ernors' conference at Harrisburg Gov. Earl Snell reported that a Dewey-Warren ticket seemed to be the one most talked of. In trips around the countryside, as to Gettysburg, Dewey got the hand of the spectator public, far more than did Bricker or Warren, indicating that he had a political "it" that takes with the public. Bricker, as reported in the papers, needled Dewey to force him to take a stand on issues, but Dewey evaded under the ruse of "not being a candidate."

While a Dewey-Warren ticket is the one most talked about, watch for the possible substitution of Stassen's name for Warren's. This would be done in order to appease the middle west, which is clamoring for recognition as the "original" republican territory, and with the thought that Stassen's name might help attract more of the Willkie following since Stassen is definitely "internationalist" in his outlook, and was a leader in the Willkie camp in the Philadelphia convention of

The cold water on the last sug-gestion is that the Willkie people think Stassen's entry in the Wisconsin primaries and especially Sen. Joe Ball's speech in his behalf in Madison contributed greatly to the Willkie defeat in that state. Another reported hitch is (according to a writer in the New York "Nation") Dewey's relucgiant like Stassen,-too much of a Mutt and Jeff combination, with Dewey in the role of Mutt.

Gov. Warren has made no campaign for vice president and indicates little interest in the spot, but undoubtedly would accept if nom-

The final selection for vice president will probably be made by Dewey and his campaign managers (assuming Dewey's nomination on the first or second ballot). In that respect it will resemble Roosevelt's selection of Wallace in 1940 which probably will be repeated in 1944.

House Group OK's 49 Billion **Fund for Army**

WASHINGTON, June 7-(AP) Backing up the war department of the capital. with virtually every dollar it requested, the house appropriations committee recommended today a \$49,109,002,795 fund to finance the nation's far-flung fighting armies during the fiscal year starting July 1.

The unanimity of the committee is expected to be duplicated by the house when the near-record bill reaches the floor late this

The committee pointed out that some of the funds might not be used, should Germany collapse within the next six months, but added that "there is no warrant, however, for such an assumption." The committee called to the at-

tention of congress this testimony given behind closed doors by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, deputy chief of staff.
"There is every reason to be-

lieve that the approaching period will be one of heavy fighting involving great numbers of American troops. The scale of the coming battles is expected to be beyond anything heretofore experienced by us in this war, and re-(Turn to Page 2-Story D)

Pope Pius XII Urges Writers To Plug Peace

ROME, June 7 .- (AP)-Pope Pius XII urged correspondents today "to write of a peace that can meet the approval of all well-meaning peoples" in his first press conference since becoming pope.

"You are most welcome. have a mission of tremendous importance," His Holiness said in greeting the newsmen as he enered the throne room of the vat-

"If it would be well to have a message for you, it would be those words spoken back in 1940 on the

conditions for future collaboration other US general officer-is comforce toward duty, truth, justice ground forces participating in the and goodwill, and even more, to- attack in France, it was announward the supernatural idea of ced.

neans to peace," he said. "Write In the initial stages of the land-

Allies Capture Bayeux, Beat Back German Counterattacks

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Admit Breakthrough in Italy

Advances Rapidly

By EDWARD KENNEDY ROME, June 7 -(AP)- The

fifth army smashed ahead north and west of Rome toward the key Tyrrhenian port of Citance to team up with a physical vitavecohia tonight in a drive so rapid and powerful that the Germans themselves described it officially as a "major break" through their lines.

> Fanning out above the city the allies advanced so far along the vital coastal highway No. 1 that one official announced this evening that they "continued a rapid advance in the direction of Civitavecchia," the closest port to Rome, 40 miles to the northwest

by road. This morning's communique placed the allied armies more than 10 miles above Rome on a wide front, and today's advances apparently were well beyond these lines, Gen. Sir Harchief in Italy, proclaimed that "the strength of the German

The German high command said breaking into our positions" west

The allied command described German resistance as "only light." It had dwindled to disorganized activity by delaying infantry units and self-propelled

