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Forecast: Fair with little change in temperature Sunday.
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LAST CHERBOURG HILL CAPTURED

DOUGHBOYS OPEN FINAL DRIVE TO CAPTURE PORT

German Effort to Evacuate By Sea Fails — Enemy Weakening Fast.

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 24—(U.P.)—American troops seized the last heights overlooking Cherbourg today and swept down to the southern and southwestern edges of the city while British warships smashed a German effort to carry out a "Dunkerque" evacuation.

With aerial and naval support, the Yanks had knocked out all but one of the forts on Cherbourg's southern approaches and driven within three-quarters of a mile of the main city.

Battered and exhausted after four days of incessant pounding and with two of their divisional generals killed, front dispatches said the 30,000-odd Germans in and around Cherbourg were rapidly weakening.

Late Saturday the doughboys launched a final attack from their newly won heights under a ringing order to "push the b... over and walk into town." With a bayonet charge, they captured a huge stronghold of 16 subterranean rooms which had somehow absorbed the shock of the tremendous, three-dimensional bombardment.

Advance Rapid
 Henry T. Gorrell of the United Press watched the charge from an observation point itself only two kilometers—just over a mile—from Cherbourg. Earlier he flew over the besieged city in a Piper Cub observation plane and reported seeing the Americans "advancing en masse toward their final objectives."

"The infantry's advance is rapid," Gorrell said. He also noted a number of German ships in the harbor, possibly meaning that the enemy would make another evacuation attempt like Saturday's pre-dawn getaway aboard seven small merchant ships escorted by E-boats and armed landing craft.

The British blockade patrol promptly sank two of the vessels, seriously damaged three others and left them wallowing helplessly off Cherbourg while the remaining two succeeded in running through to Alderney in the channel islands. The British forces suffered superficial damage and a small number of casualties.

Gorrell reported after his Piper Cub flight that the front was surging down on Cherbourg from the heights north of La Mare a Canards. The town is a mile from the Cherbourg limits and troops north of there were within three-quarters of a mile of the city.

Allied headquarters said that if the enemy garrison did not surrender within a few hours the fighting might develop into slow and costly street battles.

Gorrell reported from the front, however, that the Americans reached heights overlooking the city at 3:20 a. m. with only slight resistance.

Many Quit
 About 1,250 Germans had surrendered in the Cherbourg area in 24 hours and this fact, plus the enemy's failure to react to the breaching of the port's perimeter defenses "indicates a rapid deterioration of the enemy morale and ability to defend Cherbourg much longer," a front dispatch said.

More than 300 Marauder bombers saturated Cherbourg's defenses in a series of raids before noon, but a thick weather front precluded almost all aerial support in the afternoon.

Richard McMillan of the United Press said long-range cannon, field artillery, naval guns, tanks and infantry as well as planes were "all massing fire upon the Citadel, which is belching smoke and flames as the Germans attempt to destroy it."

Fires were burning in the center of the city and at several points east and south of it, according to a London Evening News dispatch by a correspondent who flew over the front.

Warrens Leave for GOP Convention



Gov. and Mrs. Earl Warren bid farewell to their children as they leave Sacramento, Calif., executive mansion for G. O. P. convention in Chicago. On top steps (left to right) are daughters Virginia, 16; Dorothy, 13, and Nina, 10. On lower steps, sons Earl Jr., 14 (left), and Robert, 9. The family pet, Brownie, wags his goodbye.

STRIKE VOTE ON TIMBER WALKOUT EYED BY UNIONS

Portland, Ore., June 24—(U.P.)—Labor leaders freely predicted that lumber workers would demand a legal strike vote under the Smith-Connally act following the War Labor Board's second denial of a general wage increase in the fir and pine industry, but no action was taken, pending outcome of labor meetings begun here today.

Executive committee members of the AFL Northwestern Lumber and Sawmill Workers combined here late Saturday afternoon to map a course of action. The negotiating committee of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) will begin here Wednesday, Worth Lowery, president, said.

Michael Costello, secretary of the Puget Sound council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union (AFL) said in Seattle he believed members would take no precipitate strike action.

"With the invasion of Europe now under way and with lumber playing a vital role in the war, I am sure there will be no illegal work stoppage," Costello said.

He said the workers were "less inflamed now than a month ago when they staged a wildcat strike that paralyzed much of the lumber industry in five northwest states. He said he was confident they would continue their efforts to get higher pay 'in a sane and orderly manner.'"

OPA DENIES USED CAR RATIONINGS

Washington, June 24—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration tonight denied that it described as "widespread reports" that used cars will be rationed beginning July 10.

