

Yank Shock Troops Fight Way Close to Cherbourg Heart

GERMANS EXPECT NEW LANDINGS BY INVASION FORCES

Belgium, Northern France
Seen Probable Spots for Further Beach Assaults.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 23—(U.P.)—American shock troops battled their way closer to the Cherbourg harbor and heart of the city today in the most violent fighting of the Normandy campaign, and victory appeared near, with some possibility that the port might already be in allied hands.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters, hopeful that Cherbourg would fall at any time, revealed that the Americans had captured one of three main terrain features dominating the port as long ago as last night.

Hack Way Forward
Field dispatches from the outskirts of Cherbourg, filed as the final assault on the city roared through its second day, said the United States units had hacked their way forward at bayonet point more than a mile into the German fortifications blockading the southern gates of the city.

Other "big bangs" are being prepared coincident with the final drive to capture Cherbourg, it was revealed at headquarters, but where and when these will fall is known only to the supreme allied command.

(The reference to forthcoming blows against the enemy was not amplified. The German DNB news agency said today that it appeared that American and British troops concentrated in Britain would be hurled at the coast of Belgium and northern France, adding that "after the launching of the Soviet summer offensive yesterday, it must be expected that the Americans and British will start the second stage of the invasion very soon.")

Early Fall Seen
Headquarters spokesmen, asserting that the final battle of Cherbourg was not likely to develop into a siege, said it was defended by elements of one German static and two field divisions.

The Germans have neither troops nor material for any extensive counterattacks in the Cherbourg zone; their garrison cannot be relieved and it has only the slimmest chance of reinforcement—a combination regarded at headquarters as foreshadowing the early fall of the city.

Save for the Cherbourg sector, the Normandy situation remained largely static for the seventh straight day.

CLEAR LAST JAPS ON BURMA ROUTE

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, June 23—(U.P.)—

British forces have regained control of the 60-mile Imphal-Kohima highway after killing an estimated 14,000 Japanese in three months fighting, it was disclosed today as allied sources revealed for the first time that Japan hurled a fully-equipped army of 75,000 men into the invasion of India last March.

A communiqué said two British columns, striking from the north and south, joined forces on the highway yesterday and quickly routed the remnants of the Japanese 15th and 31st divisions which had been attempting to hold a road block about 25 miles south of Kohima.

The victory reopened the vital overland supply route between the British imperial garrisons at Imphal and Kohima and appeared to have ended the Japanese threat to the communications lines of the allied armies in northern Burma.

TWO PILOTS KILLED

Pocatello, Ida., June 23—(U.P.)—2nd Lt. Raymond A. Jergensen, 22, Lovelock, Nev., and Orville J. Morrison, 26, Fresno, Calif., were killed yesterday when their fighter planes collided in mid-air while on a combat training flight, the army announced today.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Jo Smith and Blanche Lyman carrying on an earnest street-corner conference.

The E. P. Levitts moving today to the park superintendent's lodge and insuring plenty of excitement by inviting four members of the very young set as guests.

Max Millhollin and Pet Peterson gleefully reminiscing over their noon day luncheon.

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Weather

Forecast: Fair, little change in temperature tonight and Saturday.
Highest yesterday 82
Lowest this morning 57
Precipitation None

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(Acme Telephoto)
Governor Earl Warren of California goes into last stage of "write and tear it up, write some more and tear that up" preparation on the keynote speech he'll deliver at Republican national convention, Chicago.

Dewey Hints He Will Lead Way in Ousting of Arrogant Bureaucrats

Chicago, June 23—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, in his first official word to the Republican convention which may nominate him for the presidency next week, charged today that the Roosevelt administration has become a "sprawling, overlapping bureaucracy, and called for a "new spirit in federal government" to replace the new deal.

FIVE HURT WHEN AUTOS COLLIDE NORTH OF CITY

Five persons were hospitalized early this afternoon for treatment of injuries, not believed serious, they suffered in an automobile accident at the intersection of the Pacific and Crater Lake highways at the north edge of Medford.

In Community hospital were Mrs. Vera Sanders, 23, and her three-year-old son, Ruben, of Sprague River, and Mr. and Mrs. Evan MacWilliams of Klamath Falls, 18 and 34 years old, respectively.

Taken to the station hospital at Camp White was Mrs. Eleanor Lowe, an employee at the camp.

According to state police, the accident occurred when the car driven by Mrs. Sanders, traveling north on the Pacific highway, was struck by the machine operated by Mrs. Lowe, moving south on the Crater Lake highway.

