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Defenses Entered

300 Jap Planes Shot Down Off Saipan Nazis Order

Vipuri's Fall Enemy's Fleet To Russians Is Imminent Enemy's Fleet Calais, Reich Hit in Record Robot Planes Is Imminent

Stockholm Says It Already Has Been Captured by Russian Advance

Fall of the Finnish seaport of Vipuri, gateway to the heart of Finland, appeared likely within a matter of hours yesterday with the hopelessly outnumbered Finns pressed back within nine miles of the city and Soviet bombers and artillery hammering the harbor, freight yards and warehouses of the burning port.

An Associated Press dispatch from Stockholm, quoting "a reliable source in Sweden," said last night the Finns had evacuated the port and the Russians had marched in, but there was no immediate confirmation. Earlier the Stockholm Dagens Nyheter published a similar report

The Red Army's swift ten-day advance through the Finns' three fortified lines on the Karelian Isthmus, within striking distance of the important communications

Wants U.S. to Step In

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Senator Arthur Vandenberg (R.-Mich.) told the Senate yesterday he hoped the U.S. would use its "great voice and power" to effect an eleventh-hour armistice between Finland and Russia.

Vandenberg, a member of the Foreign

Relations Committee, made the comment in expressing regret that the State Department had found it necessary to order Hjalmar Procope, Finnish minister, to leave the country.

center, appeared to have created a political crisis in Helsinki and there was a swift succession of reports from the Finnish capital that a new government would be

The Stockholm Aftonbladet said Field Marshal Mannerheim, Finnish com-mander-in-chief, was "taking the initia-tive in forming a new government which will sue for peace."

No Organized Resistance

Soviet front-line reports said the Finns were not offering any organized resistance. Moscow dispatches said the Finns were trying to drag out the battle by improvising miniature Mannerheim lines on the small isthmuses between the lakes. The Russians were said to be countering these tactics by keeping the Finns engaged and giving them no time to throw up new

Soviet warships meanwhile stood off the Finnish coast pounding enemy transports and bottling up Finnish shipping in much-bombed Vipuri channel.

The War Today

France—Americans advance to within four miles of Cherbourg and storm outer defenses of port. . . . Montebourg retaken and Valognes cap-tured as Germans fall back for final stand. . . British recapture Tilly and take Hottot, two miles southwest.

Air War-More than 1,500 heavies bomb Pas de Calais, oil refineries and plants in Germany 47 enemy planes destroyed by escorting Eighth, Ninth AF fighters.

Pacific—More than 300 Jap planes destroyed off Saipan in great air battle. . . Enemy used carrier-based planes, indicating long-sought-for Jap fleet may be near

Russia-Vipuri's fall matter of hours unconfirmed Stockholm reports say port already has been occupied by Red Army after Finns evacuated . . . Mannerheim reported taking lead in formation of peace government.

Italy—Elba falls after 60-hour campaign; last Nazi stronghold gives up . . . Eighth Army drives beyond captured Perugia toward Florence.

Asia-Axis reports fall of Changsha Canton railroad . . . Allies make gains in northern Burma.

More than 300 Japanese planes were shot down in what Adm. Chester W. Nimitz termed "the greatest air battle in the Pacific since Midway" in an attack Sunday on an American task force standing off Saipan Island, in the Marianas, the U.S. Navy announced yesterday.

No estimate of the American aircraft losses was available, but the Navy said only one U.S. surface unit received minor damage. Tokyo Radio claimed the Americans lost 300 planes, while OWI in New York quoted Japanese Imperial Headquarters as admitting "we have suffered considerable losses."

The Navy said it believed that some of the enemy planes came from aircraft-

of the enemy planes came from aircraft carriers and used near-by shore bases a shuttle points. It was the first indication that the Jap fleet, which the American have been seeking out for a "show

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Drive on Elba Now Complete

Last Nazi Bastion on Isle Falls; Perugia Taken on Italian Mainland

Allied troops yesterday completed the wind campaign, while on the Italian mainland the Eighth Army drove six mile past captured Perugia, road and rail center 80 miles north of Rome on the

center 80 miles north of Rome on the highway to Florence.

