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SOVIET-NAZI BREAK LOOMS

Willkie Says Will Seek To Bring Unity

By RICHARD L. TURNER
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CONVENTION HALL, Philadelphia, June 28.—(AP)—With the Republican presidential nomination tucked securely in his pocket, Wendell L. Willkie visited the partys' national convention in its closing hours today and took it by storm again.

The conventions' smiling victor stood before the crowded hall which had just seen Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, nominated for the vice-presidency, and in a speech carrying the heavy emphasis on brevity, pledged himself to the Republican cause.

He faced the microphone and said simply:

"Democracy and our way of life is facing the most crucial test it has ever faced in all its long history.

"As your nominee I expect to conduct a crusading, aggressive, fighting campaign to bring unity to America, to bring the unity of labor and capital, agriculture and manufacturer, farmer and worker and all classes to this great cuase of the preservation of freedom.

"So, you Republicans, I call upon you to join me, help me. The cause is great. We must win. We cannot fail if we stand together in one united fight."

Every sentence of his speech drew a wall-bu'ging shout, and as last night he captured their votes, today he appeared to capture their loyalty and fighting devotion.

McNary, the lean veteran senator from Oregon, Republican floor leader whom nearly everyone about the capitol calls "Charley or Mac" was Willkie's choice for the vice-presidential nomination. And that was enough for the crowd.

Coming Events

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**Talkies—Morell Tuesday. L-931-6-29-2i.

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**Dance St. Teresa's Hall July 1st. Webster's Orchestra. L-837-6-28-2i.

**Kingston Ice Cream postponed until July 4th. L-16-6-29-7-2.

**Dance Tracadie Cross Hall July 1st. Door prize. L-1000-6-28-1i.

**Annual Boat Races and Picnic, Pinette, Wednesday, July 10th. L-1011-6-28-2i.

*Taking wool at Uigg Tuesday afternoon July 2nd. W. D. Ross. L-16-6-29-1i.

**Reserve Wednesday, July 3rd or Milton Tea near Milton School. L-10-6-29-3i.

**Ice Cream Social in Pleasant Valley School, Monday, July 1st. L-20-6-29-1i.

**Reserve July 1st, Ice Cream and Dance, Sea View Women's Institute. If not fine, Tuesday. L-19-6-29-1i.

**Ice Cream and Cake Kingston United Church grounds, July 2nd. L-879-6-20-29-7-2.

**Dance in St. Teresa Hall, Monday, July 1st. Webster's Orchestra. L-883-6-26-29.

**Dominion Day at Mt. Stewart V. I. Dance at Legion Hall, benefit Red Cross. L-925-6-27-29.

**Dance Lorne Valley Hall, night Caledonian Club. Webster's Orchestra. L-922-6-27-29.

**See "Civil Service" by Little Pond Dramatic Club in Little Pond Hall, July 3rd. L-919-6-27-29-7-3.

**Play Meet My Wives" in Forest Hill Hall Monday, July 1st. Maple P. U. L-21-6-29-1i.

**Heart Mt. Herbert Players at Bonshaw July 1st. Proceeds War purposes. Ice cream and dance. L-803-6-26-29.

**Fox Meat beef tripe 3c. Horse meat 5c. Ground meat 5c. Island Cold Storage Co., Limited. L-881-6-26-tf.

**Cake Sale in aid of Basilica Altar Society Saturday afternoon at A. McDonald's. L-871-6-25-4i.

**Reserve Wednesday, July 10th or Winsloe North Tea. If not fine, Thursday. L-2-6-29-7-6-3.

**At Springton Cemetery, postponed annual meeting. Business and address 1 P. M. July 3rd. Daniel Buchanan. L-6-6-29-1i.

**MacDonald Women's Institute Jumble Sale at Barbour & MacDonald, Fitzroy Street, Saturday P. M. L-945-6-28-2i.

**Annual Meeting Polly Cemetery Co. held in Mt. Buchanan School on July 2nd at 8 P. M. John Nicholson, Secretary. L-22-6-29-1i.

*Queen's County L.O.L. and L.O.B.A. parade and divine service will be held at Brookfield Presbyterian Church, July 7th at 7:30 p. m. A.S.T. All Lodges requested to attend. L-31-6-29-July-2-6-3i.