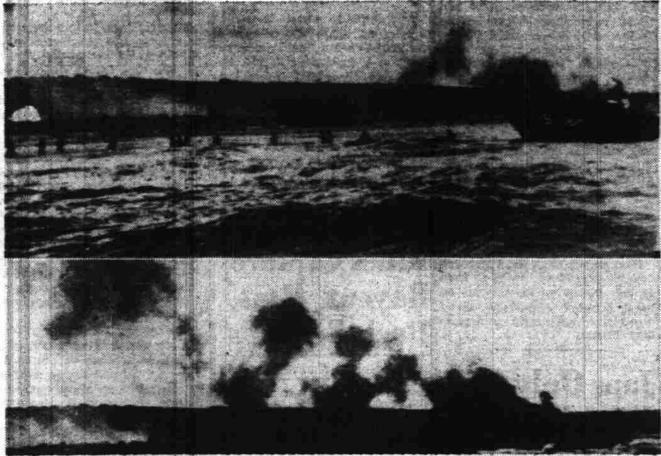
The advance was along all main highway west and northwest of the city, including the routes numbered one and two and the Magliana coastal road, the allied troops covering a distance of ten miles from Rome as they reached northward to within five miles (Turn to Page 2-Story F)

Senate Votes **OPA Change**

WASHINGTON, June 7 -(AP)-Dealing the administration a setback in its drive to re-enact the price control law without substantial change, the senate voted 47 to 27 today to free merchants of damage liability for price ceiling overcharges which they can prove are unintentional.

At present consumers can sue retailers for ceiling violations and collect three times the amount of any proven overcharge or \$50. whichever is greater.

Approved over strong administration protests, the amendment provides that in such civil suits lation was neither willful nor the result of failure to take practicable precautions against a vioFast Action As Second Front Opens



American infantrymen wade (top) through surf under the cover of naval shelifire to make first landings on the Normandy coast of France as the second front opened. Ship from which the men disembarked is at right. Below an allied landing craft of unidentified type (right) burns just off shore somewhere on the north coast of France a casualty of the invasion of Fortress Europe. (AP Wirephoto via signal corps radio)

Aerial Cordon

Over Beaches

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY

FORCE, June 7 -(AP)- Allied war-

planes, which have flown a total

of 31,000 sorties against Europe

since June 1, threw down blazing

curtains of bombs and bullets in-

tended to cut off both help and

escape for German troops on the

perimeters of the expanding

South of Caen 250 to 500 Fly-

ing Fortresses and Liberators

heavily attacked road junctions

to block off German reinforce-

ments. In this unusual front-

line use of heavy bombers neith-

er anti-aircraft fire nor German

fighter opposition was encoun-

Clouds prevented assessment o

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beachheads in France.

the damage done.

German Air Troops Bulletins that the allies had "succeeded in achieving a major break" north of Rome and had "succeeded in Try to Stop Allies

By W. W. HERCHER

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7-(A)-Savage fighting for key points behind the Normandy beachheads was developing tonight as the Germans began moving troops by air in efforts to cope with the constantly reinforced allied airborne divisions whose successes highlighted

The allied airborne operation, largest ever undertaken any-

here, was a complete success, at least as far as its shock phases were concerned, and parachutists and airborne infantry were rangand airborne infantry were ranging swiftly behind the German frontlines, it was said at supreme headquarters. .

Authorities were tight - lipped about the progress of troops that landed from the sea but stated the airborne soldiers had carried out every assignment given them, and in some cases had seized bridges which the command had been almost certain the Germans would have time to demolish. It was confirmed tonight, for

example, that the British sixth airborne division had captured a series of bridges north of Caen. Front dispatches said airborne troops had joined those from the sea in some places after capturing and that reinforcements poured

in today abord a 50-mile long train of ninth air force gliders. The German radio yesterday listed four to six allied airborne it will be an adequate defense if divisions as having landed behind the defendant proves that the vio- the Atlantic wall defenses, and said tonight that another British division had landed during to-

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LONDON, Thursday, June 8 across the channel in support of allied invasion forces, blasted targets in France again last night, the British announced today, and axis broadcasts indicated that vital communications centers were among the targets.

A Paris broadcast said the suburbs of that city, a vital rail hub, had been bombed and also reported attacks on Nantes and Lorient on the French coast.

The broadcast declared the assaults were carried out in great

LONDON, June 8 -(A)- Allied heavy bombers in great strength headed out across the English channel at daybreak today in the direction of the Pas de Calais area of France, following up a big RAF night attack in support of allied invasion forces.

The weather was better in Dover strait, with a light breeze from the west, but a hase and light mist limited visibility.

LONDON, June 7 -(P)- A report to the London press through Switzerland said today that a large allied fleet was cruising off Genoa and that "an allied landing on the Ligurian coast (Italy), or even on southern France, was expected

NEW YORK, June 7 -(AP) Allied parachute troops in hitherto unknown strength have landed 30 miles south of Caen in the region between Argentan and Falaise, the German radio said tonight in a broadcast recorded by the CBS.