On the Eighth Army's west flank, other Allied units reached the southern shores of Lake Trasimeno, about ten miles to the west of Perugia, and pushed northward to Castiglione, while on the Adriatic front British troops crossed the Tronto River, some 40 miles north of Pescara.

The Fifth Army, meanwhile, advanced north of the Tyrrhenian port of Grosseto in the face of stiffening German resistance. Fall of Perugia, in the mountainous

Fall of Perugia, in the mountainous region of central Italy, came after the Eighth Army had driven the Germans back 100 miles through the mountains in

ren days. Only 100 miles by road from Perugia—75 by air—lies Florence.

All organized enemy resistance on Elba collapsed Monday at 10.30 AM with the fall of Porto Longone, the last Nazi stronghold on the island.

About 500 Germans were killed in the three-day campaign and 1,800 were taken prisoner, Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny, French commander, revealed in a message informing Gen. Charles de Gaulle of Elba's occupation. Allied Headquarters in North Africa said that only a sma'l portion of the island's German garrison had been green the stand by had been evacuated by sea.

Capture of more than 27,000 Nazis by the Fifth and Eighth armies since the drive to take Rome began was also

Uses Gas Tank To Bomb Nazis

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
A NINTH AF FIGHTER FIELD,
France, June 19 (delayed)—Capt. Mozart
Kaufman, of Little Rock, Ark., flew his
P47 Thunderbolt back to this fighter strip yesterday to report on a newly discovered bombing technique. He uses gas tanks and incendiary bullets.

Kaufman was landing his flight on a sweep over the Cherbourg peninsula, seeking Nazi road traffic, but could find nothing for either of the two 500-pound

nothing for either of the two 500-pound bombs slung under his wings. Finally he spotted a big truck, loaded with German soldiers, on the highway.

"It wasn't worth a 500-pound bomb," Kaufman said, "so I made a deck-level pass, skip-bombed with my auxiliary fuel tank and when the tank hit the truck and burst, spreading gasoline over it. I fired my guns into it and set it on fire. It was burning nicely when I flew away."

Poison Gas Report

Algiers radio, quoting Ankara reports said yesterday the Germans were transporting large quantities of poison gas across the Balkans for use against the Russians.

Aerial Blow

Over 1,500 U.S. Heavies Out: Robot Runways, Nazi Factories Pasted

The Eighth Air Force yesterday struck the greatest blow of the war against German strategic targets, explosives from a record force of Fortresses and Liberators raining down on the Reich as almost every type of Allied warplane joined with the heavies in the drive to shatter the runways from which Nazi robot planes have been hurled at southern England in the last week.

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More than 1,500 B17s and B24s were out in the day's operations, possibly the largest number of bombers ever sent on one mission. Over 200 of them showered steel on the Pas de Calais, while more than 1,300 roared into Germany to pound a number of oil refineries and plants producing war materials.

Dogfights were thick over the skies of France and Germany as the Luftwaffe fought desperately to stave off the huge assault. Thirty-five enemy aircraft were destroyed in the air and 12 on the ground by strong forces, nossibly 1,500 or more—escorting P47s, P38s and P51s of both the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces. One Liberator formation was attacked from

the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces. One Liberator formation was attacked from the enemy coast to Politz and back again by from 60 to 75 enemy fighters.

German radio claimed 31 American planes were shot down and the Swedish government announced 21 bombers made forced landings on Swedish territory.

For the first time the Eighth, Ninth and RAF joined in the attack on the robot plane bases, heavy, medium and dive
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24th U.S. Sub Lost in Pacific

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)-The 1,745-ton U.S, submarine Grayback has been lost in the Pacific, presumably in operations against the Japanese, the Navy announced today.

U.S. Army ground and Air Forces units have destroyed several of Hitler's pilotless planes over southern England, it was officially announced yesterday.

Meanwhile, German Overseas News Agency said that one of the measures contemplated by the British to beat the robot was the erection of a dense balloon barrage to serve as an anti-bomb net.

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Eight American soldiers, assigned to an ordnance maintenance unit, were credited with shooting down a pilotless plane last Thursday night with a 40mm. gun which they had repaired for delivery to an anti-aircraft outfit in Normandy.