Russian Troops Sweep On Into Rumanian Areas

Hungary Said Ready To Pounce Across Border Backed By Axis Partners Unless Stalin Halts His War Dogs Shortly.

BUDAPEST, June 28—(AP)—Hungary sent her troops marching right up to the Rumanian frontier tonight and official quarters said they would continue across the border with the full support of Germany and Italy if the Russian army of occupation keeps moving toward the Carpathian Mountains.

Officials here admitted the continuing Russian advance into old Rumania after occupying ceded Bessarabia and northern Bucovina would change entirely Hungary's attitude of "watchful waiting."

They said Germany, although wishing to keep Hungary out of war, would certainly give Hungary the go-ahead signal "with full Axis support" if the Russians failed to apply the brakes.

The entire question of peace or war in southeastern Europe appeared to hang on how far Russia goes into Rumania.

An open break between Moscow and Berlin seemed a growing possibility over the Rumanian issue.

BUCHAREST, June 29—(Saturday) — (AP)—Embattled Rumanian citizens fought Red army troops for hours today in the border town of Cernauti as the Russian army of occupation swept into ceded parts of Rumania and moved beyond those areas into old Rumania itself. Scores of civilians were killed and wounded.

FIGHTING STARTS EARLY

The fighting at Cernauti started between Communists and anti-Communists hours before the troops arrived in mid-afternoon and hurled tanks at barricades thrown up in the streets.

After being driven from the streets the anti-Communists took to housetops and sniped at the vanguard of the Russian army marching in to take over territory the Bucharest Government handed over in response to Moscow demands.

From before dawn until Russian infantry marched in at 2 p.m. the snipers blazed away. They finally were killed or dispersed.

Many Russians were killed at an undisclosed point on the Bessarabian frontier when Rumanian forces opened up on the Red forces which continued on past the limits of ceded Bessarabia and Bucovina into old Rumania.

COMPLETE MOBILIZATION

King Carol ordered complete mobilization—"to the last man"—effective at midnight and all taxis and private vehicles here disappeared from the streets during the early morning hours.

Cafes and restaurants closed as waiters hastily doffed their aprons and hurried to concentration points to join the 2,000,000 men already under arms in this war-threatened Balkan kingdom.

It was learned that the German Legation warned the Rumanian Government to increase internal police measures against possible "revolutionary activity by Communists and Jews."

A complicated situation fell on the Rumanian general staff with the revelation that many of Rumania's troops on the Hungarian frontier—another trouble spot—are from ceded Bessarabia.

According to the Russian demands to which King Carol capitulated they must return to their Bessarabian homes as new Russian citizens.

Besides losing some of its best fighters, the general staff must find replacements quickly on the Hungarian frontier, which threatens to develop trouble over Budapest's demands for Transylvania, territory lost to Rumania after the World War.

After taking over Cernauti, a city of 110,000 population, the Russians swept into Dorohio, a town in the Province of Moldavia.

As soon as this news seeped out, the Rumanian government filed an appeal with the German Minister urging Berlin to bring pressure to bear at Moscow to halt the Soviet advance.

All this was not the end of this unhappy country's troubles.

Budapest informants advised that while Hungarian official quarters were denouncing as "typical

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British Aircraft Workers Thanked

LONDON, June 28 —(CP Cable)—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, tonight said "thanks, a thousand times thanks" to aircraft factory workers who have been laboring night and day, seven days a week, and promised them in the future a day off each week.

His message posted up at aircraft plants warned: "The danger of invasion is upon us and....you cannot be spared from your labor for more than one day."

U. S. Steamer Reported Hit By Torpedo

NEW YORK, June 28—(AP)—MacKay Radio said tonight it received a message from the United States export liner Excalibur that its radio had intercepted messages reporting the torpedoing of an American vessel, the Edgehill, and the steamship Empire Toucan, which was identified..

The Excalibur sailed today for the United States from Naples and was somewhere in the Mediterranean when it reported to MacKay. These two terse messages were received from the Excalibur at MacKay's marine department here:—

WASHINGTON, June 28 — (AP)— Government officials here were without any immediate information on the torpedoing of the United States steamship Edgehill tonight.

