



Democratic Candidates Franklin D. Roosevelt, for his fourth term as president, and Harry S. Truman (left), for his first term as vice president, sit down for lunch beneath a magnolia tree on the White House lawn to discuss their campaign plans. (AP wirephoto)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The announcement of the French committee on national liberation at Algiers that it would exercise control of French news provoked such a storm of protest that a second announcement followed shortly to the effect that this monopoly of control would be only temporary.

Outside of the strangled press of Germany the French press was, as far as political information goes, about the worst press of any major country. Certainly it was the most venal. The newspapers of Paris were the most untrustworthy of any papers published in free countries.

Paris had before the war 102 daily papers — one shop printed 60. Many were mere partisan or special purpose sheets, but there were a score or more newspapers that aspired to distinction.

2 Grass Fires In Four Days Strike Rickey

RICKEY, Aug. 18—The second grass fire in four days, both started from a discarded cigarette, burned over a two acre area along the railroad track and near the Rickey school Friday afternoon.

The fire broke out first about 4 o'clock and was controlled by neighbors. The state forest department sent equipment which was available but which was not used.

At 8 o'clock the fire was believed to have been put out but was to be watched all night. The railroad track kept the fire from spreading to the westward.

Allies Take Heavy Toll Of Japs Fleeing India

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 18—(AP)—Allied forces took a heavy toll today of Japanese remnants retreating from Manipur along the Tiddim road, stretching southward below the Burmese-Indian border.

Three hundred Japanese dead and wounded were counted in one five-mile section of the Tiddim road and captured booty since the allied push south from Meirang started a month ago mounted to 200 motor vehicles, 10 tanks and 12 artillery pieces, a communique said.

What a Tough Break For These Policemen

NORTH TOWNANDA, N.Y., Aug. 18—(AP)—Mayor Myles W. Joyce, who declared an emergency and took control of the police department from the common council, has directed policemen to pay for their cups of coffee. He also said: "We don't expect any member of the force to go to sleep on the job while he is in a police car."

Hull Accepts Dewey Adviser At Conference

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18—(AP) Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today proposed and Secretary of State Hull accepted direct participation by Dewey's foreign relations adviser in American preparations for organizing post-war world security.

This dramatic turn of political events in the background of big four security talks beginning here next week was immediately interpreted in diplomatic quarters as strengthening the United States' position in relation to the other conferees—Russia, Britain and China.

Dewey had wired Hull earlier today suggesting that John Foster Dulles, who probably would be his secretary of state if Dewey is elected president, confer with Hull on post-war foreign policy.

Bulgar Chiefs Debate Peace Speech Points

NEW YORK, Aug. 18—(AP)—The Sofia radio said tonight that the Bulgarian parliament had begun debate on Premier Ivan Bagrianov's "peace" speech, and quoted two deputies as endorsing major features of the address.

One deputy, said the broadcast heard by US government monitors, called upon Bagrianov to "act quickly" after asserting that "this speech was a revelation and expression of the Bulgarian nation's desire and firm determination to remain out of the war."

(Unconfirmed reports from Cairo reported from London said Bulgarian emissaries already were dealing with allied representatives in a neutral country for peace. One report said Sticho Moshanov, former speaker of the Bulgarian parliament and an anti-German, had arrived in Ankara on what might be a peace mission.)

Liberators Hit Jap Islands

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 18—(AP)—Pressing the air attrition campaign against Japanese bases north of American-held Guam, Tinian and Saipan in the Marianas, army Liberators hit Iwo Jima in the volcano islands Wednesday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today.

Other planes peppered Nippon positions in the Marianas and Caroline islands groups. Major targets at Iwo were garages, buildings, storage dumps and airfield installations. Several Japanese fighter planes were in the air at the time of the raid but failed to press interception against Liberator guns.

FDR Backs Military-Civilian Training for Nation's Youth

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today public opinion should be gradually formed on the idea of offering a year's postwar training — both military and civil — to 1,000,000 or 1,250,000 youths between 17 and 23.

He told a news conference that excellently built service camps in the United States, Alaska, the Aleutians and elsewhere — capable of housing 5,000,000 men — could be utilized for the purpose. He said it would not constitute compulsory military training, but some military and some civilian training, including vocational and stenographic courses to prepare young men for civilian jobs, some

Nazi 15th Army Defeated

Vistula Fortress Captured

Soviets Trap 3 Nazi Divisions Of 30,000 Men

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 19—(AP) Russian troops yesterday overwhelmed the west bank Vistula river stronghold of Sandomierz in central Poland after a bitter three-day street battle, and trapped three German divisions of 30,000 men, while another powerful Soviet army massed on the German East Prussia frontier threatened momentarily to spill onto German soil for the first time.