The plane, believed to have been the first top abot down in southern

first of its type shot down in southern England by a U.S. Army organization, was riddled by bullets from a 50-cal. machine gun fired by four members of

the unit.

The men scored a direct hit on their (Continued on page 4)

.K. Invasion

Churchill Declares Nazi Shipping Was Smashed, Straits Never Crossed

German plans to invade Great Britain 1 1940 were smashed before heavy conentrations of Nazi ships and troops were able to leave Continental ports, Prime Minister Winston Churchill disclosed in he House of Commons yesterday.

Asked by Maj. Vyvyan Adams whether he "enemy set in motion the apparatus for a reported seaborne invasion," the Prime Minister replied:

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"... I do not quite know what is meant by setting in motion. Setting in motion in the sense of crossing the Channel, 'No,' but setting in motion in the sense of making very heavy concentrations of troops and ships to cross the Channel, 'Yes.'

Churchill said he did not believe that any of the shipping ever emerged from the ports across the Channel.

"A great deal of it was sunk in their ports and they changed their minds," he said.

operations against the Japanese, the Navy announced today.

The Grayback, which carried a normal crew of 65 officers and men, was the 24th U.S. submarine lost since Pearl Harbor.

Finish Fight For Big Port

Valognes and Montebourg Fall to Yanks; British Seize Tilly, Drive On

American troops stormed into the outer defenses of Cherbourg itself last night. Their all-out attack pushed to within four miles of the deep-water harbor. In its sweep, Montebourg was recaptured and Valognes taken.

At the same time the British, on At the same time the British, on the east central sector of the Normandy front, recaptured the ruins of Tilly-sur-Seulles and drove on southwest, taking Hottot. The Germans reported that the British were "massing fresh forces in great strength between Tilly and Caen" and predicted "a major battle" there soon

Dispatches from the U.S. front said that the Yanks made their deepest pene-tration at St. Martin, four miles southtration at St. Martin, four miles south-west of Cherbourg, and German News Agency admitted that "the Americans have already penetrated into the fortified approaches of Cherbourg and their advance spearheads have closed battle with the German defenders." It also told of a heavy bombardment by Allied war-ships and heavy bombares ships and heavy bombers.
And the Nazis admitted in so many

Profanity—He Swears By It WITH CANADIANS IN NOR-MANDY, June 20 (UP)—Lt. A. C. Peck, of Vancouver, found a German rifle. He strapped it to his bicycle and rode off to the front. But it dropped off, and Peck swore loud and long.

And four Germans jumped out of a ditch and surrendered to him.

words that their hold on the important harbor was doomed and that the most they hoped to do now was to delay the Americans' entry. The news agency said: "The German garrison has received orders to fight to the last man. Marshal Rundstedt desires to withhold from the Allies the possession of a big seaport as long as possible."

The Nazi defenses, dug in on rocky high ground, were pasted by a curtain of artillery fire from 105-mm. howitzers and 155-mm. "Long Toms."

For the Nazis' part, a Berlin military spokesman claimed they had learned a lesson from the British experience at Singapore and had fixed the Cherbourg coastal batteries so that they could be used to fire inland as well as out to sea. The Germans added that these guns "laid a heavy harassing fire on the roads south of Cherbourg, where the nearly is britant.

a heavy harassing fire on the roads south of Cherbourg, where the enemy is bring-

ing up troops and supplies."

The American onslaught of "coordinated attacks all along the north front," in the words of the SHAEF communique, swept northward both west and east of the highway junction town of Valognes. Southeast of Valognes, the

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Germans Shy Of Medical Aid

By William Stringer

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BRICQUE-BEC, Normandy, June 20—The Germans trapped in the tightening top of this embattled peninsula, if scattered reports reaching U.S. medical officers are true, are suffering heavy casualties and are examples that of medical supplies remely short of medical supplies.

