

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Squire

TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR, which is quite familiar to most radio listeners, is distinctly the creation of George V. Denny, Jr., a North Carolinian, who initiated the program some seven years ago after a varied career as actor and educator. His drive, his buoyant personality, his showmanship, and his sincerity are primarily what has kept the program alive and vital, one of the important features of radio's educational side.

The program through the years has been free of commercial sponsorship, one of the sustaining programs of the Blue network. However, the order of FCC which was intended to "purify" radio by breaking its network monopoly, backfired to the injury of TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR. Formerly the 175 stations on the network all used this program. But when the FCC order permitted them to reach over into another network if they wanted to, quite a number did so, reaching for "commercials" which would show them a profit.

In consequence this non-commercial program dropped to 110 stations. As a result TOWN MEETING OF THE AIR is to have a commercial sponsor, "Reader's Digest," starting in September, when the program will return to the full 175 stations. It will remain distinctly a forum for free speech, however, and under the personal guidance of Mr. Denny.

TOWN MEETING presents for discussion, as its listeners know, a current topic on which there is sharp difference of opinion. A week ago the question was whether the United States should retain the Jap islands in the (Continued on editorial page)

Heaviest Aerial Attacks Against Nazis Continue
LONDON, July 21—(AP)—United States air forces flung 3000 war planes—paced by more than 1000 heavy bombers—against high priority targets in Germany today in a thunderous climax to six days of the greatest sustained assault in the history of aerial conflict.

The German radio said allied planes were over the reich at midnight, with other formations approaching, indicating the RAF was maintaining the offensive around the clock. Allied bombers also were reported over Austria.

The daylight attacks were made from both Britain and Italy. Thirty-five British-based bombers and 11 fighters were lost, probably to intense anti-aircraft fire, so potent was the American fighter screen that the few enemy fighters which braved it penetrated to only a few of the formations, the US strategic air force commander announced.

Seven American bombers were forced to land at Dubendorf by fighters, the Swiss radio said, and another crashed after the crew bailed out.

Sixteen enemy planes were shot down by the big task force from Britain, 10 of them by bomber gunners.

Clark's Men Hammer Out Gains in Italy
ROME, July 21—(AP)—American infantry and armor have hammered out new gains along a 25-mile stretch of the lower Arno river west of Florence and have sent patrols across the river against a hurricane of fire from Nazi mortar, anti-tank guns and automatic weapons, allied headquarters announced today.

Returning patrol members said the hills rising north of the Arno were studded with pillboxes and protected by extensive mine fields. The Nazis, they said, had efficiently utilized the terrain for defensive purposes.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces pushed rapidly northward from captured Livorno toward Pisa, but Livorno remained under harassing fire from numbers of big guns which the enemy had planted on Mt. Pisano, which rises just northeast of Pisa.

American engineers faced a tremendous task in reclaiming Livorno's harbor, which was found to be blocked by the sunken hulks of 16 ships.

Nazi Navy Reported Supporting Rebels
LONDON, July 22—(AP)—The Alger radio, quoting reports from Bessel, said in a broadcast heard by the Associated Press today that it was generally believed that German naval units at Kiel and Stettin had rebelled.

Truman Wins Nomination on Second Ballot

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Rebel Officer Says Revolt Still On

Wallace Says No Regrets

Convention Ends With Satisfaction Over Selections

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 21—(AP)—Harry S. Truman, 10 years ago a political unknown, triumphantly captured the democratic party's nomination for vice-president tonight.

The Missouri senator thus replaced Henry A. Wallace as the running mate for President Roosevelt's unprecedented fourth term bid. Wallace had led on the first ballot 429 1/2 to 319 1/2, but, one after another, the state delegations swarmed behind Truman on the second.

The final official tabulation of the second ballot for vice-presidential nominee at the democratic national convention:

Truman	1,100
Wallace	66
Douglas	4
Absent	6
Total	1,176

Wallace, downtown—away from this roaring stadium—expressed no regrets, saying "the cause of liberalism has been advanced" by the convention and that "of course" he would back the ticket.

From Wallace's own state of Iowa came a convention motion to make Truman's selection unanimous.

Lawn Water Now Rationed In Silverton

SILVERTON, July 21—Sprinkling of lawns will be reduced one half to conserve the water supply, City Manager Harry McCrea announced today. The same formula in use in other Oregon cities will be followed.

Persons living on the even-numbered side of the street will irrigate on the even-numbered days, those who live on the odd-numbered side will irrigate on the odd days of the month.

Leaks in the Abiqua pipe line are responsible for the shortage which in case of a fire would prove a hazard, McCrea said. The two fires on Wednesday morning were outside the Silverton district.

Replacements on the Abiqua pipe line are under way and will be completed late in August.

