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Day's News

IN Wisconsin's Presidential primary election, Stassen wins (apparently) 20 of the 27 Republican delegates. General MacArthur trails along as a bad second. As this is written, it looks as if Dewey may be shut out.

ONE swallow doesn't make a summer, and one state primary doesn't make a nomination, but these facts stand out of the Wisconsin voting.

Young men are popular—especially young men with a new and sincere approach to the problems that face us.
2. Military men are still unpopular for HIGH civil office.
3. Old-timers are OUT. (Young as he is in years, Dewey is an old-timer in the sense that he has been connected with politics in the past.)

OUR outstanding need in this critical period of our history is leadership in which the public has confidence. This writer senses LACK of confidence in existing leadership. If Stassen can GIVE US CONFIDENCE, he is the man of the hour.

IN their mutual-aid treaty with Russia, the Finns apparently retain at least the outward form of political independence. The treaty was signed last night in Moscow, and to become effective needs only ratification by the Finnish parliament.

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN is soon to submit to congress a 1 1/2 billion dollar program of ship construction which will include 104 super-tankers to cost eight million dollars each. (Modern wars are fought largely with oil. Tankers get the oil from where it is to where it is needed. These were times in the last war when it looked like lack of tankers might result in our defeat.)

Although we hope not, and are doing our best to prevent it, there might be another war.

SHIPS require steel—in huge quantities. Steel requires coal. That raises a question of the utmost national importance.

If we can't get coal enough dug, how are we to get steel enough to meet our needs in the coming critical years?

THE coal strike ought to be ended. How? Well, maybe you know. This writer doesn't.

But this is the way it ought to be ended: John Lewis should say to his miners: "Boys, our country is in a tough spot. Let's forget our peacetime quarrels and DIG COAL AS WE NEVER DUG COAL BEFORE. We're all Americans, and in times like these Americans can't afford to lay back and let our country be weakened."

LEWIS, of course, claims it is all the wicked operators' fault. But can you imagine EMPLOYERS standing up against the public opinion that would be created by such a statement from the miners' leader? It couldn't be done. Any employer who tried it would be crucified.

Smashing Victory For Stassen In Wisconsin Threat To MacArthur In Presidential Race

MILWAUKEE, April 7 (AP)—A smashing victory by Harold E. Stassen promising him upwards of 20 of Wisconsin's 27 GOP national convention votes threatened today to push Gen. Douglas MacArthur out of the presidential race.

Stassen held fast to late-count leads—some so big the result no longer was in doubt, and some slim—in a score of the 27 delegate contests involved in yesterday's primary.

His candidates staved off with a rally in mid-day tabulations a challenge to two MacArthur aspirants to move into the circle of seven at-large delegates where Stassen's slate has led almost from the first.

Top MacArthur With 2619 of the state's 3138 precincts reported, the lowest man on the Stassen slate of seven witnessed his vote margin over the top man on MacArthur's slate to 1962.

The tabulation, which included 390 of 579 precincts in Milwaukee county where MacArthur's delegates ran well, gave the top Stassen at-large delegate, Walter J. Kohler Jr., 192,007 votes.

The low Stassen candidate, George Greeley, had 169,962 votes. This compared with 167,000 chalked up by Fred R. Zimmerman, leading MacArthur candidate.

WEATHER
Max. (April 6) 49 Min. 39
Precipitation last 24 hours 0.02
Stream level to date 0.01
Last year 7.50 Normal 0.30
Forecast: Snow flurries.

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Russ Blame British For Plane Crash

BERLIN, April 7 (AP)—The Russians threw the blame for Monday's Soviet-British plane crash on the British today. British officials said the Russian story was "palpably untrue."

A Russian investigating commission charged the crash, in which 15 died, was caused by British violation of allied regulations. The commission said it occurred over a Russian airport in Berlin and that the British pilot failed to comply with four-power allied control council regulations by flying over the Soviet traffic zone.

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FFA Confab To Open Here On Thursday

OREGON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, April 7—About 900 members of the Oregon Future Farmers of America are expected to be on hand for the group's state conference Thursday through Saturday at the Oregon Vocational school campus.

Advance registration shows 865 names of those planning to attend from points around the state, and it is expected that several more will come. Executive board sessions have been held this week, but the major meetings will begin Thursday.