Two American medical officers who inspected two captured German hospitals—Maj. J. P. Roller, of Lucky, Ohio, and Capt. R. I. Miles, of Richmond, Va.—said most of the reports came from escaped French patriots and civilians enveloped by the Allied armies, plus wounded American soldiers who had fled German hospitals

"Thirty-five wounded U.S. paratroops in one of the hospitals," Maj. Roller said, "told us that the Germans there claimed to have treated thousands of casualties

He said they reported the Germans were sadly lacking in proper surgical equipment in the peninsula and therefore were neglecting the more seriously wounded, attending only to the lighter

Closing In on Cherbourg



American troops recaptured Montebourg and took Valognes yesterday and drove to within four miles of Cherbourg. They entered the outer defenses of the port.

Berlin Reports Changsha's Fall To Jap Armies

Chungking Admits Enemy Has 'Entered' City on Important Rail Line

The fall of Changsha, important Chinese city on the Hankow-Canton railroad which strong Japanese forces have been attacking for some time, was reported yesterday by the German Radio. The report, as quoted by the Associated Press, said that the Japanese took the city Sunday, wiping out the 90th Chungking Division and capturing 27 of the Chinese Army's precious artillery pieces.

Chungking said the Japanese had "entered" Changsha, but did not concede its capture.

cede its capture.

At Chungking it was announced also that Allied troops in northern Burma took Tiangzup, Japanese base in the Fort Hertz valley, 40 miles north of Myitkyina, after a six-week siege. The Allies also advanced five miles south of captured Kamaing, 30 miles northwest of Myitkyina, and exerted heavy pressure around the key town of Mogaung, 30 miles southwest of Myitkyina

At Myitkyina itself, where the Japs are deeply dug in, there was no important

Wallace in Chungking

CHUNGKING, June 20 (Reuter)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace arrived today and soon afterward began conferences with Generalissimo and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.

Shout of 'Hey, Pop' Reunites a Father, Son on Beachhead

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, June NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, June 19 (delayed)—A week after he had dropped in his parachute to help blaze the way for the glider and paratroop assault in the darkness before H-hour, 1/Lt. Don Driver Jr., of El Paso, Tex., got a few hours off and bummed a ride down to the beach to look for his father, Don Sr., a captain in one of the combat beach units.

In a tent just off the water Don found

In a tent just off the water Don found his father and hollered:

"Hey, pop, come out of there."
Without any undue excitement, Capt.
Driver replied, "Don't shoot," and went out to learn how Don and the rest of his outfit had slugged their way into Carentan in the face of terrific casualties and had held it against Nazi counter-attacks.

U.S. Provided All Beach Maps

SHAEF, June 20 (AP)—The Allied Supreme Command revealed today that the beach intelligence division of the U.S. Army engineers provided all the landing maps for American, British and Canadian forces in the invasion of Normandy, after

An American sergeant solved one of the knottiest problems puzzling the intelligence command in having some easy means of making exact spots on the beaches recognizable to the landing craft skippers. He drew detailed pictures of every landing point, complete with local landmarks.

landmarks.

Every bush and foot of the beach was

shown from material gathered by aerial photographs and commando party raids. The engineers not only provided information about how deep the water was over each obstacle along the beaches but also revealed what time the surf would be three feet high or over so as to break be three feet high or over so as to break the silhouettes of men rushing onto the

Radio Highlights

AFN-In the United Kingdom-1000 On Your Dial 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

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1005—Personal Album with Yvette.*

1015—Victory Parade with Louis Armstrong.*

1100—Morning After with Dinah Shore.*

1130—Duffle Bag.*

1215—From the USO—Eddie Booth.

1345—Melody Roundup.

1400—Visiting Hour—Your Radio Theater.

1530—On the Record.*

1630—Report from the 9th Air Force.

1700—Downbeat.*

1730—Abbott and Costello.*

1810—GI Supper Club.

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2005—Mail Call.*

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2015—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.

2115—Bob Hope, with Frances Langford, Vera Vague and Jerry Collona.

2145—Fred Waring.*

2230—Gay Nineties Revue.*

AEF—On the Continent—0555 hours-2300 hours

On Your Dial

1050kc, 285m.