Hit broadside, the Sanders auto was turned over in the middle of the intersection, police said. Both machines were badly damaged. Cause of the accident was not immediately determined.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders and Ruben, and Mr. and Mrs. MacWilliams were all riding in the Sanders car. Mr. Sanders was uninjured, while his wife suffered shock and bruises and their son a lacerated mouth, according to hospital attendants. Mr. and Mrs. MacWilliams were not badly hurt.

The accident happened about 12:25.

CO. BUDGET ADOPTED AT COURTHOUSE HEARING

The Jackson county budget for the 1944-1945 tax year, calling for the raising of \$383,526.08 by tax levy, was approved as published, at a public hearing held in the courthouse this morning. No protest to any of the items were offered. Seth Bullis was the only taxpayer present.

RECOGNIZE BOLIVIA

Washington, June 23—(U.P.)—The United States and 19 other American republics today will end six months of non-recognition of Bolivia by establishing diplomatic relations with the government which gained power on Dec. 20 through a military coup. Argentina recognized Bolivia earlier this year.

Dewey's statement, as chairman of an advisory committee on government reform, recommending platform provisions for the 1944 campaign, was read to the resolutions committee by Kenneth S. Macfarlane, New York representative on the resolutions committee.

The statement carried with it the implication that if Dewey is nominated and elected he will lead the way in governmental reforms and work in harmony with congress to "raise the federal service to a high level of efficiency and competence."

Dewey's statement declared that the Roosevelt administration "is undermined by executive use of power, confused lines of authority, duplication of effort, inadequate fiscal control, loose personnel practices and an attitude of arrogance previously unknown in our history."

ANDREW STEWART, SOLDIER, PASSES

Mrs. E. M. Kindred, 132 Sixth street, Ashland, this morning received word of the death of her son, Pfc. Andrew L. Stewart, 27, earlier today in McMillon hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va. Pfc. Stewart was recently returned to this country from Italy, where he had been wounded, and death was reported due to a liver complication. The body is to be sent to Ashland for funeral services and interment.

Pfc. Stewart had been in the army for more than a year and overseas for about three months. Survivors include his mother and a small son, the latter residing in Burns, Ore.

Hitlerites Stall Advance in Italy

Rome, June 23—(U.P.)—German shock troops have stalled the British 8th army advance in central Italy with a series of savage counterattacks on a 25-mile front north and west of Perugia, but other allied forces are sweeping northward with increasing speed along both the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic coasts, a communiqué said today.

Allied headquarters revealed that crack German rear guards turned on their pursuers in the hill country surrounding Perugia for what appeared to be the first determined enemy stand since the flight from Rome began.

RUTH ROOSEVELT WEDS

Fort Worth, Tex., June 23—(U.P.)—Mrs. Ruth Googins Roosevelt, 34, divorced wife of Col. Elliott Roosevelt—son of the president—and Lt. Col. Harry T. Eidsen, 34, of Indianapolis, Ind., were married today.

STASSEN BACKERS IN EFFORT TO BAR DEWEY STAMPEDE

Minnesotan's Name Will Be Placed in Nomination Regardless of Developments

Chicago, June 23—(U.P.)—Stassen for President headquarters announced today that the young naval officer's name would be placed in nomination here, "regardless of any other development," in what looked like a move to join forces with Gov. John W. Bricker in an attempt to prevent a first ballot stampede to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Dr. R. C. Radabaugh of Minnesota, national chairman of Lt. Commander Harold E. Stassen's campaign organization, made the announcement at a press conference which developed little else except that the former governor of Minnesota has only 35 assured votes so far.

Chicago, June 23—(U.P.)—Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, R., Mich., chairman of the Mackinac conference foreign relations subcommittee, told the Republican convention resolutions committee today that the party must adopt a three-point program, pledging total victory in the war, participation in adequate postwar international cooperation, and conservation of essential American rights.

The Mackinac committee platform recommendation in advocating international cooperation opposed joining a "world state."

"Otherwise," Vandenberg said in a statement prepared for delivery before the resolutions committee, "foreign issues will dominate all else in the great 1944 referendum."

Chairmen Named
Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., Ohio, chairman of the resolutions committee, today announced appointment of various subcommittees, the chairmen of which are as follows:

Postwar business, Sen. E. H. Moore, Oklahoma; foreign trade, former Governor Alf M. Landon, Kansas; labor, William Hutcheson, Indiana; agriculture, Gov. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Iowa; and Western and Pacific, Lowell C. Paget, Oregon.

Sen. Warren R. Austin, R., Vt., previously had been named chairman of the foreign relations subcommittee.

The special foreign policy advisory committee proposed endorsement of the theory of cooperative forces to prevent military aggression.

Strange Bedfellows Account Convention Housing Shortage

Chicago, June 23—(U.P.)—Politics makes strange bedfellows. So does a room shortage.