OPA said it has not been directed by the War Production Board to ration used cars and the Office of Defense Transportation and WPB have not reached any decision as to whether used cars will be rationed. Price ceilings on used cars will go into effect July 10 as previously announced, OPA said.

WALLACE ENDS VISIT

Chungking, June 24—(U.P.)—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace left here today after a four-day visit marked by informal, frank discussions with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek during which they found themselves in agreement on the urgent necessity of defeating Japan, said to China and establishment of a democratic peace in the Pacific.

BULLETINS

Sacramento, Calif., June 24—(U.P.)—The Pacific Coast league cellar champion Sacramento Solons continued their jinx over the leading San Francisco Seals tonight with a 5-2 victory for their tenth victory in 13 starts against the Seals.
 With Earl Porter dishing up nine hits to the Seals but holding them to single tallies in the sixth and eighth, the Solons jumped on Bill Werle for 13 hits and two runs each in the second and third and one in the sixth. The win clinched the series for Sacramento, making the game count four to one.
 San Francisco 2 9 3
 Sacramento 5 13 0
 Werle and Sprinz; Porter and Steiner.
 Seattle 1 8 0
 Oakland 4 9 1
 Speece and Sueme; Pippen and B. Raimondi.

Oakland, Cal., June 24—(U.P.)—Seattle's second-place Pacific Coast league club found the going tough against the seventh-place Oakland A's tonight, dropping a 4-1 decision in a tight contest.

'SHUTTLE' BOMBING BASES IN RUSSIA RAIDED BY NAZIS

Washington, June 24—(U.P.)—German planes, in the first announced raid on American "shuttle" bombing bases in Russia, destroyed "a number" of American planes and killed three crew members, the war department said tonight.

The terse war department announcement said further details are not available. The long-planned "shuttle" bases were first used June 1 and 2 when American strategic bombers landed in the Soviet area after bombing Rumania, presumably from starting points in Italy.

On Thursday and Friday this week part of a mighty part of 2000 planes wheeled onto the Russian fields after loosing 2300 tons of bombs on Berlin. It was believed that several of these bombers landed in Russia from England for the first time.

Tonight's announcement revealed that the Nazi airmen had blasted at two Russian airfields, apparently catching several American planes parked on the airstrips. This would indicate that the German raid came in the nature of a "surprise" attack.

NEW GEODETIC OFFICE

Portland, Ore., June 24—(U.P.)—A Portland office will be added to the coast and geodetic survey to aid in extensive field work planned for this area, Rear Adm. L. O. Colbert, director of the bureau, disclosed today.

TRIUMPHANT REDS TAKE 470 TOWNS, CIRCLE VITEBSK

London, Sunday, June 25—(U.P.)—Triumphant Soviet armies broadening their summer offensive have captured more than 470 towns and settlements in White Russia on a 125-mile front east of Mogilev to northwest of the virtually encircled fortress city of Vitebsk, Moscow announced today.

In three orders of the day, Marshal Josef Stalin announced that Soviet armies had advanced as much as 25 miles and on four separate fronts had breached strong German fortifications for as much as 50 miles. The Soviet objective seemed to be to crush White Russian defenses in a single stroke and open the road to the Baltic States and East Prussia of the Reich itself.

Stalin's order also revealed the Russians had cracked the Finnish defense line along the entire length of the Evir river between Lakes Ladoga and Onega northeast of Leningrad and had freed more than 200 towns and settlements in a three-day offensive.

More than 470 towns and settlements along the extended and blazing front from east of Mogilev to northwest of Vitebsk have fallen to Soviet troops in the first two days of the Red army's summer offensive, Marshal Stalin and Moscow's war bulletins revealed today.

More than 6,100 Germans were killed as Soviet forces advanced as much as 25 miles on four separate fronts in White Russia and breached strong German fortifications for as much as 50 miles in a bold effort to crush Nazi White Russian defenses in a single stroke and open a path to the Baltic States and East Prussia.

FIRST NORMANDY WOUNDED RETURN

New York, June 25—(U.P.)—The first casualties of the Normandy beachhead to be returned to the United States were identified by the war department today as Lt. Col. Michael C. Murphy, a glider pilot, Lafayette, Ind., and Pfc. James A. Lester, engineers corps, Clio, Mich.

They arrived here last night in an ambulance plane of the air transport command and are in the old Cantonment hospital, Mitchell Field.

REPUBLICAN WIN NEEDED TO KEEP TWO-PARTY RULE

Gov. Bricker Urges More History At Crossroads, Less At Washington.

Chicago, June 24—(U.P.)—Democrats and Republicans have "much in common today," Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio said tonight.

"Neither has much to say in Washington," he smiled. Speaking before 2000 persons under the auspices of the Chicago-Land Bricker-for-President committee, the Ohio candidate for the Republican presidential nomination said the party must carry its campaign to "the crossroads and to the people."

