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LATE NEWS

OCTANE GAS STOLEN.

Los Angeles—Thousands of gallons of scarce high-octane aviation gasoline have been stolen from army and navy bases by truck drivers who withheld part of their deliveries for sale in the black market, Assistant U. S. Attorney Charles S. Veale said today.

The hard-to-get fuel brings fancy prices from service station operators who use it to bring up the octane ratings of their inferior gasoline.

Veale made his disclosure in revealing the secret indictment of Floyd Fischer, an oil company driver on a charge of retaining 830 gallons of aviation fuel from a 4,500 gallon load and later peddling it to gas stations.

ROUT NAZI COLUMN.

London—Jugoslav Partisans were reported today to have routed a German column in the Jajce sector, 70 miles northeast of Sarajevo, as the Nazis threw fresh reinforcements into western Bosnia where the most bitter fighting of the Jugoslav campaign has been raging.

Marshal Josip (Tito) Brozovich's headquarters said there were "considerable" casualties on both sides, but indicated that the Partisans were holding their positions.

OFFICIALS RETURNS.

Milwaukee, Wis.—More than 50 per cent of the 260,468 Republican votes cast in the Wisconsin primary election Tuesday were for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, unofficial returns from 2,845 of the state's 3,075 precincts showed today.

Total number of Dewey votes was 131,740, the number cast for Secretary of State Fred Zimmerman, the leading candidate for delegate-at-large. Zimmerman's total was more than the combined number of votes cast for the leading candidates for delegate-at-large for Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota; Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Wendell L. Willkie.

STETTINUS IN LONDON.

London—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., United States Undersecretary of State, arrived today for a broad discussion of American and British affairs, probably including diplomatic problems concerned with the forthcoming invasion of Europe.

Stettinius was smiling broadly when he alighted from the plane, but he declined comment on his visit.

He and his party were expected to stay in Britain about two weeks, during which they will confer with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and other British leaders on common interests and relations.

KIDNAP PLOT NIPPED.

Windsor, Ont.—Provincial police said today they had frustrated a plot to kidnap Harry F. McClellan, whose philanthropy runs to giving \$100 bills to charwomen and flitting money out of hotel windows.

Crown Attorney E. C. Awrey said that extra vigilance by Windsor police prevented execution of the plot during McClellan's one-day visit here last week. Awrey said he had received definite information that the wealthy contractor was to be abducted, and that extra police details had been assigned to protect him.

PRIVILEGES AWAIT VETS

Washington—The War Department told honorably discharged soldiers today that "numerous privileges" await them in civilian life and that "you can always be proud you were once a member of America's armed forces and that you help persons separated from the served with honor."

In a 40-page booklet designed to help persons separated from the army to find economic security, the department summarized information on getting jobs, converting national service insurance to standard policies, obtaining veterans benefits, and securing disability care.

AMERICA FIRSTERS WIN

Washington.—R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) said today that the Republican primary election in Wisconsin "was won by America Firsters."

He told a conference of UAW war veterans that the Wisconsin results reflect "a very bad trend in this country."

"We can say, 'Oh, well, this will make it easier for Roosevelt to be elected—but that election,'" he said, "was won by America Firsters, whether we like it or not. And that's one thing labor has got to guard against."

INVALIDED SOLDIER FINED

London, April 7—An 18-year-old invalided British soldier was fined \$12 in a London court today for driving his wheel chair in the blackout without a light.

DEA Banquet Will Be Focal Point For '44 State Ticket

Party faithful expect to see formation of Party ticket during meeting—hope to get answers to much discussed questions—Schriker to be main speaker in Riley Room—many party bigwigs will attend annual get-together.

Indianapolis, April 7.—The 1944 Democratic state ticket is expected to take shape at the annual spring banquet of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association in the Claypool Hotel here Saturday, April 15, with a score of unannounced candidates planning to sound out sentiment at this gala statewide rally.

Whether many men and women now "thinking about" running for state offices actually get into the nomination races will depend largely on the encouragement they receive from county and district party leaders at this meeting. A number of county and district organizations are already sponsoring certain individuals for state offices, and they will have headquarters in the hotel from which to proclaim the merits of their respective "boys".

The party faithful hope, on April 15, to get answers to these much-discussed questions:

1. Will Governor Schriker be a candidate for United States Senator?

2. Is the present Senator, Samuel D. Jackson, going to run for Governor?

3. Who is getting into the race for Lieutenant Governor? For Auditor of State? For Secretary of State?

While the editorial meetings are principally political get-togethers, the Democratic editors will hold a business meeting at noon. They will meet at luncheon in the Chateau room of the hotel to elect officers, adopt resolutions and discuss newspaper problems.