Schirwindt, East Prussian border town, and other villages inside Germany's imperiled province were reported by Soviet naval fliers to be in flames, and Berlin said the Russians had hurled more than 150,000 men into the battle on an 80-mile front from Augustow in northern Poland and the Niemen river in western Lithuania.

Both Moscow and Berlin dispatches suggested great events were imminent, and axis broadcasts said Soviet troops on the long — Bormann Romanian front had attempted to cross the lower Dneestr river — suggesting the emergence soon of another offensive directed toward the Ploesti oil fields, last big German fuel reservoir.

The Russian daily communique said Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's first White Russian army also had gone over to the offensive in some sectors just east of Prague, east bank suburb of Warsaw, after absorbing the impact of savage German counter attacks. The Russians last were fighting within seven miles of the city.

Inside Warsaw the Poles reported their guerrilla forces were holding their own in furious street fighting. From rooftops the Poles hurled gasoline — filled bottles down on German tanks, and from cellar gunnits they picked off German troops.

Berlin Radio Is Mournful

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 19—(AP)—A Berlin broadcast quoted a German war ministry official statement today as saying "we must be prepared for a German withdrawal from France."

"We must expect the loss of places with world famous names," the statement said with a scarcely-veiled reference to Paris. The broadcast, by the German news agency Transocean, was recorded by the ministry of information.

The same agency quoted a military spokesman in Berlin as saying "no fresh German divisions can be sent to France. The troops in battle have been warned of this and have been ordered to fight to the last man."

Discharged Servicemen To Get Half Fare Rates

Oregon railroads will give discharged service personnel half fare rates beginning September 1, Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg announced Friday. Flagg said all other states are expected to take similar action.

Time Out From War



Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., commander of the American Third Army, talks with two French children in one of the towns his armored troops swept through in their drive through France. (AP wirephoto)

EDR Favors Army, Navy Dept. Merger

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today there is general agreement on the need for postwar merger of the army and navy into a single department under unified command.

But nothing will be done about it, he said at a news conference, until after the war. The president's remarks were made while commenting on a magazine article in which his vice-presidential running mate, Sen. Harry S. Truman, urged unification of the services.

The president did not elaborate. At hearings before a special house committee several months ago, navy witnesses were generally skeptical of the value of merger, while the army witnesses supported the idea.

Army Plane Forced Down At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 18—A P-39 plane from the Portland airbase was forced down in flames a mile and a half southeast of here about 1:30 Friday afternoon. The pilot, whose name was not learned here, was severely burned and after receiving first aid was taken to Portland in an ambulance.

The plane was one of a formation of six, according to those who witnessed the flaming plane as it was landed in the Philip May wheat field. It skidded to the edge of the May hop yard.

Final State Payment On War Fund Sent East

A draft for \$68,589.76 is on its way today to National War Fund headquarters from Oregon. War Fund offices here — final payment on the state's 1943-44 quota of \$1,101,250. The draft, signed by Charles A. Sprague, president, and Irl S. McSherry, executive secretary, of the state fund organization, was mailed Friday. Money in the National War Fund goes to USO, War Prisoner's Aid, United Seaman's Service, American Field service, and 18 war relief agencies.

7th Army Drives On Toulon

Yankee, French Forces Only 6 Miles From Port

ROME, Aug. 18—(AP)—American and French Seventh army troops drove against Toulon both along the coast and 20 miles inland in a threatening flanking movement behind the great naval base today while a wave of American medium bombers hit and set fire to the French battleship Strasbourg which the Germans had been using as a coastal fortress in the harbor.

It was officially disclosed tonight that one of Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's swift-moving columns surged into the vicinity of

NEW YORK, Aug. 18—(AP) The British radio, in a broadcast recorded by US government monitors, quoted one of its correspondents tonight as saying that "Toulon is going to fall and fall very soon" to the enveloping attacks of the US seventh army.

Solles Pont, only six miles northeast of Toulon, while far to the north another spearhead punched into the area of Brignoles 20 miles almost due north of Toulon in an outflanking drive. Direct Hits Scored

The 26,500-ton Strasbourg, French scuttled their own fleet at Toulon in 1941, was sought out by B-25 Mitchells. Several direct hits were scored and fires and explosions were caused by the bombs, crewmen reported.

Although partly dismantled, the Germans had used her guns to bombard the Allied troops. Cruiser Also Hit

B-25 crewmen also reported direct hits on the 7000-ton cruiser La Gallissonniere, a destroyer and a submarine in the harbor. Headquarters announced the known American casualties for the southern French invasion were only 300, an almost incredibly low figure, and said 7000 German prisoners had been taken in a count still far from complete.