"More history must be made at the crossroads and less at Washington," Bricker said. "The people will be better off for that. Let us now resolve to make history at the crossroads this year."

America is "strong enough to change leaders in the midst of war," Bricker said, "if we ought to change."

"The president is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces," he added, "but he is not the commander-in-chief of the American people."

"The rights of the people will be preserved in a Republican victory. A Republican victory is necessary to save the Republican party—and the two-party system—and the Democratic party as well."

Ward Seizure Hit

Bricker's address before the committee was extemporaneous. Then he made a nation-wide 15-minute radio broadcast. Bricker attacked the government's recent seizure of the Montgomery-Ward plant in Chicago and the "New Deal propaganda campaign" by government agencies.

The seizure itself was "not half as dangerous," Bricker said, as Attorney General Francis Biddle's statement "that no business in America is immune from attack."

"If that philosophy of the New Deal is true," he said, "we are already under a dictatorship."

And the endorsement of President Roosevelt for a fourth term by the Communist party and the CIO political action committee "alone was sufficient to justify a Republican victory," he said.

ALLIES' SUPPLIES MOVE TO FRANCE

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 24—(U.P.)—Less than three weeks after Allied forces surged ashore on the beaches of Normandy, the land, sea and air forces have won the battle of supply dispatches from United Press front correspondents showed tonight.

Robert Miller, who has been covering the communications battle aboard PT boats in the English Channel, reported from an England port that supplies now were moving to France on an "endless conveyor of ships."

DANE SABOTEURS BLOW UP LARGEST ARMAMENT PLANT

Armed Italian Partisans Gather In Hills—Copenhagen Under Military Law

London, June 24—(U.P.)—Danish patriots were reported tonight to have blown up Denmark's biggest armament works, causing the Nazis to proclaim martial law in Copenhagen, while 80,000 Italian armed partisans were said to be gathering in the mountains south of Bologna.

While French forces of the interior damned the flow of Nazi reinforcements to the Normandy front by disrupting traffic on the vital Belfort-Paris railway, 80 Danish saboteurs late Thursday blew up the Dansk Industri Syndikat works which had been turning out machine guns and anti-tank guns for the Germans, Danish dispatches via Stockholm reported. It was described as the boldest and greatest single act of sabotage in Denmark.

Last night, the Germans clamped a military rule on the Danish capital Nazi explanation for the action was said to have been to enable German courts to "treat crimes such as have been repeatedly committed by the Copenhagen underworld more quickly," but the main reason was believed to have been the destruction of the armament plant, located in Copenhagen's free harbor.

The explosions were reported to have wrecked a three-story building housing the main workshop as well as a metal hardening department. Stockholm reports said it was believed the Germans would not be able to rebuild the plant for another six months.

GERMANS RESUME ROBOT BOMBINGS

London, Sunday, June 25—(U.P.)—The German robot bombing of southern England was resumed early today after a lull of more than 15 hours, but coastal reports indicated that a mighty fleet of RAF night bombers was again blasting the French Channel coast in an effort to knock out the launching ramps.

The flying torpedoes began crashing into southern districts soon after midnight, breaking the longest lull in the offensive since the Nazis first launched their robot fleets in force 11 days ago.

The "breather" had created hope in some quarters that the intensive Allied bombing of the Pas de Calais area had dislocated the enemy's catapult bases. The aerial bombardment of that bomb-shattered coastal strip apparently was continuing without lull early this morning.

BERLIN ATTACKED ANEW LAST NIGHT

London, June 25—(U.P.)—RAF heavy bombers smashed at Nazi targets in the occupied countries and twin-engined Mosquito raiders pounded Berlin last night, following widespread daylight attacks by four big American task forces on enemy objectives in France, Germany and the Balkans.

Powerful formations of British heavies thundered out over the continent during the night and at least one wave was believed to have blasted the German robot bomb installations in the Pas de Calais area of northern France.

The roll of gunfire and the crash of exploding bombs coming from the Calais and Dunkerque sectors were clearly audible on the British coast.

War Bulletins

Chungking, June 25—(U.P.)—Allied troops entered the Japanese-held stronghold of Moguing in northern Burma Saturday, a Chinese army communique said today.

Chinese troops entered the southern part of the town, and other troops are drawn up at the northern edge, the communique said.

YANKS SPRING TRAP UPON NAZIS ABOVE GROSSETO

Fifth and Eighth Army Grind Ahead In Italy — Hard Fighting.