The dinner in the Riley room that night will be the big event of the day. Governor Schriker and Senator Jackson will share the speaking program. Lt. Gerry Kisters of Bloomington, two-medal hero of World War II, will be guest of honor and will say a few words. For heroism in Tunisia and Sicily, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Marshall and the Congressional Medal of Honor was pinned on him by President Roosevelt. Lt. Kisters is now in a government hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, recovering from seven bullet wounds.

Among the party's bigwigs at the banquet will be Judge Sherman Minton of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago and many celebrities from Washington who have notified Ray E. Smith, president of the Editors, that they will attend.

Howard N. Greenlee of Vincennes is general chairman of the arrangements. He is being assisted by other editors and Fred Days, Democratic state chairman; Mrs. Edna A. Bingham, state vice-chairman, and Charles E. Skillern, secretary of the state committee.

Hugh A. Barnhart, ticket committee chairman, has sent tickets to all county and district chairmen and Democratic editors. He has announced that advanced ticket sales are beyond expectations, and predicted an attendance of 1,000 to 2,000. Tickets are \$2.50 each.

John Winn and His Orchestra, featuring the lovely Jeni Wynn as vocalist, will furnish music during the dinner. At the conclusion of Senator Jackson's address at 9:30, the meeting will adjourn. Dancing, usually provided after the speaking program, has been discontinued this year.

UNDERTAKERS MUST STAY.

New York, April 7.—Undertakers were among the employment classes whose members were forbidden to leave the Hungarian capital of Budapest, the Hungarian MTI agency reported in a broadcast recorded by U. S. government monitors.

Soldiers Lost Arms, Legs and Votes

The most damning indictment of congressional treachery in its handling of soldier vote legislation came last month from, it is not—or—H. V. Kaltenborn.

Kaltenborn told of visiting the amputation ward of a large military hospital, filled with maimed veterans of the Italian campaign.

To sound out their political sentiments, he asked:

"How many of you men have made up your minds to vote for Willkie?" Not a man stirred or spoke.

"How many have made up their minds to vote for Dewey," Kaltenborn then asked. The same stony silence.

"How many have decided to vote for President Roosevelt," the radio commentator then inquired.

And the air was filled with hands and the stumps of arms.

Kaltenborn then pointed out that by its political maneuvering, Congress has denied most of these men a vote. They have lost their arms and legs and now—thanks to Congress—they have lost their votes.—International Teamster.

NAZIS TRAPPED IN ODESSA AREA

Soviets Continue Attack On Black Sea Port From Air, Sea, Land

London, April 7.—Soviet forces laid siege by land, sea and air today to the Black Sea port of Odessa and the battered German sixth army trapped within a 50-mile arc curving northeastward to the coast from the marshy banks of the lower Dniester.

To the northwest on the long Ukrainian front the Russians proceeded with the annihilation of Germans caught in the Skala and Tarnopol pockets east of the river.

Elsewhere in Europe, patrol and artillery fighting increased against Germany with attacks by swarms of Mosquito bombers on Hamburg and objectives in the industrial Rhine and Ruhr.

Hope of greater unity among the Italian people in the struggle against the invader was held out at Naples. Count Carlo Sforza, former Italian foreign minister, told Eleanor Packard of the United Press he believed King Victor Emmanuel would retire temporarily in favor of Crown Prince Humbert to placate the six-party political coalition and permit the formation of new government.

In the battle for Odessa the Germans, estimated at perhaps 100,000, were jammed against the Black Sea and the Dniester with only two inadequate escape routes. One was the single-track railway which runs from Akkerman into Bessarabia but has to be reached from Odessa by a five-mile Jerry jump over the Dniester lagoon.

The speed of the Russian advance made it improbable that the bulk of the enemy could withdraw by that means.

The alternative was by sea but the Red air force was patrolling that route and units of the Red fleet such as destroyers, patrol boats and submarines may be on hand to intercept transports.

On the Italian front increased activity was reported in most sectors but especially at the Anzio beachhead where a heavy artillery bombardment of enemy positions and fierce patrol fighting suggested another major test of strength which said, in part:

"It has been my conviction no Republican could be nominated for President unless he received at the convention the votes of some of the major midwestern states, for it is in this section of the country that the Republican party has had its greatest resurgence."

"Therefore, I quite deliberately entered the Wisconsin primary to test whether the Republican voters of the state would support me in the advocacy of every sacrifice and cost necessary to winning and shortening the war and in the advocacy of tangible, effective economic and political cooperation among the nations of the world for the preservation of the peace and the rebuilding of humanity."

LIBRARY CITES CIRCULATION.

Tulsa, Okla.—On the 31st anniversary of the founding of the Tulsa public library, Acting Librarian Helen Ware observed the day, March 3, by reporting that the library had circulated 14,178,992 books during that period.

A "can opener" is now made for metal drums.

LOOK FOR THE WORST.

Kansas City, Mo.—Kansas City police have been looking for the start of a new crime career here since the operator of a gunsmith's shop reported that someone stole a 45-caliber revolver, 30 rounds of ammunition and three blackjack from his store recently.