W. J. Entress Appointed To Welfare Committee

William J. Entress, Salem, long prominent in civic work and in organized labor here, was Friday appointed by Gov. Earl Snell to membership on the Marion county welfare committee. Entress succeeds Mrs. LaMoine R. Clark, who has resigned after a number of years of service, recently as chairman.

Walter Lamkin, Salem attorney, who is a member of the committee, succeeds to the chairmanship.

Nominee



SEN. HARRY S. TRUMAN

British Cement Positions in 5 Mile Deep Belt

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, July 22—(AP)—British and Canadian infantry cemented positions below Caen to a depth of five miles yesterday and smashed back a heavy counter-attack as the Germans struck through rain and mud that mired the main allied drive toward Paris.

The enemy counter-attack developed near St. Martin De Fontenay, five miles south of Caen, which was reached by the Canadians in a blinding rainstorm. Early dispatches reported the town itself was captured, but supreme headquarters said later the town still was in enemy hands.

The Germans threw tanks into the bitter struggle, but were hurled back with losses, the midnight communique from supreme headquarters said.

Nearby St. Andre-Sur-Orne was captured by the allies in the day's most significant gain. The Germans also were forced into slow retreat on the west of Caen as the allies fought for elbow room.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces captured the village of Monts, only 3 1/2 miles northeast of the highway center of Villers-Bocage, but the Germans still held out in Noyers, two miles east of Monts.

2 More Added To Blast Toll

The names of Delbert R. Hutchison, Salem, and of Claude Lewis Chastain, whose wife lives in Salem, have today been added to the list of probable fatalities in the Port Chicago ammunition ship explosion near San Francisco early this week. Mrs. Chastain resides at 292 South Cottage street.

Both Hutchison, and Chastain are reported missing by maritime union workers. Louis Widener, 19, son of Mrs. J. W. Weekly, 65 Lansing avenue, Salem, has previously been reported killed in the explosion.

Small Group Attends Meeting Of Anti-New Deal Southerners

CHICAGO, July 21—(AP)—A small group of southern delegates announced after a widely heralded but sparsely attended private meeting tonight that any plans for organization of southern opposition to the New Deal had been put off until a later date.

Behind a closed door in the hotel suite of former Gov. Martin Connor of Mississippi, the southerners discussed rebuffs handed to Dixie during the national convention, including rejection of a "white supremacy" plank in the party platform and denial of the south's demand for restoration of the two-thirds nominating rule.

The meeting went up in thin air when most of the southern leaders who had opposed the New Deal failed to show up, most of them having left for home.

Americans Establish Strong Beachheads in Guam Invasion

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 21—(AP)—The invasion of Guam is going well, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported tonight and front line dispatches disclosed the invaders were moving in from beachheads on either side of Port Apra, one of the finest in the Pacific.

Nimitz, reporting only light casualties sustained in actual landings and stiffening resistance as the marines and soldiers moved into the interior, made no mention of where the Yanks struck.

But from a warship at Guam, John R. Henry, representing the combined allied press, disclosed the landings were on Guam's west coast on either side of the fine harbor.

Henry said one beachhead was below the Orto peninsula which forms the southern arm of the port. In that area, the town of Agat was described as "shattered" by the 17 straight days of warship and plane attacks.

The northern beachhead above the port was reported by Henry to be hinged on the town of Asan. (The location of the beachheads indicated the invaders intended to sweep behind and pinch off the harbor area.) (Continued on Page 2)

British Tank Crashes Nazi Tiger Headon

ON THE ORNE RIVER FRONT, July 21—(AP)—A British-manned Sherman tank found around a corner in a shell-wrecked village and crashed head-on into a German Tiger tank.

Both crews boiled out of their turrets, said Major H. P. Bell, British armored squadron leader. "In the confusion, both our men and the Germans had forgotten their small arms and there they stood a few feet apart just staring at each other."

The British tank commander spoke first: "Beat it, before I change my mind."

With a guttural "Danke schoen" (thank you), the Germans took to their heels.

Scouts Will Collect Waste Paper Today

Boy Scouts of Hollywood Lions-sponsored troop three will conduct today's paper salvage campaign in Salem. They will call at business houses and residences where 200 pounds or more of newspapers, magazines or books have been collected for salvage, bundled or placed in cartons on porch or parking providing civilian defense offices have been given notification before noon today. Telephone number of the civilian defense office is 3349.

Texas Delegation Walks Out



Members of the Texas regular delegation (center, facing camera) walk past a sign marking seats of the pro-Roosevelt Texas faction as they abruptly left for a caucus in the rear of the democratic convention stadium in Chicago. (AP Wirephoto.)

They were sitting in a barn north of St. Lo when told that their Juehrer almost lost his life in an attempted assassination.

Their reaction startled the soldier-interpreters who half expected the enemy captives—some prisoners are so misled by their own propaganda that they think the Luftwaffe is leveling New York city to express complete disbelief.