Rome, June 24—(U.P.)—Fifth army forces battering northward against increasing Nazi opposition have trapped an enemy force in a 225-square-mile pocket above Grosseto on the Tyrrhenian coast, while other spearheads have pushed northeast along Highway 73 beyond Roccastrada, 23 miles southwest of the big Siena road junction, it was announced today.

Headquarters announced that the Fifth and Eighth armies, who have pushed their lines as much as 120 miles above Rome in the three weeks since the Italian capital fell, were grinding steadily northward on an 80-mile front and that the Nazis were fighting fiercely as they neared their new defense line above Florence and Livorno.

On the eastern side of the front in the Perugia sector the Nazis were offering strong resistance east and west of Lake Trasimeno and 25 miles southwest of Perugia a street battle was in progress in the highway town of Chiusi.

At least seven allied columns were slashing through the hills and valleys in a drive that at most points had carried to within 70 miles south of the German defense line, the "Gothic line."

On the coast, American tanks and infantry fighting down from the hills east of Follonica on Highway One, 22 miles northwest of Grosseto and 48 miles below Livorno, advanced to within two miles of that town. The drive to the edge of Follonica, on the Tyrrhenian coast, was disclosed to have drawn a cordon around a 225-square-mile sector of the coast. An enemy force of undisclosed size was penned inside the pocket which was created when the Americans swung north from Grosseto and then moved westward toward the sea at Follonica.

LOS ANGELES IN POPULATION GAIN

Washington, June 24—(U.P.)—The population of Los Angeles has increased 11.3 per cent since the 1940 census to 1,673,518, while San Francisco's population has increased 10.4 per cent over the same period, the department of commerce revealed tonight in a report on special census changes in the two California communities.

Los Angeles' population in 1940 was 1,504,277. San Francisco has increased from 634,536 to 700,735 in early April. The special Los Angeles census showed that the population of the Los Angeles congested population area as a whole increased by 440,566, or 15.1 per cent.

TAX REDUCTION PLANKS FAVORED

Washington, June 24—(U.P.)—Chairman Walter F. George, D. Ga., of the senate finance committee tonight called upon both political parties to write post-war tax reduction planks into their platforms as a means of encouraging business expansion.

YANK TASK FORCE CONTINUES HEAVY DEFEATS OF JAPS

Strike Within 753 Miles of Tokyo; Yap Island Air Base Raked.

By United Press
 American carrier task forces continued to press the war against Japan in the western Pacific Thursday and Friday when they struck within 753 miles of Tokyo and destroyed at least 82 Japanese planes and sank or damaged 19 small cargo vessels and sampans.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that carrier-based aircraft hit Iwo Jima island in the Bonins Friday in the second raid of the war on that stronghold, shooting down 60 planes in air combat and destroying 12 which attempted to attack the carriers. On Thursday, the force attacked Pagan island, 712 miles south of Iwo Jima and sank four cargo vessels and a sampan and damaged two cargo ships and 12 sampans.

The hard-hitting actions raised the impressive toll of Japanese shipping and aircraft since June 10 to 93 ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged 638 or more planes destroyed. Forty-four enemy ships have been sunk, two probably sunk and 47 others damaged, a recapitulation at Pacific fleet headquarters showed.

On Saipan island in the Marianas, American marines and soldiers continued to advance along the northern shore of Magicienne Bay.

A dispatch from United Press War Correspondent Richard W. Johnston, aboard a flagship off Saipan, reported that U. S. patrols had entered the suburbs of Garapan, capital city of the Marianas on the west-central coast.

Other planes continued neutralization raids on the Caroline islands, teaming up with southwest Pacific bombers of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command in attacks against Truk and other bases.

MacArthur announced raids on Truk, Woleai, Yap, Sorol and Ulithi in the Carolines Thursday night. Twenty-two Japanese planes were destroyed or damaged at the Yap airfield—12 of them definitely wiped out, reports from the southwest Pacific said.

Pearl Harbor, June 24—(U.P.)—In hard-hitting actions Thursday and Friday, the U. S. fleet in the Pacific raised the impressive toll of Japanese shipping and aircraft since June 10 to:

Total ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged—93.
 Ships definitely sunk, 44; probably sunk, 2; damaged 47.
 Aircraft destroyed—638 or more; probably destroyed, 5; damaged 4.
 U. S. losses for the same period include no major combatant ships. Only four American ships were damaged and 98 aircraft were lost with 28 flight personnel.

CALIFORNIA VOTE IN FAVOR DEWEY

Chicago, June 25—(Sunday)—(U.P.)—Reliable private advices from the train bearing California's 50-vote delegation to the republican national convention indicated today that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, will have the state's support for the presidential nomination.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —

\$1,267,780.25
"E" Sales\$271,131.25
Quota\$600,000
Total Quota for County\$2,262,000