Initial session will be at 8:30 a. m., Thursday, in the campus theatre, where Mayor Ed Ostendorf will give the official welcoming address. Winston D. Puryear, OVS director, will explain the basic operation of the vocational school.

Attending will be Ralph S. Morgan, state FFA advisor and state supervisor of vocational agricultural training, Maurice C. Buchanan, acting executive secretary, and Elmer Sullivan. Buchanan and Sullivan are assistant supervisors in vocational agricultural training. All are from Salem.

Reports from the state advisor and other officials will be heard at Thursday morning's meeting.

Crop judging, farm management, home farm projects and state farmers' degrees will be featured during the afternoon. Judging will be both for individuals and chapters.

Meetings will continue Friday and Saturday with special events planned for each day.

Marine Fliers Lost At Sea

PEARL HARBOR, April 7 (AP)—Planes, submarines, destroyers and small boats failed to find four marine fliers missing after night fighter maneuvers at sea.

Officers directing the Monday night maneuvers had ordered one plane to intercept the other, in the darkness. They watched the progress of both planes on a radar scope and the two spots on the scope seemed to merge—as though colliding—then vanished.

Marine headquarters said the pilots were Maj. Stanley R. Bailey, Brownsville Junction, Me., and Lt. Kenneth L. Barnes, Harrison, O. Names of the two others missing were not reported.

Thirty-two planes, six submarines, two destroyers and various small craft combed the area, 28 miles off Barber's Point, all day yesterday.

This was interpreted in some quarters as a bid for the support of MacArthur's delegates, if the general steps out.

In the Wisconsin district delegate contests—where two are picked in each district, Stassen had won 6 delegates and led in seven other races.

Among Leaders
By the nature of his Wisconsin showing, Stassen climbed up among the GOP presidential leaders again after having been almost belted into the vice presidential class by Dewey's six to two delegate victory over him in New Hampshire last month.

The Stassen surge gave added color to his claims of having won majorities of the Iowa and Maine republican delegations in recent conventions of those two states.

But Stassen faces a new, and perhaps more vigorous, test in next Tuesday's Nebraska primary. There he and six other GOP hopefuls—including Dewey and MacArthur—will bid for popular support.

He will face Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio in that contest for the first time. Taft winds up an in-person campaign there today.

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Statehood For Alaska Backed

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Legislation granting statehood to Alaska was unanimously approved today by the house public lands committee.

The bill, as finally approved, eliminated state recognition of tribal rights of Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos and granted the proposed state an additional million acres of land bringing the total it will get to 42,000,000.

The bill now must go before the house rules committee for clearance for house action. It was reported, however, that Committee Chairman Allen (R-Ill.) was in favor of granting a rule for bringing the bill up on the floor at an early date.

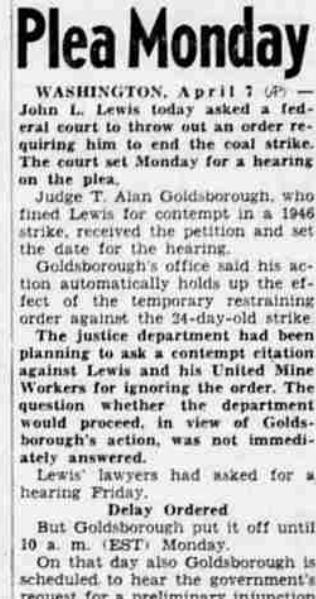
Superstition Works For Once

GOLDSBORO, N. C., April 7 (AP)—Judge J. Paul Frizzelle sentenced Brantley Rose to 13 years imprisonment on a series of felony counts.

"Your Honor," said Rose. "I'm superstitious. I would rather have that sentence 12 years or even 14 years than 13."

Conference Precedes Road Hearing

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Big Job



Paul G. Hoffman (above), South Bend, Ind., automobile manufacturer, has been nominated for the post of administrator of the multi-billion dollar European recovery program.

Hoffman In As ERP Chief

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—The senate foreign relations committee voted 13 to 6 today to approve the nomination of Paul G. Hoffman to administer the multi-billion dollar foreign aid program.

Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) told reporters he will ask the senate to confirm Hoffman's nomination right away.

Hoffman, president of the Studebaker corporation, was selected late yesterday by President Truman to administer the \$5,300,000,000 Western European recovery program.

Before the committee acted, members questioned Hoffman when he closed doors for approximately an hour and a half.

