious task of going through the proposed annual county budget item by item.

After a discussion lasting more than two hours on the expense items listed by the county health department, in an effort to trim off \$6,398.45—the amount in excess of the six per cent increase over the health department's allocation last year of \$12,859—the court voted to allow the department \$18,000 from the county toward operating expenses.

The health department had asked \$20,028.99 from the county toward its overall expenses of \$47,160.50. Actually, this figure represents an increase of only a little more than \$2000 over the total figures of operations last year, but due to a re-distribution of costs among the contributing agencies, the county's proportionate share would have been \$6,398.45 over the six per cent limit and \$7,169.99 more than last year's approved amount. The approved

\$18,000 figure will be \$4,369.46 over the six per cent limit and \$5,141 more than last year's allocation.

The action was taken after Dr. W. J. Stone, Marion county health officer, appeared before the court and testified that cutting down the amount requested might cripple the activities of the agency in the event of an epidemic, and that it would also have the effect of cutting down federal aid, 20 per cent of the health department's total operating figures.

Judge Grant Murphy proposed that the county court allow \$18,000 toward the over-all program and that he endeavor to get the school board to increase its contribution of \$5,064.31 by \$2,028.99, the difference between the allowed county figure and that which had been asked. Participating agencies now contribute a total of \$27,138.51.

The court pared \$2753.05 from six of the other department budgets (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Yankee Forces Crumple Nazis Inside Cisterna

Allied Warplanes Pounding Retreating Germans; Take Huge Toll of Men, Material

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 25 (AP)—Americans of the Anzio beachhead forces joined with Americans of the main Fifth Army front in a dramatic, long-awaited meeting in the Pontine marshes below Rome today after 14 days of a whirlwind offensive that had cracked the back of the German defenses in Italy.

Tank-supported United States infantrymen crumpled German positions at the heart of Cisterna, enemy stronghold on the Appian Way, and were battling to wipe out the last sniper nests there at dawn.

Bay Field Reached

6th Army Fights Way Through Stiff Resistance

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Friday, May 26 (AP)—US sixth army units have battled their way through stiff Japanese resistance to reach the Maffin bay airfield on Dutch New Guinea, 120 miles northwest of Hollandia, it was announced today by headquarters.

Today's report covered an advance scored Wednesday west of the Tor river with the support of Kittyhawk planes, tanks and artillery. The destruction of 11 parked (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Explosion Hits Pearl Harbor

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, May 25 (AP)—An ammunition explosion in Pearl Harbor killed and injured an unannounced number of men and wrecked several small vessels Sunday, the navy reported today.

The blast occurred while the ammunition was being removed from a landing craft. It was moored with a group of sister ships. Presumably these were wrecked.

Regarding the casualties the brief announcement said merely that there was "some loss of life, and a number of injuries."

The cause or extent of the explosion was not disclosed. A board of inquiry, under the direction of Rear Adm. John F. Shafroth, was investigating the blast.

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Fresh Troops New US Policy

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—The sustained power which has kept American troops rolling in the Italian offensive was attributed by Secretary of War Stimson today to the new army policy of immediate combat replacements.

Under the new system, fresh troops are kept in readiness immediately behind the fighting line and casualties in front line units are replaced at once.

The innovation, which officials said has had a marked effect on the morale of the fighting men, was adopted only recently after the unit strength of the army was completed.

Stimson, at a news conference, called attention to the plan's success in the Italian drive as "a demonstration of the importance of the efforts to obtain for our army young and vigorous replacements which the war department has emphasized so strongly during recent months."

Weather

Maximum temperature Thursday 71 degrees; minimum 73. No precipitation. River 3 ft. Fair Friday and Saturday. Warmer Friday except along coast.