The shortage of sleeping space was so acute in this city today, two days before the opening of the Republican national convention, that party members supporting one candidate for the presidential nomination found themselves bunking with backers of another hopeful.

All major hotels have been taken over by the convention housing committee, but still the need for doubling up was acute.

FRENCH LIBERATION ITEM NO 1 SAYS F. R.

Washington, June 23—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today reiterated his belief that more of France should be liberated before the problem of civil administration, involving the question of recognition of the De Gaulle committee, is taken up.

PORT BLAIR RAIDED

Southeast Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, June 23—(U.P.)—Allied planes from eastern fleet units raided Port Blair, in the southern Andaman Islands Wednesday morning and damaged Japanese installations, a communiqué said today.

RUSSIANS STRIKE OPENING BLOW OF SUMMER OFFENSE

Powerful Attack in White Russia Open Gaps in Nazi Defense Near Vitebsk.

London, June 23—(U.P.)—The red army has struck the first blow in its long awaited summer offensive, Moscow announced tonight, mounting a powerful offensive on a broad front in White Russia, blasting two great gaps in the German defenses on either side of Vitebsk, and advancing up to more than nine miles.

A few hours after Berlin propagandists reported that the Russians had launched their summer campaign, the Soviet high command disclosed that the army of upper White Russia on the central front lashed out in force northwest and southeast of Vitebsk and captured more than 150 towns and villages in the first phase of the offensive.

"On June 23 northwest and southeast of Vitebsk, our troops with the support of massed artillery and air forces went over to the offensive against the German fascist troops," the Russian command reported.

EX-CAMP WHITE SOLDIER KILLED

Pvt. Durward L. Burton, paratrooper formerly stationed at Camp White for several months and a brother of Mrs. Harold Potter of Gold Hill, was killed in action in France during the early hours of the European invasion, according to word received by his sister and friends in Medford yesterday.

The trooper, who left Camp White nearly a year ago, had been in England for several months.

The young man's parents reside in Nebraska and both he and Mrs. Potter formerly made their home in that state.

Allied Prisoners Murdered by Nazis Commons Is Told

London, June 23—(U.P.)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told commons today the government had a complete chain of evidence proving that 51 British and allied prisoners in a German war camp had been murdered in "cold blood."

The evidence, Eden said, was received partly from prisoners subsequently repatriated and showed that the captives were not shot while trying to escape from the camp or resisting arrest. He identified the prisoner as "Stalag Luft Third," apparently an air camp.

The men were taken to a Gestapo-controlled prison, Eden explained, and then removed in small parties and shot.

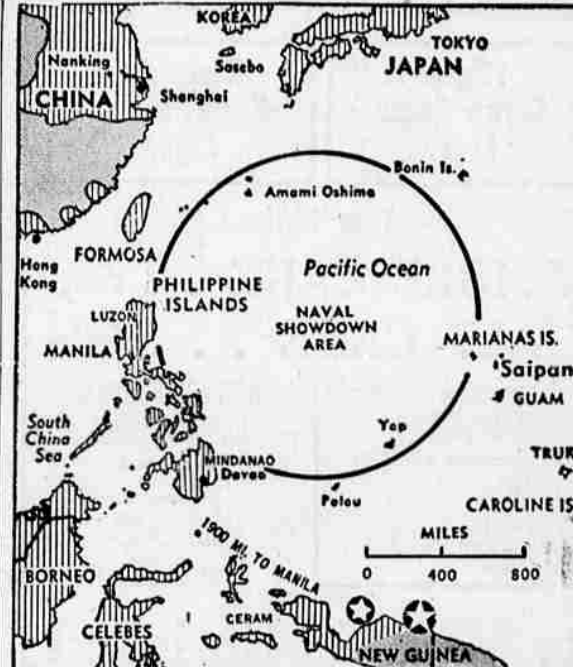
Deserted Mother Hurls Young Baby

Los Angeles, June 23—(U.P.)—Angry because her soldier husband wrote he had "fallen in love with another woman and wasn't coming home," Mrs. Lela Eva Pruitt, 21, hurled her five-month-old son across a room and killed him, she told police today.

Mrs. Pruitt, whose husband James, is stationed at Camp Polk, La., said she was upset by the "other woman in my husband's life." She took the child's body to a hospital Tuesday. An autopsy showed a fractured skull.

MANN NOW CITIZEN

Los Angeles, June 23—(U.P.)—Dr. Thomas Mann, famous biographer whose German citizenship was cancelled in 1936 by Adolf Hitler, today took the oath of United States citizenship. Mann's wife, Katherine, also received her citizenship.



(Acme Telephoto)
United States carrier planes in a two-phase attack have routed the Japanese grand fleet in the vicinity of the Philippines Islands, inflicting severe losses of both ships and planes. No American vessels were lost and only one damaged.