They noted, however, that the position given for the reported sinking was well within the combat zone from which American flag ships are barred by United States neutrality law, except in instances where such trips are specifically authorized for the removal of American refugees.

"United States Steamship Edgehill, 4927N, 1525W, torpedoed 225 28th."

"SS Empire Toucan 4920N, 352W, torpedoed 0315, 29th."

The messages indicated the torpedoings occurred approximately 500 miles southwest of the southern coast of Eire, about 700 to 900 miles directly west of Brest, France.

Ship records, revised after changes occasioned by the war, listed the Empire Toucan as a 4,127-ton British freighter, normally carrying a crew of 33. She formerly was the American Freeport Sulphur No. 5 and was built in 1920 at Kearny, N.J.

List of ship movements showed that she left Galveston, Tex., April 17.

CHANNEL IS. BOMBED BY NAZI PLANES

By HAROLD FAIR
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, June 29 (Saturday) — (CP Cable)—The peaceful Channel Islands noted for their low income tax and as a holiday paradise, were strafed and bombed by Nazi planes Friday with a death toll of 29 — nearly equaling the total of air raid victims in all England and Scotland since the Nazis began their night raids.

The victims were civilians, among the few remaining after the island had been demilitarized and proclaimed as "open towns" and almost completely evacuated.

A majority of the 90,000 civilian population was transferred to England last week in a tragic and historic exodus.

They left behind field crops, livestock, and most of their belongings and boarded up famous hotels and boarding houses. It was understood, however, that practically everything of food value, which might be seized by German raiding parties, was removed. Virtually all the remaining potato crop was lifted. Acres of tomato plants were stripped and many famous herds of Jersey and

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Screen Star Tells Of German Attack Tactics

NEW YORK, June 28 —(CP) — Robert Montgomery, screen star just back from driving an ambulance in France, told an audience today that he had seen as many as 500 Nazi planes raid one French town and practically wipe it out.

Addressing the American theatre wing of the British and French relief funds the actor said he had never believed German planes strafed civilian refugees along the highways until he saw them in action.

"They don't bomb the roads themselves," he said, "because after all they expect to be using those roads. So they scatter the bombs, and do their machine-gunning up and down the roadsides —just where the refugees flee as soon as the planes are sighted."

DE GAULLE IS LEADER OF ALL FREE FRENCH

May be Some Days Before Question of Colonial Resistance is Clear.

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, June 28—(CP CABLE)—The British government has given formal recognition to General Charles De Gaulle as "the leader of all free Frenchmen," the Ministry of Information announced tonight.

The statement said:—

"His Majesty's Government recognize Gen. De Gaulle as leader of all free Frenchmen wherever they may be who rally to him in support of the Allied cause."

"Whatever happens in other parts of the world, the French volunteer legion will go ahead, even if it is an isolated body of Frenchmen in Britain," a spokesman for Gen. De Gaulle declared.

Even if Gen. Eugene Mittlehauser commander in Syria, and Gen. Auguste Nogues, high commissioner for North Africa, lay down their arms, Gen. De Gaulle will continue forming his legion with the backing of the British government. Already he has enough men and officers in this country to form the legion which will be mechanized from British sources of supply.

Gen. De Gaulle will not be recognized as head of a government. For the present at least Britain will continue diplomatic relations with Premier Petain's administration. How long that relationship last remains to be seen and will depend

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Vast Vigilance Brigade For North Quebec

MONTREAL, June 28.—(CP) —Forest rangers and lumbermen throughout Northern Quebec will be organized immediately into a vast vigilance brigade to keep watch for enemy aircraft on Canada's northeastern frontier, it was announced officially today.

At a special meeting here called by officials of the Quebec civilian protection committee, it was decided to enlist more than 4,000 forest rangers and many more employees of Quebec Pulp and Paper firms as the "eyes and ears" of the committee in protecting Quebec's forests and population.

The meeting was attended by officials of the Quebec Department of Lands and Forests, the Quebec Streams Commission, all forest protective organizations in the province and the Shawinigan water and power company. The committee is sponsored by the Quebec government and headed by Gordon Ross, the "provincial officer for civilian protection," who is the executive nerve centre of air raid precautions work in Quebec with authority, in an emergency, to appeal directly to the federal air raid precautions committee in Ottawa for advice.

An extensive network of telephone lines linking Quebec's 484 fire towers and about 25 radio stations will be available for use by the rangers and others allied behind the movement as a result of today's decision, to rush early reports of suspected aircraft activity.

Cripps Received At Moscow

MOSCOW, June 28 —(AP) — President Kalinin tonight received Great Britain's new ambasasdor, Sir Stafford Cripps, who presented his credentials.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA
The all-purpose FLOUR

Turks Mobilize As Troops March In Balkan Areas

ISTANBUL, June 28 —(AP) — Turkey mobilized 500,000 soldiers and poured both surface warships and submarines into the Black Sea.

Southeastern Europe stirred with old hates and new ones.

The Turkish fleet, followed by a submarine flotilla, was headed north, probably to cruise past the coast of Bulgaria, former segment of the Ottoman Empire.

There also were intensive troop movements throughout Turkey, mainly in the direction of the Bulgarian frontier.

Aside from this manifest warning to Bulgaria and what might stand behind her, the Turks were taking every precaution to defend their heritage, the Dardanelles, from attack from the East.

Turkey was vitally concerned by Soviet Russia's thrust into Rumania.

Aside from new mobilizations pushing Turkey's men under arms past 500,000, the government was understood to have completed a plan to double that force within 24 hours, if need be.

Before the Turkish fleet entered the Black Sea, it was fueled and supplied in the Bosphorus.

It was headed by the 23,110-ton battle cruiser Yavuz, a product of Imperial Germany, Turkey's flagship.

C.W.L. Concludes 20th National Convention

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 28 — (CP) — After electing officers and concluding the last items of business, the Catholic Women's League of Canada ended its 20th annual convention this evening with members attending benediction of the most blessed sacrament.

Mrs. J. A. McCabe, Ottawa, succeeded Mrs. T. H. Hay, Regina, as National President. Other officers are Mrs. P. J. McGarry, Kitchener, Ont., first vice-president; Miss Amelia Haley, Saint John second vice-president; Mrs. G. C. Marceau, Quebec, third vice-president; Miss Florence March, Winnipeg, fouth vice-president; Mrs. J. F. Meagher, Calgary, fifth vice-president; Miss Ishbel Hutton, Ottawa, honorary secretary, and W. J. Dundin, Montreal, honorary treasurer.

Mrs. McCabe has held the offices of first and second vice-president, honorary secretary and convener of citizenship.

The convention resolved to make a strong protest against any action to legalize sterilization of the feeble minded. It also decided to have a committee prepare a brief, for presentation to the Dominion government, on the subject of divorce, sterilization, birth control and salacious literature.

Travel Bureau Concentrates On Rumor Chasing

OTTAWA, June 28.—(CP) —Now that the Dominion Government has definitely decided not to require passports for United States visitors coming in to Canada, the Travel Bureau of the Transport Department is concentrating its efforts to chase down all the rumors in the United States that have been discouraging tourists from visiting the Dominion.

One rumor was that Canada would insist on passports, D. Leo Dolan, head of the bureau, said today.

"The letters which have been pouring into this office have indicated how widespread and how ridiculous many of these rumors were, and I am convinced they were spread through organized efforts to hit Canada by reducing its tourist returns," he said.

"One rumor was that Canada was likely to be invaded at any time by the Germans, and it would be unsafe to go there. Another was that Canada was so heavily taxed that gasoline cost 85 cents a gallon which was effective in keeping motorists away."

Malta Bombed 48th Time

NEW YORK, June 28.—(AP) — The British Broadcasting Corporation, in an announcement heard here by the Columbia Broadcasting system, said the British Mediterranean base of Malta had been raided four times today by Italian planes, making a total of 48 raids since Italy entered the war.

Forty-five Crew Members Dead Or Missing, Report

Ship Was Engaged In Hazardous Duties Off Bordeaux When Lost, Ottawa Reveals.

