# Democratic Convention Opens Today With Main Interest in Vice President Race

CHICAGO, July 18-(AP)-A sud-den surge of support Sen. Harry Truman of Missouri placed him tonight in the top flight of compromise possibilities for the demo cratic vice - presidential nomina-

"It's a natural," exclaimed Sen. Carl Hatch of New Mexico. "Harry

Truman is going to be nominated." Apparently the shift toward him originated partially with the CIO. seemed to be drifting away after Heretofore the big labor organ- President Roosevelt gave a weak ization has given unswerving feal-ty to the renomination of vice manded, and got, as a running continued for Sen. Harry F. Byrd Truman Not Interested

were looking favorably upon Truman as a second choice, CIO Pre-

dent Philip Murray and Sidney Hillman, political action chairman, told newsmen: "We're for Wallace."

But some of Wallace's strength

Truman.

Byrd Boomlet Continues

Mr. Roosevelt's renomination was

Barkley and, belatedly, toward tee, was reported reliably to be the second choice of CIO president Philip Murray. The senator was in As for the presidential picture, conference earlier with Sidney

Hillman, chairman of the labor delegation adopted by an overorganization's political action com-

While New Jerseyites, with 34 convention votes, defeated a mo-

whelming voice vote a resolution

endorsing the vice president's reamination

The vice president, in fact, is on the way to the convention, which opens tomorrow, to try to stem a tide which was turning to some degree toward War Mobiliz- ation Director James F. Byrnes, Senate War investigating commit-Handbills Ready

For distribution among deletion to put them on record for gates, the Wallace people turned Wallace, the 52-vote California up with some big handbills which said:

vole for Henry A. Wallace .---Franklin D. Roosevelt."

these efforts were taking effect. Not All For Wallace The weighty Pennsylvania del-egation, wielding 72 votes which

the Callace camp previously claim-ed in their entirety, took an advis-

morning. Thanks." Whether the vice president can fish his campaign out of the fire was a topic of widespread corridor

gossip in convention hotels. He "If I were a delegate, I would ory poll that showed 41 in the Wal- still has far more pledged and lace column. Recorded against claimed delegates than any of the Wallace or not voting were 21, with dozen or so men mentioned for



historic position of political independence. But the CIO continued as an active participant in politics, and this political action committee is the

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# **Yanks Reach** Nazis' Gothic Line in Italy

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ROME, July 18-(AP)-American troops crashed through strongly held German positions today and swept three miles across open country into the town of Pontedera on the Arno river between Pisa and Florence, reaching the enemy's "Gothic line" defenses

and virtually outflanking the great west coast port of Livorno. Pontedera is situated on the Boy Drowned east of Pisa, 18 miles northeast of Livorno and 32 miles west of In Albany Florence.

try and armor reached the Arno in a week's drive down the Era river valley from the Volterra sector after stubborn nazi resist- Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bradley, was

Today an allied spokesman declared American troops were closborn opposition and extensive nine-foot depth at 7 o'clock when fugees from Livorno said the central part of the city of 100,000 was

badly wrecked and looted. Polish forces driving up the Adriatic coast were officially rerted to have scored a complete ankthrough of nazi positions

of Ancona, which was described as "gravely threatened."

**Takes Final Shape** 

tional bank for reconstruction and development took final shape to day along lines described by a spokesman for the United Nations monetary conference as "so conservative it leans over backwards

and touches its head on the floor." This was in reference to action by the conference limiting the amount of the bank's loan and The order was learned today.

arantees to a figure equal to

STATESMAN FIRST AGAIN The Oregon Statesman daily

s news several hours administration normally would go into effect Sunday, July 30. The same order authorizes the office of price administration to put hams and pork loins, now point-free, back on the ration list. It was not wholly clear fresher than any other morning newspaper circulating in Marion county—as further evinced by the clean "beat" in Tuesday's illamette river near the be silence by lighter surface units 3:15 p. m.-NBC-Summaries Numerical river heat the board house shortly before 10 o'clock Tuesday night Johns was drowned Saturday, night after a host in which he and a party of friends were riding overturned. and interviews. Note: Above schedule subject to last-minute change or addi-tion. Times given are those list-ed for start of broadcasts. that had crept in close to shore. The bombardment, the seventh A youthful victim of the explosion at the Port Chicago, Calif., naval ammunition depot gets first aid from an American Legionnaire. An estimated several hundred persons were killed and injured, two ships were destroyed. (Associated Press photo.) ion on the mayy blast near fartinez, Calif.

power recalling the historic British assault at El Alamein. On the American sector to the west, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's Doughboys captured the hillside hinge strong-

hold at St. Lo after an eight-day battle, forcing a German withdrawal of a mile to a mile

and a half and threatening a crumbling of the nazi positions Construction westward all the way to the coast. . Using airpower instead of the artillery barrage for which he is Of Milk Plant . Using airpower instead of the famed, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Mont-**To Start Soon** gomery opened the onslaught in the Caen area at dawn under cov-

er of the greatest aerial bombardment since D-day-a crushing as-Construction of a new \$99,500 milk processing plant in Salem sault by 2200 bombers of all kinds which pounded the enemy with for the Dairy Cooperative association will not be delayed until the 7000 tons of explosives and moved along just ahead of powerful forclose of the war if materials and manpower for its construction can

Tuesday.

tion.