0600—Rise and Shine.
0815—GI Jive.
0915—Yank Swing Session.
1030—Music While You Work—Falkman and his Apache Band*.
1215—Geraldo Orchestra.
1400—Jack Leon Orchestra.
1430—Calling You—Jimmy Durante, Gary Moore.
Dinah Shore.
1815—Harry James.
1830—Kate Smith.
2000—Stanley Black Orchestra*.
*Indicates programs heard on both networks.

Patched Up



Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, commander of U.S. ground forces in France, stops on a tour of Normandy battle areas. Note patch on the general's nose, reason for which was not detailed.

300 Jap Planes KOd Off Saipan

Air Battle Called Biggest Since Midway; Clash of Fleets May Develop

(Continued from page 1) down" battle, might be in the neighbour-hood of Saipan, which lies 1,300 miles from Yokohama.

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While the Jap attack was taking place a force of American planes shot up airfields on the adjacent Marianas islands of Guam and Rota. The damage made it impossible for returning enemy aircraft to land and added to the ineffectiveness of the assault, William Tyree, of the United Press, reported.

Meantime, American land troops on Saipan captured Aslito airport, about six hours' flying time from Tokyo, and drove eastward across the island to Magicienne Bay, cutting the island in two. The Americans hold the western shore of the bay and have beaten down enemy counter-blows from the east.

The German Official News Agency quoted Tokyo military circles as saying the Americans already held a fourth of Saipan and that the Allies had brought up the major proportion of their Pacific fleets for the battles in the Marianas.

The agency admitted the capture of Saipan would bring the Allies within easy bombing distance of Tokyo, and added, "Japanese fighters and ground forces are battling to rob the enemy of that possibility."

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Continued progress, highlighted by the seizure of an important ridge north of Mokmer airfield, marked the fighting on Biak Island, off northwestern Dutch New

Allies Drop Bogus Cards And Snafu Nazi Rationing

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)-Counterfeit German ration cards for food and clothing dropped by the Allied air forces over Germany have been an "outstanding success" as a weapon of economic warfare, official circles reported

While details were not disclosed, it was intimated they caused riots in extreme cases and serious discontent in many parts of the Reich.

Pay Check is Made Out \$99,999,895 Too Much activity on a ferry.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 20-There was a slight mistake in the two-week pay check which Mrs. Elizabeth Korby, an oil-refinery worker, received. So she took it back and the accounting department admitted its error

The figures on the check read: \$99,999,994.41. What Mrs. Korby should have gotten—and eventually did—was \$99.41.

A Little Late

CHARLESTON, S.C., June 20—Visitors to the maternity ward in one of Charleston's hospitals found a new sign: "No children allowed."

THE TROOP CARRIER TRANSPORT BEARING

TERRY AND A DETAIL OF INDIAN SAPPERS

PUTS DOWN AT AN AMERICAN FIELD BEHIND

NEWS FROM HOME

Group to Plot A U.S. Science HighCommand

Aims at Creation of Council To Keep Abreast of Warfare Changes

WASHINGTON, June 20-A 12-man committee, composed of Army, Navy and scientific experts, will start work this week on a proposal to create a post-war Scientific High Command, which would rank with the Command Staffs of the Army and Navy.

The project has the support of Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, who were said to have given it top place in their plans to prevent scrapping of the nation's naval, land and air power after the war.

One of the main objectives is the formation of a group responsive to new ideas in warfare and not open to the charge of "brass hat" conservatism. Charles E. Wilson, WPB vice-chairman, will head a committee to plot the Command's policy.

Scientists appointed to the committee include Dr. J. E. Hunsaker, of the National Advisory Council for Aeronautics; F. B. Jewett, Bell Telephone research chief, and Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Miners Give Up Vacations

HAZLETON, Pa., June 20—More than 71,000 Pennsylvania anthracite miners have agreed to forgo annual vacations next month in response to a plea by Harold L. Ickes, solid fuels administrator. Ickes said that war industries could not afford to lose the coal. Each miner will collect \$50 extra in addition to his regular pay during the vacation period.

\$27,000 Error

NEW YORK, June 20 — Frank Costello, slot-machine king and ex-convict, has been identified by a taxi driver as the absent-minded passenger who left \$27,000 in cash in his cab recently Costello may have a job getting his money back. Mayor LaGuardia and police officials contend the bankroll should go into the police pension fund on the grounds the cash is "outlaw money."

