

CONVENTION

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There is so much exciting news, I hardly know which to take first. Guess we'd better take the Conventions.  
Tonight's event in Chicago is a classic example

of the band wagon -- the great American band wagon

rolling to triumph. The first ballot, <sup>as you know,</sup> gave Vice President

Wallace a majority over Senator Truman, four-hundred-and-twenty-nine-and-a-half votes to three-hundred-and-nineteen and-a-half, an exact one hundred and ten votes ahead.

But still all through that first ballot you could feel the approaching rumble and blare of the bandwagon.

The first big cheer came when Connecticut cast its entire vote for Wallace. The galleries yelled. All through, the jam-packed crowd of spectators whooped it up for Wallace, and during the first ballot they time and again had occasion to holler Hurrah as the Vice President piled up <sup>a big</sup> ~~that~~ vote. ~~of four hundred and twenty nine and a-half~~ But <sup>it wasn't enough, and</sup> ~~still,~~ you could feel that <sup>it</sup> ~~this~~ was his maximum strength. The whole thing was confused by a host of other candidates who tangled into the Wallace-Truman duel. There were fourteen other names

that drew votes -- mere complimentary votes for the most part, and you knew that a host of these would switch and go to Truman. ~~There was the vote for~~

Bankhead, for example. The states of the deep ~~and~~ South went ~~and~~ for the Alabama Senator in that first ballot, but you knew they'd change over -- and it probably wouldn't be to Henry Wallace.

So there were premonitions of the bandwagon

on the first ballot, and ~~in~~ on the second it began to roll.

Wallace picked up a few votes, but Truman picked up a lot more. The Southern states began to switch, and states began to hold caucuses, the delegates voting on a change. ~~And the change all to Truman.~~ The bandwagon was galloping along with a blaring of horns, as state after state changed its vote, getting aboard the ~~Truman~~ Truman <sup>joining</sup> chariot, and ~~joining~~ in the chorus.

~~Well, now, it's all over -- and what are the~~  
~~echoes of all the noise?~~ Vice-President Wallace has  
just issued a statement. Commenting on his defeat he  
says: ~~"The cause of Liberalism has been further~~  
~~advanced."~~ And Henry Wallace adds: "I'm very happy  
about it. My own defeat is not <sup>a loss</sup> ~~lost~~ to the cause of  
Liberalism. That is obvious from what happened here  
at the Convention."

Another echo is from Jim Farley, who was once  
so great a Roosevelt protagonist, and then became a  
determined enemy of the Third Term -- and equally  
hostile to a Fourth. Jim Farley ~~was consistent in~~  
~~the vote for the presidency. He voted for Senator Byrd.~~  
~~And tonight he~~ is consistent to his life-long principle  
of party regularity. Having done all he could to oppose  
a Fourth Term, he says he will once again support the  
candidate and vote for Roosevelt. *And so the Chicago  
Democratic Convention passes into history - the V. P. Convention,  
they called it in Chicago.*

The latest tonight is a report that a revolt has broken out in the German Navy. <sup>The word</sup> ~~This~~ comes from Switzerland and tells of a mutiny in German naval units at Kiel and Stettin. This climaxes a whole series of late reports about a savage crisis in the land of Hitler.

# HITLER

~~Tonight we have sensational reports about the state of affairs in Nazi Germany -- after the attempt to kill Hitler.~~ Stockholm has word that fifty-five hundred German officers have been arrested for connection with the conspiracy to kill Hitler and stage a revolt. And some of these are said to be officers of what are called the SS Divisions -- Nazi troops, Hitler's own. Other stories tell of hundreds of officers being executed and say that some of the best-known German Generals have gone into hiding.

Among those mentioned as having disappeared and gone Underground are Field Marshal von Rundstedt, who until recently, was Commander against the invasion in the West; Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, who in the days of great German victories was Chief of Staff; Field Marshal von Bock, who was a headline Commander in Russia; General von Falkenhausen, who commanded in

Belgium; and General Halder, former Chief of Staff.

If it is true that this array of headline military commanders was connected with the plot to overthrow the Nazi rule, it certainly means that the move was formidable indeed.

Reports from Sweden go on to tell a story of how the Commander of a division of Hitler troops was informed that their Fuehrer was dead and that the Army had taken control of Germany. This officer contacted Goebbels and was told there was nothing to it -- whereupon the officer got in touch with Hitler, who gave orders for moves to crush the revolt. It is not clear whether this incident, if true, occurred before or after the attempt to assassinate Hitler.