**High Chinese General** 

18 -(AP)- Gen. Chen Sheng, China's

**Relieved of His Post** 

ces of tanks and infantrymen. be secured. Strike at Gateway Gen. Montgomery struck at the gateway to interior France, driving into the heart of the nazis' strong-

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to grant under new regulations without referral to Washington, DC. Although rough plans were

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's infan- City Pool ALBANY, July 18-Lloyd William Bradley, 8-year-old son of

ance had checked the fifth army's drowned in the municipal pool push directly up the west coast. about 6:30 tonight. The boy, who could not swim. was seen going to the pool with ing in on Livorno's outskirts from other children about 6 o'clock and the east and south "against stub- the body was discovered in the

minefields and demolitions." Re- Edna, Mae Dolymer, 12, stepped on it. Two lifeguards were on duty but no commotion was observed

at any time during the interval. The boy's mother is in the Salem Deaconess hospital with three-day-old baby. There is also a 4-year-old sister, Donna Fern. vice war minister and one of the southwest of the important port The family came here from Okla- country's most famous generals, homa two years ago.

has been relieved of his post as The body was taken in charge governor of the province of Hupeh, by the Fisher funeral home. it was announced today. No reason This was the first drowning in was given in the official state-

International Bank the municipal pool which has ment, but it is known that Chen been in operation for five years. Cheng has been ill for some time.

BRETTON WOODS, NH, July Most Beef Steaks, Roasts Soon Will Become Point-Free

WASHINGTON, J u 1 y 18 - (AP)Most of the beef steaks and roasts now available in butcher shops would become ration point-free taking more beef off the point under an order prepared by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones,

The beef section of the order The order was readied for nor-mal issuance and publication in ing on quality steaks and roasts its \$10 billion capitalization, plus any surplus the bank may accum-with an effective date of August lower commercial and utility

1:45 p. m.-CBS-Nellie Tay-The body of Hubert M. (Ike)

A light rain fell at 10 p.m.

Numbers using city swimming pools may have been less than the ecord attendance of Wednesday, but those who swam must have stayed longer, for there was little dimunation of the crowd, atten-

dants said. At Leslie where 1632 were check. ed in and out of the pool, city first aid men were called to care for a

**Tojo Relieved** boy who cracked heads with another swimmer as the two dived. Of His Army thers.

By the Associated Press Peak temperatures of 1944 were ecorded throughout the Pacific northwest Tuesday.

Portland's 104 maximum of late afternoon was the highest temhad been relieved as chief of the The project, this week granted perature outside Arizona listed on army general staff in the second priorities by the war production the table by the US weather burboard, is to cost just \$500 less than the \$100,000 maximum which the district WPB office is permitted

ported. (Continued on page 2)

**Hunger Overtakes** 

prepared for presentation to the Japs in Burma war food administration and, fol-SOUTHEAST ASIA COMlowing its approval, to the war

MAND HEADQUARTERS, Kanproduction board, architect's dy, Celon, July 18-(AP)-Battered drawings have not been com-Japanese troops fleeing southpleted, Joe Kendrick, Salem manward through the Manipur hills ager for the cooperative, said here after collapse of their invasion of eastern India have been overtak-

The plant, he explained, will be en by hunger and, with some at equipped for pasteurization, ho- the "actual starvation point," are mogenization, bottling and similar surrendering in increasing numbers, Admiral Lord Louis Mounthandling of milk from Willamette valley dairies for city consumpbatten's headquarters announced today.

Dogged by heavy rains as well as relentless allied troops, the enemy is fleeing over tracks "often unfit even for mule transport" and his supply system has gone out of gear, the headquarters daily CHUNGKING, Wednesday, July bulletin said.

### Low Humidity Shuts

**Down Logging in State** PORTLAND, Ore., July 18 -(AP) Logging operations throughout the state were shut down today when peratures mounted. State law pro hibits logging when the humidit

Regular sessions to all net-

Sen. Scott Lucas of Illinois

8:30

history left a toll of de workers poked through the rubble in search of more bodies.

The twin blasts late last night, shaking 14 counties and felt 80 miles away, shattered this town of 1500 and wrecked, the two. HIDEKI TOJO freighters, the 10,000-ton Quinault Victory and the 7500-ton E. A. Bryant. The ships were loading ammunition at the Port Chicago naval ammunition supply depot, on an arm of San Francisco bay some 35 miles northeast of San

Francisco. Spray Hot Metal **Chief Position** The blasts sprayed hot metal

over a two-mile area. One ship's anchor was found a half mile away.

Most of the dead were negroe nembers of navy loading crews at the Port Chicago ammunition mag-

In addition, possibly 70 mem (Continued on Page 2)

The navy, chief sufferer in re- Crack Train **Leaves** Rails

> Twelve coaches and sleeping cars to the Germans in September, of the Rock Island railroad's Gold- 1939. en State Limited plunged off the Potential Disaster Grows tracks five miles from Dalhart at 11 o'clock tonight after the locomotive and two cars had cleared what early investigation disclosed was a split rail.

