

WALLACE

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The Administration, supporting Henry Wallace, lost out completely in the Senate Commerce Committee today. First - the Committee voted in favor of the bill to divorce the multi-billion lending agencies from the Department of Commerce. This would take the business of loans ~~and~~ billions away from Henry Wallace, if his nomination by the President as Secretary of Commerce should be okayed. But will it be okayed? That question arises when we note a second vote taken by the Committee - a vote on the nomination itself. Rejected. The Senate Commerce Committee ^{flatly} turns down the Wallace nomination ~~as~~ a cabinet member - by a vote of fourteen to five.

The matter now goes, of course, to the floor of the Senate - which will consider the recommendations made by the Committee.

One proposal today was that the Committee should make no recommendation at all concerning the Wallace

appointment - just send it to the Senate without any
expression of opinion. But there again the
Administration-Wallace-cause lost out - the motion
rejected.

~~This was~~ One of the sharpest rebuffs ~~that~~ the
White House has ever taken from a Congressional
Committee.



FOLLOW WALLACE

However, it is believed that when the Wallace nomination gets to the floor of the Senate, it will be confirmed. That is -- if the multi-billion lending agencies are taken away from the jurisdiction that he would have ~~if~~ as Secretary of Commerce.

SUBSTITUTE PHILIPPINES

In the Philippines, the American advance on Manila is meeting with resistance -- for the first time. Hitherto, the march toward the Philippine capital has encountered nothing more than small patrol parties of Japs -- until now. Tonight's late bulletin from MacArthur states that enemy troops are putting up a fight against ^{the} a big push at the point where it is nearest to the Philippine capital. That is -- beyond newly

South of the
captured Clark Field ~~and in the vicinity of the~~
Bamban River - less than fifty miles from Manila.
~~town of Bamban~~

In what force the Japs may be is not clear, but they are throwing in fighting units to check the American march, ^{and} ~~the~~ Japanese artillery is shelling Clark Field.

Previous to this late news, the story of action had been along the left flank of the American advance. A house to house battle raged in ~~the~~ San Manuel where American troops knocked out twenty-four Jap tanks and cannon during the past two days.

The meaning of the battle along the eastern side of the invasion drive is clear. The flank must be protected or the Japs might be able to launch a thrust into the long line of the American advance toward Manila.

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~~From~~ Washington military experts ~~in~~ today gave a warning. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ They believe that the lack of enemy resistance until now has been a deliberate plan -- with the Japs following a new line of strategy, which may also be smart. Instead of throwing their forces into a hasty battle, they were choosing their ground and fixing their positions, playing a waiting game. The Washington experts warned that the ease of the invasion thus far is likely to be deceptive - with a great and violent battle having to be fought.

PACIFIC

There is no American confirmation of headlines in Chinese newspapers today -- ^a big story about ~~an~~ ^{a naval} engagement in the East China Sea.

The Chinese insist that American and ~~the~~ Jap fleets clashed in thundering battle some three hundred miles from Shanghai. The Chinese say it lasted for nine hours, with the Japs getting the worst of it -- their fleet turning tail and running into Jap ports.

Our own Navy is completely silent, has nothing to say about what the Chinese call the biggest ~~xxxxxxx~~ naval battle since the great engagements off the Philippines.

BURMA

~~Today~~ In far off Burma, a convoy of a hundred trucks rolled along a road ^{today} - and that mark^{ed} a new turn in the war tide. The convoy of trucks was the first to start for China, since the opening of land communications across northern Burma. In other words, the new Ledo Road, successor to that famous Burma Road, has begun operations - the way cleared by the recent reconquest of northern Burma from the Japs.

Speaking of the hundred trucks that got started along the Ledo Road today, the news dispatch states:

"They are fulfilling the hopes of Stilwell, Wingate, Merrill's Marauders, and Cochran's Air Commandos."

All of which refers to ^{the} brilliant strokes of war that featured the legendary British General Wingate and the flashing young American air commander, Colonel Philip Cochran - the Flip Corkin of the comic strip.

Col. Chas. Hunter, of Merrill's Marauders, told me just today that the new Ledo is vastly superior to the old Burma Road.

WAR CRIMES

Today the American representatives of the War Crimes Commission stated that certain officials in the State Department in Washington ~~do~~ not think that the Nazis should be punished for their crimes against the German Jews. Herbert C. Pell is not returning to take his place on the War Crimes Commission in London. That, says the State Department, is because Congress has not appropriated the money to send him back.

Nonsense, responds Herbert C. Pell, and he claims that some officials are dissatisfied because of the ~~stand~~ ^{where} stand he took in London ~~he~~ maintained that the Nazis should be made to answer for their atrocities ~~against~~ against the Jews in Germany. The State Department officials, who are said to disagree with this, take the attitude that it is against international law to hold a government responsible for ~~its~~ acts toward its own citizens. In other words, they maintain that, under

international law, a government has a right to do as it pleases with its own people.

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GERMAN GENERALS

We hear that Hitler has started court-martialling German generals. ^{What - again?} Not so long ago the Nazi Fuehrer was hanging German generals for an attempt to kill him and overthrow the Nazi regime. This time it's a case of commanders on the Eastern Front, where war and battle have been a disaster for the Nazi.

Moscow reports that Eastern Front ^{Generals} ~~commanders~~ are being court-martialled for failing to stop the Soviet offensive. The charge is that they, in the words of the Nazis - "covered themselves with shame and showed themselves unworthy of trust."

Maybe the real accusation should be that the Soviets have ^{had} too much power for the German army to stop.

~~This same Moscow story gives additional word that the situation for the Nazis in Czechoslovakia is explosive. Every push forward by the Red army creates a new revolutionary situation in that Nazi-occupied country.~~

EASTERN FRONT

On the Eastern Front, the Red Army today methodically developed the strategies of its offensive. East Prussia has been isolated from the rest of Germany. This was officially announced today by Stalin, after Berlin already had admitted that Soviet forces had thrust through the Polish Corridor to the Baltic Sea, -
They thereby closed ~~ed the~~ trap on East Prussia and some two hundred thousand Nazi troops defending the home province of the Junkers. East Prussia is now under siege, and the Russians are closing in on the capital of the province - *only 8 miles from the* ~~the seaport~~ city of Königsberg.

And *the* Russian offensive against Silesia went forward today, with Berlin giving out most alarming word - alarming, that is, to the Germans. Berlin states that Soviet troops, driving through upper Silesia, have approached the eastern border of Berlin's own home province - Brandenburg. Forward Soviet armored units

have penetrated Germany that far - within ninety-three miles of Berlin.

To the south, lower Silesia - the Russians are besieging Breslau, the great coal and steel center.

The city, so vitally important to German war industry, seems likely to fall at any time - and Stalin today

announced the Red Army capture of a nearby hive of ^{—this} industry, a Silesian city with a name that the Germans

know so well, the name of their famous leader in the previous World War, the city of Hindenburg.

POLES

Today in London a young Polish officer faced a group of newsmen, and spoke bitterly. He was the first survivor of the Warsaw Patriot uprising to reach the British capital. ~~Lieutenant Jan Novak who went through the Warsaw tragedy of last summer.~~

And What a story he can tell! ~~It was~~ Lieutenant *Jan* Novak ~~who~~ carried the orders from London to the Patriots at Warsaw - the order to rise against the Nazis, as the Red Army approached the Polish capital. The rebellion lasted from August First until September Thirty-First, and Lieutenant Novak fought through it all. ~~through the whole two months of ferocious battle, until the Nazi war machine finally crushed the resistance of the Warsaw Patriots.~~ And in that time of terror, he associated with a young woman of the Patriot forces, ~~and~~ *As* the end came with flame and horror - they were married. They both expected to die in the final cataclysm, ~~of flames~~ *the tragedy*

7 Warsaw; and ^{they} wanted to die as man and wife.

Yet they both escaped, ~~and~~ Together they lost themselves among the ~~hundred~~ thousands of civilians.

~~They were~~ Herded out of the devastated city by the Nazis - and finally they were able to make their way to England.

Today Lieutenant Novak told the newsmen that the Soviet Army, having driven to the gates of Warsaw, stopped fighting - while the Warsaw Patriots were waging their battle against the Nazis. He said that the uprising began when the reverberations of Russian artillery were first heard - the Red Army approaching Warsaw. Thereafter, ~~the~~ thunder of Russian guns was heard no more. No further Soviet shots were fired - though Lieutenant Novak claims that the Russians could have driven into Warsaw where the Germans were disorganized by the Polish insurrection. ^{TR} And he charged today that

Soviet planes made no attempt to interfere with the German bombers which hurled high explosive on the Patriots, and that the nearby Russians made no attempt to supply the Poles by air - as the British and Americans did from far distant bases.

This story today by the young officer who carried to Warsaw the order for the insurrection, underscores once again the tragedy of that affair - the uprising which the Russians, at the gates of ^{the city} ~~Warsaw~~ denounced as ill-timed and dictated by politics.

WESTERN FRONT

Tonight it's official. On the Western Front - the battle of the salient has ended. ~~The~~ Night before last, we heard on this program that the German bulge in Luxembourg and Belgium had shrunk to such a thin strip that it could be written off the books. And now tonight the Army officially states that the salient has been completely obliterated, the Germans back to where they started - their jumping off place for the surging offensive that drove forward for fifty-six miles.

The flare of action today was at the north of the one-time salient. British and American troops smashed forward, and captured seven German towns and eighty pill boxes of the Siegfried Line. They battled their way to the Roer River, also the Worm River - and at last reports were only twenty-five miles from the big city of Dusseldorf. They are cracking into the defenses guarding the Ruhr Valley, Germany's Number One

center of war industries. ~~United Press Correspondent~~
~~Richard MacMillan cabled: "The defenses guarding the~~
~~Ruhr are sagging at a quickening tempo."~~

To the south, in Alsace, American Seventh Army
troops smashed hard against the German drive that has
been threatening the city of Strasburg. *Near* the highway
town of Hagenau, they *pushed* the Nazis back against the
Moder River, and restored *a* lines they had previously
held in defense of Strasburg.

I heard a neat little detective story today about a spy case - a story to indicate how useful it is to have an expert around. It was told me by L. B. Nichols, Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chief Lieutenant of F. B. I. Director J. Edgar Hoover. He related how they got hold of a notebook belonging to a suspected spy. The notebook was full of writing, but this was some kind of code, cipher.

The F. B. I. has cryptographers who decipher secret writing - but they couldn't figure out what kind of cipher the peculiar symbols in the notebook might be. The opinion was that the mysterious writing might be some kind of shorthand, which the spy had invented for himself.

That sent the notebook along to the F. B. I. shorthand expert - who really is an expert. Assistant Director Nichols told me that this master of stenographic lore knows more about shorthand than

anybody ~~ixx~~ else in the world. You should make his acquaintance, you girl stenographers. He took one look at the baffling hieroglyphics in the spy's notebook and said - Oh yes,

That, he explained, was an old and obsolete system of German shorthand - put out in Eighteen-Forty-Three and almost forgotten years ago even by Germans. It was one of the first primitive experiments in modern shorthand - and now it had turned up as secret espionage writing in this present wartime United States.

The expert knew the system perfectly, and he transcribed the contents of the notebook as easily as you girls can read back your own system of Pitman ~~and~~ Gregg, -- or can you? Anyway, this little drama of shorthand was a decisive factor in one of those espionage cases which the F. B. I. has been breaking.

BASEBALL

Baseball news - the New York Yankees were sold today. This had been rumored, and is now official.

The purchasers of the ball club are Colonel Larry MacPhail, who used to direct the Brooklyn Dodgers, and has since then been a Colonel in the Army. With MacPhail are Captain Dan Topping, owner of the Brooklyn Tiger Professional Football Team, and Del E. Webb, a millionaire contractor of Phoenix, Arizona. They bought the Yankees, of which Larry MacPhail will become President and General Manager. As for the team, Joe McCarthy will stay on as Manager.

The purchase includes not only the New York club, but also the minor league teams owned by the Yankees. The price is said to be between two-and-a-half-million and three million dollars. That much for ~~what is probably~~ the most valuable baseball team in the business - the Yankees.

LUCKY NUMBER

At Denver, Colorado, a Sergeant from Camp Carson ~~stopped~~ in at a canteen of the U. S. O. There he saw a lot of soldiers writing their names on slips of paper and dropping them in a box. Some sort of drawing was to be held, ~~and~~ a name selected from the box - like a lucky number. The Sergeant thought he might as well be in on it, and dropped in his own name.

The U. S. O. canteen, as it happened, was ~~xxx~~ connected with the Jewish Temple Emanuel, and presently a Rabbi started ~~in with~~ the drawing - to pick the winning name. He reached into the box and drew out a slip of paper.

As he did so, he spoke of a telephone call to a Jewish home, and announced: "The winner of today's free telephone call to his home is" The Rabbi blinked as he looked at the name on the piece of paper he had drawn. But he went ahead, without flinching: "The winner," he announced firmly, "is Sergeant John Francis Patrick O'Connell of Newport, Rhode Island."

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And thereupon from the Temple Emanuel ~~Center~~
Canteen Sergeant John Francis Patrick O'Connell made
a free telephone call to the O'Connell family at
Newport.

And now here's another chap with a winning
voice - his name is Hugh McIntosh McIlvany James!