A BBC report heard by the blue network quoted a Berlin broadcast as saying the point was 40 miles southeast of Caen and adding that a "vast force" of airborne infantry was fighting its way toward the main beachhead at the north of the Orne river.

Huge Meteor Flashes Across Oregon Sky

EUGENE, Ore., June 7-(A) An invasion night meteor,

Yankees Capture Biak Field

Mac's Men Get **Behind Enemy** To Grab Base

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, New Guinea. Thursday, June 8 -(AP)- The Mokmer airdrome on Biak island, giving Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur a base within bombing been stormed and captured, headquarters announced today on the 13th day of the invasion of the Schoutens.

Stalled and bloodily repulsed earlier in a frontal stab from the initial beachhead, established May 27, MacArthur got in behind the enemy positions and swept on to the airfield from the rear.

The airfield is within 880 miles of the Philippines to the northwest and is within good fighter range of Palau, western Carolines naval base of the Jap-anese, guarding the approaches

to the Philippines.

Headquarters said the Japanese move were light.

After the May 27 landing two battalions of Yanks were caught in murderous fire of Japanese on ridges and in caves while attempting to move west along a shore road to Mokmer.

Biak, which is in a group (Turn to Page 2-Story H)

General Who Talked Sent Home Demoted

WASHINGTON, June 7 -(AP) The army reported today that Maj. Gen. Henry J. F. Miller was "broken" to lieutenant colonel and sent home from England for an indiscreet remark at a cocktail party hinting at the time set for the invasion of Europe.

The rank to which he was re duced is his permanent grade, held since 1936. The rank of major general was temporary.

The story came out piecemea from supreme headquarters of the allied expeditionary forces and from the war department here. Dispatches from Shaef told of the supreme command withheld the the allied advance. officer's name.

memorandum naming the officer the nazi command struggled to command and general staff school gy. with a 33-year honorable record (Turn to Page 2-Story G)

Push Continues Headquarters Says Forces

Doing Better Than Hoped; **Landing Beaches Cleared**

By WES GALLAGHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EX-PEDITIONARY FORCE, Thursday, June 8-(AP) The allies announced today capture of their first French city, the nazi-fortified town of Bayeux, five miles inshore in the center of the Normandy invasion coast, and said they also had cut the highway from Bayuex to Caen as they moved inland in generally heavy fighting against counter-attacking German reserves.

(The Cherbourg-Caen-Paris railway and a main highway run through Bayeux, so that capture of the town cuts both, contributing to isolation of the Cherbourg peninsula.)

Caen, 18 miles southeast of Bayeux and nine range of the Philippines has miles from the sea, was the scene of a German armored counter-attack which has been hurled back, headquarters disclosed, and the allied forces were said to be doing generally "better than expected."

Aside from these two towns, supreme headquarters gave no place-names, ignoring a continuing stream of German broadcasts which reported new allied attacks all the way from the Pas De Calais area on Dover strait to Nantes at the base of the big Brittany peninsula jutting out into the Atlantic.

A headquarters communique said the allied landin beaches had been cleared of the enemy and had been linked up by flank extensions in some cases during the second day of invasion while steady reinforcements poured in by sea

The supreme commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, were routed Wednesday and that toured the beach areas in a British vessel for four and one-American losses in the victorious half hours Wednesday, conferring with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and other operational chieftains less than

five miles from German-held territory. The German accounts, many apparently designed pure-to provoke replies, claimed the British Sixth parachute division had been "annihilated"; that a beachhead on the right bank of the Orne river had been wiped out; that a new amphibious attack had been made on the Calais area nearest Britain and heaviest bombed spot prior to the invasion; that new allied airborne operations were directed against Lorient. Nantes and St. Brieuc-all on the Brittany peninsula, and on Falaise and Argentan, 30 miles south of Caen and 40

The Germans spoke at length of the "surprising" strength of airborne operations, and allied headquartres confirmed that these were continued Wednesday on a large scale, without mentioning localities.