Emerging from the meeting, the 56-year-old auto manufacturer told reporters: "They asked me a lot of questions and I tried to answer them."

AFL To Talk Log Pay Boost

Negotiators of the AFL lumber and sawmill workers union will meet Friday morning with the Pine Industrial Relations committee to start talks regarding a possible wage increase to bring AFL lumber wages to the level reached by the IWA-CIO yesterday.

The IWA has been granted a 12 1/2-cent hourly pay increase, subject to ratification by union members and employers. The raise brings the minimum pay in the industry to \$1.42 an hour for sawmill and logging work and \$1.40 for box factory and prefabrication employment.

A slight differential in the pay of fir workers and pine workers still exists. IWA fir unions last week received a 12 1/2-cent boost to make the minimum fir wage \$1.45.

The AFL lumber and sawmill workers received a 7 1/2-cent increase effective January 1, but contracts have been reopened in view of the increase granted the IWA.

Politicians Get 'Pole' Warning

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 7 (AP)—The chamber of commerce here is trying to keep one kind of pole out of politics—telephone poles.

In an effort to keep the city beautiful during election year, the chamber comes up with this suggestion to voters:

Note carefully the names of candidates who tack political posters on the poles—and vote against them.

Section Foreman Freezes To Death On Lonely Road After Car Mires In Snow

ALTURAS, April 7 (AP)—County authorities said today that a Great Northern railroad section foreman apparently froze to death Monday night on the road between Lookout and Whitewater, about four miles from his camp at Lookout.

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Larson had just been transferred to Lookout from Bieber, Calif., Monday, railroad officials said, and he and a companion, Walter A. Howard, had driven back to Bieber. Returning to Lookout Monday night, they took a little-used road.

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Howard, who had stayed with the car, soon caught a ride in another vehicle and returned to Bieber. Larson's frozen body was found Tuesday.

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In addition to his wife, Larson is broke his hip.

Tulana Farm Owners Take On Holdings

Sale of The California Oregon Power company's Williamson river ranch, comprising nearly 8000 acres, to Tulana Farms, was disclosed here today and ranks as one of the biggest land transactions in this area in many years.

The change in ownership of the property will inaugurate a private reclamation development of around 6000 acres, adding that to the productive area of the Klamath basin.

Consideration in the big deal is understood to be around a quarter of a million dollars.

The Copco ranch lies near US 97 north on both sides of the Williamson river, which runs into the east side of Upper Klamath lake near its north end. The ranch land has been in the hands of the power company for over a quarter of a century, having been acquired in connection with Copco's operations on the lake.

Much Swamp
Although it was once virtually entirely within dikes, thousands of acres of Copco ranch have been permitted to go back into natural swamp state in recent years. At present, only about 1100 acres are being farmed under lease.

Tulana Farms, a corporation owned by Dick and Ben Henzel and Dave and Dan Liske, is one of the biggest agricultural operators in the basin and has extensive operations along Lower Klamath and in the Tulalake area.

The new owners will repair and build miles of dikes and bring the entire property into cultivation. Grain, livestock and general farming operations are planned. A floating dredge is to be used in the reclamation work.

The sale of the property was handled through the office of T. B. Watters, Klamath Falls realtor. The transaction represents a major development in a movement of major basin farm operators into the upper lake district, reported some months ago.

7000 Cars Of Spuds Shipped

Klamath basin potato shipments have passed the 7000-carload mark. State-Federal Inspector Ross Aubrey has completed his March report, showing shipments at 7000 carloads to date. Last year's total to date was 10,900 carloads.

Shipments have dropped down to a few carloads a day.

Tulalake was the heaviest shipping station in the basin this year. Some station totals carloads: Tulalake 83; Malin, 75; Hatfield, 40; Dairy, 28; Merrill, 24; Malone, 21; Adams Point, 210.

Oldster Still Picking Fights

TROY, N. Y., April 7 (AP)—A 72-year-old man, who ended his amateur boxing career Monday by retiring, tangled outside the ring last night with the man he had been scheduled to fight.

Freud Ladd of Salem, N. Y., was to meet Mady Dwyer of Troy, nearly 30 years his junior, last night. But the bout was canceled when Ladd announced he was retiring on the advice of physicians.

Ladd and Dwyer were spectators at a professional boxing show here and got into an argument. They were parted by police. No one was hurt.

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