Other stories tell of mutinies in the German Army, and tonight's late story from Stockholm declares that disorders have broken out in eastern Germany and eastern Prussia.

Nazi Germany tonight is surrounded by a wall of secrecy, communication with other countries cut off, German railroad trains halted at the Swiss border. This in itself indicates the probability that sensational things are going on within the Nazi Reich. Nazi propoganda claims that the revolt of the German generals has been completely crushed, with Hitler's hangman Himmler in full control -- Himmler exacting a savage price in blood for the bomb explosion that failed to get their Fuehrer.

The Nazi radio today revealed the leader of the group of revolting Generals -- <sup>Colonel</sup> ~~Lieutenant~~ General Ludwig Beck, one of the most prominent of German commanders. Regarded as one of the most brilliant of military leaders, Beck was Chief of Staff.

during the mid-period of Hitler power. He lost his job because he was opposed to the Hitler war policy, and believed it would lead to disaster. We are told that the break between the Fuehrer and his Chief ~~xx~~ of Staff came when Hitler completed the seizure of Czechoslovakia. Beck was opposed to that, and was forced to resign.

Today's news from Naziland began by identifying Colonel General Beck as the leader of the plot to kill Hitler and seize control. Then later came the announcement that Beck had been executed for his part in what Nazi propaganda is calling -- the General's putsch.

Another execution is likewise announced -- that of Colonel Count Hans Schenk von Stauffenberg, who placed the bomb intended to kill Hitler. He is now identified as an officer of the German General Staff and



a member of a prominent Catholic family of the ~~German~~ German aristocracy. The story is that he was ordered by the conspiracy of the Generals to do the actual job of getting rid of Hitler -- by blowing him into Kingdom Come.

The Nazis today disclosed the identify of one victim who was killed by the explosion. Several of Hitler's top-ranking commanders were injured, but the only individual killed was a stenographer named Berger. Presumably he was present to take notes at the military conference which was being held.

And here we have a rumor that goes back to the oft-repeated story of Hitler having a double -- this double substituting for Der Fuehrer on various occasions for the purpose of safeguarding the Nazi Dictator. Today's rumor identifies this Hitler double as the stenographer Berger, who was killed.

We are still in the dark of the actual place of the conference and the bombing, but there is a report ~~xxx~~ explaining why Hitler escaped the high explosive meant for him. This version is that he was late in arriving at the conference, ten minutes late. He was not in the place where he would normally have been when the blast occurred. He was just entering the door when the bomb went off.

The Naxis are calling the attempted revolt -- a "fifth front." They figure that by counting the following fronts -- the Russians, Normandy, Italy and the Air. Four fronts -- with the internal revolt as a fifth. It is a coincidence to hear about a fifth front, which sounds like a fifth column.

Nazi propaganda claimed today that the orders issued by the executed Beck and his fellow conspirators were not obeyed -- their commands turned down ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> army

elements faithful to Hitler. The picture they try to present is one of firm loyalty of the German Army, Navy, and Air Force to the Nazi cause, but this does not ring true -- not with all the frantic and bloodthirsty measures of repression, everything indicating fear -- Martial Law declared, Berlin in the grip of the Gestapo, streets deserted, the population terrified.

Today ~~by~~ Secretary of State Cordell Hull stated that the Generals' putsch is an indication that many German Generals believe that the Nazis have lost the war. It is a reflection, said the Secretary, of what he called "the steadily deteriorating military position of Germany." But he warned us against over-optimism, and added that our logical response must be to press all the harder against the German armies to take advantage of the cracks beginning to appear inside of Germany.

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stand of Calif message*

GUAM

The latest from Guam is -- American advances <sup>from</sup> ~~on~~ the beachheads, ~~that they established.~~ Army troops and Marines are pushing inland and are encountering increased resistance. That was to be expected.

The landings, prepared by the usual stupendous sea and air bombardment, were comparatively easy, losses moderate, but it was anticipated that the Japs would rally and put up a stiff fight.

This is the latest on the story that broke today -- American troops beginning the recovery of the first bit of land taken from us by the Japs -- the island of Guam. In the far Pacific, Guam was one of their earliest objectives -- when they made their sneaky surprise attack. The island, deep in enemy-controlled territory, could not possibly be held. It was garrisoned by only a few hundred Americans, who could not defend themselves for long.