More Merchant Ships

WASHINGTON, June 20—Construction of merchant ships will be increased shortly, Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the U.S.—Maritime Commission, announced. The statement was issued to refute "an epidemic of irresponsible rumors" that cargo-ship construction soon would be curtailed.

Radiophones for Trains

CHICAGO, June 20—A mile-long freight train, equipped with radio transmitters in the engineer's cab and caboose, arrived from California yesterday. It was the first comprehensive test of radiophones for intercommunications on a train, and railroad officials hailed it as "most successful."

Lucky

WINNFIELD, La., June 20—A truck oaded with 204 cases of dynamite left the oad, plowed through a cemetery, clipped five wire fences and a pine tree ten inches in diameter before it stopped. In spite of everything the dynamite did not ex-plode and the driver suffered only minor

Flip to Your Heart's Content NEW YORK, June 20-Flipping coins

is no crime and men have a "constitu-tional right to do so," Magistrate Charles Solomon ruled in Staten Island court after eight longshoremen were arrested for engaging in some heads-and-tails

Hope He Collects Soon

SIOUX FALLS, S.D., June 20—Dr. O. Charles Ericksen has taken out War Bonds in the names of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Tojo and other Axis leaders. The bonds are payable to Ericksen when the enemy big shots die.

Harmony Champs

DETROIT, June 20—The Harmony Hills four, of Grand Rapids, Mich., captured top honors in the National barber shop quartet championships. The Misfits, of Chicago, were second, followed by the Westinghouse quartet, of Pittsburgh, and the Gipps Amberlin four, of Peoria, Ill.

BLUE SEVEN

Declares Dewey Will Attend Conclave, Accept Nomination

Sprague, Republican national committeeman from New York, announced that his state's party organization was convinced that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey would accept the GOP nomination for President and would come here next week, when the party convention opens, to accept it.

Explaining that he was speaking for State Chairman Edwin Jaeckel, a Dewey supporter and one of the leading contenders for the post of national party chairman, Sprague said his delegation, representing New York's GOP organization, was in Chicago "to draft Gov. Dewey and nominate him."

Meanwhile a group of 75 delegates

Meanwhile, a group of 75 delegates from 28 states which calls itself the American Democratic National Committee opened a two-day convention here to oppose a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

CHICAGO, June 20-Formulation of the Republican Party's farm and foreign policy planks are going to give the party convention its two biggest headaches, according to the United Press.

In an effort to compromise conflicting views surrounding the agricultural plank, Gov. Bourke Hickenlooper, of Iowa, chairman of the GOP Agricultural Committee, is calling his group together before

CHICAGO, June 20—J. Russell open hearings start Wednesday. Chief prague, Republican national committee- points in dispute are said to be benefit payments, subsidies and reciprocal trade

AUSTIN, Tex., June 20 — Texas Supreme Court was expected to rule today on the constitutionality of choosing Democratic Presidential electors in convention rather than by primary ballot. Pro-Roosevelt Democrats who bolted the convention here May 23 and chose their own electors after the state party split wide open on the fourth-term issue have asked the court to invalidate the almost 100-year-old custom of convention selection.

Defending tradition and opposing the mandamus action brought by the pro-Roosevelt faction was the party's state executive committee and the uninstructed electors named at the regularly constituted state convention.

PORTLAND, Me., June 20—In a contest regarded as the first Northeastern test of the CIO Political Action Committee, Andrew A. Pettis, president of the local CIO shipyard workers' union, yesterday won the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 1st district, but lost in an attempt to take the Republican primary as well.

as well.

Rep. Robert Hale won on the GOP

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bombers whipping across the Channel in a steady stream.

More than 200 Marauders and Havocs flew through intense flak to bomb several launching platforms running roughly in a line from 30 miles south of Calais to seven miles north of Abbeville. Ninth Air Force said most of the targets were

Air Force said most of the targets were well hidden only a short distance inland from the coast.

Mustangs meanwhile pursued the craft as they cleared the French coast and cut some of them off over the Channel.

No enemy aircraft were seen over Calais. All of the raiders returned.