A rapid survey in the darkness showed no one had been seriously sengers were shaken up and prac- Lithuania as well as Latvia totically everyone on the crowded ward the Baltic. train was thrown out of sleeping berths or chairs.

Tojo was succeeded as staff chief by 62-year-old Gen. Yoshiiiro Umezu, hitherto comma in chief of Japan's army in Man-

churia and "ambassador to Manchukuo"-real ruler of that puppet state.

**Brazilian Troops Reach** Italy Ready to Fight

NAPLES, July 16 -(Delayed) (AP)- While a doughboy band played "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Roll Out the Barrel," the first strong contingent of any South American troops to reach an overseas war zone landed in Naples harbor today. They were

Brazilians. The Stars and Stripes floated in the bright morning sun with the Green, yellow and blue flag of Brazil as Maj. Barbosa Pinto, of San Luiz Marantiao, an infantry officer, became the first Brazilian to step on Italian soil.

**Body of Hubert Johns** Recovered Tuesday

proaching 350 today as rescue Germans attacked the soviet union, Moscow announced last night.

> Ripping through tottering German lines defending the direct invasion routes to central Germany, the soviet first Ukraine army was within 22 miles of Lwow, one of the biggest rail terminals in Europe, Premier-Marshal Stalin said in an order of the day.

> In the far north other Russian troops had smashed eight miles Greatest Allied into Latvia with the capture of Pitovka, and were racing toward **Air Offensive** the Baltic-sea in an effort to throw a great noose around hundreds of thousands of German troops.

In the center of the Russian Blasts Germans Near Brest Litovsk

front, which now has been expanded to 550 miles, other Russian armies yesterday plunged to (AP)- Eight thousand allied war-

within nine miles of Brest Litovsk planes swarming over Europe in and within 22 miles of Bialystok, the greatest combined air offenstrongholds defending the plains sive in history yesterday unloadleading to Warsaw. ed at least 1000 tons of explo-

The Russians seized Omelinka, sives on Hitler's fortress, most of nine miles above Brest Litovsk, them in a 75-mile square area and Golynka, 22 miles northeast around Caen to pave the way of Bialystok, in an onrush which for Gen. Sir Bernard L. Monthas carried soviet troops to a gomery's smash through on the point only about 100 miles from DALHART, Tex., July 18 -(AP) Warsaw, Polish capital which fell Orne river front.

Supreme headquarters announced last night that the tremendous air assault was sustained for four

Youthful Victim Gets Aid

hours, starting at dawn over the The potential disaster to Ger-Caen area, as waves of heavy, man arms grew hourly under the medium and light bombers showswift strides of six massive Rusered enemy troops, artillery and sian armies, two of which in the strongpoints. area above Brest Litovsk and Bi-

No enemy aircraft appeared olystok were pounding at the imduring the entire bombardment mediate approaches to German injured, although a number of pas- East Prussia and cutting through in the Caen area, the high command communique said, disclosing that allied losses amounted to

Other Russian armies still are (Continued on page 2) only nine bombers.

The great allied aerial offensive was continued through the night, the British announced today, with Mosquitos attacking Berlin for the second successive night, while RAF heavy bombers blasted other unspecified targets in both France and Germany.

LONDON, Wednesday, July 19

Allied airmen downed 59 German planes yesterday, with loss of 27 planes, including 11 heavy bombers.

## **US Warships Pound** Guam

US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 18 -(AP)- American warships, in-cluding battleships, dared Guam's defenses Sunday by steaming within close range to loose their salvos for the second consecutive day on that American island lost to Japan in the first week of the

The destructive fire of the great guns of the Pacific fleet units. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz an-nounced today, was directed by spotting planes.

1, but issuance was postponed probably until July 27. There was some possibility of a change also in the effective date. New point values set by the office of price administration normally would go When anti aircraft guns attemp-ted to knock the spotters out of

humidity went into a dive as temreading is 30 per cent or less, be-cause of the high fire hazard. **Convention Broadcasts** 

(Pacific War Time)

10:00 a. m.-Opening. Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago,

Velicoming speeches. 1:00 p. m.—First night ses-sion, address of Mrs. Charles W. Tillett of North Carolina and keynote address of Temporary Chairman, Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma.

a. m.-MBS-Session

sweeping shakeup of Japan's high eau at Seattle. At Yuma, Ariz., a command in two days in the face top temperature of 114 was re- of what Tojo himself called "an unprecedentedly great national crisis." cent heavy defeats in the Pacific,

underwent a similar shakeup Monday, when a relatively ob-

scure admiral replaced the navy minister. The shakeup was announced in a series of broadcasts recorded by the Associated Press and US government monitors. Other broadcasts told the Japanese people for the first time that Saipan had been lost with all its garrison and

By the Associated Press Tokyo announced yesterday

that Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo

most of its Japanese civilian population, stressing the gravity of the crisis. The announcements made no

mention of Tojo's status as premier and war minister; presumably he retains those posts. But the following changes in the high-est levels of army command were made public: