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BOMB INJURES HITLER

Entire Japanese Cabinet Resigns

WASHINGTON, July 20—The entire cabinet of Premier General Kideki Tojo has resigned, "apologizing for the Government's meager power to the men on the fighting front and the people of Japan," Domei, Japanese News Agency announced today. Emperor Hirohito is reported to be much concerned over "the stage existing today."

The dispatch, picked up by the Federal Communications Commission, was directed to Japanese occupied areas and quoted a statement by the Japanese Board of Information. The announcement came one day after Tojo was divested of his concurrent post as Army chief of staff in continuation of the High Command shake-up which began Monday.

General Kuniki Koiso, Governor-general of Korea, and Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, former Premier, have been chosen to form a new cabinet, according to the Jap news agency.

Explaining the reasons for the resignation of the cabinet, Domei said in part: "In face of the grave situation, and realizing the necessity of strengthened personnel in time of urgency for the prosecution of the war, it was decided to strengthen the cabinet by a wider selection of personnel."

"By utilizing all means available, the present cabinet was not able to achieve its objective; so the government decided to renovate its personnel in order to continue to prosecute the war totally."

"Having recognized the fact that it was most appropriate to carry out the total resignation of the cabinet, Premier Tojo gathered together the resignations of each member of the cabinet and presented them to the Emperor July 18th."

"At this time of decisive war, to have reached the stage existing today is causing the Emperor much concern, because of which the cabinet is filled with trepidation and in

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Nazis Fail To Halt Normandy Assault

SHAEF, July 20—Fierce German counterattacks failed to stop the mighty Allied drive in Normandy and powerful British and Canadian armored forces battled forward today in all directions to widen the breach in enemy defenses below Caen.

Late reports placed forward British patrols at a railway station half a mile from Troarn, an important road junction seven and a half miles due east of Caen. After smashing their way through the crossroads west of the station, the Tommies poured fire into strong German defenses inside the town.

Other British spearheads reached Cagny and Grentheville about five miles south of the jumping-off point. Both towns lie southeast of Caen.

The offensive was reported gathering weight at every yard as it surged on after cracking the crust of German opposition. Heavy tank battles were raging in country swarming with enemy anti-tank guns and crack panzer divisions.

Considerable mopping up operations and the annihilation of snipers continued. POW cages were filled to the tune of 1,250 Jerries, bringing the total captured since the invasion to well over 60,000.

Front-line reports described the unparalleled ferocity of the struggle. In haystacks and hedges,

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Still Another Drive Started By Soviets

MOSCOW, July 20—Soviet troops have launched another new offensive west of Kowel in central Poland, Marshal Stalin announced tonight in a special order.

The order, addressed to Marshal Rokossovsky, Commander on the 1st White Russian front, said that Russian armies had broken through German defenses along a 95-mile front, occupied 400 inhabited places and advanced 30 miles to the western bank of the Bug River.

Announcement of the new drive came as Soviet troops pressed their drives in Poland and toward East Prussia which led Ilya Ehrenberg, commentator for the Red Army publication, Red Star, to declare that the "German armies in White Russia have been completely destroyed beyond hope of reorganization."

This statement, first that such a definite assertion had been made by a responsible Moscow source, came as Soviet armies smashed to within nine miles of Lwow; fanned out inside the border of Latvia; pressed on toward East Prussia west of Grodno, and developed their threat to the German bastions of Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok.

[The German Overseas News Agency reported tonight that bitter fighting was raging at Augustovo, less than 12 miles from the East Prussia frontier.]
The German position at Lwow (Continued on page 4)

5th Army Controls Vital Hill Masses

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, July 20—Pushing relentlessly ahead after capturing Leghorn, American troops of the 5th Army established complete control today of the hill masses overlooking the Arno River from the south, seizing dominating terrain giving artillery observation over the river valley and forcing the Germans along a 25-mile front to withdraw to the north bank.

A torrential rain over the battlefront seriously interfered with the 5th Army's forward movement, said the morning's communique. The advance north of Leghorn, however, met with only scattered resistance. The Nazis left behind them mostly sniping parties armed with automatic weapons to cover demolitions and minefields.

Slightly west of this sector other troops of the 5th gained between two and three miles and cleared the towns of Varna, Certaldo and San Donato. Other elements took the town of Colle Salvati, seven miles northeast of Leghorn.

Troops of the 34th Division and attached units were the first 5th Army men to enter Leghorn, it was reported. The 442nd Inf. Regt. which saw bitter front-line action (Continued on page 4)

8th AAF Pummels Reich, Smashing Big Factories

LONDON, July 20—American air power delivered punishing new blows to the Nazi Reich today when more than 1,200 8th USAF heavies made simultaneous attacks on engine factories, fighter assembly plants, synthetic oil plants and other targets in the Leipzig area of central Germany.

Summing up recent raids against Germany, an Allied spokesman said that a great air offensive comparable to that carried out in February, which dealt the Luftwaffe a crushing blow, was delivered this week by English-based and Italy-based aircraft. On Wednesday planes from both sectors hit Munich at the same time.

High Officers With Fuehrer Reported Severely Hurt

BERLIN, July 20—An attempt was made today to assassinate Adolf Hitler, it was officially announced from Berlin. High explosives burst near the Fuehrer and his entourage of high ranking generals and admirals, the German News Agency said, wounding several, but Hitler escaped with light burns and slight contusions.

Details of the effort at assassination were not revealed by the Nazi-controlled press. It was not disclosed where it occurred or how,

nor was the would-be assassin's identity made known, nor the state of the country which gave rise to the attempt at the Fuehrer's life.

The German official statement, admitting that it was "an attempt upon the life of the Fuehrer," listed the injured as: "Lt. Gen. Schmudt, Col. Brandt and Collaborator Berger, severely wounded; Lt. Col. Borgmann, Col. Gen. Jodl and Generals Korsten, Buhl, Bodenschatz, Heusinger and Scheffl and Admirals Voss and von Puttkamer and Naval Capt. Assaman, slightly wounded."

Hitler, it was claimed, received no injuries, other than the burns and contusions. It was pointed out that "he at once began to work again."

The Fuehrer, the news agency said, proceeded upon schedule to receive Benito Mussolini for a long meeting.

Shortly after the attempt, Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering went to see Hitler. The Nazi air marshal and Number 2 man, on learning what had happened, paid a hurried call to see how his leader was getting along.

Lt. Gen. Schmudt and Col. Gen. Jodl are the best-known among the injured high rankers. General Schmudt is chief of the personnel department of the German army and has been chief military aide to Hitler for several years. He is responsible for advising Hitler on promotions and appointments. Col. Gen. Jodl is chief of Hitler's personal military staff and is one of the professional military leaders who have surrounded him for the wartime years.

Lt. Gen. Buhl has for several (Continued on page 4)

Battered Guam Gets 15th Daily Attack

PEARL HARBOR, July 20—Battered Guam received no respite when American planes and naval vessels carried the softening-up operations against the island into its 15th consecutive day. Admiral Chester Nimitz' communique reported last night. In two days, Allied planes have flown 650 sorties over the target while battleships, cruisers and destroyers have laid down a continuous barrage into Guam's defensive positions.

Meanwhile the Navy department announced from Washington that U. S. submarines have sunk 14 more Japanese ships including a destroyer and a medium class naval auxiliary.

Five More Provinces Returned To Italians

ROME, July 20—In line with the Allied policy of returning liberated areas to Italian administration, the Allied Control Commission announced today that five more provinces have been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Italian government.

These provinces include Foggia, Campobasso, Benevento, Avellino, and Naples. The city of Naples, however, remains under Allied control with the agreement of the Italian authorities because of its importance as a port for Allied supplies.



ADOLF HITLER
Too Bad

Democrats In Battle Over Wallace's Job

CHICAGO, July 20—The Democratic party whooped up its first wartime convention in 80 years today while President Roosevelt mixed in the tumultuous scrap over the selection of his running mate by waving War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes out of the contest, according to the Associated Press.

Racing through the convention crowd went word apparently based on good authority that Roosevelt's second and third choice for Wallace's post were Sen. Harry S. Truman and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas. There were key developments as delegates swarmed about bunting bedecked Chicago Stadium for the first session which was to be devoted mostly to organization formalities.

Mr. Byrnes announced "in deference to wishes" of President (Continued on page 4)

Heavy Bombers Assault South German Targets

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 20—For the third consecutive day, medium forces of fighter-escorted 15th AAF heavy bombers today raided targets in southern Germany. Liberators attacked three objects at Friedrichshafen, while Fortresses bombed two airfields southwest of Munich.

Escorted by Mustangs, the Liberators went for the Maybach components shop, the Zeppelin works and the Lowenthal airdrome, all in the immediate outskirts of Friedrichshafen, across Lake Constance from Switzerland.

Kerr Hails Democrats As 'Achievement' Party

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 20—Gov. Robert S. Kerr, of Oklahoma, hailed the party of Franklin Roosevelt last night as a party of achievement and assailed the Republicans and their youthful standard bearer, Thomas E. Dewey, as untried and untested, broken by disunity and having "no program except to oppose."

Keynoting the Democratic National Convention before cheering thousands, the 245-pound six-foot, three-inch oilman-governor drew back the curtains on a preview of the democratic campaign arguments for the presidential race ahead.

The world, Kerr said, was the right to ask "where we stand." He declared, "Our aims are complete and speedy victory. Our goals are a just and abiding peace. Our promise to a world at peace is responsibility and cooperation. Our pledge to America at peace is a government responsible to the needs and hopes of every citizen, even the humblest; a government which will not shirk or fail but will fulfill with gratitude and fidelity our sacred obligation to returning servicemen and women."

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Hawaiian-American Outfit Cited By War Department

FIFTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, July 20—The Hawaiian-American 100th Infantry Battalion has been awarded a War Department citation for "outstanding performance of duty in action on June 2 and 27, 1944, in the vicinity of Belvedere and Sassetta, Italy," it was announced today by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark in 5th Army orders.

The 100th fought with the 5th Army through Italy from Salerno to Leghorn, and played an important part in forcing the Germans from Leghorn defenses. The 100th and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, of which it forms a part, are made up of Americans of Japanese descent, all of whom volunteered for Army service.

In 10 months of almost constant fighting, the Germans have been able to capture only two soldiers of the battalion. The American outfit, on the other hand, have taken hundreds of enemy prisoners, killed hundreds more and destroyed vast quantities of material. More than 1,000 Purple Hearts, 44 Silver Stars, 31 Bronze Stars, nine Distinguished Service Crosses and three Legion of Merit medals have been awarded in the battalion.

Fifteen enlisted men have received battlefield commissions.

These veterans received their baptism of fire in the Naples area, then fought their way across the Volturno and engaged the Nazis at the Rapido River and at Cassino, where they were in the front-lines 40 days. On March 26, they transferred to the beachhead at Anzio and participated in the historic breakthrough to Rome. The Hawaiian-born infantrymen were inside Rome for about an hour after it fell, then pursued the enemy beyond.

The missions for which the battalion was cited required the unit to neutralize a strongly-defended German center of resistance at Belvedere, which dominated a vital highway and impeded an American infantry division's advance.

"The stubborn desire of the men to close with a numerically superior enemy, and the rapidity with which they fought enabled the 100th Infantry Battalion to destroy completely the right flank positions of a German Army, killing at least 178 Germans, wounding approximately 20, capturing 73 and forcing the remainder of a completely disrupted battalion to surrender approximately 10 kilometers of ground," the citation read.

In the 100th, there has never been a case of desertion or AWOL. The closest to this were two reported cases of "reverse AWOL." Before their battle wounds were completely healed in a field hospital behind the lines, two of the soldiers left the hospital and hitchhiked back to their respective companies, which were then in the line.

Symphony Concert

ROME, July 20—A concert at Adriano Theater, Piazza Cavour, at 1800 hours Friday will feature the Santa Cecilia Symphony Orchestra. Concerts will be held each Friday and Sunday at 1800 hours, it was announced.

RADIO PROGRAM

MOBILE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY STATION Fifth Army FRIDAY

- PM 1:00—News (BBC) 1:15—GI Jive 1:30—Waltz Time 2:00—Music of the Masters 2:30—The Juke Box 3:00—News (BBC) 3:15—Sports Interview 3:30—Gay 90's 4:00—Radio News Reel (BBC) 4:15—Frank Froeba at the Piano 4:30—News (CBS) 4:45—Frank Sinatra Sings 5:00—The Rhythm Club 5:30—The Great Gildersleeve 6:00—World News (AFRS) 6:15—Fred Waring Show 6:30—Harry James Orch. 6:45—This Is Your War 7:00—Tommy Dorsey Show 7:30—Kate Smith Show 8:00—Ole' Oaken Bucket 9:00—News Headlines 9:05—Suspense 9:30—Spotlight Bands 9:45—News 10:00—Xavier Cugat 10:30—One Nite Stand 11:00—News 11:15—Musical Tour 11:55—News 12:00—Sign Off SATURDAY

- AM 6:00—Reveille Revells 6:30—News (BBC) 6:45—Reveille Revells 8:00—News (BBC) 8:15—Sign Off 10:00—Sound Off 10:15—The Bulletin Board 10:30—Tune Tonic 11:00—Weekend Wax'n's 11:30—Melody Round Up 11:45—Junior's Jive Session 12:00—News Highlights 12:15—Personal Album 12:30—Norman Cloutier Orch.

Pup tent Poets

To A Lover

Beautiful face, we could have known the moon in our time, Shining through the window. We touched, We were again lost on the moon, Our laughter rang over the brilliance... We are only two whose anguish must be laid, Scented and reawakened: Awful baptism. Why should we run away? Is there light in the past, Heaven in the future, When shall we stamp out the fire, and live? When shall we stare through the window at the liberated spirit And know joy again...

One day we shall have peace and joy and happiness again. We shall be older, forever a little bitter... even though day ends, There is tomorrow... we must live through it...

Now closes in the beast of night; The beautiful petals of day are scattered on the ground. —Sgt. Roland R. DeMunbrun

Ask The Man Who Knows One...

The life of an MP, Isn't easy, isn't hard; Sometimes we do town patrol, Other times, we stand guard. Now we direct traffic, Then guard some vital port, Or guarding an installation, Standing deep in thought. We think of the folks at home And all those left behind, We're just like other soldiers Even though we seem unkind. The soldier who really knows us Thinks we're pretty good guys, But there are just a few of them That like to spread the lies. So all you fellas over here Who think that we're all heels, The next time that you're in town Ask an MP how he feels. We do our share of griping Because we're way behind While others do the fighting Along the battle line. There is no credit for our work Don't think we give a damn, But when this war is over We've done our job, for Uncle Sam. —Pvt. Fred Cornell

Churches

CATHOLIC

GESU CHURCH, Gesu Square — Masses 0600 to 1200. Military mass at 0930 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass. SANTA MARIA CHURCH, Via Santa Maria—Masses 0600 to 1200. Last mass at 1230 hours. Military mass at 1000 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass. CHURCH OF ST. MARCELLO AL CORSO, Via S. Marcello — Masses at 0800. Confessions in English before and during mass. ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, Via San Giovanni between the Colosseum and St. John's Lateran's — Masses 0600 to 0900. Military mass at 0900 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass. ST. ALPHONSUS, Via Meruliana near St. Mary Major—Masses 0515 to 1100. Military mass at 1000 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass. ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, Via Boncompagni near Excelsior Hotel — Masses 0730 to 1200 hours. Military mass at 1100 hours. Confessions before and during mass, also Saturday at 1100, 1200, 1700 and 1900. ST. ISIDORO, Via degli Certisti — Masses 0645 and 0900 hours. Military mass at 0900 hours. Confessions before and during mass. SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI, Piazza Esedra near railroad station — Military mass at 1000. Confessions from 0900 to 1000 hours Sunday morning by U. S. Army priest.

PROTESTANT

AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH, Via Firenze, 38 — Services at 0900 hours, Sunday morning. LUTHERAN CHURCH, Cor. Sicilia and Via Tuscano, near Excelsior Hotel—Services at 1430 Sunday. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST GROUP holds Sunday service at 1030 in the Zaccagnini Apartment, Via Adda 87 near Piazza Buenos Aires. ORTHODOX CHURCH, Via Palestro, No. 71, near Piazza Indipendenza—Services every Sunday at 1030 in Greek and Russian. ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Via Nazionale and Via Napoli—0800 Holy Communion; 1000 prayers and sermons; 1900 vesper services. Week-days (except Monday) 0900 Holy Communion. BAPTIST CHURCH, 154 Via Urbana near Piazza Santa Maria Maggiore —Service 1045 Sunday. SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST service, 0930 Saturday, at 154 Via Urbana. JEWISH AMERICAN MILITARY service, Synagogue at Lungo-Tevere Cenit, 1830 Friday. U. S. Army chaplain conducting. MILITARY SYNAGOGUE, Via Balbo off Via Nazionale, 1900 Friday, 0930 Saturday. British chaplain.

MAIL CALL

Cold Hash

Dear Editor: We read the article written by Pfc. Nicholas Mazone and published in Mail Call of the July 5 issue. He modestly but emphatically lays claim to the title of the 5th Army's Chaplain Eater.

We say he is not. Pvt. Frank Echler of the 34th Division ate, at one meal, 17 "C" rations, ten of which were hash, four meat and beans, with three "B" units (lights). These rations were cold and he complained of it. He found some Italians a few minutes later who were having hot beans and spaghetti for supper. He ate a plate of them to "warm his stomach," and drank half a bottle of wine to wash them down. How about it? Are there any more "big eaters" in Italy? —Lt. Melvin E. Purinton

What's Boston

Dear Editor: For Pete's sake what about Boston? The population was more than 1,000,000 five years ago, and you like a silly fool put cities like Baltimore and Cleveland before it. Let's check up on it and put a lot of people straight. —1st Lt. J. T. Quill

GI Release

Dear Editor: In reference of the article in July 10 issue "GI's Release Only With Jobs," I and my buddies after discussing this matter find it is contrary to any of our democratic teachings in the past. We can't believe in such mandatory action in a democracy after an armistice has been declared. —Pfc. Kenneth Weiner Cpl. H. Kanda Pfc. Carl White

FACE OF WAR UNCHANGED



IN NORTH ITALY as in the south, battered towns attest to the progress of the Allies. Through rubble-filled streets in the Rosignano area two 5th Army soldiers walk with an Italian Partisan, who fought his own battle against the Germans within the city while it was under withering fire.

Lovett Believes Luftwaffe Has Chance To Return

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 20 — The lull in Allied strategic bombing has given German aircraft factories a respite which may enable the battered Luftwaffe to stage a comeback, according to Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary of War for Air. Just returned from a trip to Great Britain and Normandy, he told a press conference that the 8th Air Force on May 9 shifted from the assault on enemy aircraft production to tactical bombing in coordination with the ground campaign. Especially since D-day he added, German plane factories and oil refineries have enjoyed a comparative rest.

Experience has shown, he continued, that the enemy can replace major factories in five or six months and it will be necessary to return and destroy rebuilt plants in the next four months.

Voicing strong criticism of home front optimism, he said the war will last "a darn sight longer than anyone back home thinks, outside of the military. The war is going to be awfully tough. I know of nothing to support the unreasoning optimism that is prevailing back here."

WHAT'S COOKIN' Today

- "Eve On Leave," ENSA, musical comedy at 1830 hours; Argentina Theater near Piazza Venezia. No tickets required. All-GI show "Stars and Gripes," Eliseo Theater, Via Nazionale. Performances 1400 hours and 1900 hours. No tickets required. ENSA Super-Cinema, Via Nazionale, continuous performance, "Bridge of San Luis Rey," beginning 1100 hours. Last performance about 2000 hours. No tickets required. Red Cross Movie House, Piazza Barberini, performances at 1500, 1700, 1900 hours; "Salute For Three." Augustus Theater, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, continuous performances 1000 hours to 2000 hours; "The Perfect Snob." Enlisted Men's Red Cross, Borghese Gardens; U. S. Army Rest Center Orchestra at 1800 hours. GI Restaurants open 1130-1430 1800-2030 hours: Ristorante Roma, 38 Piazza Poli. Ristorante Amedeo, 17-19 Via Fabio Massimo. Ristorante San Carlo, 120 Corso Umberto. American Officers' Restaurant — Rupe Tarpea, 13 Via Vaneto. Air Forces Rest Camp Restaurant—Largo Theater Vale, 1100 to 1930 hours. American Nurses' Restaurant—7 Via Parma.

LOST AND FOUND

A young French mademoiselle pleads with the 5th APO to help her find an engagement ring lost in the mails between Italy and Algiers. She is pretty excited about not getting the ring and hopes that you lads of the Fifth will do a bit of detective work in her behalf. "I feel as eff I loss my life," she writes.

Sigma Alpha Rho fraternity men not receiving any frat literature are asked to send their names and new addresses to Mr. Lee Linder, 1083 E. 125th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, 8. This applies to all brothers, active, associate or inactive in the armed forces. Notice to a GI who stayed one night with friends in Via Rasellie; your field jacket and towel are waiting for you to claim them.

FOUND

Wallet and photos carrying case, belonging to Pvt. Cecil E. Ellis.

LOST

A brown leather wallet, with laced trimming around the edge. Containing pictures, driver's license and cards. Pvt. Henry A. Kochis. Picture folder with photos and army pay book. The pictures are named: "Harriet, Mae." Pvt. W. P. Kaltenbaugh. Kodak camera, 116, with four exposures left on the roll. Misplaced in Rome. Lt. Mark Wexler. Canvas bag, zipper closed, containing khaki uniforms and British shorts. One outside pocket on case. F-Sgt. S. S. Barnett.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Pvt. Paul R. Dunbar would like to hear from his brother, JOHN R. DUNBAR. Sgt. Harry E. Manlove, his friend, ED SOLAK

Tennessee Holds Up FDR Votes Pending Look At Platform

CHICAGO, July 20—Tennessee's delegation to the Democratic convention has voted to rescind its previous endorsement of President Roosevelt for a fourth term pending publication of the party's racial platform, it was announced today.

A meeting was called hurriedly in Sen. K. D. McKellar's hotel room, and it was decided to withhold pledge of 26 votes for Mr. Roosevelt's renomination until delegates can be assured they will not be committed "to a distasteful" platform. Only one vote was cast against the decision, that by Rep. Estes Kefauver, an alternate.

Meanwhile, Associated Press reported the South had received a larger voice in framing the party's platform. The platform committee added to the plank drafting subcommittee Dan Moody, chairman of the regular Texas delegation which broke with Mr. Roosevelt, and Gov. Colgate W. Darden, of Virginia, often critical of the administration.

The development came after the Texas delegation picked Moody to present Texas' case to the platform committee. Three others besides Moody and Darden were added to the original sub-committee, among them Sen. Pat McCarran, Nevada, when he pointed out that the silver states were not represented. Two others added were Dan Tobin, head of the Teamsters' Union, and Mrs. Elizabeth Pellett, Colorado. Southerners already on the sub-committee include Sen. Claude Pepper, Florida; Joseph Daniels, North Carolina; Mrs. W. T. Bost, North Carolina, and Mrs. Alberte Hill, Tennessee.

Hannegan Predicts Democratic Victory

CHICAGO, July 20—The Democratic National Chairman, Robert E. Hannegan, declared last night that "the fortunes of this war have been too hard-won to be gambled away in the inexperienced hands of a new commander-in-chief."

He promised a campaign "in keeping with the seriousness of these times," predicted victory "for our standard bearer," and called on the Democratic faithful to strive for full registration and as many soldier ballots "as we can get."

The party chairman alluded frequently to President Roosevelt without mentioning his name. He said "you are political lieutenants to a statesman without equal in our time. Through the services of that statesman, your country's war crisis was foreseen. It was met. We were not unprepared and America—thank God—is winning through. For in America there has been found a man to meet the crisis, a man of the proven stature of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Wilson."

DEMOCRATS

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E. Dewey. What she did not see but what will become more and more apparent is that the mantle has become a shroud."

The GOP convention, Kerr asserted, "snubbed and sidetracked Wendell Willkie" and thus "the last vestige of liberal leadership of the Republican Party was buried under an avalanche of reactionary sentiment of which it cannot soon emerge."

The keynote speaker didn't once use the term "New Deal." Instead he employed the terms "Roosevelt administration, present administration, etc."

He contended that the Democrats have done most for the farmer, for labor, for the needy and aged, for sound banking, for small business, for the family home owner, for soil conservation—and it is, he added, the party under which the U. S. has become the "greatest naval power on earth."

On the other hand, in a broad arraignment, Kerr accused the Republicans of having no program except to oppose disunity among themselves, playing partisan politics with the danger of inflation, and scrapping and sinking more of our fleet after the first World War than the Japanese destroyed at Pearl Harbor.

Taft Views President Unfriendly To Wallace

WASHINGTON, July 20—Senator Robert Taft, Ohio, offered this Republican view today to the Democratic vice-presidential contest at Chicago:

"It seems to me that the President is rather indisposed to Mr. Wallace. I have heard a rumor that the reason he left Washington was to get away from Mr. Wallace's friends."

This reference was to the President's assertion that he expected "to be away from Washington for the next few days" contained in his letter of July 14 stating he personally would vote for Mr. Wallace if he were a delegate to the Democratic convention.

Fortune Poll Gives FDR Lead Over Dewey

NEW YORK, July 20—President Roosevelt holds a six percent lead over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey among the voters, Fortune Magazine asserted today on the basis of its latest survey. The magazine also revealed that two-thirds of the voters it polled believed that Mr. Roosevelt will win regardless of their personal choice.

The current survey, conducted during the two weeks between the major party conventions, found 49.2 percent of those questioned favored Mr. Roosevelt's re-election, while 42.7 percent favored Governor Dewey and 8-1 percent were undecided.

By contrast Fortune said its survey records showed that Mr. Roosevelt held less than a four percent lead over Wendell Willkie immediately after the latter's nomination in 1940.

The magazine found that Mr. Dewey would be a slight favorite if both the European and Pacific wars were ended by Election Day. However, only 1.2 percent believed the fighting would be ended in both theaters by that time. The survey showed 50.1 percent would vote for the President if the election were held today as compared with 43.7 percent for Dewey.

Dems Urged To Hold Roosevelt In Office

CHICAGO, July 20—Mrs. Charles W. Tillett asserted last night that the hope of American women for an enduring peace would be fulfilled if the Democratic administration remains in office.

Speaking from the same platform where Republican Rep. Clare Booth Luce recently raised the question whether United States statesmanship during President Roosevelt's tenure could have kept the nation from world conflict, Mrs. Tillett, head of the Women's division of the Democratic National Committee, told the delegates that we are winning the war abroad and producing an unprecedented scale at home.

Montana Republicans Renominate Gov. Ford

HELENA, Mont., July 20—Republican Gov. Sam C. Ford today was renominated by a landslide vote over Dr. J. Thorkelson, of Butte, former congressman.

The Republican vote which left no doubt from the start that the GOP intended to choose Gov. Ford again today had piled his unofficial total to 18,905 against Mr. Thorkelson's 2,436.

Lief Erickson, Supreme Court Justice and plowshare campaigner who stumped vigorously in the rural districts had a substantial lead over Austin V. Middleton for the Democratic nomination.

Norris Leads Voting In Wyoming Primary

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 20—Charles E. Norris, Laramie railroad conductor, appeared today in unofficial tabulations to have won the Democratic nomination in yesterday's Wyoming primary to seek the state's one seat in the House of Representatives.

Louis And Co., On Way To Italy From England

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

NEW YORK, July 20—Sgt. Joe Louis is on his way to the Mediterranean Theater to entertain GIs with his million-dollar fists, it was learned today. The champ has been touring England with two members of his entourage, M-Sgt. George Nicholson and Sgt. Bob Smith, both of whom were peacetime stablemates.

In England the Brown Bomber also mixed punches with various camp favorites and it is presumed he will also take on a few challengers in the Mediterranean area.

During his stay in the British Isles, Joe renewed acquaintances with two former ring opponents, Tommy Farr, the strong boy from Wales, and Cpl. Billy Conn, who was also on a fistic tour. Louis also appeared in an exhibition bout with Freddie Mills, England's present heavyweight challenger who has postwar plans of pursuing the champ across the ocean for a title scrap.

British sports writers, however, admit that right now Freddie is not in the same league with Louis. Conn, who refereed one of Joe's exhibition scrambles recently, thinks Father Time is on his side and, although the Bomber may retain his punching prowess, he's bound to lose some speed.

They're Having Wars On Ball Fields, Too

NEW YORK, July 20—There was a riotous scene in a recent night game between the Cleveland Indians and the White Sox at the Municipal Stadium in Cleveland when Umpire Bill Summers wrestled with a fan in a box behind home plate over an empty beer bottle.

The altercation held up the game for about ten minutes in the sixth inning, starting when Joe Rue, not Summers, ruled an over-the-fence clout by Ken Keltner a foul. The crowd thought Summers had made the decision and one fan became boisterous, threatening Summers with the bottle.

Red-faced, the ump ran over, jerked the bottle from the fan's hand, breaking it against the box. In a stormy argument, Summers demanded that Manager Lou Boudreau have the guy tossed out. Eventually, at Boudreau's request and backed up by two policemen, the fan left and Summers proceeded with the game.

At Jersey City, the Giants were playing the Baltimore Orioles and the spectators started to ride Stan Benjamin, Oriole outfielder, for striking out with the bases loaded in the fifth inning of the first game of a doubleheader.

OK FOR THREE FRAMES

For three innings Stan stood up under the barrage of Bronx cheers but came the eighth with Stan back at the plate again. The heckling took on an added volume and it was just too much for the ball hawk. Benjamin climbed atop the Baltimore dugout, jumped into the stands and started swinging at the fans.

A couple of his mates decided that he was outnumbered, so they joined in the fray. Order was finally restored and the three players were banished. They were fined by the league prexy, Frank Shaughnessy.

Ordinarily, Fred Dorman, pilot of the Wilmington, Del., Blue Rocks of the Interstate League, is a rather even tempered guy. Last week, however, when the home plate ump called one of his boys out with the run that would have won the game, Dorman rebelled.

The expression "Blind Tom" was just one of the mildest terms the irate manager tossed at the ump. The blue-clad official, however, stood his ground and after a couple of minutes pulled out his watch.

It was too much for Dorman, who reached way back in the stands and came up with a beautiful right uppercut. When the ump came round, Dorman was gone. Arthur J. Ehlers, league boss, made the suspension a little tougher, ruling Dorman out of baseball for a year. "Dorman," said the prexy, "will be eligible again in July, 1945."

Schedule Revised

PHILADELPHIA, July 20—The Phillies have added four more home night games to their schedule. They are with Pittsburgh tomorrow night, Cincinnati July 24, St. Louis July 25 and Chicago July 29.

White Sox Finally Overcome Red Sox In Attempt No. 12

NEW YORK, July 20—A jinx that has held all season was broken by the White Sox when they triumphed over the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park, 5-4. Prior to the victory, the Chicagoans had dropped 11 games to the Bosox. In notching the win, the Dykesmen needed everything from a five-run inning to a double play in the ninth to haul the game out of the fire.

Orval Grove scored his first victory in six starts, but needed the assistance of Joe Haynes in the final frame when the Croninmen chalked up their fourth tally and had the bases loaded with only one out. Haynes forced Lou Finney to ground into a double killing. The winners got only six hits off Joe Bowman and George Woods, but bunched them for five markers in the fifth.

Washington handed the Tigers a gift of a 2-1 victory when three successive errors preceded by a walk, helped to push across the winning run in the tenth inning of their game at Detroit. Pitcher Stubby Overmire opened the Bengals' half of the tenth with a walk, and took second when first baseman Joe Kuhel fell trying to field Joe Hoover's sacrifice bunt. George Meyers then fumbled a perfect double-play roller to load the bases. Doc Cramer hit to Kuhel, who threw home to cut off the run but Catcher Rick Ferrell dropped the ball and Overmire scored. Dutch Leonard was the victim.

Ed Klemann, rookie right-hander, registered his seventh victory of the campaign as Cleveland defeated the Athletics, 7-1, with a 12-hit attack off Bobo Newsom. Ken Keltner paced the Tribe, piling three singles and a double for a perfect day at the plate. Klemann yielded nine hits with Hal Epps getting three.

In the National League, the Braves polished off the Chicago Cubs, 7-1, at Boston. The winners scored twice off Bob Chipman in the first inning on Chet Ross' wallop with Max Macon and Tommy Hoimes on deck. The Colemanmen stowed the game away in the sixth with three more markers.

First Fiddle Captures Rich Bay State Event

BOSTON, July 20—First Fiddle galloped to victory by three-quarters of a length in the tenth running of the 50,000-dollar added Massachusetts Handicap at Suffolk Downs. Alex Barth was second, a length in front of Al Quest. The favorite, Four Freedoms, finished sixth in the eight-horse field.

The victory was worth 41,850 dollars to Mrs. Edward Muhrenman. The gray horse brought his 1944 winnings to 81,880 dollars. He was ridden by Johnny Longden and paid 7.20, 4.00 and 3.20.

Volo Song Destroyed

CHICAGO, July 20—Volo Song, world champion trotting stallion whose career was cut short by a broken leg Sunday in a 400-dollar race in Elkhorn, Wis., was destroyed on the farm of his owner, E. J. Baker, of St. Charles. Baker purchased Volo Song for 40,000 dollars from Bill Strang, of Brooklyn, after he won the Hambletonian last year. Baker intended to show the champion on smaller tracks throughout the mid-west to permit lovers of harness racing to see him.

COMING



JOE THE CHAMP

Grid Heads Predict 'Very Bright' Season

WASHINGTON, July 20—The 1944 football season appears "very bright," said commissioners of four of the country's leading conferences here at the annual meeting of the National Association of Football Commissioners.

Asa Bushnell, of the Eastern Intercollegiate Association, said that with the return of Syracuse and NYU to active play, the east would see a far better brand of football than last year. Twenty-six of the Eastern's 30 members will compete this fall.

Arthur Hutchens, Florida and prexy of the Commissioners, said, "Football's future seems better than at any time since the war started." James St. Clair, Southern Methodist, stated the Southwestern Conference expected a high caliber of play, and Reaves Peters, Kansas City, declared all schools in the Big Six were playing varsity sports and their teams appeared more equal this year than ever before.

Hines And Savel Qualify For PGA Title Tourney

NEW YORK, July 20—Jimmy Hines, Amsterdam Municipal Course pro, and Steve Savel, of the Iriquois Club in Schenectady, will represent the Northeastern New York district in the National Professional Golf Association Tournament slated for Spokane the week of Aug. 14.

Hines and Savel qualified on the Amsterdam Course with the former scoring 72 and 69 for a 36-hole total of 141 and Savel carding 74 and 69 for 143.

Johnny Caucas, of the Norman-side Club in Albany, will be the third representative if the district is given three places. Caucas qualified with 72-73-145.

Now He Grapples Ammo

ROME, July 19—One of these days, Sgt. Joe Pazandka, Minneapolis grappler now with a 5th Army artillery battalion, expects to stop chasing krauts long enough to take a holiday in the big city and perhaps take on a challenger where Roman gladiators once clamped scissor and toe holds, cracked spines and gouged eyes.

Back in the States, the sergeant, a strapping 210-pound ammunition chief, campaigned under the name of Joe Pazak. He began his career as a member of the grunt and groan industry while at the University of Minnesota and later became North-

west AAU champ. After turning pro he won 98 out of 100 bouts and the two others were draws.

Among Pazak's victories is a decision over Paul DeGruit, Belgian champ whom he beat in Antwerp in 1938. After coming overseas in 1942, the Minneapolis matman won in two straight falls over Sgt. Maj. Chick Ellis, British Army champ.

Joe's buddies say there wasn't any competition for him in Algiers or Oran. If he comes to Rome, his loyal gallery is ready to do a little side betting—just to make things interesting—assuming a challenger can be found.

Fort Group Loses 15 Of 26 Planes

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 20—Survivors of a 15th AAF Flying Fortress group which became separated from its escort in inclement weather in Tuesday's air battle over southern Germany and was attacked by nearly 200 Nazi fighters and lost more than half of its bombers, had a story of heroism to tell yesterday.

The group was caught without escort at the beginning of its bomb run by the German defenders of an airdrome at Memmingen, 70 miles west of Munich. They carried out their mission just the same. Out of the formation of 26, 15 were lost, but the gunners of the 11 who came out could report destroying 25 enemy aircraft, and the Forts that didn't return are believed to have accounted for many more.

Inclement weather caused groups to become separated as they approached the target, and prevented the escort from meeting the formation at the prescribed time.

After the formation had fought the attackers alone for eight action-packed minutes, 12 Lightnings arrived and proceeded to disperse the German fighters although heavily outnumbered. In the fierce fighting, one squadron of the formation lost all of its seven planes. Up to that date, it had flown 51 missions without losing a plane.

Crewmen of the B-17s described the blazing action after their return. The Nazi fighters—painted many different colors—swept in time after time. After leaving the target the group was again attacked by 25 ME-109s but no further damage was suffered. Of the B-17s that came back, two were seriously damaged.

American Experts Study German Flying Bombs

DAYTON, Ohio, July 20—Army Air Force materiel commanding officers at Wright Field disclosed yesterday that Nazi flying bombs have been shipped here from England and are being studied closely in an attempt to learn all its secrets.

Maj. Gen. Bennette Meyers, commanding general, said the bomb was put together from the parts of several such "secret weapons."

RUSSIAN DRIVE

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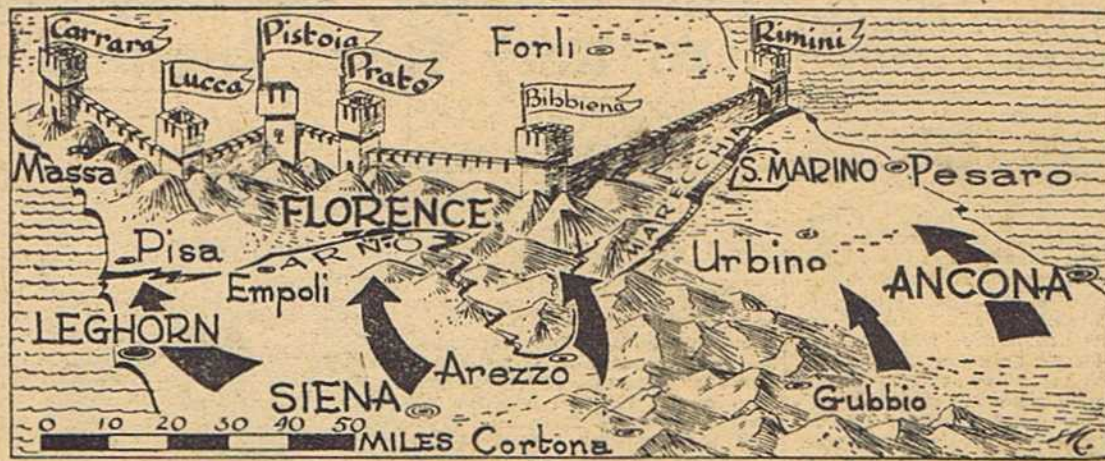
was particularly precarious as Marshal Koniev's forces swept across the Bug River and smashed deeply-echeloned defense positions. Lwow, commanding the main rail route into southern Germany, central Europe and the Carpathian Mountains, is comparable to Warsaw in strategic importance.

General Yeremenko's drive toward Riga and northern Latvia took on new significance with the capture of Ostrov, 10 miles from the Latvian border while in Southern Latvia, other Red Army columns drove west and southwest of Opachka, liberating 100 inhabited localities including the rail station of Mirza.

German counterattacks at Russian positions on the west bank of the Niemen River, last natural defense barrier before East Prussia, were driven off with heavy losses, Moscow reported, and Russian bridgeheads were enlarged and expanded in preparation for the drive on the Reich.

South of Grodno, the threat to Bialystok was increased with the Soviet capture of the railway station of Krynki. Another German general, Lt. Gen. Ochner, commander of the 31st Infantry Division, was captured in this phase of the Russian advance.

GETTING SET FOR GOTHIC LINE



NOW THAT THE GERMANS HAVE LOST Leghorn and Ancona, they are being forced by Allied troops to fall back on their Gothic Line. This line is reportedly stronger than the Gustav Line and is said to bristle with fortifications. The stubborn Nazi delaying action was fought to give them time to complete fortifications in terrain more naturally favorable to defense.

Everyone Has A Good Idea, But Patient Still Hiccoughs

LOS ANGELES, July 20—While doctors strive to check the hiccoughs which for ten days have racked 31-year-old Lawrence Schone, his hospital is receiving by phone and telegram scores of suggestions for the relief of the sufferer's condition.

Some of the ideas are being tried, said Dr. Lloyd Tainter, but so far nothing has alleviated the spasms. They occur about 12 times a minute and have so weakened the aircraft plant employee that his condition is serious.

One caller said that drinking water slowly through a heavy towel would relieve him from the hiccough. Another declared that ice packs on the stomach would be effective and still another advised heat applications on the same part of the body.

Drinking a tumbler of water with a pencil held crosswise in the mouth was another suggestion. One woman recommended that his ears be stuffed with cotton and his nose held while water was poured down his throat.

"Use honey for hiccoughs," said a terse telegram from San Francisco. One caller proposed that Schone's tongue be grasped and pulled hard and steadily for three minutes. Others advised drinking three glasses of water slowly without taking a breath and slow eating of granulated sugar.

Pneumonia complicated his condition last week but it has now been checked.

'Big Top' Limp Home, Suffering From Burns

SARASOTA, Fla., July 20—Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus limped into its winter quarters here yesterday, its equipment black and blistered by the smoke and flames which destroyed the famous "Big Top" and caused deaths of 163 persons in Hartford, Conn., on July 6.

Heavy wagons unloaded from flatcars by grim, silent workmen, many of whom were bandaged and taped from burns and injuries received from battling the blaze.

5TH ARMY

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throughout the Leghorn battle protected the right flank of units which actually entered the city and then pushed northeast to points several miles beyond. The 100th Inf. Bn., a component made up of Hawaiian-Americans detached from their parent organization for the final phase of the operation came into Leghorn behind the task force which seized it.

With the capture of Ancona, one of the most important and difficult obstacles on the Adriatic coast, the 8th Army was facing stiff opposition in its push northward along the coast and inland across the Esino River toward the Gothic line. Polish troops found the city thoroughly mined and demolished. The harbor was full of sunken ships, among them the King of Italy's private yacht.

Germans Destroyed Plenty in Leghorn

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, July 20—All the bridges in Leghorn were destroyed by the Germans, the banks have been closed for 20 days, and sewerage disposal facilities are inoperative, Brig. Gen. Erskine Hume, head of the 5th Army Allied Military Government, said last night after a visit to the liberated city.

General Hume said that the "black zone" port area from which the Germans had excluded all civilians for several months, was "more heavily mined than any area we have yet hit in Italy."

There are approximately 35,000 civilians in the city, he said, and those evacuated will not be allowed to return. Although most of the water mains were destroyed by the Germans, the people can get enough at water points to meet minimum needs. There is no serious lack of food in the city. Germans and fascists virtually stripped stores and shops before pulling out, General Hume said. He expects banks and sewerage system to be in operation shortly.

Warning Signals Set Up For Practice Air Alert

ROME, July 20—A practice air alert will be held at 10:30 PM Wednesday, July 26 in Rome, Allied officials announced yesterday. Signals for the practice alert are as follows: Alert, one blast every 15 seconds for six times; all clear, continuous blast for two minutes.

Vehicles must pull to the curb, stop and extinguish all lights for the duration of the alert. If a real raid should occur during the practice the cancellation of the practice alert will be indicated by the all clear signal followed by the regular warning—a blast every 15 seconds repeated six times.

NORMANDY

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in barns and behind walls, German gunners lay in wait for Allied armor advancing through the farms and villages below Caen.

To the west of Caen, the British captured the village of Landelle, driving a small wedge into the German lines northwest of Noyers, which was still in German hands. Allied forces advanced south of the Caumont-Tilly road.

American troops gained two and a half miles and wiped out a German salient north of St. Lo. Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley's boys were on the east bank of the Vire River all along that sector.

JAP CABINET

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apologizing for the Government's meager power to the men on the fighting front and the people of Japan it has been decided this cabinet should be dissolved.

Hideki Tojo, 65, is the leader who plunged Japan into war. He chose the Army for his career and went to Germany as military attache after graduating from the Tokio staff college. On his return to Japan in 1922 he rose rapidly in influence and power.

In 1940 Tojo entered Prince Konoye's cabinet as Minister of War, and in October, 1941, he succeeded Konoye as Prime Minister. Two months later the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and were at war with the United States.

Marquis Koichi Kido, who has been called to form the new cabinet, is generally considered a moderate. The British United Press reported that Kido's rise to the premiership would indicate the loss of control by the extremist Japanese military clique.

Radio Network Set Up In Former Jap Country

HONOLULU, July 20—The first American radio network to operate completely in territory formerly controlled by the Japanese went on the air July 15, the Associated Press reported today.

The dispatch stated that it was the Pacific Ocean network of the Armed Forces radio service and will be broadcast to forward areas of the Central Pacific.

Steaks, Roasts Free Of Rationing In U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 20—Most of the beefsteaks and roasts now available in butcher shops will become ration point free under an order prepared by War Food Administrator Marvin Jones, it was learned by the Associated Press yesterday.

The order is effective Aug. 1, but issuance will probably be postponed until Aug. 27. The same order authorizes the OPA to put hams and pork loins back on the ration list.

All pork has been on a point holiday for several months because of unprecedented numbers of hogs going to market, but there has been a gradual drop recently and the demand for hams and pork loins has begun to exceed the supply. Points must be paid now on all kinds of beefsteaks and roasts with all other beef cuts point free.

Record numbers of beef cattle are expected to jam packing plants this fall and winter and the Jones order, informants said, was issued in an effort to free as much space as possible in already crowded cold storage facilities.

Democrats In Battle Over Wallace's Job

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Roosevelt he did not want his name placed in nomination for the vice presidency.

On long-range observation, Roosevelt reputedly lined up his preferences for second place on the ticket in this order: incumbent Wallace, Sen. Truman, a Missourian who runs the Senate War Investigating Committee; Oregonian Douglas, youngest man ever to sit on the United States Supreme Court, he is now 43.

Wallace charged into town at the summons of his campaign managers. When he heard of Byrnes' action he declared: "Well, that takes care of that." He immediately began consultations with some of the labor leaders who are one of his strongest sources of support.

Platform drafters finished three days of hearings then they got down to business of putting platform on paper. Foremost on the agenda was the foreign plank designed to insure peace with the rest of the world, and a domestic-racial issue plank to restore some peace to their own party.

Supporters of Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, who will nominate Roosevelt for another term Thursday, played their cards close to their chest. Byrnes' declaration was interpreted by some political analysts as booming the stock of Truman. The campaign for Truman began late Tuesday and picked up momentum after it appeared that Byrnes was being undermined by the opposition of CIO, Negro organizations and New York politicians.

Roosevelt is to be chosen Thursday to make a fourth term bid against Gov. Dewey. This will make it an all-New York presidential race for the second time in history. In 1904 Alton B. Parker unsuccessfully bucked Theodore Roosevelt.

Anti-New Dealer Southerners bent on preventing Roosevelt's nomination unanimously, apparently have enough strength to toss some 125 votes to Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Virginia.

HITLER

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years been a member of Hitler's personal military staff. Air Force General Gunther Korten is chief of staff of the Luftwaffe. Rear Admiral von Puttkamer has been Hitler's naval aide de camp since 1939. Air Force General Karl Heinrich Bodenschatz is chief of Goering's personal staff.

A number of previous attempts have been made upon the life of Adolf Hitler. The last recorded was on Nov. 8, 1939, when a powerful time bomb exploded in the Burger Brau beer parlor at Munich a few minutes after Hitler had left the building. It demolished the building and would have killed the Fuehrer.

Gort Appointed

LONDON, July 20—Field Marshal Viscount Gort, at present Governor and Commander in Chief of Malta, has been appointed High Commissioner and Commander in Chief of Palestine succeeding Sir Harold MacMichael.

L'IL ABNER

(Courtesy of United Features)



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