Other runways for the lethal missiles were pounded to rubble in the morning by bomb-carrying Mustangs of the RAF's Second Tactical Air Force. Several direct hits were scored on catapults hidden in a

second Tactical Air Force, Several direct hits were scored on catapults hidden in a forest in the Pas de Calais.

Yesterday's offensive followed an evening mission by a force of RAF Lancasters Monday. Flying in formation with Spitfire escort, the heavies attacked while it was still light and waited 20 minutes for thick cloud over the secret weapon coast to clear.

Ninth Air Force P47 and P38 fighterbombers at daybreak attacked rail yards, tracks, bridges, rolling stock and military trucks in France yesterday. Five FW190s were shot down at the cost of three Lightnings.

Targets of the American heavies yesterday included oil plants at Hamburg, Hanover, Magdeburg and Politz, an aircraft factory in the Brunswick area and an ordnance tank depot at Konigsburg.

Robots - -

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second round with the 40-mm gun after Capt. Albert E. Reuning, of Jackson, Miss., had spied the projectile hurtling toward the area in which they are stationed.

Ninth Air Force Headquarters reported that 1/Lt. Lewis W. Powers, of Albuquerque, N.M., shot down two flying bombs and joined an RAF fighter in destroying a third Monday night. He had downed another on Sunday night for a total of 3½.

Also credited with destroying a number of "buzz bombs" were three ack-ack batteries of the Ninth Air Defense Command, a component of the Ninth Air

Johnston Says Reds Plan Vast Purchases in U.S.

MOSCOW, June 20-Russia wishes to MOSCOW, June 20—Russia wishes to buy "enormous quantities of goods" from the U.S. after the war—purchases running "into many billions of dollars," Eric Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said today. Johnston said he had been authorized to quote the Soviet foreign trade com-

missar to that effect, adding that the commissar desired "terms of purchase advantageous

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resistance pocket at Montebourg was overcome after U.S. troops had outflanked the town and artillery and warships had reduced it to rubble, front-line dispatches said. The Yanks originally took Montebourg one week ago yesterday but had to give ground later under counter-attacks.

"The Yanks captured Valognes at noon as the Germans fell back from there into the Cherbourg defense perimeter without attempting to make a stand for the town.

Push Nearer St. Lo

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Developments on the mainland sector included not only the retaking of Tilly but the clearing of the Germans from the wooded area of Fontenay le Pesnel near there and a push by Allied patrols to within two miles of St. Lo, important communications center southwest of Tilly. Relatively small-scale but continuous Allied tank thrusts in the central and eastern sectors forced the Germans to use their four panzer divisions there in the uneconomical role of defense, rather than the offense for which armor is designed.

The weather continued to be one of the Allies' biggest concerns. A 25-mile wind pushed up five-foot waves on the Normandy beaches and unloading had to be suspended for periods. On the credit

Normandy beaches and unloading had to be suspended for periods. On the credit side of the transport ledger, however, a SHAEF official said that no Nazi E-boat activity had been reported in the last few days, following the air attack on the E-boat pens at Le Havre and Boulogne and the naval bombardment of Le Havre. Tough, kilted Scottish Highlanders of the British 51st Division—called by the Germans in the last war the "Ladies from Hell"—were reported by the Nazis yesterday to be in Normandy. The 51st fought a brilliant rearguard action in the retreat to Dunkirk four years ago.

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Get 1st Awards Made in France

SHAEF, June 20—Seventeen U.S. Army officers and NCOs recently were presented the first awards to be given American soldiers in France. The ceremony took place on a field which was a battle scene several days before.

The men, members of a headquarters, it is a few forces.

received the Bronze Star for "meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy" from Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of U.S. ground forces in Normandy.

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Those receiving awards included:

Lt. Cols. Charles B. Brownson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Harry F. Goslee, Columbus, Ohio; John Ray, Aurora, Ill., and La Porte, Ind.; John Wilson Jr., Camden, Me.; Mai, Delbert L. Bristol, Kansas City, Mo., and Stanton, Neb.; Maj, Arthur H. Jones, Hartford, Conn., and Newark, N.J.; Maj, Stanley Mitzen, Orlando and Trenton, N.J.

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