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Primary Candidates Bid For Party Nominations

Hull To Speak

Secretary of State Hull will make a radio talk over the Columbia Broadcasting System Sunday at 5:30 C.W.T.

This talk to the nation on international affairs is expected to last from 30 to 40 minutes. Every citizen should arrange to hear it.

MUST REGISTER 3 MILLION VOTERS

CIO Political Action Group Has Tough Job In Next 6 Months

The CIO Political Action Committee has a tough job to do in the next six months.

Unless the local committees all over the country can perform three vital tasks, chances are that the country may go Republican for the first time in twelve years.

The Three Tasks.

What has to be done:

1. Create mass feeling so that our eleven million men and women in the armed services will have a chance to vote. Somehow or other the majority of service men and women must cast ballots in time to have their votes counted.

2. Get workers who have moved to new cities to register in time and vote. There are from five to ten million votes involved here and a big job can be done if the political action organizations begin functioning immediately.

3. Induce people who never voted before to register and vote. In 1940, from 10 to 20 million eligible voters stayed away from the polls. If half of either of these figures could be induced to vote right, the election of a progressive candidate would be assured.

By one means or another, CIO Political Action Committee must round up a minimum of 2 to 3 million votes to assure a close but certain margin of victory.

The Arithmetic.

Here's why:

The President had 27 million votes in 1940 as against 23 million for Willkie. Roughly 7 million men in the armed services might vote for the President or a progressive democrat, according to Gallup poll estimates. The deduction of the soldier vote would have the following effect: Democratic, 20 million as against Republican 20 million. If only a few of the workers who've moved to new communities and states for war jobs vote, the Democratic vote would be still further reduced.

The vote totals might then be Democratic 18 million as against Republican 19 1/2 million. That's why an additional two or three million new voters must be found to guarantee election of a progressive candidate.

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SCHRIKER SAYS "JOBS FOR ALL"

Governor Is Proud Of Indiana's Achievements In War

Pointing out that there is an opportunity for service by everyone at this time, Governor Henry F. Schriker stated March 22 that the presentation of the National Security Award of the Office of Civilian Defense to the Indianapolis Power & Light Company is "adding another illustrious page to the war history of Indiana." The Governor was principal speaker at the presentation ceremonies.

"God pity the American citizen who has not found his place," the Governor said. "This is everybody's war. There are no two fronts or three fronts. There is only one front—the American front."

Citing the fact that there are more than 300,000 men and women from Indiana in the armed services—more than 200 of them from the Indianapolis Power & Light Company—the Governor declared:

"That, if nothing else, should spur us on to continue our work until victory finally is achieved . . . I stand here tonight," he continued, "with exhortant pride in the knowledge that Indiana has not failed in her duty."

Pays Tribute to Farmers

Governor Schriker also paid tribute to the outstanding achievement of the farmers and farm families of Indiana whose production record is "the greatest in the history of our state."—Hoosier Civilian Soldier.

WHEAT TAKES PRIORITY.

Chicago—R. L. Williams, chief executive officer of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co., reported that because of a grain car shortage 400 waterproof hoppers formerly used to ship cement are now carrying wheat and corn.

The Dilemma of Liberal Republicans

The ghost of 1920 stalking the Republican party presents to liberal Republican voters—and there are many such—an inescapable dilemma. It presents a dilemma to Wendell L. Willkie, whose hope to revitalize the G.O.P. as an instrument of progressive democracy was buried by the Old Guard.

The campaign of 1944 differs from that of 1920 in the fact that Warren G. Harding entered his nominating convention as a dark horse, whereas Gov. Dewey today has a lead that looks overwhelming. But the pattern is already set for another campaign exploiting emotional resentments arising from war while deliberately confusing the public on issues of high principle.

The plight of liberal Republicans is all the more dangerous because Mr. Dewey, built up by the party overlords to stop Willkie, may now be nominated without opening his mouth before the convention.

Nothing in Mr. Dewey's record makes him objectionable to the Old Guard plotting to duplicate 1920. Gerald L. K. Smith, of the Jew-baiting, rabble-rousing American Firsters—and the governor did not renounce it until after the ballot boxes had closed. He is a shrewd calculator, coldly analyzing popular sentiment so as to swing with the tide.

But for tens of thousands of liberal and internationalist Republicans, this can scarcely be enough. They must either rescue the G.O.P. from the McCormicks and the Pews—the professional politicians and party-isolationists—or face a tremendous question of principle in November.

The overwhelming issue of 1944 has nothing to do with "bureaucracy" or "resentiment." It is whether we go forward as a liberal democracy, in war and peace, toward responsible membership in a rational new world order. Neither Mr. Willkie nor his followers can with good conscience tolerate a Republican platform and candidates conjured up to trick the people. If the country is to be saved this year, citizens who place principle above partisanship should prepare to play their part in saving it.—Chicago Sun.

