

HEAVY FIGHTING RAGES NEAR CAEN

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WAR and politics are still mixed in the news today—

There are no significant developments in the day's war news. There are TREMENDOUSLY significant developments in the political news.

THIS is what has happened: The Republican party has been REBORN. It has again, as in its sincere and determined youth in 1860, a sacred cause. This is its sacred cause: The ending of ONE-MAN government in America.

DEWEY, drawing aside the curtains and revealing himself, explains his reasons for remaining behind the curtains up to now. He says: "I have made NO pledges, promises or commitments, expressed or implied, to any man or woman."

He outlines the task to which he has come in this brief sentence: "The election will bring an end to one-man government in America."

HE divorces the winning of the war from the DOMESTIC POLITICAL task of ending one-man government with these words: "The military conduct of this war is OUTSIDE this campaign. It is and must remain COMPLETELY OUT OF POLITICS."

If there is civilian interference (with the military) the new administration will put a stop to it forthwith.

THAT is to say, winning the war is a technical job for professional military men—just as a critical operation is a technical job for a trained and skilled surgeon. Unskilled interference will HARM—not help.

The civilian (political) job is on the home front, where the battle against the world-wide trend toward one-man government must be won.

IT seems to this writer, after listening to his acceptance speech, that Dewey knows where he is going. That is something new in recent Republican leadership.

If Willkie (unquestionably able and dynamic) knew where he was going in 1940, he lacked the ability to TELL OTHERS. Among his followers (of whom this writer was one) there was always a disturbing feeling of confusion as to objectives.

Landon had NO IDEA where he was going. He just wanted to go back SOMEWHERE and make a new start.

DEWEY knows what he's after. LISTENING to the speech of acceptance (in which Dewey reveals himself) and then reading the convention platform, this writer gained the impression that the platform is an acceptance statement of Dewey's principles.

That is as it should be. A candidate running on a platform that means NOTHING to him is like a man trying to ride two horses going in different directions. The result is certain to be a humiliating fall.

THE platform has a liberal, tolerant and sincere tone. Its attitude toward New Deal experimental legislation is to keep the good, discard the bad and MAKE IT WORK.

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Reds Hit On Two Lines



Pictured at the GOP convention in Chicago, where he represented the Philippine government-in-exile, is John W. Hausermann of Richmond, O. President of the Benquet Consolidated Mining company, whose staff is interned by the Japs. Hausermann escaped only because he happened to be in this country on business.

Northern Rail Line Cleared; Bobruisk Taken

LONDON, June 28 (AP)—Powerful Russian armies lashing out both on the White Russian and Finnish fronts have captured Bobruisk, last "fatherland line" fortress before Minsk, and have cleared the northern rail line to Murmansk, Marshal Stalin announced tonight.

Bobruisk, by-passed fortified rail juncture some 90 miles southeast of the White Russian capital of Minsk, was taken by storm. Stalin's broadcast announcement said. Earlier reports said the Russians were closing in on five Nazi divisions trapped there.

Russia's far-northern army struck into Petrozavodsk, capital of the soviet Karelo-Finnish republic, and rolled on to take the rail junction of Kondopoga and completely clear the railroad to the supply port of Murmansk.

Of the White Russian drive, Stalin's announcement said: "First White Russian front troops, overcoming resistance of the encircled German Bobruisk grouping, today carried by assault the town and large railway junction of Bobruisk, important communications center and powerful defense center of German defenses covering the Minsk and Baranovich direction."

The fall of Bobruisk, less than 50 miles northeast of Minsk, appeared near, earlier dispatches said.

MOSCOW, June 28 (AP)—Soviet armies converging on Nafutan held.

All of Nafutan Point, where 200 Japanese died recently in a suicidal counterattack against army and marine forces, now is in American hands.

Along the western shores of Saipan, troops fighting through jungles, rough terrain and sugar cane fields, have made "small gains" against "severe enemy resistance."

Bombing Raid. The Japanese tried to delay the American advance by a bombing raid. Two of the attacking planes were shot down by anti-aircraft batteries.

Meantime, to the north of Saipan, American carrier-based aircraft blasted enemy positions on Pagan island, bombing enemy barracks and a water reservoir. (Continued on Page Two)

Rescue Party Reaches Fliers

KINGMAN, Ariz., June 28 (AP)—A rescue party from the north rim of the Grand canyon reached three stranded army fliers on Tonto plateau today and reported the men, isolated more than a week, were well and uninjured.