Marianas Conquest Assured With Defeat of Jap Fleet

American conquest of the Marianas Islands, only four hours' flying time from Japan, appeared assured today, following the defeat of a big Japanese naval force west of the islands, and unofficial observers said the United States soon will be able to hurl several thousand planes against Japan from the Marianas and other bases east and west of the enemy homeland.

LABOR FEDERATION REFUSES TO BACK F. R. FOURTH TERM

Eugene, Ore., June 23—(U.P.)—Delegates to the Oregon State Federation of Labor convention today were on record as refusing to endorse a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

Reason for the refusal was the belief that the American federation should take such action, not one of the units. Endorsement should not be made before the parties nominate, it was further decided.

Among the 21 resolutions approved in the session were: Recommended to the executive board in favor of the election of Willis Mahoney for senate, opposed sales tax; endorsed enforcement of child labor protection against immigrants; endorsed retirement system for firemen; favored 40-hour week and overtime pay for public employees; asked for privacy of juvenile court records; asked that men and women in the service not be required to have fishing licenses; approved a postwar housing program; supported Bonneville appropriations for all food handlers; asked for passage of the protection of American rights citizenship amendment calling for deportation of Japanese nationals and the prohibition of relocation of Japanese on the Pacific coast.

The Japanese radio confirmed the sinking of an aircraft carrier by planes from Task Force 58 in Monday night's action west of the Marianas and admitted the loss of two other tankers. It made no mention of other damage inflicted by the Americans and claimed to have "sunk or damaged" five U. S. carriers and a battleship.

Northwest Lumber Strike Vote Looms

Seattle, June 23—(U.P.)—The possibility of a formal strike vote among northwest lumber workers appeared today following the National Labor Board's action in reaffirming its previous denial of wage increase demands.

The WLB agreed to reconsider the demands after approximately 35,000 members of the lumber and sawmill workers (AFL) and the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) staged an unauthorized walk-out last month, adversely affecting lumber production in four Pacific northwest states.

POWELL IN HURRY

Hollywood, June 23—(U.P.)—Film actor Dick Powell today cleared the way for his actress wife, Joan Blondell, to obtain an uncontested divorce and indicated the sooner the better.

JAP SHIP LOSSES BOOSTED TO FIFTY SO FAR IN JUNE

Grand Total of 623 Sent to Bottom Since the War; Keep Eye on Jap Fleet.

Washington, June 23—(U.P.)—American submarines, operating as a highly destructive vanguard for U. S. forces now threatening Japan's inner defenses, have sunk 16 more enemy ships, the navy announced today.

This made a total of 50 Japanese vessels whose destruction by the daring American submarines has been announced so far this month.

623 Grand Total
The largest "catch" raised to 623 the total of enemy ships sunk by U. S. submarines in this war. The 16 latest victims included 11 medium cargo vessels, four small cargo vessels and a medium naval auxiliary.

In addition to carrying out their mission of destruction, the submarines have been keeping a close watch on the Japanese fleet. Earlier this week, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal revealed that submarines helped in reconnoitering the enemy naval formation that was hit by Philippines aircraft east of the Philippines on Monday.

BAND TO PARADE BEFORE PREMIERE

Tonight's war bond premiere at the Craterian theater will be preceded by a band parade staged by the Camp White SCU 30-piece band. The parade will start at 7:15 p. m. at the court house, will proceed down Main street to Central and end at the Craterian, where a short concert will be given.

Doors of the theater will open at 7:30 p. m. and seating of bond buyers holding tickets to the double-feature show will continue until 8:15, curtain time of the stage show "The Call of Freedom." Second half of the show will be the technicolor picture "Pin-Up Girl," starring Betty Grable and here but the one night. Tickets are obtainable only in exchange for "E" bonds purchased not earlier than Monday, and are at the bond sale headquarters, 21 North Central avenue. It was stated this noon that they are much in demand and a full house is anticipated tonight.

Congress Windup Voted For Today

Washington, June 23—(U.P.)—The senate and house today adopted a concurrent resolution calling for adjournment at the end of today's business until Aug. 1. There was no dissenting voice in either chamber.

The house meanwhile adopted without debate the final conference report on the \$49,000,000,000 war department appropriation bill, sending it to the "White House."

FISH BOATS SEIZED

Victoria, B. C., June 23—(U.P.)—Four fishing vessels of American registry, not authorized to anchor in Canadian waters unless compelled by engine failure or bad weather, were seized yesterday in Pachen bay off Vancouver island for illegal anchorage.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —

\$1,174,711.50
"E" Sales\$251,762.50
Quota\$600,000
Total Quota for County\$2,262,000