

Isolationism Ousted, Believes Stassen After Dewey Confab

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 28 (AP)—After declaring the nation had ditched isolationism, Commander Harold E. Stassen carried away from Albany today Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's undisclosed views on how to enforce world peace.

The former republican governor of Minnesota, chosen by President Roosevelt as one of the three GOP members of the

United States delegation to the San Francisco conference on organization of international security, opening April 25, obtained Dewey's opinions last night on establishment of a permanent peace structure.

For the time being, they remained the secret of the naval officer and the 1944 republican presidential nominee.

Stassen said at a press conference, attended by Dewey, that "the United States of America has definitely left isolationism behind," and added, "that applies to both major parties."

Asked as to the position of the republican party at the San Francisco conference, the 38-year-old flag officer for Admiral Halsey replied:

"I would take it that it is elementary that the three delegates who are republican were not selected by the party and do not have and would not have authority to speak for the party. But all three would make a maximum effort to be informed as to the position of the party and particularly the position of the titular head of the party, Governor Dewey."

The other republicans on the seven-member U. S. delegation are U. S. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan and Rep. Charles Eaton of New Jersey.

Stassen said he did not approve U. S. Senator Joseph Ball's position in the 1944 presidential campaign. Ball supported President Roosevelt on the ground he favored the president's position on international affairs more than he did Dewey's.

"Will you be a candidate for the republican presidential nomination in 1948?" a reporter asked Stassen in Dewey's presence.

"I'll ask you to ask me that after the war is over," the Minnesotan replied.

AFL-LSW Wins NLRB Election At Canby

AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union won an NLRB election Tuesday at the Loveness Brothers Logging company at Canby, Calif.

The vote was: AFL 34, CIO 0. Eight men voted "no union." This operation normally employs about 150 men.

Head Allied Armies Hurling Nazis Back



The commanders of parts of the present major offensive ripping through Germany's western defense, confer somewhere on the front. Left to right: Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, commander First Canadian Army; Lt. Gen. Sir Miles G. Dempsey, commander Second British Army; Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery, commander 21st Army Group; Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commander American Ninth Army; Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham, commander RAF Second Tactical Air Force supporting 21st Army Group drive. British official photo radiocast from London.

Victor Mature Gets Clipped.



Chief Boatswain Mate Victor Mature gets "clipped" at Farragut, Ida., Naval Training Center when he arrived there to appear in a Coast Guard show. Doing the trimming is Navy barber Lyle Sheller, Ripley, Ia., while Shore Patrolman S2/c Joe Hodge, Kirkwood, Mo., stands by to do the enforcing.

ELLSWORTH BILL, WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) introduced a bill yesterday to allow veterans two years after termination of service in which to apply for loan benefits under the GI bill of rights.

The War At a Glance

By The Associated Press
The Western front: Canadians and U. S. ninth army threatened juncture which would trap large enemy forces; ninth drove toward Duesseldorf under breakthrough news blackout; first army captured intact a bridge over the Erft, last natural barrier before Cologne; third army pressed on Trier, extended Saar bridgehead; Americans in south fought for gateway to the Saar.

The Russian front: Russians have advanced 44 miles northward into Pomerania, threatening last escape route for Germans in east Pomerania, Danzig and the Polish corridor; drive also menaced Stettin. Advance within Breslau continued.

The Italian front: Brazilians captured a village in limited advance; patrolling reported on remainder of front.

The Pacific front: Marines continued pressure on line bisecting two Jima as enemy supplies appeared to be running short; infantrymen were burning out last resisting Japanese troops in Manila; enemy completely destroyed on Verde island.

Ship's Captain Confirms Story That British Escort Abandoned Soviet Convoy

PORTLAND, Feb. 28 (AP)—The charge of a Maryland seaman that British escort vessels abandoned a Murmansk convoy in July, 1942, just before 34 of the ships were sunk, today had the support of Capt. Julius Richter of Hillsboro, Ore.

Capt. Richter, who commanded one of the 34 vessels and survived eight days in a lifeboat, said, "At the time we were pretty sore about it, and we who survived still don't feel right about it."

He said the convoy was north of Norway on July 4, 1942, when information was received that the battleship Tirpitz and other German warships were believed headed for the convoy.

"Then came that famous order from the convoy command, ordering all ships to disperse and proceed to their port of destination," Capt. Richter said. "We wondered why they didn't take us with them if they figured we could not get through."

German plane attacks set his ship afire two days later and



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NAVY TO BE SAVED FROM SCRAP HEAP

By HOWARD FLIEGER
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—A house committee set out today to build a protective fence around the navy to guard it from a peace-time scrap heap.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the naval committee ordered public hearings on his bill to exclude the entire fleet and its appurtenances from control of the surplus war property administration. That agency will have charge of dismantling the nation's vast war machine.

A similar attempt was made in the last congress as a rider to the surplus properties act, but it failed.

Vinson's bill would leave with congress control over all vessels, shore installations, floating dry-docks and the wealth of other facilities that went into putting the United States at the top of first-rank naval powers.

Crewman's Heroism Told by Chaplain

PORTLAND, Feb. 28 (AP)—Heroism of a badly burned crewman from the lost escort carrier Ommaney Bay in attempting to save the life of another sailor who went overboard without a life jacket held his would-be rescuer's head above water until he revived. This time the burned man towed him to safety.

55 CENTS PER HOUR REPORTED MINIMUM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The war labor board places at 55 cents the minimum hourly wage rate necessary to maintain a wartime living standard.

WLB's regional boards yesterday were authorized to approve hourly rates up to 55 cents where employers voluntarily ask the increase or the union and employer make the request.

Approximately 4,000,000 workers, mainly in textiles, service trades and some lumbering and turpentine operations, are receiving less than 55 cents an hour, WLB Chairman William H. Davis told a news conference.

"Unfortunately," Davis said, the board's action "doesn't mean that all 4,000,000 are going to get 55 cents tomorrow."

Two Escapees Still At Large Today

MEDICAL LAKE, Wash., Feb. 28 (AP)—Two of the six men who escaped from a criminal ward at eastern Washington hospital Monday night were still at large today, Dr. H. A. Perry, superintendent, reported.

Two of the escapees, identified by Perry as Franklin Watson, 19, Seattle, former inmate of the state reformatory, and Harry Newell, 26, were taken into custody at Lewiston, Ida., last night. Two others returned to the hospital yesterday.

Search for the remaining pair was directed in the vicinity of Davenport, Wash., where two men answering their description were reported seen near the railroad tracks.

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