Shoes were reported to be the only need of the trio who parachuted from an B-24 army bomber at 2 a. m. June 21. These were dropped immediately by a plane from the Kingman army air field and preparations were made to begin the treacherous climb out of the canyon.

292 Nazi Tanks Out of Action

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 28 (AP)—The supreme allied command announced today that 292 German tanks have been disabled or destroyed in Normandy since D-day.

Incomplete reports showed at least 44 German aircraft shot down today over France and Germany.

Hengyang Japs Get Reinforcements

CHUNGKING, June 28 (AP)—Tengyang still was in Chinese hands tonight, the high command said, although Japanese forces besieging the Hunan province rail junction had been reinforced.

The communique declared Chinese troops left behind enemy lines east and west of the Canton-Hankow railway had begun large-scale offensives.

Abandons Airfield. The U. S. air force has abandoned its airfield at Hengyang, strategic city surrounded by Japanese, and a communique today said American P-51s dropped thousand pound bombs on the field—formerly one of the 14th's principal forward bases in China.

The P-51 attack, which took place Monday, was aimed at making the airfield useless to the enemy. It left one runway destroyed. Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters said.

The communique added that Hengyang was reported to be in flames. Loss of this Hunan province center would be the greatest military blow to China since 1938.

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's air force was going all-out in an attempt to arrest Japan's advance.

Japs Trapped On New Guinea

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, June 28 (AP)—A trap, already narrowed to 150 miles, was compressed today on thousands of Japanese at Wewak, British New Guinea.

The erasure of 80 jungle coast miles in 28 days by Australians who are within 70 miles of Wewak on the east was disclosed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Americans have been approximately 80 miles from it on the west since Wewak was bypassed in the April 22 invasion of Aitape. Aitape is 90 miles away but japs patrols since have pushed back east toward Wewak for at least 10 miles.

Oregon Girl Wins Radio Contest

PORTLAND, June 28 (AP)—Marie G. Rogndahl, University of Oregon student, won the "Hour of Charm" vocal contest, sponsors of the radio program announced today.

The Portland coloratura soprano appeared with two other finalists at Cleveland Sunday with Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra.

Ready For A Raid



Lt. Col. Andrew B. Galatian Jr. of Beachwood, N. J., addresses members of his Mitchell bombing squadron before a raid on the Jap base at Rabaul.

Dewey Hopes to Confer With Leaders Of Party on Presidential Campaign

CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey told what he called the "world's biggest press conference" today that he hopes to confer with all of the nation's republican leaders, including Wendell L. Willkie, on presidential campaign plans.

Declining to discuss cabinet possibilities — if he wins the White House — the smiling GOP nominee gave speedy endorsement to many planks of the party's platform, including those of foreign policy, the president's fair employment practices committee, foreign trade and others.

Tribune Support. Dewey was asked specifically if he "welcomes" the editorial support of the Chicago Tribune, which once criticized his views on foreign policy. There was a laugh from the reporters.

Smilingly, Dewey replied: "I don't know that I have the editorial support of the Tribune. I shall welcome the support of every good American in the whole United States."

Service Appeal. The nominee sat on a table and puffed a cigarette-holder, much after the Franklin D. Roosevelt fashion, while the reporters asked their questions.

One query was how he planned to reach the service men with campaign appeals. Dewey replied that had not yet been determined.

No Airplanes. "You don't have an airplane all fitted out, do you?" one of the newsmen asked, obviously alluding to the outfitting of a plane which President Roosevelt might use, although the White House has said it was not done for that specific purpose.

"No," Dewey grinned, "but I came out here yesterday in a very good one."

Once during the conference, Dewey halted the proceedings to admonish politely a photographer.

Six Chosen for Campaign Plans

CHICAGO, June 28 (AP)—The newly elected republican national committee named a committee of six today to confer with Gov. Thomas E. Dewey on his choice for a new national chairman to run his campaign for the presidency. The full committee will meet again tomorrow morning.

Col. R. B. Creager, of Texas, was named ex-officio chairman of the six-member group.

Officers Killed On Saipan

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP) Deaths in action of two officers from the operations division of the general staff while acting as observers on Saipan for the chief of staff were announced today by Secretary of War Stimson.

Col. Carl D. Silverthorne, chief of the Pacific theater section of the operations division, was killed by a Japanese sniper, and Lt. Col. Frederick G. Terry, a member of the strategy section, was killed when a bomber collided with the artillery liaison plane from which he was directing artillery fire.

Diplomats Leave For Capitals

BUENOS AIRES, June 28 (AP) United States Ambassador Norman Armour and Chilean Ambassador Conrado Rios Gallardo left here this morning for their respective home capitals. Armour was accompanied to the airport by the British Ambassador Sir David Kelly.