FORTY FIVE

OTTAWA, June 28—(CP)—A unit of Canada's destroyer fleet, H.M.C.S. Fraser, was sunk off the mouth of the Gironde River near Bordeaux, France, while in performance of hazardous duties, Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons today.

The sleek, gray ship was lost in a collision and 45 members of the crew are dead or missing.

Mr. King disclosed that 115 of the crew were saved and he understood that among them was the commanding officer, Commander Wallace B. Cleary.

Seventeen of the rescued men are injured, one seriously and another dangerously ill.

FIRST CANADIAN NAVAL LOSS

The sinking of the destroyer in the Bay of Biscay waters off the mouth of the Gironde was Canada's first naval loss since the start of the war.

The announcement from Navy Headquarters said:

"Naval service headquarters regrets to announce that while engaged in the persuance of hazardous duties off the mouth of the Gironde River near Bordeaux, France, H.M.C.S. Fraser was lost in the face of the enemy in a collision."

Other units of the Canadian Navy are operating in European waters but for reasons of naval secrecy the nature of the operations on which the Fraser was engaged and the employment of the other destroyers could not be disclosed. Thus no details of the collision were given.

It was recalled, however, that a Canadian destroyer took part in the evacuation of Canadian and British diplomats from Bordeaux, during the period when the armistice between France and Germany was being negotiated. Lt.-Col. George P. Vanier, Canadian Minister to France, was among those evacuated.

The Fraser, built in 1931 for the Royal Navy and acquired by Canada in 1938, travelled all the way from the Pacific coast to the scene of war. On the outbreak of hostilities last September the ship left its station on the west coast on short notice and proceeded to the Atlantic.

Since then the vessel has been on active service and was engaged in the performance of "hazardous duties," when lost.

The ship was employed off the Nova Scotia coast, and in the Caribbean Sea, sharing with other

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TORONTO, June 28—(CP)—Word was received today that Robert John Bristol Renison, Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force, who was recently reported missing since engaging in air operations May 18, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

The information was received in a cable from London by the Pilot Officer's father, Bishop R. J Renison of Toronto.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

BUCHAREST — Street fighting occurs in ceded Cernauti; many Russians reported killed elsewhere when Red Army keeps going past ceded aras of Bessarabia and Bucovina; King Carol asks Berlin to ask Moscow to call halt; new Russian demands on Hungary reported.

SOFIA — Bulgarian paper, known as German mouthpiece, says Germany will "cat" if Russia goes too far.

LONDON — 29 killed in Nazi raids on demilitarized Channel Islands; disclose thousands evacuated from Islands last week; Nazi planes in widespread bombings during night raid on England; De Gaulle recognized as representative of "free Frenchmen" again calls for rallying of Gallic forces abroad; R. A. F. in new raids on Germanheld ports in France, Scandinavia, Netherlands.

OTTAWA — Prime Minister announces Canadian destroyer Fraser sunk by collision in French waters "in the presene of the enemy," 45 of crew dead or missing.

BERLIN — Deny Hitler-Stalin rift as result of Russian Rumanian coup

BUDAPEST — Army mobilized apparently for seizure of Transylvania from Rumania; officials deny reports of Soviet demands.

ISTANBUL — Half million men mobilized, fleet steams to sea as new Russian thrusts awaited.

TORONTO, June 28—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	48	74
Vancouver	48	73
Regina	38	70
Winnipeg	51	68
Toronto	51	66
Ottawa	51	67
Montreal	54	71
Saint John	48	67
Halifax	48	71
Charlottetown	54	72

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Fresh or strong winds; unsettled with showers.

Synopsis: Light showers have occurred in Ontario, while it has been fair in nearly all parts of the West and continues cool in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

High tide this afternoon at 5.54 and tomorrow morning at 5.50.

Sun sets this evening at 7.51 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.16.

New moon July 5, 7.28 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 7 A. M., 9.45 A.M., 1.00 P. M., 4.45 P. M.

Leaves Tormentine 8.15 A.M., 11.00 A.M., 3.15 P.M., 6.20 P.M. (A.S.T.)

SUNDAY SERVICE

June 16th to September 8th inclusive:—

Leaves Borden 9 A.M., 7 P.M.

Leaves Tormentine, 10.15 A. M., 8.10 P. M. (A. S. T.)