Instead, they immediately lost their dejection, jumped up, shook

Gestapo Kills Many Leading Army Figures

LONDON, Saturday, July 22—(AP)—A self-styled rebel German officer insisted today that a full-scale revolt against Adolf Hitler's regime was continuing, while a welter of reports said the vengeful Gestapo had slaughtered some of the most illustrious figures in the army, and the Nazis themselves admitted the broad scope of the conspiracy even as they claimed to be firmly in control.

The dead in a blood purge by which the shaken Nazi chiefs sought to retain power included Field Marshals Walther Von Brauchitsch,

Karl Gerd von Rundstedt, Sigmond Wilhelm List and Fritz Erich von Mannstein, according to reports via Switzerland from unconfirmed but usually reliable sources.

Travelers reaching Sweden also said there were many well-known names among at least 100 generals executed after the unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Hitler Thursday.

Mysterious Speaker Early this morning, after the German home radio had shut down, a mysterious speaker on the Frankfurt station's wave length called for attention and announced that "by order of the commander of the army group of resistance" he was empowered to state that although Col. Court Claus von Stauffenberg, the man who planted the bomb that almost killed Hitler, had paid with his life, this was only "the first blow," and declared:

"Let Hitler know this much for certain—there is more than one Stauffenberg. Stauffenbergs are here in the thousands."

He admitted the "initial action attempt against Hitler's life has failed, but insisted: "The general action continues. We German officers are waging a battle against Hitler and his clique relentlessly and unhesitatingly and shall fight until this criminal regime has (Continued on page 2)

Marion Gets School Funds

Marion county receives \$289,969.91 in the 1944-45 fiscal year apportionment of state school tax support fund derived from \$5,000,000 of surplus state income taxes, the state education department revealed here Friday as work of figuring apportionments was completed.

Polk will receive \$100,536.58; Linn, \$170,145.85; Yamhill, \$129,437.74; Lane, \$345,826.90; and Multnomah county \$1,624,241.85. At least half of the \$5,000,000 will be sent to counties in December of this year and the remainder in May, it was said at state education offices. The apportionment is based on pupil-days of actual attendance for the 1943-44 school year.

Six Nazi Prisoners Elated Over Attempt at Hitler's Life

WITH THE AMERICAN TROOPS IN NORMANDY, July 21—(AP)—Six German prisoners—five Austrians and a Nazi paratrooper—danced with happiness today when they learned an attempt had been made to kill Hitler.

Their only regret was that it hadn't succeeded.

They were sitting in a barn north of St. Lo when told that their Fuehrer almost lost his life in an attempted assassination.

Their reaction startled the soldier-interpreters who half expected the enemy captives—some prisoners are so misled by their own propaganda that they think the Luftwaffe is leveling New York city to express complete disbelief.

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Weather
Maximum temperature Friday 81 degrees; minimum 49; no rain; river -3 ft. 4 in.
Fair Saturday and Sunday except for on the coast; warmer except on the coast.

World Money Chiefs Select Initial Capital

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 21—(AP)—An initial capital of \$8,800,000,000 for the world bank for reconstruction and development was agreed on today by the United Nations monetary conference, completing the work of the three-week session except for technical details.

In a table of quotas for the various nations, announced after approval by a plenary session, the Soviet Union was given a total of \$900,000,000, the amount for which the Russians had stubbornly held out during days of discussion over the issue.

The United States' quota was set at \$3,175,000,000. Great Britain's at \$1,300,000,000, China's at \$600,000,000, and France's at \$450,000,000. In preliminary talks on the bank, it had been the hope of conference leaders that the quotas for the bank and the international monetary fund would be about the same, but Russia and the Latin American republics put up a strong fight for lower bank quotas.

Nimitz Sets News Record

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 21—(AP)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz set a Pacific war record for news speed by announcing the Guam invasion only 12 1/2 hours after American troops seized their beachheads.

To the deep satisfaction of war correspondents with the fleet, Nimitz "scoped" radio Tokyo on the announcement of his own amphibious operations.

This was one of the few times—possibly the first—that his communications have scored a "beat" on Tokyo in reporting a major Pacific action.

Thumbnail Of War!

Germany — The Frankfurt radio channel was jammed today as rumors circulated of general German revolt and possible blood purges by Nazi leaders; Hitler's shaken regime announces merciless suppression of the army rebellion.

Invasion Front — Heavy German counter-attacks were smashed by the British and Canadian armies below Caen as mud and rain mired the main Allied drive toward Paris.

Pacific — US forces spear with in Japan's inner defense ring as troops land on Guam, which may furnish supporting air and submarine bases dangerously close to Nippon's home islands.

Russia — Soviet troops advanced through staggering German opposition on the Bug river front, in what appears to be a Russian preparation for a drive on Warsaw.