The Germans said Caen was aflame, and allied accounts inferentially confirmed this by describing heavy air attacks in that area and shelling of it by the 16-inch guns of the Brtish battleship Nelson. Heaviest fighting apparently centered around Caen and

Bayeux, the latter a cathedral town, once of 9000 population. Reports from the front mentioned many casualties, although there was no solid evidence of the actual number or proportion. Both the US and British navies reported their casualties in personnel and ships were so far very small. Resistance of the German navy and air force continued

relatively light, with E-boats driven off in two attacks and 51 German planes downed Wednesday by the overwhelming allied air cover, which lost 23 of its own planes. Lightning fighter-bombers demolished a German headquarters Wednesday afternoon. One returning flier said the Germans had flooded three

incident but on orders from the large lowland areas near the beaches in efforts to hold up The German land forces put up

Here, in response to inquiries, increasing resistance that was exthe war department issued a pected to become still stronger as

Allied airborne operations, (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

Mt. Angel Will Observe Corpus Christi Sunday

mesday \$5 degrees; minimum and German Catholic people and priests who first settled the town celebrated the feast that honors the Holy Euchrist, with the public processions that had marked lits celebration in their homeland. Thursday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms in northeast pertion Thursday and north portion Priday. Cooler south interior Thursday.

Irom the old country. The Swiss and German Catholic people and priests who first settled the town celebrated the feast that honors the Holy Euchrist, with the public processions that had marked lits celebration in their homeland. Whether these pioneers of Mt. Angel celebration is duplicated in the west. As many as 20,000 people march division ball led by Gen. Dahle, more endurance or just more time.

MT. ANGEL - Corpus Christi the fact remains that they were will be observed by the city of lengthy marches compared with Mt. Angel in the traditional man- the seemingly long procession of ner next Sunday. Lack of gaso- six or seven blocks of these days. long program of speeches, pavisitors that the church celebra- was the pride of the town and of its of the infantry's tools of war. tion usually brings to town and the pastors, Father Placidus Fuerst the absence of several hundred and Father Dominic Wadenschwylarge that some witnesses said young men in the armed forces ler, who served successively and "the moon is falling," was re- will shrink the line of men in each of whom was a well known ported to J. Hugh Pruett, Uni-versity of Oregon extension as-of the visiting Foresters, meeting has shrunken pitifully in size, due commander, in the dual celebrahere in state convention that day, to the war and present conditions, should swell the crowd to almost but the members left report to a the size of old times. The custom was brought here to procession.

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Except in Los Angeles, where and German Catholic people and the descript Mexicans carry on the

Public Invited as Miller, 53, a graduate of the discern and meet the allied strate- To Trailblazer Birthday Party CAMP ADAIR, June 7,-(Spe-

cial)-The 70th division will celebrate its first birthday as an organized military unit in conjunction with the nationwide observance of Infantry day June 15.

The division will play host to the general public, who are invited to Camp Adair for a daylong program of speeches, pabeginning at 9 a, m, and extending

Joining with Maj.-Gen. John R.

Gen. Bradley, 'Doughboys' General, Commands American Army in France Gen. Bradley is known as the By HAROLD V. BOYLE cated he would move right in with

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, the troops at the earliest possible Allied Expeditionary Force, June 7.-(AP)-Lanky Omar N. Bradley-"If a man is sincerely interest- the "doughboys' general" who has record as a teacher as well as ed in securing spiritual and moral killed more Germans than any fighting leader that he picked to the "doughboys' general" who has

protherly love that Christ gave The Germans know this simple, kindly lieutenant-general as a His Hollness, thin and pale but master tactician who outsmarted en urged the correspondents to North Africa and who ushered let the ultimate general purpose them unceremoniously out of the mountains in the epic 38-day con-The war should be only a quest of Sicily.

or a peace that can meet the apings in France, Gen. Bradley was tied up by the need for communications to the deck of the flagconditions necessary so that they
may live in a manner betitting the
dignity of a human being.

"Good bye and bless you all."

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It is a tribute to Bradley's proud direct this momentous engagement

tails" than any other US general Gen. Robert E. Lee. officer, for Fort Benning gradu-ated second lieutenants at the rate in Gen. Dwight D. Eise

This 51-year-old Missouri-born mander, the greatest military commander, the greatest military contribution of the "show me" africa. He responded with the smashing offense that captured

"doughboys' general" because he is sparing of the lives of men under his command. But he is a tough, knotty fight

er with the tenaciouus, sledge hammany men he personally trained as officers as head of the infantry Grant, the shrewdness of a New mer persistence of Gen. U. S. officers' school at Fort Benning. England horse trader, but with a personal dignity and integrity that He also has trained more "shave can be compared with that of

A native of Clark, Mo., he wa of 40,000 a year under the meth-ods which he supervised. It was Gen. Eisenhower who have he could do in the field in North