Battle-hardened veterans of Africa, Italy and Sicily under Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, hero of Guadalcanal, punched inland to the vicinity of Brignoles, 20 miles due north of Toulon. The city is on the main highway leading to Marseille and Aix-en-Provence, and ultimately to the wide Rhone valley leading to northern France.

Nazi Snipers Active in Italy

ROME, Aug. 18—(AP)—German snipers were active in the northwest and northeast suburbs of Florence today, delaying complete allied occupation of the city. The situation in northern Florence was reported officially to have improved since yesterday when German tanks were believed to have penetrated the area.

Minor patrol clashes and artillery duels comprised virtually all the activity on the remainder of the Italian front. The Germans abandoned Rosano, one and one-half miles south of Pontassieve in the upper Tiber valley, and apparently pulled out of other outposts farther east.

Churchill-FDR Meet Slated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18—(AP)—President Roosevelt told reporters today he expected to have another conference with Prime Minister Churchill soon, but would not become more specific as to the date. At a news conference the president elaborated somewhat on his recent remark that Germany and Japan would be occupied regardless of whether they surrender before being over-run by allied troops.

He said there was a rather general understanding with Russia and Britain on the question of occupying Germany, although all of the details cannot be planned in advance; and added in response to a question that it would be just as easy to reach an understanding with China for occupation of Japan.

Mighty Allied Forces Drive Toward Seine

Patton's Tanks Smash Within 12 Miles of Paris, Block Off Enemy From Capital City

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Saturday, Aug. 19—(AP)—The bulk of the German 15th army guarding the north French rocket coast has been thrown into an eleventh hour attempt to avert a Normandy debacle and has gone down to a defeat that may spell an allied victory in the battle for France, it was disclosed officially last night.

Mighty allied forces were driving the beaten 15th and seventh armies toward the all but bridgeless Seine, and Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's tanks smashing to the vicinity of Paris—only 12 miles

Nazis Throw Big New Tank Into Action

By the Associated Press. Germans have thrown a huge new, heavily armored tank into action on both the Russian and northern French fronts in an effort to stem the allied advances, but first reports denied it was a "super weapon."

One of the new monsters, weighing over 65 tons and with six-inch armor plate—an inch and a half thicker than anything the enemy yet has put into action—was taken by the British on the Orne river front.

The tank was a victim of a mechanical breakdown and never had fired a shot in battle. Christened the "Panther" by its captors, the tank combines the best features of the Nazi Tiger and Panther tanks, which weigh 45 tons each.

The Panther, 23 feet long and over 11 feet wide, has an extra wheel on each side of its tracks and a huge, clumsy-looking turret. Americans, British, Canadians, Poles, Dutch and Belgians — the last two disclosed for the first time to be in action — were in hot pursuit of the estimated 40,000 to 100,000 enemy troops who had squeezed from the Normandy pocket with the bulk of their tanks and were speeding toward Rouen.

Allied Planes Pound Japs In Banda Sea

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Saturday, Aug. 19—(AP)—Smashing raids in force at Japanese airdromes in the Banda sea, with concentrated attacks on the strong points at Amboina and Ceram islands, were announced today by headquarters.

Liberators and Mitchells Thursday bomb-combed key island objectives west of New Guinea. In a day of aerial activity stretching more than 1000 miles from the Philippines to Timor.

Escorted heavy bombers in force pounded the Liang airdrome on Amboina and Harokoe airfield on Ceram—the latter about 300 miles southwest of American-held Noemfoor. They destroyed an unestimated number of grounded aircraft, starting fires and explosions.

Salem United War Chest Adopts \$94,000 Budget for New Drive

Adopting a \$94,000 budget, the Salem United War Chest board Friday night paved the way for rapid completion of the already almost-organized campaign committee which will set out to raise the funds October 2. The new budget, which includes slight raises for most of the local agencies (the peacetime Salem Community Chest), a slight decrease in overhead and small decrease in state and national war funds, was adopted as recommended by the board's budget committee.

If contributors will give the amounts they last year poured willingly into the chest the budget will be met. Drive Chairman Burr

Thumbnail Of War!

By the Associated Press. Invasion Front—Patton's tanks push within few miles of Paris and other allied forces drive German Seventh army and reinforcing 15th back against Seine river; in southern France allies smash 20 miles inland behind Toulon naval base in outflanking movement. Russian—Germans burn East Prussian villages as red army approaches. Pacific—American bombers pour in on Japanese airdromes at Amboina and Ceram islands west of New Guinea.