The state department announced earlier this week that Armour had been recalled to Washington for consultations.

Fifth Army Troops Punch Out Gain Of Five Miles on Italy's West Coast

By NOLAN NORGAARD ROME, June 28 (AP)—Along a highway littered with enemy dead and abandoned equipment, American troops of the fifth army punched forward another five miles along Italy's west coast yesterday and captured the town of Castagneto, only 25 miles from Livorno (Leghorn), while a second American column farther inland pierced through German lines to within a dozen miles of Siena, allied headquarters said today.

Livorno is an important port 11 miles below Pisa, while Siena is a key rail and communications center 31 miles south of Florence.

Confusion. An official spokesman declared the enemy "is showing signs of confusion" in the coastal sector, where the incessant battering by American guns caused heavy casualties and the roundup of prisoners from decimated German units progressed steadily.

Capture of Castagneto gave the allies control of an important lateral road which formerly linked the enemy's coastal defenders with the nazis' central sector.

The enemy intensified by every conceivable means the retarding of the fifth army advance, felling trees across roads, then booby-trapping them, destroying all bridges and laying minefields. The tactics failed to prevent a close pursuit, and an enemy infantry company which attempted to break the advance by infiltration back into the captured village of Sassetta was wiped out.

Capture Junction. An American armored force driving from the southwest forced the road junction town of Monticiano on highway 73, and leading elements thrust beyond to within 12 miles of Siena. The village of Monticicchio also was taken.

The French, on the right wing of the fifth army, reported substantial gains, capturing the towns of Monticchiello, Pienza and Montalcino, all southeast of Siena.

Take Prisoners. It was announced that the fifth army alone has taken over 25,000 prisoners since the offensive began seven weeks ago today.

The total bag of prisoners for the offensive exceeds 32,000. American gunners, with a surprise concentration of fire, destroyed a newly organized enemy artillery unit. In a single sector the Germans lost six tanks, five guns, two anti-tank guns, and 15 caissons.

The eighth army reported limited gains in heavy fighting in the areas of Lake Trasimeno and north of Perugia. Eleven guns were destroyed and 600 enemy troops were wiped out in mop-up operations near Perugia.

West of Lake Trasimeno the villages of Frattavaglia and Latoce were occupied. Among trophies taken were German railway guns with 70-foot barrels, firing 500-pound projectiles.

NAZI SUPPORT RUSHED FROM FATHERLAND

Montgomery's Troops Widen Bridgehead Across Odon

By WES GALLAGHER SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 28 (AP)—Increasingly heavy fighting raged at La Byude, 24 miles north of Caen's city limits in Normandy today, supreme headquarters announced, and reconnaissance reports indicated the German high command was bringing strategic reserves from Germany to support the faltering Nazi defense.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British widened their bridgehead across the Odon river and seized important high ground overlooking the battle area around Esquay, four to six miles southwest of Caen, in an encircling maneuver. The Germans were reported already to have thrown most of their 15th and 17th armies into the struggle centering around the eastern end of the allied battleline.

Montgomery Barrage. A typical Montgomery barrage from hundreds of guns, coupled with allied aerial sweeps, smashed at German reserves trying to reach the battle zone. British heavy bombers overnight struck at Metz, a choke point for German strategic reserves moving westward from the Reich.

Incomplete reports of today's air activities showed at least 44 German fighters destroyed in unusually ferocious air battles over France and Germany today and about 200 German fighters appeared over cloud-shrouded battle areas.

Enemy Support. But enemy air support was coming from air bases driven back 100 miles by allied warplanes. The supreme command, in a morning announcement, said "It is to be expected the Germans (Continued on Page Two)

Britons Evince Mild Interest In Convention

LONDON, June 28 (AP)—War news kept stories of the republican convention in Chicago on the inside pages of British newspapers today, and the average Briton showed only mild interest in the nomination of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for the presidency.

Although the papers gave full reports they were more or less routine and British correspondents generally expressed the opinion in their stories that the convention was apathetic.

General Extends Fishing Ban

NEW YORK, June 28 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today issued new instruction to European fishermen extending the ban on fishing for another week, "this time over a shorter length of the coastline."

A spokesman for Eisenhower broadcast that the supreme commander's "requirement now is that no fishing be carried on in the coastal waters from the Spanish port of Bayonne, near the French frontier, to the West Frisian Islands until July 6, 1944 at 8 p. m."

The broadcast, heard by CBS, warned that fishing might become extremely dangerous at any time.